

## 10 Day Best of East Africa

This trip begins in Nairobi, Kenya and travels through Kenya and Tanzania before ending in Nairobi, Kenya.

This trip departs from Nairobi early on Tuesday morning. Should you wish to explore Nairobi, an earlier arrival should be planned and accommodation booked through your consultant.

**Pre Departure Meeting:** Held at the Departure Point at 17h00 the day before your departure.

**Departure Point:** Acacia Camp, Magadi Road (off Langata Road), Nairobi.

**Check-In Time:** 08h45

**Departure Time:** 09h30

**Local Payment:** US\$675

### Please Note:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.

Your arrival transfer and pre-trip accommodation in a dorm bed is included in your trip price. Should you choose not to make use of these, or in the event that your consultant was not updated with your arrival details, no refund will be paid for services not used.

Please ensure you've received a copy of our pre departure information document with information on what to expect on this overland safari.

### Day 1: **Nairobi to Lake Nakuru National Park (L / D)**

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Leaving the hustle and bustle of Nairobi we head towards our first overnight stop at Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for the thousands of lesser and greater flamingos that flock to this soda lake's edge. The numbers vary depending on the water level, and when it's low, the lake almost turns pink. A truly spectacular sight! The park was established as a sanctuary for black and white rhino, which are often seen. We spend the afternoon searching for these pre-historic looking beasts as well as the elusive leopard, encountering buffalo, giraffe, various antelope and the occasional hippo along the way. Tonight we bushcamp within the park (no ablution facilities).

### Day 2: **Lake Nakuru National Park to Lake Naivasha (B / L / D)**

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Rising early, we pack up our camp and after a quick breakfast; head out on our morning game drive. The first hours of the day are usually the best time to spot predators that spend the night out hunting for their prey. With a little luck, we may even spot one of the resident leopards! After our game drive, we travel south-east to Lake Naivasha, home to a multitude of bird life, the most magnificent being the African Fish Eagle with his regal cry. At 1880 m, this is the highest of the Rift Valley lakes. Time permitting, we spend the afternoon enjoying optional excursions like Elsamere High Tea (home to Joy & George Adamson of Born Free fame), a boat ride to the Crescent Island Game Sanctuary or a bike ride around Hell's Gate National Park. Tonight is spent in a lovely campsite on the edge of the lake.



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### Day 3: Lake Naivasha to Masai Mara (B / L / D)

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After breakfast we continue on to the Masai Mara National Reserve. We enter Masai land where these habitual pastoralists are often seen tending their cattle from the side of the road. We pass through the town of Narok, and continue our drive possibly getting a glimpse of some wildlife along the way. The main section of road between Nairobi and the Reserve is in a very poor state, so be prepared for a rough ride! We arrive at our campsite, Acacia Camp in the evening. Acacia Camp looks on to the Meguarra hills and the stream that meanders by on the bottom end forms a natural border to the Masai Mara National Reserve. The Reserve remains unfenced, allowing wildlife to roam freely across into the surrounding area and if they choose – through our own camp! No need to be afraid, as the local 'Askari' will keep a look out for any unwanted predators.

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### Day 4: Masai Mara (B / L / D)

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We depart shortly after sunrise on our game drive into the Masai Mara Reserve. The Masai Mara is well known as one of East Africa's best National Reserves and is home to a wide variety of wildlife species. Most famous for the Annual Migration, that consists of the impressive herds of over 1 million wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelle that cross over from the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania; the Masai Mara is most popular between July and October when these vast herds feast on the fresh grazing here. Following these herbivores are Africa's predators that are often seen at a kill during this period. We game drive through a section of the park in search of the 'Big 5' - elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion & leopard; along with the many other species of animals, reptiles and birds who make call this wilderness home.

After our game drive, we have the option to visit one of the nearby Masai Manyatta's – this is a traditional hamlet where the Masai still live in their traditional way. This evening we sit around the camp fire, and watch the sun set over this "Garden of Eden".

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### Day 5: Kisii/Kericho Area (B / L / D)

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After breakfast we leave the Masai Mara and head to Kisii/Kericho passing through the picturesque tea plantations along the way. These towns are the main commercial centres in the Gusii Highlands, where cash crops like tea and coffee thrive because of its equatorial climate. We replenish our stocks before heading for Tanzania tomorrow.

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### Day 6: Musoma (B / L / D)

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We depart Kenya and head south into Tanzania. After border formalities, our drive takes us through the scenic granite landscapes adjacent to Africa's largest lake – Lake Victoria. We spend the night at a campsite on the banks of Lake Victoria in the fishing town of Musoma.

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### Day 7: Serengeti National Park (B / L / D)

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After stocking up on supplies for the next couple of days, we head to the Serengeti National Park, entering the park after lunch. The Serengeti (Masai for "endless plains") is famous for its enormous concentration of game (especially the big cats) and for the annual migration of millions of wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelles. The abundance of plains game in this area is truly astounding. We enter the park through the lesser travelled western corridor and game drive en-route to our campsite in the centre of the park. Tonight we bush camp (no ablutions) in the wild surrounded by the sounds of the African bushveld, pierced only by the calls of the nocturnal wildlife. In the morning, we head off for another game drive and explore the landscape in search of the resident wildlife. With some luck, we may see some of Africa's 'Big 5'!

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### Day 8: Ngorongoro Crater (B / L / D)

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After an early start we pack up our camp and continue our game drive through the Serengeti National Park. We head to the southern part of the park where we have the chance to see the endless plains this park is renowned for. We cross from the Serengeti to the Ngorongoro Conservation area at lunch time and begin our climb up the steep Crater edge. Tonight's camp (basic ablutions) on the crater rim sharply contrasts the warmer plains below - we suggest you bring your winter woollies as it can get very cold at night.



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### Day 9: **Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha (B / L / D)**

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The Ngorongoro Crater with its 600 m high walls and 20 km width is a natural marvel. The Crater's rim offers spectacular views, but the true scale of this caldera is only appreciated from the floor itself where the abundance of its animal inhabitants becomes apparent. It is home to nearly every species of African animal and offers a chance to view an incredible concentration of East African mammals, such as elephant, rhino, buffalo, hippo, lion and plain's game. After spending the morning game driving in The Crater we continue to our campsite outside Arusha where we spend the evening musing over our thrilling wildlife experience.

### Day 10: **Arusha to Nairobi (B / L)**

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After breakfast, we begin our journey back to Nairobi. On arrival in the late afternoon, we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

### **Bonus trip**

When you book this trip, you are entitled to receive a BONUS 3 Day Masai Mara Safari the Thursday before or the Sunday after your trip ends. A Local Payment of US\$235 is applicable for this trip. This fantastic offer must be taken up at the same time you book this trip. Ask your consultant for more details. Conditions apply.

