

## Kenya Safari Fixed Departures

Low-cost Kenya safaris that depart on fixed dates throughout the year

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### Introduction

These low-cost Kenya safari options will take you to the greatest game reserves and national parks of Kenya, including Amboseli, Tsavo East and West, and of course, the Masai Mara. They are open, small group itineraries departing from Nairobi at fixed dates throughout the year. We can also offer these itineraries (or similar) for private groups at additional cost.

All of our small group safaris depart from Nairobi. You will travel in a 4WD Landcruiser or Landrover with safari viewing hatches in the roofs, cool boxes on board and bottled water and picnic lunches included in the price. Your driver-guides are fully qualified and knowledgeable. They will help you to make the most of this opportunity to see some of the world's great natural wonders.

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## Kenyan Odyssey – From the Masai Mara to the Beaches of Mombasa

### Outline

Starting in Nairobi and ending on the shores of the Indian Ocean, this is a comprehensive safari that visits three extremely diverse wilderness areas: the lakes of the Great Rift Valley; the open plains of the Mara; and the undulating hills of Tsavo.

### Day 1 Nairobi

Upon arrival in Nairobi you will be met and transferred to The Sarova Stanley hotel. The afternoon is at your leisure. Overnight at The Sarova Stanley Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.

### The Sarova Stanley Hotel

Situated in the centre of Nairobi, the Savara Stanley Hotel has a long history, famous as a meeting spot where travellers, including Earnest Hemingway, gathered for a drink before or after a long safari. The 220-room hotel has in recent years been refurbished to a high standard, though it still retains its original Victorian charm. The en-suite bedrooms are comfortable while the restaurants serve excellent international cuisine. The gym is well-equipped, the pool large and the conference facilities modern.

### Day 2 Nairobi – Masai Mara National Reserve

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, you'll travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the Rift Escarpment on a road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. Look out for the chapel they built at the foot of the escarpment. You'll pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the Valley to Narok, and then travel across acres of wheat and barley, before you reach the Masai Mara and your lodge in time for lunch. Following lunch and a siesta there is an afternoon game drive, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Keekorok Lodge on a full board basis.

### Keekorok Lodge

Keekorok Game Lodge was opened in 1965 and lies at the southern end of the Masai Mara National Reserve, approximately 280 kilometres from Nairobi. The first lodge to be built in the Mara, it is situated in the direct path of the annual migration. At the height of the migration, Keekorok is surrounded by such a swarming mass of animals that there is hardly need to leave camp on a game drive. Keekorok is a beautiful camp. Much of its charm lies in its 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 section riverine forest to a small bar. This overlooks a dam where resident hippo and other game are regularly seen.



### Day 3 Masai Mara National Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight at Keekorok Lodge on a full board basis.

### Day 4 Masai Mara – Lake Nakuru

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, you'll 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. 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 Mau Escarpment, before arriving at Lake Nakuru. The waters here are often coloured flamingo pink, reflecting the thousands of birds that line its shores. After lunch at Lake Nakuru Lodge, depart for an afternoon game drive in Nakuru National Park before continuing to the lodge for dinner and overnight. 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. It is only two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi, a drive that takes you through



beautiful forested uplands and past a series of lakes. On the outskirts of the bustling market town of Nakuru lies a truly remarkable national park that 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. The present rhino population is over 50 and continuing to multiply. The Rothschilds giraffe is another rarity and the park also has good numbers 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. Attractive gardens surround the lodge and cottages. There is a good programme of activities and evening entertainment.

### Day 5 Lake Nakuru – Amboseli National Park

After an early breakfast you will depart with a picnic lunch, leaving the Rift Valley behind, and continuing towards Amboseli. You will have an afternoon game drive in the park en-route to Ol Tukai Lodge, arriving in the evening. Overnight at Ol Tukai Lodge on a full board basis.

### Ol Tukai Lodge

Ol Tukai Lodge was opened in June 1996 and lies at the heart of Amboseli National Park, approximately 266kms due south of Nairobi. The lodge is set at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. This is perhaps the best wildlife arena in all of Africa for viewing elephants at close range. Most of the park consists of a partially dry, lake bed of evaporated salts and fragile grassland with patches of acacia woodland. Around the swamps the vegetation is lush with yellow barked acacia and phoenix palms. You can see most types of game in the park including rhino, giraffe, gazelle, lion, cheetah and leopards. The

birdlife is equally prolific, especially around the swamp areas. Cottage style accommodation spreads out on either side of the main lodge.

