

DETOUR AFRICA



12 Days Best of East Africa Tour

This safari combines 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.



HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi
Masai Mara National Park
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

Arrive in Nairobi and meet at our 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 at the hotel.

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

DAY 2
Great Rift valley

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. We then descend into the Valley and spend time taking in the breath taking view of the plains and the bird life that gather here around the lakes. We camp the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3
Lake Naivasha

A short drive today, we head for our camp on the shores of Lake Naivasha, After setting up camp amongst the Fever Trees we have some time to relax, watch the Hippo's and take in the spectacular scenery. This afternoon we visit Elsamere, the former home of Joy and George Adamson, for an afternoon tea and to gain some insight into their fascinating lives. Return to camp.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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 will spend the next two nights in a Lodge next to the renowned Mara River.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5
Masai Mara

Early this morning we depart on a full day of extensive game driving and/or walk. The Masai Mara is well known for its large herds and ever-present predators. Lunch today will be a picnic on the banks of the Mara River, known for its huge crocodiles and hippo population.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

DAY 7 Serengeti

Today we enter what is arguably the world's most acclaimed wildlife sanctuary, the Serengeti National Park. This Park 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 will spend a night at the active Seronera campsite.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 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

DAY 9 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 to view almost all of Africa's animal species, including the rare Black Rhino, at close range in open plains - this has to be the finest game viewing available. Returning to Simba camp, we will enjoy lunch before exiting the park and descending the escarpment to our camp at a village. Here we will camp for two nights, literally amongst the Masai people.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10 Masai Village

Today we will explore the village and its surrounds on foot, we will spend time absorbing the unique culture, hoping to experience the Masai dancing and will barter in the markets - all the time witnessing the traditional way of life. Camp the night.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11 Arusha

After an early start we make our way toward Arusha, the town at the foot 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

DAY 12 Transfer to Nairobi

After breakfast clients will be taken to the shuttle terminal where they will catch the transfer to Nairobi. This road travels through some spectacular scenery and on a clear day offers stunning views of the mighty Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain.

En-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 center.

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.

Kenya	
Lake Naivasha Boat Trip – 2,5 hours	USD\$ 15
Masai Mara - Primitive Cultural Village Tour	USD\$ 5
Hot Air Balloon Trip	USD\$ 475
Tanzania	
Lake Manyara Cycling – 2 hours	USD\$ 15

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: +254 721 701014

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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