

KENYA SAFARI EXPLORATION



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Kenya Safari Exploration Small Group Tour

Duration: 9 days

Departs: Select Fridays in 2022 & 2023

Stay: 8 nights hotels, typically 4-star rating

Travel style: Escorted small group tour

Booking code: KENSFG9M

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9 Days Kenya Safari Small Group Tour

About the holiday

Get to the heart of Kenya on this incredible small group tour!

From Nairobi, the adventure starts on a high with a visit to the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and chance to hand-feed giraffes at a remarkable conservation project. Then the amazing wildlife experiences keep coming in Samburu National Park, Aberdare National Park, Lake Nakuru and magical Masai Mara National Reserve.

Throughout the escorted tour there will be breathtaking wildlife viewing opportunities, either from your superb lodges or during dedicated game drives. From flamingos and buffalo, to elephant, leopard, lion and maybe even rhino, you'll be astounded by the incredible animals of Kenya.

Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy the comfort of 4-star accommodation & loads of special inclusions.

Personal game drive experiences in safari vehicles that seat up to seven.

Explore Samburu National Park, known for its unique wildlife.

Enjoy leisurely game viewing at one of Kenya's iconic tree lodges.

Travel to Lake Nakuru National Park, known for its superb birdlife.

See how many of the "Big Five" you'll spot in famous Masai Mara National Reserve.

Travel dates

2022 Low Season - 08, 22 April; 06, 20 May; 03, 10 June

2022 High Season - 01, 15, 29 July; 12, 26 August; 09, 23 September;
07, 21 October; 04, 18 November; 02 December

2023 Mid Season - 13, 27 January; 10 February; 03, 17, 24 March

Note: Dates are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price varies depending on your travel date.

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Holiday Inclusions

Escorted Package Includes:

- Small group tour - maximum 22 travellers guaranteed
- 8 nights First Class accommodations
 - 2 nights Nairobi
 - 2 nights Samburu National Reserve
 - 1 night Aberdare National Park
 - 1 night Lake Naivasha
 - 2 nights Masai Mara National Reserve
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- 22 meals: 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern 4x4 vehicles
- Services of English-speaking driver-guide throughout
- National Park Fees

Package excludes:

International flights - please contact us for an airfare quote with latest specials

Visa fees (where applicable)

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by tour company & local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

Itinerary:

DAY 1 - Arrive in Nairobi

Arrive in Nairobi, gateway to your thrilling safari in Kenya; make your own way to the hotel (ask us about pre-booking a transfer). The rest of the day is yours to rest, acclimate to your new time zone and prepare for the African adventure that awaits you.

Overnight: Nairobi

DAY 2 - Elephant Orphanage and Giraffe Centre

This morning, visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage to learn about how the orphan elephants, raised by the orphanage, are later released into the wild. Elephant calves are brought here from all over the country to receive specialized care from highly dedicated staff. Perhaps, you'll arrive there just in time to see them being exercised and bathed. Then, drive towards the Ngong Hills for a tour of the Karen Blixen Museum, once the farmhouse of the prominent author of *Out of Africa*. After lunch on your own, continue to Kazuri Beads Workshop, which started in 1975 as a tiny workshop making ceramic beads by hand. Today, this centre produces fine examples of genuine African jewellery out of clay gathered from nearby Mt. Kenya. End the day at the Giraffe Centre where you hand-feed the Rothschild Giraffe, an endangered species, from an elevated feeding platform and learn more about their extensive conservation efforts. Dinner tonight is at a popular local restaurant.

Overnight: Nairobi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3 - Evening Game Drive in Samburu National Park

Travel north this morning towards Samburu National Park, a spectacular 60-square-mile reserve known for its unique wildlife, rarely found in other Kenyan parks. Here, view different species of giraffe, zebra, beisa oryx and the long-necked gerenuk, along with lion, cheetah, and leopard. Besides the numerous varieties of wildlife found in this game reserve, the park is also a bird haven. En-route, stop for lunch at the Trout Tree Restaurant, built in an enormous fig tree below Mount Kenya. Arrive in Samburu, with its arid hills leading to the lush forested ravine of the Ewaso Nyiro River. Along these river banks, the majority of the animals gather for the promise of water. This evening, set out on your first game drive and watch the colourful African sunset before returning to the camp in time for dinner.