The architecture is unobtrusive with lots of timber, local stone and slate. Each room has an uninterrupted view of either the wetlands or Mt. Kilimanjaro. There is a swimming pool which is shaded by acacia trees and has ample sun beds available for guest use.



#### **Day 6 Amboseli National Park – Tsavo West National Park – Taita Hills Game Reserve**

An early departure after breakfast 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, the largest of Kenya's parks. There will be game-viewing opportunities along the way, with lots of gerenuk. After a lunch stop at Kilaguni Lodge there will be a game drive in the park and a visit to Mzima Springs with its underwater viewing holes. Arrive at Saltlick Lodge as the sun sets. Overnight at Saltlick Lodge on a full board basis.

#### **Saltlick Lodge**

Salt Lick Lodge is located in the heart of Taita Hills Game Reserve, a private wildlife sanctuary which lies adjacent to Tsavo National Park. All rooms are built in two storey blocks from a central pod and linked together by elevated platforms which overlook a salt lick and small waterhole. The 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 the resident wildlife. There is also an underground hide for closer encounters.



#### **Day 7 Taita Hills – Tsavo East**

After breakfast enjoy a morning game drive in Taita Hills Game Reserve, before continuing your journey to Aruba Lodge in Tsavo East National Park, arriving by sunset. Overnight at Aruba Lodge on a full board basis.

#### **Aruba Lodge – Tsavo East**

Aruba Lodge lies on the northern bank of the Voi River, overlooking the Aruba Dam. There are 40 deluxe, en-suite rooms, with modern amenities and views overlooking the Aruba dam and surrounding Tsavo plains. This and other nearby watering holes are favourites for large mammals, including elephant.

#### **Day 8 Tsavo East – Mombasa**

After breakfast enjoy a morning game drive before returning to the lodge for lunch. After lunch, continue your journey to Mombasa, aiming to reach your beach hotel late afternoon.

**The cost of this itinerary is from US\$2450 per person, based on twin share and is subject to availability at the time of booking. Please see price guide on page 10 for details.**

#### **Cost Includes**

- Meet and greet services with assistance at the airport or hotel
- English speaking driver/guide
- All transport and game drives on road safaris will be in a 4\*4 vehicle on a shared basis
- Transport in Mombasa will be based on shared safari minibus or coach transfer
- Meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes
- ½ litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

#### **Cost Excludes**

- Visas and international flights
- International Airport taxes (clients pay direct)
- Driver-guide gratuities
- Drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage
- Personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

#### **Additional remarks**

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- Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.

#### **Passenger Information**

- Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- This is a seat in bus programme and may form part of other programmes, other clients may therefore be joining or departing the safari at any time

## Highlights of Kenya

### Outline

Using the imaginative and well-recognised Sarova Lodges, this safari has a consistently comfortable standard of accommodation, including stylish tents in the Masai Mara. With lodges located in excellent spots, game-viewing is consistently good. En-route, guests will enjoy fine outdoor meals and sundowners.

### Day 1 Nairobi

Upon arrival into Nairobi, clients will be met and transferred to The Sarova Stanley hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at The Sarova Stanley hotel in a deluxe room on a bed and breakfast basis.

### The Sarova Stanley Hotel

Situated in the centre of Nairobi, the Sarova Stanley Hotel has a long history, famous as a meeting spot where travellers, including Ernest Hemingway, gathered for a drink before or after a long safari. The 220-room hotel has in recent years been refurbished to a high standard, though it still retains its original Victorian charm. The en-suite bedrooms are comfortable while the restaurants serve excellent international cuisine. The gym is well-equipped, the pool large and the conference facilities modern.



### Day 2 Nairobi - Shaba Game Reserve

Heading north after an early breakfast, you'll pass near Thika and continue north through some breathtaking scenery dotted with rushing mountain streams and fields of tea and coffee. After travelling through Nanyuki town, you'll continue north, eventually reaching a dusty outpost known as Isiolo, the last major stop on the journey into the remote northern frontier district. From here it's a fairly short hop to Shaba, arriving at the lodge in time for lunch. After lunch, depart for an afternoon game drive arriving back to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Sarova Shaba Lodge on a full board basis.

