

# Safari Safari - 11 days

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From Lake Nakuru to Naivasha, the Masai Mara to the vast plains of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. Spot the Big Five, meet Masai warriors and witness Africa's stunning natural beauty!



## WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET

### Trip Highlights

- Nakuru and Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for its flocks of pink flamingos
- Lake Naivasha, the highest of the Rift Valley lakes
- Masai Mara National Park and tribal lands
- Rift Valley Escarpment
- UNESCO Listed Serengeti, Tanzania's flagship national park
- UNESCO Listed Ngorongoro Crater, a vast unbroken caldera which is a haven for wildlife
- Musoma - fishing town of the banks of Lake Victoria
- Kericho and the Gusii Highlands
- Nairobi - Kenya's bustling capital. Extend your stay to explore the sites

### What's Included

- 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners
- Arrival transfer from Nairobi Airport
- 1st night dormitory accommodation at Acacia Camp Nairobi (upgrades available), 9 nights camping.
- Transport in fully equipped expedition truck
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- Park entry - Lake Naivasha NP. Park entry and game drives - Nakuru NP, Masai Mara, Ngorongoro NP and Serengeti NP.
- All road taxes & tolls

### What's Not Included

- Sleeping bag and roll mat - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities
- International flights and visas

### Local Payment

\$675 USD

The local payment is a cost per person which needs to be paid in US Dollars cash only. It is this payment which in part covers the park fees and other inclusions such as meals as detailed under 'what you get'. The local payment also covers your arrival transfer and 1st night's accommodation. Please note that due to exchange rate fluctuations in the US dollar, the local payment amount may be subject to changes. This payment will be collected by your tour leader at the Welcome Meeting on day 1.

### DETAILED ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Nairobi

Monday. Welcome to Nairobi! You will be met in Nairobi Airport arrivals hall by our representative holding an on the go tours/Africa Travel Company sign and transferred to the Acacia Camp Nairobi. Your first night will be spent in dormitory rooms with

shared facilities. Upgrades to single and twin en suite rooms are available upon request and subject to availability. Today there is a pre departure meeting at 17:00. **Overnight - Nairobi**

#### Day 2 : Lake Nakuru

Nairobi - Nakuru. Leaving the hustle and bustle of Nairobi we head towards our first overnight stop at Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for the thousands of lesser and greater flamingos that flock to this soda lake's edge. The numbers vary depending on the water level, and when it's low, the lake almost turns pink. A truly spectacular sight! The park was established as a sanctuary for black and white rhino, which are often seen. We spend the afternoon searching for these pre-historic looking beasts as well as the elusive leopard, encountering buffalo, giraffe, various antelope and the occasional hippo along the way. Tonight we bushcamp within the park (no ablution facilities). **Overnight - Lake Nakuru (L, D)**

#### Day 3 : Lake Naivasha



Nakuru - Lake Naivasha. Rising early, we pack up our camp and after a quick breakfast; head out on our morning game drive. The first hours of the day are usually the best time to spot predators that spend the night out hunting for their prey. With a little luck, we may even spot one of the resident leopards! After our game drive, we travel south-east to Lake Naivasha, home to a multitude of bird life, the most magnificent being the African Fish Eagle with his regal cry. At 1880 m, this is the highest of the Rift Valley lakes. Time permitting, we spend the afternoon enjoying optional excursions

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like Elsamere High Tea (home to Joy & George Adamson of Born Free fame), a boat ride to the Crescent Island Game Sanctuary or a bike ride around Hell's Gate National Park. Tonight is spent in a lovely campsite on the edge of the lake.

**Overnight - Lake Naivasha** (B, L, D)

## Day 4 : Masai Mara

Naivasha - Masai Mara. After breakfast we continue on to the Masai Mara National Reserve. We enter Masai land where these habitual pastoralists are often seen tending their cattle from the side of the road. We pass through the town of Narok, and continue our drive possibly getting a glimpse of some wildlife along the way. The main section of road between Nairobi and the Reserve is in a very poor state, so be prepared for a rough ride!

