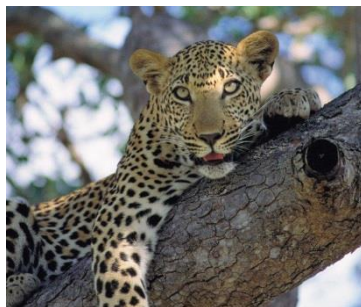
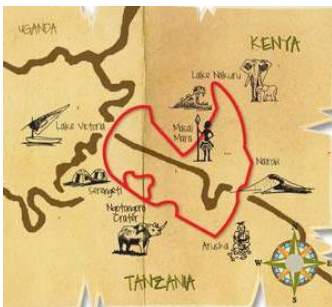




12 Day Best of East Africa Tour

This safari endeavours to combine the highlights of both Kenya and Tanzania. We concentrate on the internationally acclaimed game parks that are known to be “the home of the Discovery Channel”. We will also visit lesser-known areas, and will enjoy interaction with the local tribes, including the renowned Masai. Weather and road conditions will influence the route chosen on each safari, and clients should be flexible in this regard. Clients should come prepared with an open mind and spontaneous disposition in order to best enjoy the superb offerings of the region.



HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi
Great Rift Valley
Mount Longonot
Hell’s Gate National Park
Guided walks
Masai Mara Conservancy
Lake Naivasha
Lake Victoria
Serengeti National Park
Ngorongoro Crater
Masai Village Stay
Arusha

ITINERARY

12- Days – Kenya - Tanzania

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the



tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only

DAY 1 NAIROBI

Our tour of East Africa starts in the Kenyan capital city of Nairobi. Guests arrive and meet at the hotel in the heart of this bustling city. For clients arriving early, there are a variety of optional tours and excursions on offer – these can be arranged on arrival at the hotel.

At 18h00 we conduct a pre-tour briefing before enjoying an own expense dinner at a local restaurant.

Meals: None
Accommodation: La Mada Hotel

DAY 2 MOUNT LONGONOT

Leaving the city behind us, we travel north, climbing continually to the lip of the escarpment from where we will enjoy a fantastic view of the Great Rift Valley. After a short stop to enjoy the views, we make our way down the Rift Valley escarpment to visit the Mount Longonot Volcano. This afternoon we have time for a hike in Mount Longonot National Park where we have an incredible view over the whole escarpment, with the chance of viewing some wildlife along the way. A packed lunch will be provided for the hike.

After enjoying the majestic scenery, the Rift Valley has to offer, we take a short drive to our campsite situated on the shore of Lake Naivasha to set up camp, relax and enjoy dinner around the campfire.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Lake Naivasha – Camping (two person dome tents)
Included Highlights: Great Rift valley, Mount Longonot, Hike in National Park

DAY 3 HELL'S GATE NATIONAL PARK

We enjoy breakfast in camp before starting a day filled with activities. We start by travelling the short distance to the famous Hell's Gate National Park, where we have the opportunity to explore the high basaltic cliffs of the park with the chance of seeing zebra, giraffe, buffalo and other species of antelope found in the park. (Guests have the option to explore the park on bicycle)

After our trip down into the gorge, we make our way back to camp for lunch followed by a boat cruise on Lake Naivasha to find hippo and the numerous bird species that inhabit the area.

We finish the day with a relaxed drive to Elsamere, the former home of George and Joy Adamson, for afternoon tea and to gain some insight into their fascinating lives. In the late afternoon we return to camp for a sumptuous braai (barbeque).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Lake Naivasha – Camping (two person tents)
Included Highlights: Guided hike in Hells Gate National Park, Lake Naivasha Boat cruise
Optional Activities: Mountain bike trip in Hell's Gate

DAY 4 MASAI MARA

Today we traverse through some of Kenya's finest wilderness, using lesser known roads, we will pass numerous Masai villages on the way. We spend the next two nights in comfortable accommodation along the banks of the



Mara River on a private concession adjacent to the renowned Masai Mara National Park. We conduct extended game viewing trips in this area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Mara River Lodge
Included Highlights: Masai Mara Conservancy, Game drives and/or walks