### Sarova Shaba Lodge

Often referred to as 'Born Free Country', Shaba Game Reserve was made famous by the late Joy Adamson and her lioness Elsa. Located on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River, Sarova Shaba offers a luxury seldom found in a large African bush lodge. There are 80 chalet rooms, or for those looking for a little extra luxury, 4 junior suites and one honeymoon suite. The tranquil flow of sparkling spring water throughout the grounds creates an atmosphere of peace and serenity as it collects and cascades and

attracts a great variety of birds. There is also a large pool to enjoy, crocodile feeding, and evening entertainment provided by local Samburu dancers.



### Day 3 Shaba Game Reserve

Early morning game drive followed by breakfast. The remainder of the morning can be spent relaxing by the pool or terrace, overlooking the river. After lunch there will be another game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Sarova Shaba Lodge on a full board basis.

### Day 4 Shaba Game Reserve – Lake Nakuru

Leaving Shaba behind, you'll travel south through Isiolo, crossing the northernmost foothills of Mount Kenya, until you get to the town of Nanyuki. Here you'll head west to Nyahururu, still known to many as Thomson's Falls for its 237 foot cascade. Now travel in a southerly direction to Lake Nakuru. The waters here are often coloured flamingo pink, reflecting the thousands of birds that line its shores. Once in the park, there will be a game drive en-route to the lodge. Following lunch and a siesta, there is an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Sarova Lion Hill Lodge on a full board basis.

### Sarova Lion Hill Lodge

Overlooking Lake Nakuru and its surrounding national park – one of the world's greatest ornithological spectacles – Sarova Lion Hill Lodge is set high on a plateau and offers panoramic views of the shimmering lake in the distance. Here, what feels like millions of flamingos, pelicans and marabou storks always gather and the landscape seems to blossom as natural foliage and a variety of wild flower continually bloom. There are only 65 modern en suite bedrooms here, and meals are excellent and served inside the lodge, by the pool or under a forest of towering acacia trees. The Rift Valley bar is always a great watering spot and is located on the ground floor with views of the lake.



### Day 5 Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

After an early morning breakfast leave the flamingo fringed Lake Nakuru behind and head for Njoro town, where you begin your ascent up over the top of the Mau Escarpment. Then, heading

due south, travel towards Narok, the gateway to the Masai Mara and district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. You'll travel across the "breadbasket" of Kenya, covered with acres of wheat and barley, before you reach the Mara in time for lunch. Following lunch and a siesta, there is an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Sarova Mara Game Camp on a full board basis.

#### **Sarova Mara Game Camp**

Sarova Mara Game Camp is located inside the eastern section of the Masai Mara, hidden in a forested valley away from sight of other Mara visitors. The 75 tents are luxurious with a permanent roof and floor, zip-up fronts, attached bathroom, running hot water supply and electricity. Wooden walkways link the tents and manicured lawns with the main dining / bar areas, and are built over wide lily ponds. Bird life is abundant, with kingfishers a speciality. The impressive main building consists of a high thatched lobby, Oloip bar with its cosy log fireplace, a big dining area and outdoor terrace with side-angle views. Food and service are excellent and there is a small private area by the pond for private meals. There is also a sparkling swimming pool surrounded by sun loungers.

#### **Day 6 Masai Mara Game Reserve**

Early morning and afternoon game drives.

Overnight at Sarova Mara Game Camp on a full board basis.

#### **Day 7 Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi**

After breakfast you'll depart the Masai Mara and head to Narok. 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. You'll arrive into Kenya's bustling capital around mid day. Once in the city, you will be dropped off at a city centre hotel or the airport for your ongoing travel arrangements.



*The cost of this itinerary is from US\$1662 per person, based on twin share and is subject to availability at the time of booking. Please see price guide on page 10 for details.*

#### **Child Rates**

- One child aged under 2 years free sharing with 2 adults
- One child aged 2-11 years sharing with 2 adults pays 55% of safari cost

#### **Cost Includes**

- Meet and greet services
- English speaking driver/guide

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- Meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes
- ½ litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

#### **Cost Excludes**

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## Kenya Classic

### Outline

From the open plains of Masai Mara to the shimmering pink waters of Lake Nakuru and the swamps of Amboseli, this safari takes in three of the most picturesque regions of Kenya. It also provides the perfect opportunity to spot the Big-5 and to capture some diverse scenery.

