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8 Day Kenya & Masai Mara Safari Camping Tour



HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend the night in a Maasai village
- Full day game drive in open-top 4WD in Masai Mara
- Early morning game drive through Lake Nakuru National Park
- Village walk and cooking class

ITINERARY

8 Days - Kenya

Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

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, so please ensure you have these to give to your leader. If you arrive with time to spare before the meeting, consider getting to know the city on an Urban Adventure like the 'Nairobi Experience'.

Accommodation

Hotel (1 night)

Optional Activities

City Experience Urban Adventure - USD55

Giraffes & Elephants Urban Adventure - USD70

From Farm to Feast In Focus Urban Adventure - USD86

Meals

There are no meals included on this day.



Nairobi

Nairobi is the capital and largest city in Kenya. The name "Nairobi" comes from the Maasai phrase *Enkare Nyirobi*, which translates to "the place of cool waters". However, it is popularly known as the "Green City in the Sun" and is surrounded by several expanding villa suburbs.

Founded in 1899 as a simple rail depot on the railway linking Mombasa to Uganda, the town quickly grew to become the capital of British East Africa in 1907 and eventually the capital of a free Kenyan republic in 1963. During Kenya's colonial period, the city became a center for the colony's coffee, tea and sisal industry. Nairobi is the most populated city in East Africa, with a current estimated population of about 3 million.

Nairobi is now one of the most prominent cities in Africa politically and financially. Home to many companies and organizations, including the United Nations Environment Programme and the UN Office in Africa, Nairobi is a hub for business and culture. The Nairobi Stock Exchange (NSE) is one of the largest in Africa, ranked fourth in terms of trading volume and capable of making 10 million trades a day. The Globalization and World Cities Study Group and Network (GaWC) defines Nairobi as a prominent social centre.

DAY 2 LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK

Drive north-west past splendid views of the Great Rift Valley, Lake Naivasha and Elementaita to Lake Nakuru National Park (approximately 3–4 hours) Situated in the heart of the Great Rift Valley, Lake Nakuru National Park is a great location for spotting wildlife, which you will do in an early morning game drive tomorrow. For now, head to a nearby village with your leader. This is a fantastic opportunity to interact with the local folk and get a feel for everyday life here. Enjoy a cooking class and return later in the evening to share the results for dinner.

Your exclusive camp, outside the park, is well situated and has flush toilets and showers. Accommodation upgrades and WiFi are not available.

Accommodation	Camping (with facilities) (1 night)
Included Activities	Lake Nakuru - Village Walk & Cooking Class
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 3 LAKE NAIVASHA

Wake early for breakfast and head into the Lake Nakuru National Park for a game drive in the overland vehicle. Along with the other members of the Big Five, Lake Nakuru is home to rhinos, and there will be a good chance of spotting and photographing one of these magnificent beasts. Return to camp for lunch before driving to your camp near Lake Naivasha (approximately 3 hours). One of the few freshwater lakes in the Great Rift Valley, Lake Naivasha has floating islands of papyrus reeds and a border of flat-topped acacias. It's also home to a healthy population of hippos and a tremendous variety of birds.

There will be an opportunity to access an ATM and visit a market today to stock up for the remainder of the trip. Your campsite tonight is basic, with showers and flush toilets. Depending on availability, there may be the option to upgrade to a room. WiFi is available at the bar.

Accommodation	Camping (with facilities) (1 night)
Included Activities	Lake Nakuru - Overland Vehicle Game Drive
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 4 LAKE NAIVASHA

Enjoy a free day to choose from a variety of optional activities available around Lake Naivasha. Perhaps venture to Hell's Gate National Park, which boasts beautiful cliffs, gorges, rock towers, volcanoes and a range of geothermal phenomena.



Another great choice is to take a boat trip across Lake Naivasha – perhaps the best way to take in the atmosphere of this lush area. If you're looking for something active, why not hire a bike for the day and make some of your own discoveries, venturing beyond the cacti and olive trees.

The Crater Lake game walk, Hell's Gate National Park and bike hire optional activities will also incur a USD50 transport fee per vehicle. A decent level of fitness and walking shoes are required for the Hell's Gate NP gorge walk. The bike hire will also require an additional USD26 fee to enter the National Park plus an additional 250 Kenyan Shillings to be permitted to ride the bike within the park. The boat trip is for one hour and no additional fees are required.

Accommodation	Camping (with facilities) (1 night)
Optional Activities	Lake Naivasha - Bike hire - USD12 Lake Naivasha - Boat trip - KES4000 Lake Naivasha - Game Walk in Crater Lake Game Sanctuary (entrance fee) – USD20 Lake Naivasha - Hell's Gate NP (Game Drive) - USD40
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 5 LOITA HILLS – MAASAI VILLAGE

Depart Lake Naivasha, making a short stop in Narok to do a spot of food shopping. Continue to Loita Hills (approximately 5–6 hours), stopping for lunch enroute. We'll be camping at Tepesua Village, which is known for championing Maasai women's health and education. Arrive and be welcomed by traditional Maasai warriors song & dance, then your host will explain the details of Maasai warrior training. Take a walk to the community village which was founded for widows who traditionally are not allowed to inherit property. The village offers support, safety and economic growth through the 'Tepesua Widows Income Project'. Spend the evening around a campfire and learn more about their age-old culture and traditions as you share stories with Maasai warriors into the night.

