



TRIP ITINERARY

Mara to the Coast

Kenya



Starting in Nairobi and ending on the shores of the delightful Indian Ocean, this is a comprehensive safari that visits four extremely diverse wilderness areas. From the lakes of the Great Rift Valley and open plains of the Mara to the undulating hills of Tsavo, this is a great start to a safari and beach holiday. This twice weekly small group trip is guaranteed to depart for a minimum of 2 clients

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: Mombasa Hotel

Start, day 1: Sunday & Wednesday

Safari Briefing, day 2: 0700hrs approx.

Departs on Day 02: 0730hrs approx.

Ends on day 8: North or South Coast beach Hotel (13:30-14:40)

Day 1

Upon arrival into Nairobi, clients will be met and transferred to the Eka hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at the Eka hotel in a superior room on a bed and breakfast basis. (Check in time 14:00). Depending on time of arrival clients may choose to add an optional excursion.

Eka Hotel

A contemporary style hotel that provides all the comfort, convenience and efficiency to the discerning traveler, Eka Hotel is Ideally located along Mombasa road in Nairobi the capital city of Kenya, It is an ideal business cum leisure hotel, close to both the International and domestic Airports as well as the city centre. The hotel offers tastefully decorated rooms, two restaurants, bar, conference facilities, swimming pool and a host of other facilities.

Day 2

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, you travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the rift escarpment on the road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. On the way spot the charming chapel built at the foot of the escarpment. Pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the valley to Narok; continue your travels across acres of wheat and barley, before reaching the Masai Mara in time for lunch. Following lunch set off on your first game drive, returning to the lodge as the sun sets. Overnight at Keekorok Lodge on a full board basis.

Drive time approx: 5 hours



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Keekorok Lodge

Keekorok Game Lodge was opened in 1965 and lies at the southern end of Masai Mara National Reserve, approximately 280 kilometres from Nairobi. It is sited in the direct path of the annual migration and was the first lodge to be built in the Mara. At the height of the migration, Keekorok is surrounded by a swarming mass of animals and there is hardly need to go on a game drive. Keekorok's charm lies in the liberal use of local building materials. Sand stone, cedar wood and other indigenous materials are used in all rooms and public areas. In front of the lodge there is a 300m elevated walkway that meanders through a small riverine forest to a small bar at one end. This overlooks a dam where resident hippo and other game are regularly seen.

Day 3

Following an early breakfast, depart on a morning game drive, returning to the camp mid morning. After lunch, and perhaps a siesta, set off on another game drive returning to the lodge as the sunsets. Overnight at Keekorok Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 4

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, travel across the 'breadbasket' of Kenya, where acres of wheat and barley litter the landscape as you head north to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. Now travel across the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley, keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mai-Mahiu, before arriving at Lake Naivasha around midday. Following lunch and a siesta, depart on an afternoon boat ride on Lake Naivasha, with the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Overnight at Lake Naivasha Country Club on a full board basis.

Drive time approx: 4 hours

Lake Naivasha Country Club offers an abundance of activities to please all tastes. The resort dates back to the 1930s when it was first opened as a staging post for Imperial Airways flying boat service from Durban to Dublin. Since then, it has transformed into a sprawling 55-acre property with a variety of accommodations and guest facilities.

The Hotel offers a combination of Food and Beverage outlets. Flavours, the main restaurant of the hotel, serves International Buffet-style meals. Relax and unwind at the Tavern Bar with local beers or international Spirits and Wines to tingle your taste buds. The Terrace is an all-day dining option with A-la-Carte Menu and varied choices. To Spoil, yourself bite into our speciality pastry shop The Rolling Pin

Day 5

Following an early breakfast, leaving Naivasha behind, you continue towards Nairobi to meet your fellow travellers and then head south towards Amboseli for a late lunch. Depart in the afternoon for a game drive, returning before the sun sets.

Overnight at Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge on a full board basis.

Drive time approx: 6 hours

Please note for departures commencing on 16 July, 06 August, 13 August, 03 September and 10 September the overnight in Amboseli will be Ol Tukai Lodge instead of Amboseli Serena



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Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge

Set against the magnificent backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, the glittering Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge enjoys a uniquely privileged position at the heart of this world-famous national park. Secluded within a grove of acacia trees, the lodge looks out over the golden savannah plains, with uninterrupted views of the mountain itself. Close by are a series of emerald green swamps, which are fed by the melting snows of Kilimanjaro. As the only sources of water in the park, this attracts huge numbers of wallowing elephants, hippos, buffalos and plains game. Meanwhile, from the prehistoric site of Observation Hill, the sunset over Kilimanjaro is truly magnificent.