### Day 1 Nairobi

Upon arrival into Nairobi, you will be met and transferred to the Safari Park Hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at the Safari Park Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.

### Safari Park Hotel

Situated only 10km from the city centre and 20km from the international airport, the lively Safari Park Hotel is really an African-theme resort providing deluxe accommodation in 64 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and indigenous forest. All of the 204 distinctively designed and decorated rooms are airy and contain television, bathroom facilities and private balconies. Its six restaurants are excellent and cater to all tastes, including Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Italian, English and African. There is also a casino, several bars, health club, tennis and squash courts (golf nearby) and some of Kenya's most advanced business and conference facilities.

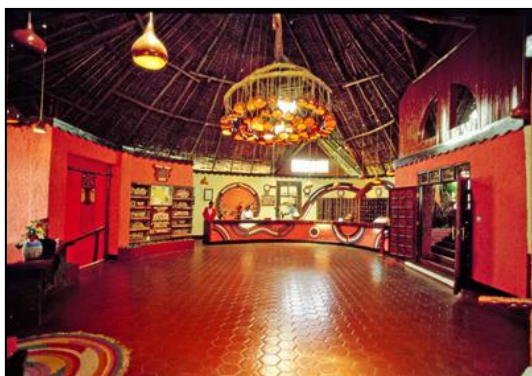
### Day 2 Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve

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Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

### Mara Sopa Lodge

Mara Sopa Lodge is set in the Oolaimutia Valley and built into the surrounding hillside landscape, amongst a fascinating wealth of wildlife, birdlife and natural flora. The lodge is luxuriously appointed with all the modern conveniences one would expect from a Sopa styled lodge.



### Day 3 Masai Mara National Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives.

Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

### Day 4 Masai Mara – Lake Nakuru

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, you'll travel north to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. From Narok, you 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 Mau Escarpment, before arriving at Lake Nakuru Lodge for lunch. The waters here are often coloured flamingo pink, reflecting the thousands of birds that line its shores. After lunch you will take an afternoon game drive in Nakuru National park, before returning to Lake Nakuru Lodge for overnight.

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. It is only two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi, a drive that takes you through beautiful forested uplands and past a series of lakes. On the outskirts of the bustling market town of Nakuru lies a truly remarkable national park that 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. The present rhino population is over 50 and continuing to multiply. The Rothschilds giraffe is another rarity and the park also has good numbers 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. Attractive gardens surround the lodge and cottages. There is a good programme of activities and evening entertainment.

### Day 5 Lake Nakuru- Amboseli National Park

After an early breakfast you will depart with a picnic lunch, leaving the Rift Valley behind as you head towards Nairobi and then south towards Amboseli National Park. Proceed with an afternoon game drive in the park en-route to the Amboseli Sopa Lodge, arriving early evening.

Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

### Amboseli Sopa Lodge

Set on 200 acres of private land on the foothills of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli Sopa Lodge is perfectly poised to provide a luxurious base from which to explore the park and get some great pictures of this incredible mountain. The lodge is also close to where Ernest Hemingway lived whilst writing his famous novel, The Snows of Kilimanjaro. Each of the 47 rooms has its own private veranda on which to relax, sunbathe and take in the views. All rooms are en-suite, with walk-in

shower, lavatory, wash basin and shaving socket – they're all modern, spacious and comfortable. Meals are a combination of European, African and Asian dishes, all made with fresh produce and served from a colourful buffet. There are also several bars, a great pool, TV lounge and many other small niceties that make this a superb location.



#### Day 6 Amboseli National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli National Park, returning to the lodge as the sun sets. Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

#### Day 7 Amboseli – Nairobi

Following an early breakfast, you'll catch your last views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro as you depart Amboseli. From here turn west to the colourful border town of Namanga, where you will find some unique Maasai beadwork. Then turn north along a good tarmac road across the beautiful and seemingly never-ending Athi Plains, arriving in Kenya's bustling capital city of Nairobi by mid day. Drop off at city centre hotel or JKIA airport.