We arrive at our campsite, Acacia Camp in the evening. Acacia Camp looks on to the Meguarra hills and the stream that meanders by on the bottom end forms a natural border to the Masai Mara National Reserve. The Reserve remains unfenced, allowing wildlife to roam freely across into the surrounding area and if they choose – through our own camp! No need to be afraid, as the local 'Askari' will keep a look out for any unwanted predators. **Overnight - Masai Mara N.P.** (B, L, D)

## Day 5 : Masai Mara

Masai Mara - Masai Mara Game Reserve. We depart shortly after sunrise on our game drive into the Masai Mara Reserve. The Masai Mara is well known as one of East Africa's best National Reserves and is home to a wide variety of wildlife species. Most famous for the Annual Migration, that consists of the impressive herds of over 1 million wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelle that cross over from the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania; the Masai Mara is most popular between July and October when these vast herds feast on the fresh grazing here. Following these herbivores are Africa's predators that are often seen at a kill during this period. We game drive through a section of the park in search of the 'Big 5' - elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion & leopard; along with the many other species of animals, reptiles and birds who make call this wilderness home.

After our game drive, we have the option to visit one of the nearby Masai Manyatta's – this is a traditional hamlet where the Masai still live in their traditional way. This evening we sit around the camp fire, and watch the sun set over this "Garden of Eden".

**Overnight - Masai Mara N.P.** (B, L, D)

## Day 6 : Kisii & the Gusii Highlands



Masai Mara - Kisii/Kericho Area. After breakfast we leave the Masai Mara and head to Kisii/Kericho passing through the picturesque tea plantations along the way. These towns are the main commercial centres in the Gusii Highlands, where cash crops like tea and coffee thrive because of its equatorial climate. We replenish our stocks before heading for Tanzania tomorrow. **Overnight - Kisii/Kericho Area** (B, L, D)

## Day 7 : Musoma

Kisii/Kericho - Musoma. We depart Kenya and head south into Tanzania. After border formalities, our drive takes us through the scenic granite landscapes adjacent to Africa's largest lake – Lake Victoria. We spend the night at a campsite on the banks of Lake Victoria in the fishing town of Musoma. **Overnight - Musoma** (B, L, D)

## Day 8 : Serengeti N.P.



Musoma - Serengeti. After stocking up on supplies for the next couple of days, we head to the Serengeti National Park, entering the park after lunch. The Serengeti (Masai for "endless plains") is famous for its enormous concentration of game (especially the big cats) and for the annual migration of millions of wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelles. The abundance of plains game in this area is truly astounding. We enter the park through the lesser travelled western corridor and game drive en-route to our campsite in the centre of the park. Tonight we bush camp (no ablutions) in the wild surrounded by the sounds of the African bushveld, pierced only by the calls of the nocturnal wildlife. **Overnight - Serengeti N.P.** (B, L, D)

## Day 9 : Ngorongoro Crater



Serengeti - Ngorongoro Crater. After an early start we pack up our camp and continue our game drive through the Serengeti National Park in search of the resident wildlife and head to the southern part of the park where we have the chance to see the endless plains this park is renowned for. With some luck, we may see some of Africa's 'Big 5'! We cross from the Serengeti to the Ngorongoro Conservation area at lunch time and begin our climb up the steep Crater edge. Tonight's camp (basic ablutions) on the crater rim sharply contrasts the warmer plains below - we suggest you bring your winter woollies as it can get very cold at night. **Overnight - Ngorongoro Crater** (B, L, D)

## Day 10 : Arusha



Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha. The Ngorongoro Crater with its 600 m high walls and 20 km width is a natural marvel. The Crater's rim offers spectacular views, but the true scale of this caldera is only appreciated from the floor itself where the abundance of its animal inhabitants becomes apparent. It is home to nearly every species of African animal and offers a chance to view an incredible concentration of East African mammals, such as elephant, rhino, buffalo, hippo, lion and plain's game. After spending the morning game driving in The Crater we continue to our campsite outside Arusha where we spend the evening musing over our thrilling wildlife experience. **Overnight - Arusha** (B, L, D)

## Day 11 : Nairobi

Arusha - Nairobi. After breakfast, we begin our journey back to Nairobi. On arrival in the late afternoon, we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime! (B)



## Please Note

**This expedition is run in conjunction with Africa Travel Company.**

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.

