

15 Nights/16 Days Kenya and Tanzania Wildlife Safari

DAY 01: NAIROBI - ABERDARE

On arrival, you be met by our representative and depart with a drive north to your base hotel Aberdares Country Club for lunch. Later after lunch you will be transferred to your "Tree Hotel" The Ark situated at the heart of Aberdares forests. Resembling and named after Noah's Ark, it comprises three decks from which numerous balconies and lounges provide superb vantage points for game viewing. This unique game lodge overlooks floodlit waterholes and saltlick that attracts a host of wildlife, elephant, rhino, leopard, bushbuck, and bongo. Dinner and overnight at The Ark (BLD)

DAY 02: ABERDARE - SAMBURU

After leisure breakfast, depart for Samburu National Reserve and drive north through the high wheat fields of Timau, crossing the equator and then down into the thorny landscape of Samburu country. This area boasts of unique northern species of wildlife which are not found in any other part south of equator, here you will find the grevy's zebra, beisa oryx, reticulated giraffe, somali ostrich, long necked gerenuk, herds of elephant and their predators abound. The life-giving Uaso Nyiro River plays the factor in ecosystem of this region.

Your accommodation for the two nights will be at Sarova Shaba Lodge. The lodge is located at the banks of Uaso Nyiro River in the Shaba Game Reserve. It cleverly incorporates the beautiful natural springs as one of its special features, and also offers the perfect base from which to explore the Shaba Reserve, as well as its sister reserve - Buffalo Springs to the west. Overnight Sarova Shaba Lodge (BLD)

DAY 03: SAMBURU

Before dawn, your driver guide will be ready for the early morning search of hunting cats. Later you will return to lodge for breakfast and relax at the swimming pool before your next game drives late afternoon. All meals & overnight at Sarova Shaba Lodge (BLD).

DAY 04: SAMBURU - LAKE NAKURU

After an early breakfast bid farewell to Shaba as you drive south through Isiolo, crossing the northernmost foothills of Mount Kenya, until you get to Nanyuki town. Here you'll head west to Nyahururu Falls, still known to many as Thomson's falls for its 237ft cascade. After a brief stopover, drive southward to your next destination, Lake Nakuru a home to a million of flamingoes beautifully lining at its shores. Lake Nakuru National Park surrounds lake and was gazetted to protect the colony of flamingoes as well as provide sanctuary for the endangered species as such the rhino. Other Savannah games are abounded in and not mention other bird species. Lake Nakuru Lodge is situated in the south ecological niche of the park is an oasis of comfort with a commanding views of lesser flamingoes dotted with the greater flamingoes. An afternoon game drive around the lakeshore will be the feature for the afternoon, dinner & overnight at Lake Nakuru Lodge (BLD).

DAY 05: LAKE NAKURU - MASAI MARA

Today our safari will lead us to the jewel of Kenya parks the Masai Mara Game Reserve by road. Masai Mara is Kenya's most visited reserve and a home to the "Big Five". The breathtaking views, a panorama of fertile vast rolling plains which supports a huge amount of resident plain games and their predators. Apart from the big five the Masai Mara is most famous for the annual spectacle of the wildebeest migration, where millions of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle leave the plains of the Serengeti and cross the Mara River in search of fresh feeding grounds. Lunch to be served at Mara Sarova Tented Camp situated on a natural elevation between two streams and is set amidst gardens full of exotic flowers. Each luxury canvas tent has a permanent roof and floor and an attached en-suite bathroom including a flush toilet, sink and hot shower. Meals are served in the spectacular thatched roof dining room.

After lunch and some time to relax and perhaps take a dip in the pool, you will depart with your driver guide for an afternoon game drive in search of the big five. As sun starts to edge dip into the horizon it will be perfect time to photograph the beautiful Mara rolling plains. Don't forget this is the right time to spot the shy leopard. Dinner and overnight at Mara Sarova Tented Camp (BLD).

DAY 06: MASAI MARA

The day will start with an early morning game drive before dawn and later return to your camp for breakfast and relax for the rest of late morning and perhaps take a dip at the swimming pool. Later late afternoon return to the wilderness in search of games, all meals and overnight at Mara Sarova Tented Camp (BLD).

DAY 07: MASAI MARA - NAIROBI

After breakfast, drive back to Nairobi arriving in time for lunch at Toona Tree Restaurant. Later in the evening, a complimentary dinner at Carnivore Restaurant hosted by our company. Later you will be transferred to Nairobi Safari Club the only all suite hotel in the city (BLD).