DAY 5 MASAI MARA

Early this morning, we depart on a full day of extensive game driving. The Mara is well known for its large herds and ever-present predators and we will follow seasonal migrations when possible. Lunch today will be a picnic on the banks of the Mara River, known for its huge crocodiles and hippo population. We return to our Lodge for the night and enjoy the beautiful scenery surrounding us.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights: Masai Mara Conservancy, Mara River, Full Day game viewing experience

DAY 6 LAKE VICTORIA

Leaving the Masai Mara behind us, today we enter Tanzania and then descend toward the shores of Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria. This Lake forms part of the Great Rift Valley and provides a livelihood for the many locals that fish its waters. Here we will spend time relaxing, exploring the markets, and trading with the local fishermen. Dinner tonight will be own expense at a local restaurant. Camp the night at the water's edge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation: Lake Victoria – Camping (two person dome tents)
Included Highlights: Lake Victoria, Tanzania

DAY 7 SERENGETI

Today we enter what is arguably the world's most acclaimed wildlife sanctuary, the Serengeti National Park. National Geographic's most featured national park, the Serengeti with its huge concentrations of plains game, numerous predators and prolific birdlife all resident on the seemingly endless grass and Acacia covered plains, epitomizes Africa's game parks. We will traverse the park west to east doing extensive game drives, and spend our nights camping in the park.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Serengeti – Camping (two person dome tents)
Included Highlights: Serengeti National Park, Extensive Game viewing experience

DAY 8 SERENGETI

Rising with the African sun we prepare for a full day of exploring the park. We spend as much time as possible game viewing in the park and our guide will take time to explain the behaviour and habits of the animals we encounter. With regular comfort breaks and a picnic lunch we make this most out of our day in this fascinating park. Tonight, we setup camp in the park and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the guide.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Serengeti – Camping (two person dome tents)
Included Highlights: Serengeti National Park, Full Day Game Drive



**DAY 9
SERENGETI - NGORONGORO**

After an extensive morning game drive, we leave the Serengeti and enter the Ngorongoro Conservation area where we witness the spectacle of the Masai tribal people herding their cattle amongst the wildlife, still living their customary lifestyle as they have for centuries. Tonight, we will camp at the renowned Simba camp on the edge of the magnificent Ngorongoro crater. The views from the camp are spectacular.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Crater Rim– Camping (two person dome tents)
Included Highlights: Masai Tribal people, Ngorongoro Crater

**DAY 10
NGORONGORO - MASAI**

At first light, we make the daring descent into the crater in our smaller 4x4 safari vehicles, and here we explore this marvel of nature, with its sheer walls and fertile plains. With the possibility of seeing almost all of Africa's mammals, including the rare Black Rhino, at close range on the crater floor, this has to be the finest game viewing available. Returning to Simba camp, we enjoy lunch before exiting the park and descending the escarpment to our camp for the night, in a village amongst the Masai people.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Camping (two person dome tents)
Included Highlights: 4 x 4 Safari inside Ngorongoro Crater, Masai Encounter

**DAY 11
ARUSHA**

We wake up to the bustling noise of village life and after breakfast we make our way toward Arusha, the town at the foothill of the beautiful Mount Meru. Here we will spend the afternoon exploring this lively town and its local markets. Tonight, we will enjoy an own expense meal at a local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Meserani Snake Park– Camping (two person dome tents)
Included Highlights: Arusha, Local Markets

**DAY 12
TRANSFER TO NAIROBI**

After breakfast, we set off to complete the circle back to Nairobi. (On occasion we may use the shuttle bus to transfer clients.) This road travels through some spectacular scenery and on a clear day offers stunning views of the mighty Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. On route to Nairobi city, the transfer will pass via the airport to facilitate clients who are flying out today. Clients staying on in Nairobi or continuing their travels will be taken into the city centre.

Meals: Breakfast

Tour Information

To best enjoy this tour, it should be approached with an open and flexible mentality. Road, weather, or other unforeseen conditions may necessitate changes to the itinerary and clients should be prepared for this.

