

KENYA SAFARI

Day 1: Arrival in Nairobi

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be met by our representative and transferred to the 5-star hotel **The Boma**. Dinner (*not included*) can be taken at the hotel or at any of the cities many restaurants. **Overnight: The Boma Hotel**

Day 2: Nairobi to Samburu – 380km / 5.5hrs

After an early breakfast, drive north of Nairobi up the Great Rift Valley to the Samburu/Buffalo Springs National Reserve arriving in time for a late lunch at the **Ashnil Samburu Camp** which features 24 tents. The tents are widely spaced along the banks of the Uwaso Nyiro River, surrounded by doum palms and acacia trees. The main guest area, also shaded by a canopy of acacia trees, offers a comfortable reception and lounge, a spacious dining room, atmospheric bar and a broad deck, which offers unparalleled game-viewing across the wide reaches of the Uwaso Nyiro River, which is the lifeblood of this otherwise arid northern region. Enjoy an afternoon game drive and return to the lodge for dinner.

Overnight: Ashnil Samburu Camp (B,L,D)

Day 3: On safari in Samburu

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in Samburu. (In the evening, there is an option of sundowners before dinner in the central dining room.) A place of endless skies, dust-red plains and palm-fringed rivers, Samburu National Reserve lies on the fringes of the vast and arid desert once known as the Northern Frontier District, whose heat-scorched scrublands extend all the way to the jade-green waters of Lake Turkana and beyond. Physically dramatic, the 104 sq km landscape of the Reserve features rocky battlements, craggy scarps, dry river beds and fallen boulders rising out of the thorn scrub against a backdrop of the far-distant hills and the great red table mountain known as Ololokwe. The game reserve is renowned for its rare species of animals unique to the park, namely: the long necked gerenuk, Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe and Beisa onyx. The elusive Kenya leopard is often known to visit the park, especially in the evenings. Other animals you may see are lion, elephant and buffalo. Birdlife is as plentiful. The park boasts over **350 different species of birds** including vultures, kingfishers, marabouts, bateleurs, guinea fowl, Somali ostriches and others.

Overnight: Ashnil Samburu Camp (B,L,D)

Day 4: Samburu to Ol Pejeta – 220km / 3 hours

Leave the camp after breakfast and travel south to Nanyuki and check-in to **Sweetwaters Tented Camp**. A sheltered oasis, clustered around a water hole and set in the pristine calm of the private Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Sweetwaters offers a charming blend of under-canvas ambiance and safari luxury. Located on the plains of Mount Kenya, the camp features thirty-nine luxury tents, each with its own private veranda overlooking the water hole. The Waterhole Bar, built in the style of a game-viewing hide, overlooks the waterhole and offers unrivalled wildlife-watching. An afternoon game drive and visit to the Chimpanzee sanctuary is included.

Overnight: Sweetwaters Tented Camp (B,L,D)

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Day 5: OI Pejeta to Lake Naivasha – 240km / 3.5hrs

After breakfast, drive south to **Lake Naivasha** in time for lunch at the charmingly located **Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge**. The lodge stands in 120 acres of lakeside land, most of which is covered in green riparian meadows, which sweep down to the shores of the lake, one of the most beautiful in the Great Rift Valley. A jetty has been built out onto the lake, from where guests can watch the antics of the hippos in the lake and experience 360 degree views, which include Crescent Island, Mount Longonot, the Mau Escarpment and the misty outline of the Aberdares. The grounds are alive with a colourful selection of birds, and the trees with monkeys. This afternoon enjoy a walk on crescent Island.

About Lake Naivasha

Lake Naivasha is infamous for its rapidly shifting moods. Enigmatic, and dotted with floating islands of Nile cabbage (water hyacinth) and papyrus, Lake Naivasha has no known outlet, and legends abound regarding the vast tunnels that supposedly run beneath its surface. Towered over by the brooding bulk of Mount Longonot (2,776 m), and featuring a submerged volcanic crater known as Crescent Island, this beautiful lake is best known for its high numbers of water birds. Here you may spot the fish eagle, which feeds on the black bass and tilapia in the lake.

Overnight: Lake Naivasha Sop Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 6: Lake Naivasha to the Masai Mara – 365km / 5.5hrs

Leaving the lodge after breakfast, continue up the floor of Rift to arrive in the famous **Masai Mara National Reserve**, and at the **Ashnil Mara Camp** in time for a late lunch. In the afternoon, enjoy your first game-drive in the Mara. The Mara is Kenya's most visited protected area. Technically an extension of Tanzania's renowned Serengeti National Park, the Mara constitutes only 4% of the entire Serengeti ecosystem but its rolling grasslands, meandering rivers and towering escarpments offer one of the world's most rewarding and evocative wildlife arenas. Returning to the camp, enjoy some relaxation prior to dinner in the central restaurant.

Overnight: Ashnil Mara Camp (B,L,D)

Day 7: On safari in the Mara

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the Masai Mara. When it comes to game-viewing, there is nowhere in Africa richer in wildlife or more eventful in encounters than the Mara. A pristine wilderness of haunting beauty, it promises its visitors a profusion of wildlife, prolific bird life (450 species) and the opportunity of possibly seeing the 'Big Five' (buffalo, lion, leopard, rhino and elephant) in one morning. You will also get to see plains game, zebra, giraffe and more.

Overnight: Ashnil Mara Camp (B,L,D)

Day 8: The Mara to Nairobi – 265km / 4.5hrs

After breakfast at the lodge, drive to **Nairobi** and take lunch at the world famous **Carnivore Restaurant**. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight home. **(B,L)**

2017 – Date reflects arrival day in Nairobi:

14 May

04 June

18 June

08 & 22 October

05 & 19 November

What's Included?

- Arrival and departure transfers.
- Accommodation per itinerary.
- Full board on safari starting on day 2 - Breakfast and lunch on the last day.
- Game drives per itinerary.
- One litre of mineral water per person per day.
- Park fees.
- English-speaking driver/guide.

What's not included?

- **International Airfare**
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Optional activities such as balloon safari, etc.
- Drinks.
- Visa and Visa fees.
- Insurance.
- Items of a personal nature such as room service, telephone calls, tips/gratuities, etc.
- Any item not listed under included.

Important information:

1. A visa is required to enter Kenya. This can be obtained on-line:
<https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=5>
2. Visit your health clinic or doctor to determine if any inoculations are required.
3. Anti-malaria protection required. Consult your health clinic or doctor.
4. Travel Insurance is essential.



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