

TRIP ITINERARY

Sky Safari Kenya

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This exclusive flying safari showcases some of Kenya's most famous and most diverse wilderness areas, while travelling 'on the wing' allows you to optimize every minute of your Kenya stay. Commencing in Amboseli, the Wings Safari offers guaranteed sightings of large herds of elephant & giraffes crossing vast open plains against the backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro. During the dry season months from June-Nov, sightings of elephant, zebra, buffalo, giraffe and wildebeest are common. Flying northwards to the unique and less populated Meru Park, an area of dry acacia scrub with stretches of open grassland and riverine forest. This area is off the beaten safari track, but features good numbers of lion, cheetah, leopard and hyenas. Walking safaris are permitted here. Thereafter you fly south-west to the Tanzanian border where the Masai Mara and the Serengeti share the same massive eco-system, which is most famous for the annual migration of the wildebeest. Travelling on light aircraft with personalized meet and greet services throughout, this safari is light on travel-time and long on safari experiences. It also features some of Kenya's most charmingly luxurious tented camps.

At Native Escapes, we select adventures and accommodation according to particular interests, season of travel, budget and availability. We have travelled extensively in Africa, and have a good level knowledge of the destinations and things to do. Because we have visited many of the accommodations, we can make personal recommendations. We have on-the-ground services by way of ground handlers, who provide an excellent service in the event of emergency. Because we purchase accommodation through ground handlers who sell to agents such as ourselves around the world, we have access to excellent rates which are not available for direct bookings; you should pay no more for direct bookings than if you book through us. Our ground handlers' contact number will be included in your final documentation for you to contact should you require assistance during your trip.

Day 1

Welcome to Kenya! You shall arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport where upon arrival, you will be welcomed and met by your Elewana representative and chauffeured to your hotel in Nairobi. Your 1 night stay at Hemingways Nairobi is on half board basis and drinks (excluding premium drinks).

Lofty, expansive rooms with vast, bright en-suite bathrooms and large private terraces are characteristic of the hotel's wonderful sense of space and use of natural light. There are 45 high-ceilinged suites, two of which are penthouse style Presidential Suites and 43 Junior Suites culminating in vaulted beams. Muted colors and textured fabrics in ecru and taupe create an ambiance of contemporary-chic while subtle touches of brass, mahogany and leather bear reference to the classic elegance of vintage East African safaris. Beyond the balustrade of your private balcony, we've chosen for you a view of The Green Hills of Africa, as described in Hemingway's novel. Each of the Suites is named after a famous person or place associated with Kenya, travel, writing and exploring – will you be staying in the Robert Redford Suite, the Kenyatta Suite or the Mara Suite

Day 2

Welcome Breakfast at Hemingways Nairobi. Check-out and transfer to Wilson Airport Nairobi, gateway to the flying safaris in Kenya. Time to board the Elewana Executive Grand Caravan. Your SkySafari will now take to the Air! Flight to Amboseli National Park. After a scenic 45 minutes flight, you will land in the middle of the Park, where the team from Tortilis Camp will warmly welcome you. Enjoy your first game drive en-route to the camp, where you will arrive in time for lunch. Afternoon game drive. Your stay at Tortilis Camp is for 2 nights in an en-suite Safari Tent, and is on all-inclusive basis (includes all meals, bush activities and drinks – excluding premium drinks).

With the majestic backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, and the world's highest free-standing mountain, Tortilis Camp is widely regarded as the prime location for witnessing the majesty of snow-capped Kilimanjaro. Tortilis Camp is named after the flat-topped, umbrella thorn tree that surrounds the camp, the Acacia Tortilis.

Amboseli is also known for its magnificent elephants – a population of over 1500 elephants, and some of Africa's largest, reside in the park's unique eco-system. Game drives, walks, sundowners and bush meals all take place both inside the Amboseli National Park and within a private 30,000 acre game concession, offering fantastic opportunities for wildlife viewing and photography. The tents are all spacious, with king or twin beds and elegant en suite bathrooms. There is a main lounge, bar and dining area, all exquisitely built with natural materials and thatched roofs, with magnificent views of Kilimanjaro.



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Day 3

Rise early to watch the African plains game wake up on a game drive and stop for a bush breakfast. Hot lunch will be served at the lodge. If you feel like stretching your legs and seeing the wilderness from a different perspective this afternoon there is a walking safari. Alternatively you can have another game drive, with both activities culminating in cocktails watching the sunset, before returning to camp for dinner.

Day 4

Rise early for a game drive, back in time to the lodge for breakfast. Check out, and transfer back to the Amboseli airstrip. The plane will now take you to Meru National Park located in the region of Mount Kenya. The Elsa's Kopje Team will welcome you and you will be transferred to the Lodge, where lunch will be served. You will be offered a massage for pure relaxation, or alternatively go on a game drive. Dinner and overnight at the Lodge. Your stay at Elsa's Kopje is for 2 nights in a Cottage Suite, and is on all-inclusive basis (includes all meals, bush activities and drinks – excluding premium drinks).

Unashamedly romantic and beautifully styled, Elsa's Kopje is sculpted into Mughwango Hill, above the site of George Adamson's original camp where he raised and released orphan lions, long before conservation became fashionable. Each cottage is crafted around the rocks, with a large bedroom, open sitting room, veranda and spacious bathroom, each with breathtaking views.