Optional Activities

Optional Activities can be booked on arrival. No bookings are made in advance.
Rates are subject to change without notice.



Activities are subject to availability and are weather dependent.

- Game walk in Wileli Wildlife Conservancy @ \$45/person. Lake Naivasha.
- Mountain Bike hire for Hell's Gate National Park is currently @ \$15/bike for the day.
- Masai Boma visit is \$20/person.
- Cycling to Lake Manyara is \$35/person for 2 hours. Tuk-tuk hire at \$35/person for 2 hours at Lake Manyara.
- Masai visit (included) is \$15/person plus \$2/person for the tuk tuk.
- Hot air balloon flight is \$450/person in Masai Mara. It also takes roughly 2.5 hours to get to the starting point in this area as the roads are really bad and this will be a very early morning as the balloon needs to lift off at first light. \$543/person in Serengeti which is the closer option to drive to the starting point. This will also be a very early morning as the balloon needs to lift off at first light. They charge a 5% surcharge if you pay by card.
- Mto Wa Mbo Cultural walk is charged at \$25/person and not \$10.

What to Bring

A sleeping bag, towel and pillow are required for this tour. Small backpack (extra) also advised.

What's Included

Our price includes transport - Nairobi to Nairobi, accommodation, entry fees, park fees, permits, group equipment, professional guides, and most meals.

What's Excluded

Drinks, curios, tips, taxes, visas, and optional excursions are for the client's own expense.

Departure Point

Hotel La Mada, Nairobi.

<http://www.madahotels.com/index.php/nairobi/hotel-lamada-nai>

Telephone number: +254 722 208906 or +254 789 994026

Guests are to meet their guide at 18h00 on the evening before departure at the hotel.

PRE and POST tour accommodation can be arranged at the Hotel La Mada Hotel in Nairobi, through your travel representative.

Hotel La Mada is a 4 Star boutique hotel surrounded by the lush Karura Forest, home to rich birdlife and several monkey colonies. Set in seven acres of land with a tranquil stream running through the grounds, this is a great place to unwind. The hotel is intimate and friendly with many personal touches. All accommodation is luxuriously furnished with linen and towels, large wooden beds and spacious en-suite bathrooms.

Accommodation on Tour

Please note that linen will be provided at La Mada Hotel, BUT you will need a sleeping bag and pillow for the rest of the tour.

Please note that we strongly advise against flying out on the day that the tour ends. We generally travel long distances and late arrivals are common.

Visas

Please ensure that you are in possession of valid travel documents for all the countries, (Kenya – Double entry and Tanzania,) that you will visit. If you have any queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us. Although we will endeavor to assist, we do not accept any liability or obligation for your travel documents. Please ensure that you have proof of further travel arrangements if you do not have a Kenyan- passport, permanent residency permit, work permit or study permit. Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the end of your tour.

Kenya Tourism at www.tourism.go.ke



Tanzania Tourism at www.tanzaniatouristboard.com

Make two photocopies of valuable documents such as your passport, tickets, visas and travelers' cheques. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home.

UPDATE Kenya E-VISA:

Kenya now offers the option to pre-apply for an e-visas online. This may take up to 7 days to process. Alternatively, qualifying passport holders can obtain an entry visa on arrival in Kenya. To check whether you qualify, please check with the Kenyan Embassy or Mission in your country of origin.

Malaria

Precautions against Malaria are advisable.

Currency

The recommended currency for this tour is the US Dollar and notes in small denominations should be brought along for expenses not included.

Meals and Refreshments

Meals are provided as indicated in the brochure/website. Soft drinks, bottled water and alcohol are for your own expense; obviously there is ample opportunity during the tour to buy refreshments. The guide will advise when you need to stock up for a couple of days. Drinking water will be available on the truck.

Group size (max 17)

Group size varies from 4 – 17 pax

Preparations information

When booking this tour, your travel representative will send you a pre-departure document that will help you prepare and go through what you would need to bring.

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

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