

TRIP ITINERARY

East African Explorer

Tanzania / Kenya



An Africa safari touches something deep within all of us, for it is an experience that will never be forgotten. The following safari combines intriguing cultures, beautiful landscapes and an excellent opportunity for spotting the Big-5. Visiting a selection of the most famous parks in Kenya and Tanzania, this small group safari is guaranteed for minimum of 2 clients. With 3 scheduled departures a week and 3 grades of accommodation to choose from, take a seat on this fabulous safari for a journey of discovery!



Pick up Point: Nairobi Airport
 Drop off Point: Nairobi Serena or Eka Hotel/airport
 Start, day 1: Sunday
 Safari Briefing, day 2: 0700hrs approx.
 Departs on day 2: 0730hrs approx.
 Returns on day 13: 1900hrs approx. (flights to be booked 2300hrs onwards)

Day 1

Upon arrival into Nairobi, clients will be met and transferred to their hotel where you will spend the night on a bed and breakfast basis (Check in time 14:00). Depending on time of arrival clients may choose to add an optional excursion.

Day 2

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, approx. 07:30, you travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the rift escarpment on the road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. On the way spot the charming chapel built at the foot of the escarpment. Pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the valley to Narok; continue your travels across acres of wheat and barley, before reaching the Masai Mara in time for lunch. Following lunch set off on your first game drive, returning to the lodge as the sun sets. Dinner and overnight Mara camp or lodge. Drive time approx: 3-5.5 hours

Day 3

Following an early breakfast, depart on a morning game drive, returning to the camp mid-morning. After lunch, and perhaps a siesta, set off on another game drive and visit to the Masai Village, returning to the lodge as the sunsets for your dinner and overnight

Day 4

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, travel across the 'breadbasket' of Kenya, where acres of wheat and barley litter the landscape as you head north to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. Now travel across the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley, keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mai -Mahiu, before arriving at

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Lake Nakuru/Lake Elementaita around midday. Once in the park/conservancy, view game en route to the lodge. Following lunch and a siesta, there is an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets. The national park, known for its birdlife, offers a possibility to view flamingoes. It is also home to Black and White rhinos as well as the endangered Rothschild Giraffe 'Dinner and overnight Lake Nakuru or Elementaita. Drive time approx: 3-5 hours, dependent on accommodation

Day 5

Following an early breakfast, leaving the Rift Valley behind, proceed to Nairobi for an early lunch (or picnic lunch dependent on road conditions) and continue south towards Amboseli, arriving at your lodge by late afternoon. Dinner and overnight Camp or lodge on full board basis. Drive time approx: 7 hours, dependent on accommodation

Day 6

Morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli, returning to the lodge as the sun sets. Dinner and overnight lodge on full board basis

Day 7

After breakfast, you continue the journey to the Tanzania border post and then on to Arusha for lunch. Depart Arusha passing through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. At the town of Makuyuni continue to Lake Burunge on the Western edge of Tarangire National Park Gate, arriving at your accommodation for dinner and overnight

Day 8

After breakfast there is a game drive in Tarangire Park, search for large prides of lion and elephant herds, driving through the baobab tree lined park to explore the silale swamp, returning to your camp for lunch. In the afternoon drive North through the park to Makuyuni where you continue the journey through a scenic escarpment, bringing you to your next accommodation where you will take dinner and spend your next night

Day 9

Following breakfast there will be a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park. Return to the lodge for lunch. Leaving Manyara behind, the journey continues North West across the stunning hill countryside of the highlands which is filled with wheat and coffee plantations, then into the Ngorongoro Conservation area. From here lies the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you begin spotting wildlife as you approach the entrance gate. Complete the formalities and enter the park with game viewing en route to your lodge where you will take dinner and spend the night

Day 10

Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park. Overnight lodge on full board basis

The Serengeti National Park offers not only all the members of 'The Big Five' (elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo), but also the annual 'migration' of over one million wildebeest and their attendant cast of predators.

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Day 11

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro with a picnic lunch viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains, stopping en route for a picnic lunch. Continue to your lodge where you will take dinner and spend the night

Known as 'The eighth wonder of the world' the Ngorongoro Crater is one of Africa's best-known wildlife arenas. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it offers a unique biosphere, which has remained virtually unchanged since the dawn of time. Deep within the Crater, enclosed by towering walls, some 25,000 large mammals wander the plains, lakes and forests of 'The land that time forgot', dominated by enormous bull elephants, rhinos and lions.

Day 12

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest natural wildlife arena. After breakfast, you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the World's largest intact volcanic caldera. Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. A truly unique wildlife experience. Return to the lodge in the late afternoon for your dinner and overnight

Day 13

Depart Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast and head south east past Lake Manyara and Mto wa Mbu village. Through the highlands and the Karatu district, you'll view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations here before journeying down the spectacular escarpment turning south on the main road to Arusha. The journey will pass through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. After lunch you continue the journey by road to Nairobi and onto a Nairobi City Centre Restaurant for dinner before drop off at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport or city centre hotel for onward arrangements (Option: drop off Arusha local airport for flight to Zanzibar or neighbouring island for beach extension at supplement)

Included: Meet and greet services, airport arrival transfers in safari minibus or mini coach on shared basis, all transport and game drives on safari sector will be in a 4x4 vehicle with pop-up roof (maximum 6 passengers) with an English / Bilingual (French, German, Italian or Spanish) speaking driver-guide on shared basis, guaranteed window seat, meals and accommodation as specified, all park fees and government taxes, filtered water in the vehicles, clients to bring own refillable bottles

Excluded: Visa's, airport taxes, gratuities, drinks and other activities not included in the package price, seasonal supplements

NB: Any scheduled departure can be booked as a private safari and/or combined with other services. Should we not be able to confirm the exact itinerary, we will always try to offer alternatives to the request including changes of routing or similar accommodation. Drive times are approximate based on point to point location, not accounting for game viewing stops en route

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Start Day	'A' Sunday	'B' Sunday
1	Nairobi Serena	Eka Hotel
2	Mara Serena	Keekorok Lodge
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4	Lake Elementaita Serena	Nakuru Lodge
5	Amboseli Serena	Oi Tukai Lodge
6	Amboseli Serena	Oi Tukai Lodge
7	Tarangire Sopa Lodge	Tarangire Sopa Lodge
8	Lake Manyara Serena	Lake Manyara Serena
9	Serengeti Serena	Serengeti Serena
10	Serengeti Serena	Serengeti Serena
11	Ngorongoro Serena	Ngorongoro Serena
12	Ngorongoro Serena	Ngorongoro Serena