Guests can enjoy inimitable seclusion in the vast expanse of Meru National Park, boasting 870km², the equivalent of 215,000 acres, of authentic African landscape. The park offers a thriving rhino sanctuary, and is famous for large elephant herds, hippo, lion, and birdlife; Meru National Park is recognised as having more diversity of animal species than any other park in East Africa.

The rugged and remote Meru National Park was rescued from oblivion thanks to Elsa's Kopje, an environmental award-winning, boutique lodge. A winner of numerous awards over the years, Elsa's Kopje is widely renowned as one of the most elegant lodges in Africa.

Day 5

Your best chance of spotting game is early in the morning or late afternoon, so rise early and head off into the wilderness. After a morning filled with excitement return to the lodge to relax and to enjoy the peaceful surroundings. Explore more of Meru National Park on a game drive with sundowner drinks served overlooking the park, before returning to the lodge in time for dinner.

Day 6

Enjoy a brisk nature walk and enjoy the views from up the hill which forms the Kopje (or small rocky outcrop) that Elsa's is built on. Enjoy the rest of the morning at leisure before lunch will be served overlooking Meru National Park. Your SkySafari pilot will be waiting to take you on a 90-minute flight to the world famous Masai Mara where you land in the middle of the reserve. The Sand River Masai Mara Team will welcome you at the Keekorok airstrip. You will be transferred to the camp with a game drive en-route. Dinner and overnight at the Camp. Your stay at Sand River Masai Mara is for 2 nights in a Luxurious Safari Tent, and is on all-inclusive basis (includes all meals, bush activities and drinks – excluding premium drinks).

Situated on a secluded and picturesque site, Sand River Masai Mara replicates the heyday of exclusive permanent tented camps of the late 1920's. The interior fixtures and furnishings mirror this period perfectly, reminding all who visit of those countless Hollywood movies that have paid homage to a classic era of African adventure. Sand River Masai Mara is an ideal destination, at any time of the year, for those wishing to enjoy exceptional game-viewing. The National Reserve is best known for its large concentrations of big cats, such as leopard, cheetah and, of course, lion. Even the dramatic arrival of the Annual Migration merely adds to an already abundant resident wildlife that awaits discovery.

Sand River Masai Mara comprises of 16-tented accommodations - including 1 family tent - each divided into two separate but adjoining campsites, with each area possessing its own designated dining and public areas, thereby creating an increased sense of exclusivity and privacy.

Sand River Masai Mara will continue to demonstrate all the qualities that have made the Elewana Collection the premier choice in East Africa.

With carefully crafted interior designs, exceptional standards of service, and a sublime and carefully chosen location providing optimal access to the wildlife, Sand River Masai Mara will surely become the standard to surpass.

Day 7

Early breakfast, followed by a full day of game viewing in the Masai Mara Game Reserve. A picnic hamper lunch will be served out in the wilds. Stop at an authentic Masai Village to interact and learn about the customs and culture of this colourful tribe back to the camp for a Farewell Dinner.



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Day 8

Bush breakfast followed by game drive, back to Camp for lunch. Mid-afternoon, you will be transferred back to the Keekorok airstrip for your flight to Wilson Airport Nairobi. Your Elewana Representative will welcome you upon arrival. You will be chauffeured to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport; before arriving there we will stop at one of Nairobi's restaurants where dinner will be served. You will arrive at the airport in time for your outbound flight.

IMPORTANT

Please note that, because this is a flying safari, you are allowed a maximum baggage allowance of 15kgs per person (inclusive of hand-luggage). Additional luggage can be left in safe-keeping at the office. Please bring SOFT bags only.

Included All domestic flights in SkySafari's executive aircraft, meals as specified in the itinerary, one litre of mineral water per day, Shared daytime game drives in specially adapted 4x4 game drive vehicles, Safari activities such as: bush breakfast, walking safari, scenic sundowners, massage, nature walk, authentic Masai village visit, farewell dinner, Drinks include: mineral water, soft drinks, juices, tea/coffee, beer, house wines, selected spirits park fees, English-speaking driver guide

Excluded: Spa treatments, sundowners, other activities not included in the package price, seasonal supplements

GENERAL INFORMATION – PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THE FOLLOWING

Passports: Please ensure these are valid for travel and that you are in possession of valid visas (if required see below). You consult your doctor prior to your safari for information and advice on the use of anti-malaria medication. You take out comprehensive travel insurance to safeguard against cancellation and curtailment, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and personal belongings.

Visas: All British passport holders need a visa to enter Kenya. You can get a visa from the Kenya High Commission in London, or at the airport on arrival. For visas on arrival, payment is in cash (£30) and sterling is accepted

Health: The (www.who.int/en/) recommends that all travellers are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for Hepatitis B. Inoculation against Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Yellow Fever and Malaria tablets are also recommended by the (www.cdc.gov) for travel in Uganda. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up-to-date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options.

Insurance: As part of the Terms and Conditions of your trip with Native Escapes it is essential that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip.

Native Escapes complies with the UK Package & Travel Regulations 1992. Holidays with flights included are covered by the company's ATOL Bond (Air Travel Organisers' Licence) held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). This means that in the unfortunate event that our company should fail, the CAA will arrange any necessary repatriation and any refund of monies paid to Native Escapes in advance. Our ATOL number is 9709. We have testimonials on our website