Hot bucket showers are available in the morning, while there is no Wi-Fi and minimal upgrades available at tonight's bush camp.

Accommodation	Camping (with basic facilities) (1 night)
Included Activities	Loita Hills - Cultural talk and village visit
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 6 MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Today you'll travel from Loita Hills to Masai Mara (approximately 1–2 hours). The road is dusty when dry, and could be slippery and muddy when wet, so the going may be slow. The Masai Mara is the quintessential African experience, with sparse open plains, dramatic skies and some of the world's most tremendous animals. After setting up camp, sit down to some lunch. Then it's time to jump in 4WDs and go for a game drive through the wilderness of the Mara. Our campground is located outside of the national reserve and has flush toilets and showers. There is an option to upgrade tonight (depending on availability) however there is no Wi-Fi available.

Accommodation	Camping (with facilities) (1nt)
Included Activities	Masai Mara 4 x 4 Game drive
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 7 MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Venture in to the Masai Mara National Reserve for a full day's game drive in 4WDs. You'll explore this diverse environment and most likely see a multitude of wildlife. An optional balloon ride over the Mara at sunrise is an unforgettable experience. If you have pre-booked this activity you will be picked up before dawn and driven to the launch site for a safety briefing from your pilot. Then 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 of the early morning movements of the teeming herds. After landing, you'll be treated to a bush breakfast, then be returned to your campsite.

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. If you participate in this activity you will miss the morning half of the included game drive.

Accommodation	Camping (with facilities) (1nt)
Included Activities	Masai Mara 4 x4 Game drive
Optional Activities	Balloon ride, Masai Mara National Reserve from USD500.00
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

DAY 8 NAIROBI

Say goodbye to the open expanses of the African bush and return to the bustling metropolis of Nairobi (approximately 5–6 hours). On arrival in Nairobi we'll be dropped at our finishing point hotel. No accommodation is provided for tonight, but we are able to book you additional accommodation in Nairobi. Please ask at time of booking.

Important: Please don't book any international flights until after 6pm this afternoon.

Accommodation	None
Meals	Breakfast and Lunch

Tour Information

Pre Departure Information Booklet

Once booking has been confirmed we will send you a full and detailed pre-departure Booklet 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

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 & spa.

Finish point

Kenya Comfort Hotel Suites
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Nairobi, Kenya
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This trip finishes on arrival at our Nairobi finish point hotel at 2pm. Please do not book any flights departing before 6pm.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (5 nts), Hotel (1 nt), Camping (with basic facilities) (1 night)
Accommodation on this trip is mainly in two-person canvas dome tents with camping mattress 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

7 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 6 Dinners

Budget for meals not included: USD 40.00

By travelling on an Overland trip you have chosen a participation camping tour. This means that you will be helping your cook prepare meals for the group. You may also get the chance to help with the shopping.

Your cook (East Africa only) will come up with meal ideas and quantities needed for large groups. Participating in the camp is usually done on a duty roster system with group of 5 or 6 people (depending on group size) having a different camp job each day. If you have any dietary requirements please tell us at the time of booking, and also remind your crew at your welcome meeting.

A typical camp breakfast might be toast with spreads, cereal, something hot such as eggs or pancakes, as well as tea and coffee. Lunch is almost always a sandwich with healthy salad and assorted fillings, sometimes with fruit to follow. There may be a chance on occasion to buy your lunch. Dinner might be a BBQ, rice dish or pasta dish and there is always the chance to try some African food such as ugali and stew.

One thing is sure - you definitely won't go hungry or lose weight on your safari! When you aren't camping you will have the freedom to decide where, what and with whom you eat.

Transport

Overland vehicle, 4 x 4 safari vehicle

The trucks are purpose-built, self-contained safari vehicles.

There are many long hours spent driving on rough roads on all African itineraries.

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.

Optional Balloon Ride

An optional sunrise balloon ride over the Masai Mara is possible on this itinerary. Please see Days 6-7 for full details of this activity. As the balloon only holds 16 people, places are limited, and we recommend that you book in advance. Please inquire when booking your trip to book this optional activity.

Luggage

We advise clients to be as light as possible when travelling through Africa. It is not a destination where you want to lug suitcases and heavy bags around. Lodges rarely have suitcase ramps meaning wheels are sometimes more of a hindrance and also impact on the case fitting in the lockers. On booking the pre-departure info will have a packing guide to help you prepare.

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

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