



TRIP ITINERARY

East Africa Highlights

Tanzania and Kenya



This safari sets to explore some of Kenya's and Tanzania's premier destinations. Leaving the hustle of the city behind, this safari heads north to Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Next stop Lake Naivasha and Hells Gate, before continuing to the famous Masai Mara. Continue on to Lake Victoria, the sensational Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater. The safari takes on a sure pace, offering ample time to savour each safari location, allowing for the ultimate East African safari experience!

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

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be met and transferred to Fairmont Norfolk Hotel. Dinner (not included) can be taken at the hotel or at any of the cities many restaurants.

Day 2

Leave the hotel after breakfast and travel south along the flanks of Mount Kenya to enter the Serena Sweetwaters Tented Camp – Morani room. The camp is gathered around a waterhole and features two rows of tents, which are reached via a series of stone pathways, which wind through the landscaped grounds. The camp has 39 luxury tents, each with its own ensuite bathroom (hot and cold running water, 24-hour hot showers and flushed WCs). All our tents have luxury canvas interiors, solid floors and separate thatched roofs. Electricity is provided by 24 hour generator. 14 of our tents are on raised platforms with private balconies, the rest have private verandas, all with safari chairs and tables. Extra beds and cots can also be provided. Each tent features either a king-sized double bed or two twins. Mosquito nets are provided, as are hot water bottles at night.

Ol Pejeta Game Conservancy boasts a higher wildlife-to-area ratio than any of Kenya's national parks, the camp offers unprecedented opportunities for wildlife watching, either by guided walks, camel treks, or by day and night game drives, while likely sightings include all the members of 'The Big Five' (elephant, lion, rhino, buffalo and leopard).

Day 3

Enjoy an entire day exploring the pristine calm of the private Ol Pejeta Conservancy with game drives, Rhino Sanctuary and Chimpanzee sanctuary visits. Optional activities: Guided bush walks, bird watching, local community visits and so many more activities here.

Situated between the foot hills of the Aberdares and the magnificent snow-capped peaks of Mount Kenya, the 110,000-acre private wilderness of the Ol Pejeta Conservancy boasts an astounding variety of wildlife, including all the members of the 'Big Five' (the endangered black and white rhino, leopard, elephant, buffalo and lion). Offering one of the highest wildlife densities in Kenya and a higher wildlife to acre ratio than any Kenyan national park, the conservancy offers sanctuary to a number of endangered species, most notably the rare Grevy's zebra and the Jackson's hartebeest. The largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa, the conservancy also hosts the only sanctuary for chimpanzees in Kenya.

Day 4

After breakfast, drive south to Lake Naivasha in time for lunch at the charmingly located Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge. The lodge stands in 120 acres of lakeside land, most of which is covered in green riparian meadows, which sweep down to the shores of the lake, one of the most beautiful in the Great Rift Valley. A jetty has been built out onto the lake, from where guests can watch the antics of the hippos in the lake and experience 360-degree views, which include Crescent Island, Mount Longonot, the Mau Escarpment and the misty outline of the Aberdares. The grounds are alive with a colourful selection of birds, and the trees with monkeys. Afternoon crescent Island walk & boat ride in Lake Naivasha (included in this safari) ..Alternatively you may choose to just chill out the lodge



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About Lake Naivasha

A freshwater lake, the highest of the string of lakes that glitter down the vast trench of the Great Rift Valley, Lake Naivasha is infamous for its rapidly shifting moods. Enigmatic, and dotted with floating islands of Nile cabbage (water hyacinth) and papyrus, Lake Naivasha has no known outlet, and legends abound regarding the vast tunnels that supposedly run beneath its surface. Towered over by the brooding bulk of Mount Longonot (2,776 m), and featuring a submerged volcanic crater known as Crescent Island, this beautiful lake is best known for its high numbers of water birds. Also, for the haunting cry of the fish eagles, which feed on the black bass and tilapia of its waters. Overnight at Naivasha Sopa Lodge on a full board basis in a standard room

Day 5

After breakfast, day spent at Lake Naivasha with a game drive in Hells Gate National Park. The remainder of the day at leisure chilling out at the lodge. All meals and overnight at Naivasha Sopa Lodge-Standard room-LDBB

