

10 day Best of East Africa NTN10 CAE0936

NAIROBI TO NAIROBI

This trip starts in Nairobi and travels through Tanzania finishing back in Nairobi.

Please note that this trip departs Nairobi on a Sunday, early morning. Should you wish to spend extra time there an earlier arrival should be planned and additional accommodation booked.

Pre Departure Meeting: Held at departure point at 5:00pm the day before your departure.

Departure Point: Nairobi, Boulevard Hotel, Harry Thuku Road.

Check In Time: 8:45am

Departure Time: 9:30am

DAY 01: Nairobi to Lake Nakuru National Park

We depart from the Boulevard Hotel and leave the hustle and bustle of Nairobi behind. We arrive at Lake Nakuru National Park late afternoon. Lake Nakuru is famous for the thousands of flamingo that inhabit the Lake's edge. The numbers vary depending on the level of the lake, and are more numerous when the water level is low. The Park has also been established as a sanctuary for black and white rhino, which are frequently seen in the Park, along with buffalo, giraffe, waterbuck, various antelope, leopard and the occasional hippo. We will do a late afternoon game driving before sitting down for our first dinner together around the camp fire. (L,D)

DAY 02: Lake Nakuru National Park to Lake Naivasha

Moving further east, we drive to Lake Naivasha where we make camp in peaceful surroundings beside the lake. The highest of the Rift Valley lakes, Naivasha lies at about 1880m, again the lake is home to a multitude of bird life, and pride of place must go to the African Fish Eagle. The afternoon is spent at leisure here and you have the opportunity (time permitting) to enjoy some optional excursions, such as a boat ride to the Crescent Island Game Sanctuary, Hell's Gate National Park or Elsamere, the former home of Joy Adamson ("Born Free"). (B,L,D)

DAY 03: Lake Naivasha to Masai Mara National Park

Today we are up early and enter Masai land. These habitual pastoralists are seen quite regularly on the side of the road as they tend their cattle. We will arrive at our campsite – Acacia Camp - early evening in time to enjoy sunset on the Masai Mara. (B, L, D)

DAY 04: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Game drives through the Mara find us looking for the infamous big 5 as well as giving us the opportunity to see this 'garden of Eden' in a state nature intended it to be, huge plains, rolling hills and an abundance of game matched no where else on earth. Elephant, lion, cheetah, giraffe, zebra, waterbuck are the names of just a few of the animals that inhabit this wonderland. Sitting around a campfire and watching the sunset is the perfect way to finish a day's game viewing in the Mara. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: Kisii

After breakfast we head out of the Masai Mara Game Reserve and head to the town of Kisii, where we will stock up before heading into Tanzania the following day. Kisii is one of the main towns associated with the Kenyan tea industry, and the drive to this town affords many picturesque views over the local tea plantations. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Serengeti area

A long day's drive takes us to the border of the Serengeti National Park where we will set up camp for the night before entering the park the following day. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: Serengeti National Park

The abundance of plains game in this area is truly astounding. We game drive en-route to our campsite in the centre of the park and after setting up camp, the afternoon will be spent game viewing. Tonight we have the sounds of the wild surround us as we listen to the calls of the local night wildlife! (B,L,D)

DAY 8: Ngorongoro Crater National Park

After an early start we game drive through the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area to our camp for the night, on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. We suggest you bring your winter woollies as it can get very cold at night. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: Ngorongoro Crater National Park to Arusha

This morning we descend the 600 metre walls into the Ngorongoro Crater. This world heritage site has a 20-kilometre width, and offers a spectacular game viewing. The true size of this caldera is only appreciated from the crater floor where the abundance of wildlife 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 full morning in the crater you will head to Arusha for our last evening together. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: Arusha to Nairobi

Today we cross the border back into Kenya arriving late afternoon in Nairobi where our safari will end. (B,L,D)

Local Payment: US\$400

Please note: This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road conditions, weather, political situations, and group decisions. Due to new tourism laws in some of the countries we operate in there may be a truck and crew change during the trip. All prices & Local Payments are subject to change with prior notice.

Free Trip

Please note that when you book this trip you are entitled to receive a free 3 day Masai Mara Safari. The Local Payment is still applicable for the trip. This offer must be taken up when booking your main trip. Please ask us for details. Conditions apply.

The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with us.

"Safari Njema"

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