

# DETOUR AFRICA



## 8 Day Serengeti Trail

Africa is truly the cradle of life. Roam the famous Serengeti National Park, nearly 15,000 sq km of rolling savanna that shelters an astounding array of animals from miniature dik-dik antelopes to lions and the noble African elephant. Spot wildlife among the ethereal vistas from atop the Ngorongoro Crater. This is also a human journey that puts you among Kenya and Tanzania's bustling markets and plantations, and in the valleys once inhabited by humankind's earliest ancestors. If you want to experience some of the most superb game-viewing in Africa, then this will truly be a tour to remember.



### HIGHLIGHTS

Shop for local wares at Musoma market,  
Camp beside Lake Victoria,  
Discover bustling Nairobi city,  
Visit our earliest ancestors in Olduvai Gorge,  
Travel across the highlands of Kenya,  
Spot Africa's Big Five in the Serengeti,  
Discover the Great Rift Valley,  
Safari through Ngorongoro Crater .

### ITINERARY

#### KENYA - TANZANIA

#### DAY 1

#### Nairobi

Jambo! Welcome to Kenya. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm. You can arrive at any time as there are no activities planned until this important meeting. Please ask the hotel reception where it will take place. If you can't arrange a flight that will arrive in time for this, consider arriving a day early so

you are able to attend. If you are going to be late, please inform the hotel reception. We'll be collecting your insurance details and next of kin information at this meeting. If you arrive early, perhaps head out and explore the National Museum of Kenya, the Karen Blixen Museum or the highly recommended Bomas of Kenya where traditional homesteads of several Kenyan tribes are displayed in an outdoor village.

#### **Accommodation**

Hotel (1 night)

#### **Optional Activities**

Nairobi - Karen Blixen museum - USD14

Nairobi - National Museum - USD10

Nairobi - Bomas of Kenya - USD12

Nairobi - National Park safari walk - USD30

Nairobi - Giraffe Center - USD12

#### **Meals**

There are no meals included on this day.

## **DAY 2**

### **Kisii**

Board your safari truck and travel west (approximately 8–9 hours). Today's destination is near the hilltop town of Kisii, which will be the last chance to stock up on supplies before heading into Tanzania. Crossing the incredibly scenic Great Rift Valley on your way to the tea-growing highlands is a fantastic introduction to the landscapes of Kenya. You will pass through the ancient homeland of the Maasai. Keep a look out for these tall tribesmen dressed in distinctive scarlet robes as they tend to their prized herds of cattle. The roads on the way are pretty rough, but there will be chances to stop and stretch your legs, including a local homestead lunch in the town of Kericho. The food for the lunch is grown and sourced locally, plus the lunch is a great way to learn from and interact with the women from the local village. You will be accommodated in either very simple shared rooms (with bedding provided) or in a camp which will be set up for the night. There is no WiFi available at the camp.

#### **Accommodation**

Basic Hotel (1 night)

#### **Meals**

Breakfast.

Lunch.

Dinner

## **DAY 3**

### **Lake Victoria**

Travel towards the Kenya-Tanzania border and to the shores of Lake Victoria (approximately 7–8 hours). This is not only Africa's largest lake – it's the largest tropical lake in the world. Its shores are shared by Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. The guided bike excursion is a great activity to stretch the legs, learn about the town, visit an African marketplace and meet some locals (you'll need to bring your own helmet if you want to wear one). Or you can simply chill out on the lakeside sand with a cold drink. Make the most of the ATM and local market to stock up for your next three days of adventuring in the wilderness. You will camp on the shores of the lake tonight, at one of its least visited campgrounds, on the outskirts of a small town called Musoma. Depending on availability, you might be able to upgrade to a room. No WiFi is available tonight.

#### **Accommodation**

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

**Included Activities**

Kisii - Soapstone carving cooperative

**Optional Activities**

Musoma - Guided Bike Excursion - USD20

**Meals**

Breakfast.

Lunch.

Dinner.

**DAY 4**  
**Serengeti National Park**

Travel from Lake Victoria to the gate of Serengeti National Park on a smooth road (approximately 3 hours). Enter the Serengeti and enjoy a game drive and picnic lunch en route to your campsite. The wide open plains of the Serengeti – green after the rains, brown and burnt in the dry season – are home to thousands of hoofed animals and fierce predators. Flat and rolling, with long grass and acacia trees, these plains get their name from the Maasai word Siringet – 'The place where the land moves on forever'. Enjoy a picnic lunch on your way to camp within the awesome surrounds of the National Park. Your campsite is right in the action, within the park itself, so listen out for the sounds of nocturnal animals as you drift off to sleep. The camp is basic with limited running water and no upgrades or WiFi available.

**Accommodation**

Camping (with basic facilities) (1 night)

**Included Activities**

Serengeti National Park - Overland Vehicle Game Drive

**Meals**

Breakfast.

Lunch.

Dinner

**Special Information**

Our camp within the Serengeti National Park does not have a fence to separate the camp from the animals. This is quite the experience as animals such as buffalo and hyenas often come close to camp after sundown. On arrival at the camp your leader will give a detailed safety briefing on what is required to ensure the safety of the group.

**DAY 5**  
**Serengeti National Park**

Start the day with a game drive at dawn. You will head out while the animals are at their most active, then head back to camp for brunch at around 11 am. After spending the warmer part of the day relaxing, as the animals do, depart again at dusk for another adventure through the wild. You'll return in time for dinner. There's also the option of a balloon ride over the park today. If you have pre-booked this activity (please see the 'Important Notes' section) you will be picked up before dawn and driven to the launch site. After a safety briefing, you will glide through the dawn, sometimes at tree height, which provides amazing photo opportunities. Sometimes you will ascend, getting an overview of the enormity of the plains and the early morning movements of the teeming herds. After landing, you'll be treated to a five-star bush breakfast, then be returned to your camp.

