



TRIP ITINERARY

Mount Kenya, Nakuru & Mara

Kenya



Travelling north from Nairobi through the lush farming communities from Thika to Nyeri, the landscape drops away to the west into the Great Rift Valley, creating a dramatic back-drop to the journey. The bird-watching and views around Mt Kenya and the lakes are spectacular, while the big-game in Masai Mara is unforgettable.

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.

Pick up Point: Nairobi Airport

Drop off Point: Hotel/airport

Start, day 1: Daily

Safari Briefing, day 2: 0800hrs approx.

Departs on day 2: 0830hrs approx.

Returns on day 8: 1300hrs approx. (flights to be booked 1600hrs onwards)

Day 1

Upon arrival into Nairobi, clients will be met and transferred to the Tamarind Tree hotel where you will spend the night on a bed and breakfast basis in a standard room. Afternoon at leisure. (Check in time 14:00). Depending on time of arrival clients may choose to add an optional excursion.

The Tamarind Tree Hotel

Tamarind Tree Hotel is ideally located just 5 kms to the southwest of Nairobi within the spacious Carnivore grounds and its iconic Carnivore Restaurant. The hotel offers easy access to all parts of the city. The nearby Langata and Karen suburbs are among the liveliest and most popular in Nairobi with world-class shopping malls and excellent restaurants.

Tamarind Tree Hotel, with its world-class amenities, is perfect for both the business and leisure traveller.

Day 2

Nairobi – Aberdares

Safari briefing before departure North and into the forests of the Aberdare Mountain range arriving at Aberdare Country Club for lunch and then afternoon transfer to The Ark. This is a lodge set in a forest glade with a waterhole that attracts all sorts of wildlife during the day and night. The waterhole is floodlit and there is an underground viewing platform. Rest of the afternoon remains at leisure for game viewing from the lodge's observation points, followed by dinner

Overnight at The Ark on a full board basis in a standard room



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The Ark

Set in the heart of the Aberdare National Park, this unique lodge overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick that attracts a host of wildlife, including elephant, rhino, leopard, bushbuck and occasionally an elusive bongo or giant forest hog. Resembling and named after Noah's Ark, the Ark comprises of three decks from which numerous balconies and lounges provide superb vantage points for game viewing. A ground level bunker also provides excellent photographic opportunities. Comfortable en suite cabins are fitted with buzzers to announce the arrival of one of the 'big five' at the water hole!

Day 3 **Aberdares - Lake Nakuru**

An early morning start first takes you north-west heading towards Nyahururu followed by travel in a southerly direction to your next destination, the spectacular Lake Nakuru. Once in the park, view game en route to the lodge. Following lunch and a siesta, there is an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets. The national park, known for its birdlife, offers a possibility to view flamingoes. It is also home to Black and White rhinos as well as the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. Overnight at Lake Nakuru Lodge on a full board basis.

Lake Nakuru Lodge

Lake Nakuru Lodge is situated in the heart of one of Kenya's most densely populated wetland National Parks, (Ramsar site) only two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi, through beautiful forested uplands and passing a series of lakes. On the outskirts of the bustling market town of Nakuru lies a truly remarkable national park which has achieved international fame. Both black and white rhino are being given a new lease of life in this 188 sq km, fully-fenced park - and they are carefully protected. The present rhino population is over 50 and continuing to multiply. The Rothschild giraffe is another rarity and the park has its fair share of buffalo, leopard, zebra, eland, waterbuck and lion. Lake Nakuru Lodge is in the south-east ecological niche of the park, with commanding views of the lake and the flamingos for which it is justly famous. Lush gardens surround the lodge and cottages. There is a good programme of activities and evening entertainment.

Day 4 **Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve**

After an early morning breakfast, drive to Narok town via Mai-Mahiu with a brief a rest stop and proceed on to Mara arriving in time for lunch at the Lodge. After lunch, depart for an afternoon game drive returning back to the lodge as the sun sets. Overnight at Mara Simba Lodge on a full board basis in a standard room

Mara Simba Lodge - the Masai Mara

Whether you want a boost of rejuvenation or simply escape for the weekend to unwind, check into Mara Simba lodge to achieve your wellness goals.

Indulge in exceptional culinary experiences and entertain yourself at the bar, revive yourself as you surrender to the pleasures of life at this truly alluring destination.

The luxurious accommodation afford supreme privacy and luxury with 3 types of accommodations to choose from that make the most of the bush environs.



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Day 5 Masai Mara Game Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives. (It is possible to pre-book an optional early morning Balloon Safari at a supplement)
Overnight at Mara Simba Lodge on a full board basis in a standard room

Day 6 Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi

After breakfast depart the Masai Mara and head across acres of rolling wheat and barley farms to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. From here cross the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley whilst keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle before heading up the rift escarpment. Arrive into Kenya's bustling capital in the early afternoon. Once in the city, clients will be dropped off in the city center or at the airport for ongoing travel arrangements.

Drive time approx: 5 hours

Included: Meet and greet services, airport transfers in safari minibus or mini coach on shared basis, all transport and game drives on safari sector will be in a 4 x 4 with pop-up roof (maximum 7 passengers) with an English / Bilingual (French, German, Italian or Spanish) speaking driver-guide on shared basis, guaranteed window seat, meals and accommodation as specified, all park fees and government taxes, filtered water available in the vehicles, clients to bring own refillable bottles

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