DAY 08: NAIROBI - ARUSHA

After a leisurely morning breakfast we check - out our hotel ready to board a shuttle bus to Arusha or be transferred by our micro-bus to Namanga boarder town, where you will go under migration formalities and then exchange of vehicle and proceed to Arusha. On arrival at Arusha you will be met

and transferred to Impala Hotel for your lunch. Soon After lunch we'll have some time to relax by either swimming or reading facts about Tanzania before the dusk encroaches us. Dinner and Overnight will be served at Impala Hotel (BLD).

DAY 09: ARUSHA - LAKE MANYARA

After breakfast it will be our perfect time to leave for Lake Manyara National Park. Lake Manyara National Park is beautiful small park known for it's lush vegetation and tropical forests of giant fig and mahogany trees, elephants, giraffe, buffalo, zebra and variety of antelope inhabit the park as well as a variety of monkeys and a large population of hippo's. The park is also home to many species of bird and is one of the few places you will be able to see the comical ground hornbill. On arrival, you will check-in at Lake Manyara Serena Lodge for your lunch and later in the afternoon you head out with your driver guide for late afternoon game driver before returning at the lodge to retire for the day at Lake Manyara Serena Lodge (BLD).

DAY 10: LAKE MANYARA - SERENGETI

Soon after breakfast, proceed with your safari to Serengeti National Park via the famous "Olduvia Gorge" where Dr. Louis and Mary Leakey made their discovery of the early man. After visiting the small museum and attending a short lecture describing the archeological digs and geology of the gorge, continue with your safari to the vast Serengeti plain with game drive en-route which covers an area of over 14,763 sq kms. The park is inhabited by more than 3 million mammals, including lion, cheetah, leopard, elephant, buffalo, gazelles, antelope, giraffe, hyena, and all of the little animals e.g. rock hyrax, bat eared foxes etc. You will have two extensive game drives today in this fabulous park and you gonna need many films. You will check in at Serengeti Sopa Lodge for lunch and later you will proceed for the late afternoon game drive. Dinner and overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge (BLD).

DAY 11: SERENGETI

Full day is spent at the vast Serengeti plains with two extensive game drives today in this fabulous park and you gonna need many films. All meals and overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge (BLD).

DAY 12: SERENGETI - NGORONGORO

This morning we will have a half-day game drive at the famous Serengeti plains and lunch before proceeding with your safari to the renowned Ngorongoro Crater, a collapsed volcano, with walls 2,000ft high and a 102sq mile floor, containing a complete eco-system with rolling plains, forest, swamps and river and a lake-complete with flamingoes. You will descend into this eighth wonder of the world for some game viewing in this spectacular conservation area. Spend the whole afternoon game viewing before ascending to the crater rim late afternoon to Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 13: NGORONGORO

We will begin our game viewing by descending 2,000ft into this magnificent crater to view wildlife with lunch boxes en-route. Here nearly a prefect balance of predator and prey exist within the 102sq miles of the crater. Experience an unforgettable spectacle of African wildlife - a teaming world of elephant, rhinoceros, lions, just to mention a few, living in harmony in this self contained environment. At the end of the day, we ascend the crater wall to Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge situated at the rim of the crater for diner and overnight (BLD).

DAY 14: NGORONGORO - TARANGIRE

Our day begins' with a breakfast and later depart by 4WD to Tarangire National Park. Mysterious baobab trees are characteristic of this beautiful park and game viewing is particularly rewarding along the Tarangire River, which provides the permanent water supply in the area during the dry season. Large herds of elephant, the predators and numerous plains game inhabit the park as well as many species of birds. You arrive at Tarangire Sopa Lodge in time for lunch and after some time to settle in, you depart on an afternoon game-drive, return to Tarangire Sopa Lodge for dinner and overnight (BLD).

DAY 15: TARANGIRE

After breakfast at our lodge, we'll depart for a full day game drive and panoramic scenic view of Tarangire National Park, Tanzania third largest park. Here you will find a geologic landscape as diverse as the wildlife, with nine distinct vegetation zones ranging from grassland to woodland, from deep gully vegetation to scattered rocky hilltops. See the distinctive bulbous baobab trees and the dramatic vistas of the Tarangire River. The river attracts an abundance of wildlife, from elephant, loin, cheetah and buffalo to a variety of colorful birds. All meals and overnight at Tarangire Sopa Lodge (B.LD).

DAY 16: TARANGIRE - ARUSHA - NAIROBI

Soon after breakfast, we check out and with game drive en-route we depart to Arusha for lunch at Impala Hotel. Soon after lunch you will be transferred to Namanga boarder town or assisted to board the afternoon Shuttle to Nairobi arriving at 6:30pm. (You can be dropped at the Airport or your hotel)

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