## Things To Bring

- A sleeping bag and roll mat
- For extra comfort, bring a travel pillow
- Spare camera batteries/film and dustbag
- Mosquito spray (with active DEET ingredient)
- Your own personal first aid kit
- A torch
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- Antibacterial wipes
- A photocopy of your passport data pages
- Your Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate
- Your travel insurance policy details
- Hat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- Warm clothing - raincoat, warm hat, socks etc as across Africa wet/dry and hot/cool climatic periods change invariably.

## Budgeting

In budgeting for your holiday, we recommend US \$160 - \$210 per person per week for an African safari. Budget more if you plan on buying a lot of souvenirs. This amount should be sufficient to allow for expenses such as drinks, snacks, small entry fees, occasional meals out and accommodation and meals away from the truck - for example on the island of Zanzibar.

Budget for your optional excursions and visas separately.

## Masai Mara Bonus Trip

When you book this trip, you are entitled to a BONUS Masai Mara Mini Safari before your trip starts. A Local Payment of US\$235 is applicable for this trip. This safari must be booked at the same time your main trip.

**Includes:** Return transfer from Nairobi, 1 night Acacia Camp Nairobi (dorm accommodation, shared facilities), 2 nights at Acacia Camp Masai Mara (camping), a day of game viewing and exploring the Masai Mara National Reserve, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner.

**Starts Wednesday, ends Saturday.**

There is a pre departure meeting for this trip at Acacia Camp Nairobi at 17:00 on Wednesday.

Please note if booking this Masai Mara mini safari you will also need to arrange an additional two nights accommodation in Nairobi, before Safari

Safari starts on the Monday. Contact us for more details. Conditions apply.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

### Passports & Visas

Please ensure that you have at least two blank pages in your passport, plus an additional blank page for each visa/African country you are visiting. If travelling on one of our longer overland safaris we recommend that you have at least 12 blank pages in your passport.

Please also note that your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the end date of your trip.

Any visa information provided in this document is for general guidance purposes only, visa requirements and fees are subject to change. It is essential that you check current entry requirements with each relevant embassy/consulate prior to departure. Visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not of On The Go.

## Kenya Country Guide

### Visas

UK, Irish, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian and RSA citizens require a visa for Kenya. Visas can be obtained by most nationalities upon arrival at the airport, however it is advisable to procure your visa from the nearest Kenyan Embassy/High Commission prior to departure. There are often very long visa queues at the airport.

For most nationalities a single entry visa currently costs US \$50 and is valid for a period of three months and a multiple entry visa is US \$110. At the airport the visa fee must be paid in a convertible currency (eg US Dollars). All passengers require an onward/return tickets and sufficient funds for length of intended stay (at least US\$500).

### Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Kenya from your local health practitioner and ensure that all you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide diphtheria, hepatitis A, polio, tetanus and typhoid vaccinations are strongly recommended.

Kenya is affected by malaria – we strongly recommend that you take anti-malaria medication. Take your medication exactly as it's prescribed and directed, don't skip any medication! Adequate measures to avoid mosquito bites include: insect repellent, sleeping under a mosquito net and wearing long sleeve clothing and long trousers in the evenings.

A Yellow Fever Certificate of Vaccination is required if arriving from an infected area and travellers arriving from non-endemic zones should note that vaccination is strongly recommended for

travel outside the urban areas, even if an outbreak of the disease has not been reported.

### Time & Voltage

Kenya is 3 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

In Kenya the standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a 'Type G' - British BS-1363 type, three pin plug. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend packing a universal adapter.

### Currency

USD 1 = KES 100 GBP 1 = 158 EURO 1 = 137 AUD 1 = 102

Subject to fluctuation. Kenyan Shilling (code KES, symbol KSh).

1 KSh = 100 cents.

Notes are in denominations of: KSh1,000, 500, 200, 100 and 50.

Coins are in denominations of KSh20, 10 and 5.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1500, Sat 0900-1100. You can exchange money in banks or bureau de changes. Be aware that old pre-2003 US\$ banknotes or torn or marked banknotes are difficult to exchange in Africa so make sure you take crisp new notes! In major towns/cities most banks have an ATM. American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa cards are all widely accepted.

Travellers cheques can be changed at banks, these should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Most banks will want to see your passport and proof of purchase receipt before cashing your travellers cheques. Please Note: Travellers cheques can be difficult to cash and often have restrictions of about US \$100 a day maximum. They also tend to attract high commission charges, especially when exchanging for hard currency.

