



15 Day Best of Kenya & Tanzania Camping Tour

Watch the wonders of Kenya and Tanzania unfold before you on this incredible Overland adventure deep into the heartland of the Masai tribes people and the finest game parks in eastern Africa. From the world-renowned Masai Mara and the vast open plains of the Serengeti to the stunning lakes of the Great Rift Valley and the dramatic scenery of the Ngorongoro Crater, you'll spot a wealth of exotic predators and peaceful herbivores. Heading off the beaten track to walk in the footsteps of the Masai will leave you with memories that will last a lifetime.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Lake Nakuru and Lake Naivasha
- Masai Village Experience
- Masai Mara National Reserve
- Lake Victoria
- Serengeti
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Great East African Rift Valley

ITINERARY

15 Days
Kenya, Tanzania

DAY 1 NAIROBI

Jambo! Welcome to Kenya.

Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6pm on Day 1.

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 your flight arrives too late, we recommend that you consider arriving a day early and book a night's accommodation prior to the trip 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 all details on hand to provide to your leader.

Nairobi - which takes its name from a Maasai phrase *Enkare Nyrobi* meaning 'place of cool waters' - has a cosmopolitan atmosphere. There are plenty of good bars and restaurants, while markets and shops have most things you could want or need, as well as various arts and crafts from the region.

If you arrive early, you can head out and explore the National Museum of Kenya, the Karen Blixen Museum (author of *Out of Africa*) or Bomas of Kenya where traditional homesteads of several Kenyan tribes are displayed in an outdoor village.

Optional Activities

- Nairobi - City Experience Urban Adventure - USD55
- Nairobi - From Farm to Feast In Focus Urban Adventure - USD86
- Nairobi - Giraffes & Elephants Urban Adventure - USD70

Meals Included

None

Accommodation

Hotel (1 nt)

Nairobi

Nairobi is the capital and largest city in Kenya. The name "Nairobi" comes from the Maasai phrase *Enkare Nyrobi*, 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's small and compact area makes a great location for spotting wildlife, which you will do in an early morning game drive tomorrow. 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 spoils for dinner. Your camp outside the park, is well situated and has flush toilets and showers. Accommodation upgrades and WiFi are not available.



Included Activities

Lake Nakuru - Village Walk & Cooking Class

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 nt)

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.

Our campsite is basic with showers and flush toilets. Depending on availability there is an option to upgrade to a room. WiFi is available at the bar and there is an opportunity to access an ATM and a market during the day to stock up for the remainder of the trip

Included Activities

Lake Nakuru - Overland Vehicle Game Drive

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 nt)

DAY 4 LAKE NAIVASHA

Enjoy some free time today. There are various optional activities to choose from 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, perhaps hire a bike for the day and make some of your own discoveries, venturing beyond the cacti and olive trees.

Optional Activities

Bike hire, Lake Naivasha - USD12

Boat trip, Lake Naivasha - KES4000

Hell's Gate National Park, Lake Naivasha – USD40.00

Walk in Crater Lake Game Sanctuary, Naivasha – USD20.00

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 nts)

Special Information: The Crater Lake game walk and Hell's Gate NP optional activities will also incur a USD50 transport fee per vehicle.

The Lake Naivasha crater lake game sanctuary walk will also incur a guide fee of USD 25 per guide.

The bike hire will also require an additional USD 26 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 1 hour and no additional fees are required.



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), home of the Maasai people, stopping for lunch en-route. 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 the Maasai warrior training. Take a walk to the community village which was founded to alleviate the poverty of the Maasai 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 WiFi and minimal upgrades available at tonight's bush camp.

Included Activities

Cultural talk and village visit

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 nt)

DAY 6
MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Travel from Loita to Masai Mara (approximately 1–2 hours). The road is dusty when dry, and could be slippery and soft 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 4x4s and go for a game drive through the wilderness of the Mara. You campground tonight is located outside of the national reserve and has flush toilets and showers. There is an option to upgrade, depending on availability. WiFi is not available here however.

Included Activities

Masai Mara 4x4 Game drive

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1nts)

DAY 7
MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Venture into the Masai Mara National Reserve for a full day's game drive in 4x4s. 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.

Included Activities

Masai Mara Game drive

Optional Activities

Balloon ride, Masai Mara National Reserve From USD500.00



Special Information: 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.

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1nts)

**DAY 8
NAIROBI**

Today, we head back to Nairobi. Take a break from pitching tents and relax at a hotel. Take a refreshing dip in the pool and enjoy a cool drink or go for a walk around the town and meet some local people. If you're feeling energetic, 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. Keep in mind that, this evening, there will be another briefing to welcome new travellers joining you for the next stage of your adventure.

As this is a combination trip, your group leader and the composition of your group may change at this location. There will be a group meeting to discuss the next stage of your itinerary and meet your new fellow travellers.

