

14 Days Kenya Lodge Safari

DAY 1: NAIROBI / SAMBURU GAME RESERVE

Pick up from your hotel at 0730 hrs. and depart for the dramatic semi-arid scrub land of the Northern Frontier. Arrival in Samburu will be by lunch time. After lunch embark on a game drive to sight resident wildlife species like the Reticulated Giraffe, Grevy's Zebra, Beisa Oryx and the Blue-necked Somali Ostrich that are rare elsewhere in the country. Dinner and overnight will be at the spectacular lodge or tented camp.

DAY 2: SAMBURU GAME RESERVE

Today you will spend the full day in the Samburu National Park. You will have early morning and evening game drives. All your meals and overnight will be at your lodge / tented camp.

DAY 3: SAMBURU - ABERDARES NATIONAL PARK

Break fast then proceed to Aberdares national park. Lunch at the base hotel before being transferred to the Tree hotel for overnight stay. A special feature of the lodge where we stay is the floodlit watering hole where we can watch from the lodge itself throughout the night as a great variety of animals come down to drink.

DAY 4 : ABERDARES ? LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK

Depart Aberdares soon after breakfast and proceed south to lake Nakuru, which is often referred to as the pink lake for its great masses of pink flamingos. Arrive in time for lunch. Afternoon game drives followed by dinner and overnight stay at a Lodge inside the park.

Lake Nakuru's claim to fame is anchored on its flamingo's and the over 400 species of birds found here. The lake itself is a soda lake on the floor of the rift valley. The sight of the at times millions of flamingos is quite spectacular. From a distance the lake appears ringed in pink. The Lake has also earned a reputation as an important haven for endangered species- particularly the Rothschild Giraffe and the black and white rhino. Lions, waterbuck, buffalo and baboons are all residents here.

DAY 5: LAKE NAKURU- MAASAI MARA

Breakfast then view game as we exit the park and drive to via the Great Rift Valley to arrive at Maasai Mara in time for lunch at a Lodge. Full afternoon game drive till dusk when we return to the lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6/7 MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

Full days exploring the park in search of the big 5. Early morning and late afternoon game drives are offered. Dinner and overnight stay at a lodge.

The Mara offers wildlife in such variety and abundance that it is difficult to believe: over 450 species of animals have been recorded here. You will easily see lions, rhinos, hippos, crocodiles, giraffe, wildebeests, zebras, buffalo, warthogs, hyenas, jackals, wild dogs, buffalo, leopard, many kinds of antelopes and elephant. It is in the Mara that perhaps the most spectacular event of the natural world takes place. This is the annual migration of millions of wildebeest and zebra from the Serengeti (Tanzania) in search of water and pasture. Following on their heels are the predators of the savanna- lion, cheetah, wild dog, jackal, hyena and vultures

DAY 8 / MASAI MARA / LAKE NAIVASHA

After breakfast descend down towards the Great Rift Valley. Arrival at Lake Naivasha will be in time for a delicious lunch at the Lake Naivasha Country Club or similar. The remainder of the afternoon will be at your leisure, with the opportunity of going on a nature walk, hiring a boat to take you the famous Crescent Island, or simply relaxing by the swimming pool. Dinner and overnight at the Club/ lodge

DAY 9: LAKE NAIVASHA - AMBOSELI

After breakfast, drive past the scenic Athi Plains and into the bushy country of Amboseli National Park - a landscape dominated by the spectacular snowcaps of Mount Kilimanjaro. Arrival will be in time for lunch at your chosen lodge / tented camp. After lunch and a few hours of rest, embark on a game drive at the foot of Africa's highest mountain. Dinner and overnight will be at the lodge / camp.

DAY 10: AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

Today you will spend the full day in Amboseli with early morning and evening game drives. Whilst in the park, you will have the opportunity to photograph the animals against the wonderful backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro. All meals and overnight will be at your lodge / tented camp.

DAY 11: AMBOSELI ? TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK

After an early breakfast depart for Tsavo West National Park which lies roughly half way between Nairobi and the Coast. Mzima Springs, the chief marvel here is a favorite haunt of hippos and crocodiles. Arrival at your lodge / tented camp will be in time for lunch. An early evening game drive to see large herds of elephants, buffalo, common waterbuck, eland, rhino and a wide variety of antelope. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 12: TSAVO WEST ? TSAVO EAST NATIONAL PARK

We depart the lodge soon after breakfast and proceed to Tsavo East National park. Game is viewed as we exit the park . This park was famed for its large herds of elephant covered in red dust and fine scenery. We visit the scenic Lugards Falls, Mudanda Rocks (attracts elephants in the drier season) and Aruba Dam as we view game if time permits. Dinner and overnight stay at a lodge

DAY 13 : TSAVO EAST NATIONAL PARK

Full day spent exploring the park. Morning and afternoon gamedrives are offered. Dinner and overnight stay at a Lodge.

The landscape in Tsavo East is flatter and drier, despite having one of Kenya?s largest rivers flowing through the middle. Much of the wildlife is concentrated on the Galana River, which has plentiful crocs and hippos. Likewise, Kudus, waterbucks and dik-diks are common along the river banks.

DAY 14: TSAVO EAST-NAIROBI

After a leisurely breakfast, return to Nairobi where the safari ends.

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