

TRIP ITINERARY

Meru, Samburu, Mara Fly In Safari

Kenya



This safari to Mt Meru, Samburu and Masai Mara combines one of Africa's greatest conservation projects with one of the world's most spectacular wilderness areas. The trip is stylish, personal and uses a combination of very different camps in spectacular settings. Activities range from day and night game drives to excellent guided walks that follow tracks through abundant game areas. The guides are knowledgeable and experienced and if you choose the dry season, you could be in the Mara watching wildebeest thunder right past your tent

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

Collection from Nairobi's JKIA airport or a city hotel and transfer to Wilson Airport for the scheduled flight to Meru, departing at 09:15 and arrives into Meru airstrip at approx 10:25. Meet on arrival by a guide from the lodge for a game drive en route to the lodge. After lunch, there will be an afternoon game drive returning to lodge as the sun sets. Overnight at Elsa's Kopjes on full board basis including soft drinks, beer, house wines & selected spirits, safari activities including game drives, bush picnics, sundowners, guided bush walk & laundry

Elsa's Kopje - Named for Elsa the orphaned lioness reared by George and Joy, this private hideaway is perched on top of Mugwongo Hill, the site of George Adamson's first camp. This park is renowned for its low rainfall, yet at the same time thirteen rivers and numerous streams run off the nearby mountains to provide an arid landscape laced with ribbons of green, scattered kopjes and mysterious baobab trees. The open plan rooms are individually designed, incorporating the rocks into the structure. There is a swimming pool, game drives (day and night – note KWS activity charge for night game drives payable directly) are in open 4x4 vehicles and walks are accompanied by a knowledgeable naturalist.

Day 2

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Day 4

After breakfast transfer to Meru airstrip for scheduled flight to Samburu departing at 10:35, arriving Samburu at 11:00. On arrival you will be met by a driver guide and taken to the camp. After lunch and perhaps a siesta, enjoy an afternoon game drive, returning to the camp as the sun sets. Overnight at Larsen's Camp on full board basis, including soft drinks, beer, house wines and limited laundry.

Larsen's Tented Camp

The camp is set in lush lawns on the bank of the Uaso Nyiro River, a life line for the Samburu National Reserve. Tranquillity and nature embrace you the minute you enter Larsen's with the river being the perfect stage for an endless pageant of wildlife - elephants rolling and trumpeting in the shallows, timid impala nervously drinking, baboons and vervet monkeys swinging through the canopy of trees. An animal viewing platform in a tree lets you scan the vast Samburu plain.

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Inclusive of game drives, champagne breakfasts on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River, sunset cocktails in the wild, bird walks and black tie dinners in the dining tent, Larsen's is the place to be. There are 20 spacious en-suite airy tents all raised on wooden platforms, each named after a bird. The tents reflect colonial elegance; hot showers and a surprising degree of comfort with towelling gowns in the tent and comfortable leather safari chairs. The dining tent is open on three sides and faces the river. A first class dinner elegantly served by candlelight on tables set with silver and Larsen's china.

Day 5

Full day of activities including day game drives, bush walks, bush breakfast and sundowners.

Day 6

After an early morning game drive, continue to Samburu airstrip for scheduled flight to the Masai Mara, departing at 09:30 and arrives into Masai Mara at 11:20. Upon arrival guests will be met by camp vehicles and taken for lunch, followed by an afternoon of game activities. Overnight at Elewana Sand River Camp on full board basis including non-luxury spirits, house wine, beer, soft drinks and limited laundry.

Elewana Sand River Masai Mara

Located on the banks of a river from which it has taken its name, Sand River Masai Mara is located within the Masai Mara National Reserve, close to the Tanzanian border. Situated on a secluded and picturesque site, the Camp 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.

Day 7

Morning and afternoon activities including game drives, guided bush walks, bush breakfast and sundowners.

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Day 9

After breakfast and an early morning game drive, clients will continue to the airstrip for their scheduled flight to Nairobi. The flight departs Masai Mara at 11:10, arriving Nairobi Wilson airport at 12:45. Upon arrival at Wilson airport guest will be met and transferred for their onward travel arrangements to the city centre hotel or Nairobi JKI airport. End of our services.

Included: Accommodation on full board basis inclusive of selected drinks, shared game drives and activities in camps 4 x 4 vehicles, park fees, English speaking driver/guide. Maximum baggage allowance of 15 kilos per person, inclusive of hand luggage

Excluded: Visa's, airport taxes, gratuities, drinks and other activities not included in the package price, seasonal supplements

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.



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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.

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