Notes: The balloon ride is offered as a pre-booked service which will guarantee you a place. If you would rather wait and try to get a better price by booking this locally on the ground, you are welcome to, but keep in mind that this is a popular activity and places are limited.

**Accommodation**

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

**Included Activities**

Serengeti National Park - Overland Vehicle Game Drive

**Optional Activities**

Serengeti National Park - Balloon Ride (from price) - USD599

**Meals**

Breakfast.

Lunch.

Dinner.

**DAY 6**  
**Ngorongoro Crater**

Enjoy a leisurely game drive and picnic lunch on your way out of the park today. Soak up final views of the animals and landscapes that make the national park such an incredible spot before entering the Ngorongoro Conservation area. Your destination today is the rim of the crater about 3 hours away. Your campsite overlooks jagged volcanic peaks and rolling grasslands thousands of feet below – you can be sure that there are few campsites in the world with a better view than this! The campsite has flush toilets and hot showers available, but no WiFi or optional upgrades. It can get very cold on the crater rim, particularly during the winter months (June to August) when temperatures drop below zero. Even in the summer months it can be surprisingly chilly at night, so be sure to bring some warm clothes.

Notes: You will notice some Maasai villages in the region of the Ngorongoro crater offering a cultural experience. We recommend avoiding these villages, as they can impact negatively on the Maasai culture and travellers' perceptions of it by selling an artificial experience.

**Accommodation**

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

**Included Activities**

Serengeti National Park - Overland Vehicle Game Drive

**Meals**

Breakfast.

Lunch.

Dinner.

**DAY 7**  
**Ngorongoro Crater/ Mto Wa Mbu**

A gigantic, perfectly intact volcanic crater, Ngorongoro is home to some 30,000 animals. Among these are endangered black rhinos, lions, leopards, elephants, impalas, zebras and hippos. The crater floor offers excellent game viewing all year round, and the photo opportunities here are unrivalled. Later, join the local community for an guided afternoon stroll around the farming areas, milling machine and local homes before enjoying a traditional meal. Your campsite this evening is located in Mto Wa Mbu with upgrades possible (subject to availability).

**Accommodation**

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

**Included Activities**

Ngorongoro Crater - 4x4 Game Drive

Mto Wa Mbu - Village walk & market visit

**Meals**

Breakfast.

Lunch.

Dinner.

## DAY 8 Nairobi

Set off early this morning (around 7.30 am), heading for the border with Kenya and then on to Nairobi (approximately 7–8 hours). On arrival in Nairobi, you'll be dropped at the finishing point hotel. No accommodation is provided for tonight, but this can be arranged when you book this trip. You can also choose to finish your trip in Arusha this morning.

Notes: It's important not to book any flights departing Nairobi earlier than 8 pm (or 11 am if you're departing Arusha).

### Meals

Breakfast.

Lunch.

## Tour Information

### Pre Departure Information:

Once booking has been confirmed we will send you trip notes to help you prepare, below is some basic tour information

### Joining point

Kenya Comfort Hotel Suites  
junction of Milimani/Ralph Bunche, Milimani, Nairobi,  
Nairobi  
KENYA  
Phone: 254 737 111 111

### Joining point description

The Kenya Comfort Hotel Suites is simple but clean and comfortable. All rooms have en-suites with hot water, TV's, and WiFi is available. Hotel facilities include a swimming pool, bar & restaurant

### Finish point

Kenya Comfort Hotel Suites  
junction of Milimani/Ralph Bunche, Milimani, Nairobi,  
Nairobi  
KENYA  
Phone: 254 737 111 111

### Accommodation

Hotel (1 night), Camping (with basic facilities) (2 nights), Camping (with facilities) (3 nights), Basic Hotel (1 night)  
Accommodation on this trip is mainly in two-person canvas dome tents with camping mattresses supplied.

The type and variety of accommodation is determined by conditions on each of our routes. Each route is different - on some we use a mixture of campsites and wild camps; on others we also use hotels. In Africa it's not usually practical to camp when staying in towns and cities so we use hotel accommodation and eat out in local restaurants.

There may be the occasional night stop, when we stay in the grounds of a hotel or at a campsite which may also have cabins available. In this case there may be a choice of camping or upgrading to a room (at additional cost). Keep in mind that if we are staying in dormitory accommodation, you may have to share with other passengers or

be split into same sex rooms.

Campsites do have facilities but they usually aren't to the same standard you would find in western countries.

### Meals

Breakfast, dinner and most lunches are included while camping on our overland safaris.

For lunches not included, a budget of USD10 to USD15 per meal will be more than sufficient.

For dinners not included, your leader will normally recommend options and restaurants where you can safely try the local specialties of the region. Expect meals to cost between USD12 to USD25 for a main. These are indicative prices only. If you are in a tight budget and are happy to try local food, you can eat cheaper than this.

### Transport

4x4 Safari Vehicle, Overland vehicle

African conditions are extremely tough on vehicles. While we fastidiously maintain our vehicles at our workshops, you should not expect Africa to be your traditional touring experience. While it's certainly our aim to avoid them, it's important that you set off on your trip knowing that the occasional breakdown can happen and are best treated as part of the African adventure. Due to wet weather there may be times when we have to take an alternative route which will mean longer travel times.

**Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details.**

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