***The cost of this itinerary is from US\$1669 per person, based on twin share and is subject to availability at the time of booking. Please see price guide on page 10 for details.***

#### Cost Includes

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- English speaking driver/guide
- All transport and game drives on road safaris will be in a 4\*4 vehicle on a shared basis
- Meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes
- ½ litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

#### Cost Excludes

- Visas and international flights
- International Airport taxes (clients pay direct)
- Driver-guide gratuities
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## Kenya Horizons

### Outline

Kenya Horizons is one of the most popular safaris in Kenya, where lodges are stylish, guides are knowledgeable and scenery extraordinary. From gerenuk browsing vertically in the Samburu, to the resident hippos of the Mara River, this is an exhilarating safari.

### Day 1 Nairobi

Upon arrival in Nairobi, you will be met and transferred to the Panafric Hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight at Panafric hotel in a superior room on a bed and breakfast basis.

### Panafric Hotel – Nairobi

Situated in a residential area with easy access into the city and overlooking the flower gardens of Central Park, the Panafric Hotel offers simple comfortable accommodation for relaxing holiday makers. It is ideally situated for visitors to the area and has a welcoming atmosphere with friendly and hospitable service. The hotel has modern facilities and simple yet comfortable guest rooms. The bar is always welcoming and attracts many Nairobi residents.



### Day 2 Nairobi – Samburu Game Reserve

You will depart Nairobi after an early breakfast for Samburu, heading north; you'll pass near Thika and continue through the attractive Kenyan countryside, dotted with rushing mountain streams and fields of tea and coffee. After Nanyuki town, you'll continue north, eventually reaching a dusty outpost known as Isiolo, the last major stop on the journey into the remote northern frontier district. From here it's a fairly short drive to Samburu. You will arrive at the lodge in time for lunch and then depart for an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Samburu Simba Lodge on a full board basis.

### Samburu Simba Lodge

Samburu Game Lodge is set in a rugged landscape against a backdrop of jagged mountains. The landscape, wildlife and vegetation are very different to the lush, rolling grasslands of other national parks. Here you will find thorn-bush, open plains and vast horizons of desert terrain. The lodge is situated on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River and offers a wide choice of accommodation spread along the river bank. The dining room is open on the river side and the popular Crocodile Bar overhangs the water and has a great vantage point for nightly crocodile feeds. The birdlife is especially notable around the lodge. During the heat of the day you may prefer to lounge at the pool.

### Day 3 Samburu Game Reserve

An early morning game drive is followed by breakfast, after which there will be time to relax by the lodge pool or the terrace overlooking the river. After lunch there will be another game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Samburu Simba Lodge on a full board basis.

### Day 4 Samburu Game Reserve – Aberdares

Leaving Samburu after breakfast, you will travel South through Isiolo, crossing the foothills of Mount Kenya. On the other side of the mountain is Nanyuki, where you turn south, passing through Naro Moru, where you'll reach Nyeri, one of Kenya's major towns and provincial headquarters and then on to the Aberdare Country Club. Here you'll enjoy a bounteous buffet lunch amidst the beautiful gardens before you are transferred (approx. ½ hour) to your night's destination at the Ark, a uniquely shaped lodge tucked away in the Aberdares National Park. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at the Ark on a full board basis.

### 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 photo opportunities. Comfortable en-suite cabins are fitted with buzzers to announce the arrival of one of the 'big five' at the water hole!



### Day 5 Aberdares – Lake Nakuru

An early morning start takes you northwest as you head for Nyahururu, still known to many as Thomson's Falls for its 237 foot cascade. From here you travel in a southerly direction to your next destination, the spectacular Lake Nakuru. This is often coloured a shimmering pink, reflecting the thousands of flamingos that line its shores. You will arrive at your lodge in time for lunch, following which there is an afternoon game drive.

Overnight at Lake Nakuru Lodge on a full board basis.

### Lake Nakuru Lodge

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hours' drive from Nairobi, a drive that takes you through beautiful forested uplands and past a series of lakes. On the outskirts of the bustling market town of Nakuru lies a truly remarkable national park that 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. The present rhino population is over 50 and continuing to multiply. The Rothschilds giraffe is another rarity and the park also has good numbers 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. Attractive gardens surround the lodge and cottages. There is a good programme of activities and evening entertainment.

#### Day 6 Lake Nakuru – Masai Mara Game Reserve

After an early morning breakfast, drive to Narok town via Mai-Mahiu with a brief rest stop en-route. Proceed on to the Masai Mara arriving in time for lunch at Mara Simba 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.

