



TASTE OF KENYA SAFARI TOUR

Safari Highlights:

Nairobi: 02 nights

Samburu: 02 nights

Naivasha: 01 night

Masai Mara: 02 nights

Day 1 – Arrival in Nairobi

You will be met by our representative at the Airport and transferred to your hotel for check in and relaxation. In the evening you will have dinner at the Carnivore hotel. Carnivore is famous for its variety of meats including Ostrich, Crocodile and Camel, which are roasted over charcoal and carved at your table. Overnight at ***The Radisson Blu, Upperhill or equivalent.***

Day 2: Nairobi Wildlife & Cultural Tour

You will be picked by our driver at 5.30am in the morning (With packed breakfast from the Hotel), for an early morning game drive at the Nairobi National Park, where you will have the chance to see Lions, Leopards, Buffalos, Rhinos, Jackals and many other animals. At about 10.30am you will proceed to the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage located in a secluded area of the Nairobi National Park. This is where orphaned baby elephants and other animals are taken care of by a dedicated team of conservationists. At 11am, the baby elephants are brought from the park for a mud bath at the orphanage where for an hour you will see them feed and play. In addition to the viewing, you will be given a brief history about the elephants and the conservation efforts.

From there you will proceed to the Giraffe Centre, where you will have an up-close interaction with the Giraffes, whereby you can hand feed them with pellets provided at the center, and/or probably get kissed by one of the giraffes.

After that you will proceed to The Karen Blixen Museum which was once the center piece of a farm at the foot of the Ngong Hills owned by Danish Author Karen and her Swedish Husband, Baron Bror Blixen-Finecke. Located 7 miles from the city centre, the museum belongs to a different time period in the history of Kenya, and later gained international acclaim with the release of the movie ***'Out of Africa'***, an Oscar winning film based on Karen's autobiography by the same title. You will have lunch at the lovely Hattons Lounge (own cost) within the same Museum grounds.

You will then proceed to the Bomas of Kenya for a visit to traditional homesteads and afternoon entertainment by traditional dancers showcasing the various Kenyan cultures. This visit is enough to learn and understand the cultural heritage of Kenya. You will enjoy traditional dance performances, songs and folklore. A jaw-dropping acrobatic show is a much-loved attraction here. Overnight at ***The Radisson Blu, Upperhill or equivalent.***

Day 3: Nairobi to Samburu Game Reserve

This morning we continue our exploration of Kenya by taking a road trip to Kenya's northern frontier (About 4hrs). Wild and rugged, Samburu is fiercely beautiful with its arid savannahs watered by the lovely Uaso Nyiro River. It is Kenya's semi-arid region characterized by vast, open landscape, dried river beds, red volcanic soil, rock outcropping, river acacia trees and palm trees. Here you have the opportunity to see the five unique wildlife found only in the northern frontier i.e. Gerenuk, Grevy's zebras, Oryx, Reticulated Giraffes and the Somali Ostrich in addition to the mammals. Samburu is a name of Masai origin, "Samburr" which means a traditional bag for carrying honey and meat. It lies 205 miles from Nairobi in the hot and arid fringes of the vast northern region of Kenya. You will arrive in good time for lunch with afternoon rest. At 4pm you will go on an evening game drive followed by dinner and overnight. Overnight at ***The Soroi Larsens Camp or equivalent.***

Day 4: Full day Samburu Game Reserve

An early morning game drive in pursuit of the elephants, lions, leopards and cheetahs that thrive in the reserve's grassland and acacia woodlands starts our day. On this day we shall also have an opportunity of visiting a Samburu village near the Reserve. The day is spent alternating between exploration in the bush and relaxation in the cozy camp. Overnight at ***The Soroi Larsens Camp or equivalent***

Day 5: Samburu to Naivasha

Early morning game drive, then check out and start your road trip to Naivasha, through lush farmlands, expecting to reach Naivasha in the early afternoon. After check in and lunch you will proceed to the Papyrus fringed **Lake Naivasha**, which boasts over 350 bird species including the fish eagles, pied kingfishers, long tailed and great cormorants, black Herons, Rey-backed fiscal, yellow-colored lovebirds among others. Here you will take a boat ride with views of hippos and crocodiles. You will also take a walking Safari at Crescent Island. Overnight at ***The Naivasha Sopa Lodge or equivalent.***

Day 6: Naivasha to Maasai Mara Game Reserve

After breakfast you will continue with your Safari heading to the world famous Maasai Mara Game Reserve. Maasai Mara is known as one of the seven wonders of the world and the best Safari destination in the world. You will most likely spot the Lion, Leopard, Rhino, Elephant and Buffalo. We also have Zebras, Wildebeest, Gazelles, Ostriches, Giraffes and many more wildlife. You will arrive at your camp/lodge in time for Lunch. After lunch you can relax until 4pm time for the evening Safari. Overnight at ***The Leraï Camp Mara or equivalent.***

Day 7: Maasai Mara Full day

Wake up early and after an early breakfast venture into the wild for a full day game drive within the reserve. We shall organize for picnic lunches that you will enjoy later in the day. The Maasai Mara is famous for wildlife abundance second to none. We shall also organize a visit to a Maasai Village where you will learn about the nomadic lifestyle of the locals. Here you will attend a short lecture and interact with young children, warriors and elders. Learn the arts of beadwork and

leatherwork and participate in various cultural activities. Overnight at ***The Lerai Camp Mara or equivalent.***

Alternatively - On this day, you could opt to take a hot air balloon safari – the ultimate safari experience. You leave the lodge before dawn – the sky is clear; the air is brisk and the conditions are perfect. As the sun rises over the Mara plains in your balloon lifts off, a bright splash of color rising into the blue. Watch as a stunning panorama unfolds below you and the balloon's basket becomes your lookout post for a bird's eye view of the beauty of Africa. Float silently just a few hundred feet above herds of wild animals. Gazelles and impalas watch curiously with their tails flagging – a warning to others that you are approaching. Of Lion's stalks an unsuspecting herd of Wildebeest. Giraffes poke their heads out of the forest where they have been nibbling tender leaves. The tranquility of the experience is interrupted only by the occasional 'whoosh' of the air heaters. Finally, you touch down, with an appetite sharpened by the fresh air, all ready for a delicious champagne breakfast in the middle of the bush. Many call this a once in a lifetime experience.

Day 8: Departure

Early morning game drive, then check out and start your road trip back to Nairobi, expecting to reach Nairobi in the early afternoon. Finally, you will be transferred to the airport for your final departure later in the night.

We trust you will return home with wonderful memories of Magical Kenya.