At the centre of 'Maasailand', the lodge's décor reflects the brilliant primary colours and iconic shapes representative of these legendary warriors. At the heart of the lodge, shaded by palm trees, is a free form swimming pool; to either side of which stretch the rooms. Each room is housed in a single storey building opening directly on to the grounds, each reflecting a Maasai manyatta theme, each with its own hand-painted wall frescos.

The central dining area is reached by a timbered bridge over a melt-water stream, while the lounge and bar feature a broad terrace and a blazing fire-pit where evening cocktails can be enjoyed. Activities include daily game drives in custom-built traditional safari vehicles, 'sundowners' on Observation Hill, bush breakfasts, bush dinners, Maasai dance performances, visits to Maasai villages and tree-planting programmes.

Our luxury en-suite rooms are accommodated in two single-storey dedicated buildings, which lie to the right and left of the main reception and dining areas. Each tastefully appointed room features a Maasai inspired, hand-painted, wall fresco, king-sized bed or luxurious twins, lavish all-encompassing mosquito curtaining, bathroom (with walk-in shower), writing/vanity unit, and private veranda. Triple rooms can be made available.

Day 6

Following early breakfast, depart to Tsavo West arriving your lodge for lunch. The journey takes you east, across the spectacular Shetani lava flow, a reminder of the molten outpouring that spilled down the scenic slopes of the nearby Chyulu Hills over the last three centuries. A zig-zagging road through scrub thorn and acacia leads you into Tsavo National Park, which together (East and West) form the largest of Kenya's parks. Following lunch depart on an afternoon gamedrive, including a visit to Mzima Springs with its underwater viewing holes. Return to the lodge as the sun sets. Overnight at Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge on a full board basis.

Drive time approx: 3 hours

Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge

Superbly situated in the lee of Mount Kilimanjaro and sheltered by the volcanic splendour of the Chyulu Hills, this classic stone-built lodge overlooks its own water hole, which is visited daily by elephants, buffalos and a wide variety of plains game. One of the first lodges ever to be built in a national park, the lodge is cool, tranquil and hushed for optimum game-viewing. It is also ideally placed for visits to all the park's prime attractions.



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Faced in volcanic stone and utilising the natural rocky outcrops of a valley known as 'the place of the young rhino', from which it takes its name, the lodge features a thatched central dining area and a rock-built bar, with a viewing terrace looking directly down on to the waterhole.

All the spacious en-suite rooms have their own verandas, some overlooking the waterhole, some the Chyulu Hills, which are one of the world's youngest volcanic ranges. As for activities, the lodge offers numerous game drives, guided walks, bush breakfasts, volcano climbs and trips to Mzima Springs, a set of crystal-clear ponds, fed by the melt waters of Mount Kilimanjaro, in which the many hippos can be viewed from a submerged chamber.

Day 7

This morning, following early breakfast, and a game drive enroute to the gate, continue to Taita Hills Sanctuary arriving for lunch at Taita Hills Safari Resort. Following lunch, transfer to Saltlick Lodge. After a short siesta, depart on an afternoon game drive, returning late afternoon. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure, viewing game from lodge's underground hide or from the lodge balcony. Overnight at Sarova Saltlick Game Lodge on full board basis

Drive time approx: 3 hours

Saltlick Lodge

Salt Lick Lodge is located in the heart of a private Wildlife Sanctuary which lies adjacent to Tsavo National Park, therefore playing an increasingly important role in the protection and conservation of Kenya's wildlife heritage. The entire lodge is raised on stilts, providing 24-hour game viewing opportunities from any corner of the lodge. The rooms are built in two storey blocks from a central pod and linked together by elevated platforms – overlooking a salt lick and small waterhole. Each room is spacious and beautifully appointed, featuring exquisite ethnic décor in keeping with the Tsavo environment. Rooms are spacious and have all the necessary modern conveniences. The restaurant, bar and main balconies have views over the water hole and salt lick, which is constantly in use by local park residents. There is also an underground hide for closer encounters.

Day 8

Early breakfast is served today before continuing your journey to Mombasa, aiming to reach your North or South Coast beach hotel in time for a late lunch (on own arrangements). End of Services

Drive time approx: 4 hours

Included: Meet and greet services, airport arrival transfers in safari minibus or mini coach on shared basis, all transport and game drives on safari sector will be in a 4x4 vehicle with pop-up roof (maximum 6 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 in the vehicles – clients to bring refillable bottles.

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



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NB: Any scheduled departure can be booked as a private safari and/or combined with other services. Should we not be able to confirm the exact itinerary, we will always try to offer alternatives to the request including changes of routing or similar accommodation. Drive times are approximate based on point to point location, not accounting for game viewing stops en route

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-