Day 6

Leaving the lodge after breakfast, continue up the floor of Rift to arrive in the famous Masai Mara National Reserve, and at the Mara Serena Lodge enjoy lunch at camp located on the edge of Mara River. In the afternoon, enjoy your first game-drive in the Mara. World renowned for the breath-taking spectacle of 'the greatest wildlifeshow on earth', the awe inspiring annual migration of the wildebeest, the Mara is Kenya's most visited protected area. Technically an extension of Tanzania's renowned Serengeti National Park, the Mara constitutes only 4% of the entire Serengeti ecosystem but its rolling grasslands, meandering rivers and towering escarpments offer one of the world's most rewarding and evocative wildlife arenas. Returning to the camp, enjoy some relaxation on your private veranda, sundowners and dinner in the central restaurant. All meals and overnight at Mara Serena Lodge in a standard room

Day 7

Spend all day on safari in the reserve with morning and afternoon game drives. The lodge offers a list of optional activities and facilities that are an excellent complement to your safari: a swimming pool, Guided Nature Walks with an in-house naturalist, in-house cultural activities, sundowners, Hippo Pool breakfast with 'bubbly' (sparkling wine), bush & riverside dinners, massage services. All meals and overnight Mara Serena in a standard room

Day 8

After breakfast drive to the border cross between Kenya and Tanzania at Isabania then drive to the shores of Lake Victoria with a picnic lunch on the way. Check into Speke Bay Lodge for dinner and overnight.

Day 9

After breakfast explore Lake Victoria with 1.5hour canoe ride and visit to local fish village. Depart and drive to the Serengeti National Park and to Mbuji Mawe Serena Camp which is scenically located in a glade, known as 'the place of the klipspringer' (mbuji mawe), and guarded by three million year-old granite towers. The camp is cleverly located on one of the main annual migration corridors. Enjoy lunch and afternoon game drive, dinner and overnight at the camp.

Covering 14,763 sq km of endlessly rolling savannah plains, the Serengeti is Tanzania's first-established, largest and most famous park wherein tens of thousands of hoofed animals roam in a constant and unrelenting search for the fresh grasslands upon which their survival depends.

Day 10

With a full day on safari (morning and afternoon game drives included) your options are wide. The Serengeti, whose Maasai name 'Siringet' translates as 'the endless plains', offers unparalleled ornithological opportunities and an unrivalled natural arena wherein the glory and harmony of nature can be appreciated as nowhere else on earth. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at the camp.

Day 11

After breakfast, enjoy a morning game drive as you leave the Serengeti with picnic lunch and drive to the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area via Olduvai Gorge. Popularly known as the 'Cradle of Mankind', Olduvai is the site of one of the most important and controversial Palaeolithic finds in recent history. In the late afternoon, arrive at the Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge, a unique lodge clinging to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater. Designed to blend completely into the landscape, it is entirely invisible from the floor of the Crater 600 metres below. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Often referred to as 'the eighth wonder of the world' the Ngorongoro Crater is one of Africa's best-known wildlife arenas. A World Heritage Site, it is also one of the largest volcanic craters in the world (almost 20 kilometres wide, 610-760 metres deep and covering a total area of 264 square



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kilometres). An utterly unique biosphere, the Crater harbours grasslands, swamps, forests, salt pans, a fresh water lake and a glorious variety of birdlife, all enclosed within its towering walls. Due to its high concentration of wildlife, close-range viewing opportunities and striking scenery it is also Tanzania's most visited destination.

Day 12

After breakfast, drive to Arusha - to the foot of the wooded slopes of Mount Meru. Check-in to the Four Point Sheraton. Lunch and afternoon will be at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel

Day 13

After breakfast, transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your onward flights.

Includes: All meals as specified in the itinerary, Canoeing trip at Lake Victoria, Olduvai Gorge visit, half-day Ngorongoro Crater tour, one litre of mineral water per day, game drives, park fees, English-speaking driver guide.

Excludes: Dinner at Fairmont Norfolk, cocktails, guided walks, biking, fishing and other activities not mentioned in the itinerary

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 tourist or business visa to enter Tanzania. You should get one from the Tanzanian High Commission before you travel. It is possible to get a tourist or business visa for a single entry on arrival at main ports of entry to Tanzania, but this is subject to the fulfilment of all immigration requirements. You won't be able to get a multiple entry visa on arrival. British nationals need a visa to enter Kenya and will need to be obtained online in advance of travel. There are no Visa's on entry

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. Due to a lack of access to international-standard medical facilities within the Republic of Congo, medical evacuation cover when travelling here must be for a minimum of US\$ 100 000.00 per person. Cancellation and curtailment cover is also crucial - particularly in the event that you miss the connecting flight to Odzala as you will need to pay for a private charter in full.

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