#### Mara Simba Lodge

Mara Simba extends for almost one kilometre along the beautiful Talek River and is surrounded by lush landscaped gardens filled with indigenous plants and trees. These alone attract many colourful birds and butterflies throughout the year. The lodge overlooks a dramatic bend in the river and is designed to complement its natural setting, providing an emphasis on exclusivity and comfort, with a decor that incorporates ethnic design elements from local tribes. The 84 guest rooms are arranged in clusters of 6 and are fitted out in natural wood tones and stone. Guest rooms have en-suite showers, tiled bathrooms with natural granite floors. Each room is spacious, opens onto its own private veranda with uninterrupted views across the river and can easily accommodate an extra bed. The restaurant and bar offer first-class cuisine and the staff are relaxed and friendly. After game drives, there's a large swimming pool in which to relax and a floodlit area by the river where you can view nocturnal species drinking after dark.



#### Day 7 Masai Mara Game Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight at Mara Simba Lodge on a full board basis.

#### Day 8 Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi

After breakfast you'll 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. You'll arrive into Kenya's bustling capital in the early afternoon. Once in the city, you will be dropped off at a city centre hotel or the airport for your ongoing travel arrangements.



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#### Child Rates

- One child aged 7-11 years sharing with 2 adults pays 55% of safari cost
- Children under the age of 7 cannot be accommodated at The Ark

#### Cost Includes

- Meet and greet services
- All transport and game drives on road safaris will be in a safari minibus (with seven window seats) with an English speaking driver-guide on shared basis
- Meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes
- ½ litre bottle of mineral water per person per day on game drives

#### Cost Excludes

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## Price Guide

Safari Name	Days	Departs	16 Dec 12 to 31 Dec 12	01 Jan 13 to 25 Jan 13 & 01 Mar 13 to 31 Mar 13	26 Jan 13 to 28 Feb 13	01 Apr 13 to 25 May 13	26 May 13 to 25 Jun 13	26 Jun 13 to 31 Oct 13	01 Nov 13 to 15 Dec 13
Kenyan Odyssey	8	Sun, Wed	US\$2796 per person US\$608 Single Supp.	US\$2653 per person US\$514 Single Supp.	US\$2653 per person US\$514 Single Supp.	US\$2450 per person US\$92 Single Supp.	US\$2450 per person US\$92 Single Supp.	US\$2721 per person US\$535 Single Supp.	US\$2600 per person US\$427 Single Supp.
Highlights of Kenya	7	Mon, Thurs	US\$2044 per person US\$592 Single Supp.	US\$1966 per person US\$468 Single Supp.	US\$1966 per person US\$468 Single Supp.	US\$1662 per person US\$66 Single Supp.	US\$1662 per person US\$66 Single Supp.	US\$2184 per person US\$588 Single Supp.	US\$1958 per person US\$468 Single Supp.
Kenya Classic	7	Mon, Thurs, Sat	US\$1814 per person US\$343 Single Supp.	US\$1809 per person US\$314 Single Supp.	US\$1809 per person US\$314 Single Supp.	US\$1669 per person US\$69 Single Supp.	US\$1669 per person US\$69 Single Supp.	US\$1847 per person US\$360 Single Supp.	US\$1825 per person US\$343 Single Supp.
Kenya Horizons	8	Sun	US\$2262 per person US\$560 Single Supp.	US\$2250 per person US\$546 Single Supp.	US\$2250 per person US\$546 Single Supp.	US\$1916 per person US\$71 Single Supp.	US\$1916 per person US\$71 Single Supp.	US\$2366 per person US\$614 Single Supp.	US\$2095 per person US\$456 Single Supp.

### Cost Includes

- Meet and greet services with assistance at the airport or hotel
- English speaking driver/guide
- All transport and game drives will be in a 4x4 vehicle on a shared basis
- Meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes
- ½ litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

### Cost Excludes

- Visas and international flights
- International Airport taxes (clients pay direct)
- Drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage
- Personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

### Additional remarks

- We may have to re-route the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.
- Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.

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### Your Financial Protection

All monies paid by you for the air holiday package shown [or flights if appropriate] are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 3145.

For more information see our booking terms and conditions.