

## 12 Day East Africa – Kenya and Tanzania

### Highlights

- Nairobi
- Masai Mara National Park
- Lake Naivasha
- Lake Nakuru
- Lake Victoria
- Serengeti National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Masai Village
- Arusha

### Optional activity

- Hot Air Ballooning

This safari endeavours to combine the highlights of both Kenya and Tanzania. We concentrate on the internationally acclaimed Game Parks that are known to be “the home of the Discovery Channel”. We will also visit lesser-known areas and will enjoy interaction with the local tribes, including the renowned Masai. Weather and road conditions will influence the route chosen on each safari and clients should be flexible in this regard. Clients should be equipped with an open mind and spontaneous disposition in order to best enjoy the superb offerings of the region.

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### DAY 1: **NAIROBI**

Arrive in Nairobi and meet at our hotel in the heart of this bustling city. For clients arriving early, there are a variety of optional tours and excursions on offer – these can be arranged at the hotel. At 18h00 we conduct a pre-tour briefing before enjoying an own expense dinner at a local restaurant.

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### DAY 2: **LAKE NAKURU**

Leaving the city behind us, we travel north, continually climbing to the lip of the escarpment from where we will enjoy a fantastic view of the Great Rift Valley. We then descend into the valley and enter Lake Nakuru National Park where we game drive in search of rhino, leopard, lion, buffalo and many other species that inhabit the park. We will also spend time taking in the breathtaking view of the vast flocks of flamingo that gather here. Tonight we camp just below the equator at Kembu.

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### DAY 3 : **LAKE NAIVASHA**

A short drive today, we head for our camp on the shores of Lake Naivasha. After setting up camp amongst the Fever trees we have some time to relax, watch the hippos and take in the spectacular scenery. This afternoon we visit Elsamere, the former home of Joy and George Adamson, for an afternoon tea and to gain some insight into their fascinating lives. Return to camp.

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### DAY 4: **MASAI MARA**

Today we traverse through some of Kenyas finest wilderness, using lesser known roads, we will pass numerous Masai villages on the way. Our camp for the next two nights is adjacent to the renowned Masai Mara National Park. Enjoy a hot shower with water heated on a traditional donkey boiler.



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### DAY 5: MASAI MARA

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Early this morning we enter the park to enjoy a full day of extensive game driving. The Masai Mara is well known for its large herds and ever-present predators, we will follow the seasonal migrations. Lunch today will be a picnic on the banks of the Mara river, known for its huge crocodile and hippo population. Return to camp for the night.

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### DAY 6: LAKE VICTORIA

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Leaving the Masai Mara behind us, today we enter Tanzania and then descend toward the shores of Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria. This lake forms part of the Great Rift Valley and provides a livelihood for the many locals that fish its waters. Here we will spend time relaxing, exploring the markets, and trading with the local fishermen. Dinner tonight will be own expense at a local restaurant. Camp the night at the waters edge.

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### DAY 7: SERENGETI

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Today we enter what is arguably the worlds most acclaimed wildlife sanctuary, the Serengeti National Park. This park, with its huge concentrations of plains game, numerous predators and prolific birdlife all resident on the seemingly endless grass and acacia covered plains, epitomizes Africa's game parks. We will traverse the park west to east doing extensive game drives, and will spend a night at the active Seronera campsite.

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### DAY 8: SERENGETI - NGORONGORO

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After an extensive morning game drive we leave the Serengeti and enter the Ngorongoro Conservation area where we witness the spectacle of the Masai tribal people herding their cattle amongst the wildlife, still living their customary lifestyle as they have for centuries. Tonight we will camp at the renowned Simba Camp on the edge of the magnificent Ngorongoro crater. The views from the camp are spectacular.

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### DAY 9: NGORONGORO - MASAI

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At first light we make the daring descent into the crater in our smaller 4x4 safari vehicles and here we explore this marvel of nature with its sheer walls and fertile plains. With the possibility to view almost all of Africa's animal species, including the rare black rhino, at close range in open plains – this has to be the fi nest game viewing available. Returning to Simba camp, we will enjoy lunch before exiting the park and descending the escarpment to our camp at a village. Here we will camp for two nights, literally amongst the Masai people.

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### DAY 10: MASAI VILLAGE

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Today we will explore the village and its surrounds on foot, we will spend time absorbing the unique culture, hoping to experience the Masai dancing and will barter in the markets – all the time witnessing the traditional way of life. Camp the night.

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### DAY 12: ARUSHA

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After an early start we make our way toward Arusha, the town at the foot of the beautiful Mount Meru. Here we will spend the afternoon exploring this lively town and its local markets. Tonight we will enjoy an own expense meal at a local restaurant.



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### DAY 12:

### TRANSFER TO NAIROBI

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After breakfast clients will be taken to the shuttle terminal where they will catch the transfer to Nairobi. This road travels through some spectacular scenery and on a clear day offers stunning views of the mighty Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. Enroute to Nairobi city, the transfer will pass via the airport to facilitate clients who are flying out today. Clients staying on in Nairobi or continuing their travels will be taken into the city center.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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To best enjoy this tour it should be approached with an open and flexible mentality. Road, weather, or other unforeseen conditions may necessitate changes to the itinerary and clients should be prepared for this. A pillow, towel and pillow are required for this tour. Visas for both Kenya and Tanzania are required by most nationalities, these are the client's own responsibility and you are advised to pre-arrange these with the respective authorities. Seasonal precautions against Malaria are advisable. The recommended currency for this tour is the US Dollar and notes in small denominations should be brought along for expenses not included. A small day pack is advisable. Our price includes transport-Nairobi to Nairobi, accommodation, entry fees, Park fees, permits, group equipment, professional guides, and most meals. Drinks, curios, tips, taxes, visas and optional excursions are for the client's own expense. Before departure clients will be required to enter into an agreement agreeing to our booking conditions and general information. Clients are required to have their own comprehensive personal travel insurance..