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch

Accommodation

Hotel (1 nt)

**DAY 9
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, graceful 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.

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Basic Hotel (1 nt)

**DAY 10
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. 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. For today's bike ride, if you wish to wear a helmet, you'll need to bring your own as our local provider does not supply them for this leisurely cycle.

Depending on availability, you might be able to upgrade to a room. No WiFi is available, however.

Included Activities

Kisii - Soapstone carving cooperative

Optional Activities

Bike excursion around Musoma with local guide (approx 3 hours) - USD20

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 nt)

DAY 11 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Travel from Lake Victoria to the gate of Serengeti National Park on a smooth road (approximately 3 hours) and enjoy a picnic lunch at the entrance to the park. Enter the Serengeti and enjoy a game drive and picnic lunch en route to your campsite. The wide-open plains of the Serengeti see myriad colours during the year – green after the rains, brown and burnt in the dry season – but one thing is a constant: this never-ending landscape is home to thousands upon thousands of animals travelling as herds across the plains. This region gets its name from the local Maasai word 'siringet', meaning the place where the land moves on forever, and you'll begin to understand why on your game drive today. Enjoy a picnic lunch, then head to your campsite which is right in the action – located within the park itself! At night, 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.

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.

Included Activities

Serengeti – Overland Vehicle Game Drive

Meals Included

1 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with basic facilities) (1 nt)

Serengeti National Park

The Serengeti is most famous for the largest and longest overland migration in the world. This migration is one of the ten natural travel wonders of the world. Around October, nearly 2 million herbivores travel from the northern hills toward the southern plains, crossing the Mara River, in pursuit of the rains. In April, they then return to the north through the west, once again crossing the Mara River. This phenomenon is sometimes called the Circular Migration. Over 250 000 wildebeest alone will die along the journey from Tanzania to Masai Mara Reserve in upper Kenya, a total of 800 km. Death is often caused by injury, exhaustion, or predation.

Approximately 70 larger mammal and some 500 avifauna species are found there. This high diversity in terms of species is a function of diverse habitats ranging from riverine forests, swamps, kopjes, grasslands and woodlands. Blue Wildebeests, gazelles, zebras and buffalos are some of the commonly found large mammals in the region.

The Ngorongoro area is part of the Serengeti ecosystem, and to the north-west it adjoins the Serengeti NP and is contiguous with the southern Serengeti plains. These plains also extend to the north into the unprotected Loliondo division and are kept open to wildlife through transhuman pastoralism practiced by Masaai. The south and west of



the area are volcanic highlands and the southern and eastern boundaries are approximately defined by the rim of the Great Rift Valley wall, which also prevents animal migration in these directions.

DAY 12 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 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. After spending the warmer part of the day relaxing with your herd – just as the animals do – depart again at dusk for another adventure through the wild, returning in time for dinner.

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. Please note if you choose this activity you will miss most of the included game drive with your group.

Included Activities

Serengeti – Overland Vehicle Game Drive

Optional Activities

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

Meals Included

1 Breakfasts, 1 Lunches, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with basic facilities) (1 nt)

DAY 13 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!

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.

Included Activities

Serengeti – Overland Vehicle Game Drive

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 nt)



DAY 14
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).

Included Activities

Ngorongoro Crater – 4 x4 Game drive
Mto Wa Mbu – Village Walk and local dinner

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 nt)

DAY 15
NAIROBI

Set off early this morning, around 7.30 am, heading for the border with Kenya after passing through Arusha to say goodbye to some travellers. You also have the option to travel back to Nairobi if it is more convenient for you (approximately 7–8 hours). On arrival, you'll be dropped at a centrally located hotel, and with no accommodation provided for tonight, you are free to leave at any time. If you would like to extend your stay in Nairobi, we'll be happy to organise additional accommodation (subject to availability).

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

FINISHING IN ARUSHA: If it is more convenient, we offer the option to finish the trip in Arusha on the final day rather than transferring back to Nairobi. The group will be travelling through Arusha at approximately 9am. You can either be dropped at the Impala Hotel in the centre of town or at Arusha airport. If flying out of Kilimanjaro airport, you will need to make your own way or arrange a transfer at additional cost.

If you wish to arrange an onward connection today, it's important to book flights departing Arusha after 11 am, or from Nairobi after 8 pm.

Meals Included

1 Breakfast, 1 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 ensuite 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

Camping (with basic facilities) (3 nights), Camping (with facilities) (8 nights), Hotel (2 nights), Cottage (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. For example the bathroom facilities can be very basic (the toilets may be a squat-style hole in the ground). There is rarely toilet paper provided and shower facilities can be as simple as a hose pipe spurting out cold water. Wild camps have no facilities at all. Not all campsites are as basic as this description - it's just to make sure there are no surprises for you..

Meals

Most meals 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.

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 x4 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.



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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