Overnight: Samburu National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 - Morning & Afternoon Game Drives in Samburu National Park

Morning game drive today in the midst of this rugged and beautiful semi-arid desert of northern Kenya. Perhaps you'll see a lion, ostrich, or even a family of elephants wandering the hills. After lunch at the lodge, an afternoon drive takes you to a different area of the park. Return to the lodge for leisure time. Tonight, after dinner, an interesting lecture and discussion with a Samburu naturalist. You'll learn more about the principles and tribal traditions of the villagers living in the northern foothills of Mount Kenya.

Overnight: Samburu National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 - Game Viewing in Aberdare National Park

Today, travel southwest to the heart of Aberdare National Park. Arrive at The Ark, one of Kenya's iconic tree lodges. The Ark is designed with layers of decks overlooking a floodlit watering hole and salt lick that attracts a huge amount of wildlife all day and night. The many different balconies and lounges provide superb vantage points for game viewing. A ground level bunker provides excellent photographic opportunities and takes you up-close to the animals; see elephant, buffalo, bushbuck and occasionally a rhino.

Overnight: Aberdare National Park

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 - Game Drive in Lake Nakuru National Park

Today, explore Lake Nakuru National Park, dominated by the shallow waters of the lake at its centre, best known for its pink flamingos, white rhino, lion, and the elusive leopard. The birdlife here is absolutely superb, with over 450 species recorded - at certain times of year there are over a million flamingos. Drive to the edge of the lake to view thousands of birds feeding in the alkaline water, see the sweeping view from the top of Baboon Rocks, then look for warthogs and waterbucks. Nakuru is also one of the best places in Kenya to see black and white rhino, and for making daytime leopard sightings. Afterward, continue to your lodge where you will spend the remainder of the evening at leisure.

Overnight: Lake Naivasha

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 - Afternoon Game Drive in the Masai Mara National Reserve

Early drive to the magical Masai Mara National Reserve in the southwest corner of Kenya, renowned for its spectacular game viewing. The breathtaking savannahs of the park are a stunning backdrop to a diverse and abundant wildlife population throughout the entire year. Lunch at the camp, before going out on the afternoon game drive.

Overnight: Masai Mara National Reserve

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 - Morning & Afternoon Game Drives in the Masai Mara National Reserve

A fabulous sunrise experience! Arise before dawn to participate in today's *optional* Hot Air Balloon Safari. Take off in a hot air balloon as you watch the breathtaking sunrise over the Masai Mara. Drift above the beautiful landscape, watching wild game roam the vast plains below. The finale is a sumptuous champagne breakfast before returning back to camp.

Today's game drives through the spectacular Masai Mara reserve focus on the "Big Five" (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino), as well as antelopes, gazelles, hippos and a variety of birdlife. A lovely dinner tonight celebrates your final night in the Mara.

Optional: *Sunrise Balloon Safari & Breakfast (AM)*

Overnight: Masai Mara National Reserve

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 - Travel to Nairobi, Depart Kenya

Bid farewell to the Mara this morning and return to bustling Nairobi. Upon arrival in the early afternoon, enjoy lunch at the famous Carnivore Restaurant. Passengers with early evening flights will then be transferred directly to the airport. Passengers with late evening flights will have a day-use hotel room and be transferred to the airport later in the evening.

Please select flights that depart no earlier than 6:30 PM. An extra nights' stay at the hotel can be arranged (own expense).

Day Use: Nairobi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

***Note:** The day by day descriptions published are intended as a rough guideline only. Travel by nature is unpredictable, weather patterns, game migrations, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.*

Is this trip right for me?

This is an active trip. Our small group covers a lot of ground each day. Expect to spend most of your time driving over roads that are often rough and bumpy in safari vehicles that cannot be air-conditioned. Only "bush toilets" are available during game drives. There are many early mornings. Electricity in the camps is provided by generator and may not be available 24 hours a day. Many of the accommodations are built in the traditional local style and have no air-conditioning. Visitors to Kenya are required to carry proof of Yellow Fever vaccination if travelling through or from a country with risk of yellow fever, and are encouraged to consult their health-care providers regarding malaria prophylaxis. We suggest you check with your health-care provider before signing up for this tour. Some of our tours require walking or stairs between tents. Safari vehicles have high ground clearance and require agility to embark and disembark. During this tour, you may come into proximity of wild animals whose actions can be unpredictable. Certain inherent risks are involved which should be considered at your own discretion.

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