

SCENIC KENYA Safari Itinerary



This seven day, small group safari takes you from the open plains of the Masai Mara to the flamingo pink waters of Lake Nakuru and the swamps of Amboseli. These are some of the most picturesque regions in Kenya and will provide you with the perfect opportunity to spot the Big-5 and to capture the incredibly diverse scenery which Kenya has to offer.

This safari departs on Sunday and the transport used is a seven passenger safari bus or 4x4 Land Cruiser/Land Rover. There will be a maximum of seven passengers in a vehicle to ensure that everyone gets a window seat.



Day by Day Itinerary Day 1: Nairobi

On arrival in Nairobi, you will be met and transferred to the Safari Park Hotel. The afternoon is at leisure. Overnight at the Safari Park Hotel (B)



Safari Park Hotel

Situated only 10km from Nairobi 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, private bathroom facilities and private balconies.

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 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. In the afternoon there will be a game drive. Two nights at Mara Simba Lodge (FB).

Mara Simba Lodge

The Mara Simba Lodge was conceived, not just as an overnight stop, but as a safari resort and lodge on the edge of the Masai Mara. The ambience is Masai, with the decor incorporating decorative and design elements from the culture of this tribe. The grounds of the lodge extend almost a kilometre along the Talek River. The river bank is left in its virgin state, while the lush landscaped gardens of indigenous plants and trees attract colourful birds and butterflies. Wide, well-lit pathways link guest rooms and the public areas where wooden floors are shaded by makuti roofs (palm thatch). The dining room and bar have stone fireplaces where roaring fires are lit on chilly evenings.



Day 3: Masai Mara National Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives.

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 (FB).







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. Two nights at Ol Tukai Lodge (FB).



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

Morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

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 you will 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 Athi Plains, arriving in Kenya's bustling capital city of Nairobi by mid-day.





Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is from £1145 per person*, based on twin/double rooms. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please contact us.

*This price is based on exchange rates available at the time of publication and may vary at the time of booking. Please see our <u>booking conditions</u> for more information.

Includes:

- Meet and greet services
- All transport and game drives on road safaris will be in a modern safari cruiser (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 mineral water per person per day on game drives

Excludes:

- Visas and international flights
- Airport taxes
- Driver-guide gratuities
- Drinks, dining rooms tips, porterage
- Personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

Passenger Information

Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.