### Climate

Kenya is an excellent year round destination with a favourable climate and reasonably low rainfall. In general the hottest months are December to March, although the climate varies enormously from place to place. The lowland coastal areas are tropical, with year round high temperatures and humidity, which is at its peak in April and May, although tempered by monsoon winds. The highlands are more temperate with four seasons. Nairobi has a very pleasant climate throughout the year due to its altitude. Near Lake Victoria, the temperatures are much higher and rainfall can be heavy.

## Tanzania Country Guide

### Visas

UK, Irish, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian and RSA citizens require a visa for Tanzania. A single entry visas can be obtained by most nationalities upon arrival at Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar Airport or at Namanga border crossing point, between Tanzania and

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Kenya. The current visa cost is US\$50 for all nationalities, which can be paid in US\$, GB£ or Euro cash. The three East African countries of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda have an agreement that you can travel freely between these countries and do not have to get another visa when returning to each. If you exit this region and enter any other country, including Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, you will need to get new visas to re enter Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

## Vaccinations

Seek advice from your doctor or travel clinic at least six weeks prior to departure about what vaccinations you require. Typically the list includes typhoid, tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B (for stays over 4 weeks) and meningitis.

A malarial risk exists throughout Tanzania – we strongly recommend that you take your anti-malaria medication. Precautionary measures to take to prevent contact with mosquitoes include: insect repellent, cover up at sundown, sleep under a mosquito net and wear long sleeve clothing and long trousers in the evenings.

A Yellow Fever International Certificate of Vaccination is required from travellers over one, arriving from countries infected with yellow fever or who were in transit through infected areas (unless they remained onboard or at the airport); this is particularly relevant if traveling from neighbouring African countries. If visiting Zanzibar from mainland Tanzania, a yellow fever certificate must be produced to gain entry.

## Currency

USD 1 = TZS 1717 GBP 1 = 2710 EURO 1 = 2370  
AUD 1 = 1762

Subject to fluctuation. Tanzanian Shilling (code TZS, symbol TSh).  
1 TSh = 100 cents.

Notes are in denominations of TSh10,000, 5000, 2,000, 1,000 and 500. Coins are in denominations of TSh200, 100, 50, 20 and 10.

The Tanzanian Shilling is non exportable or importable. You can exchange US Dollars, Pound Sterling or Euro cash at bureaux de changes or banks in larger towns/cities. Cash is changed with no commission. Exchange rates vary depending upon the denomination of the note that you want to change and generally smaller notes attract a lower exchange rate than high ones. Be aware that old pre-2003 US\$ banknotes or torn or marked banknotes are difficult to exchange in Africa so make sure you take crisp new notes. Alternatively most large towns/cities have an ATM where cash can be withdrawn using Visa or MasterCard. Credit cards are very rarely accepted for making purchases.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1230; Sat 0830-1300. Bureaux de change have longer hours and in the cities open on Sundays.

Travellers cheques are more difficult to change and require proof of purchase and often have

restrictions of about US\$100 a day maximum. Please note that there is a surcharge when paying by travellers cheques.

## Time & Voltage

Tanzania Time Zone - 3 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

Standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a Type G British BS-1363 or Type D Indian BS-546 type, three pin plug. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend getting a universal adapter.

## Climate

Tanzania is sunny and tropical (accept in the mountain regions). Given the sheer size of the country, the climate varies dramatically in different regions. In coastal regions and on the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba it is hot and humid year-round with higher rainfall, whilst inland, the central plateau is dry and hot and the north-western highlands are cooler. The long rains occur between mid-March and the end of May and there are also short, lighter rains during November and December. The driest months are June to October.

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

We offer a number of locally operated optional activities and excursions on each of our expeditions. We feel that offering optional excursions affords a greater degree of flexibility, independence and choice to our travellers. To help you budget, below is a selection of optional excursions available on this trip.

### Please note the following:

All prices are in US Dollars and are subject to change. Where activities occur away from your base, there may be an additional transfer cost.

Travellers cheques may be accepted for the Serengeti/Ngorongoro Excursions, although they are subject to a surcharge of at least 5%.

All accommodation and activities in Victoria Falls must be paid for in US\$ cash (GBP & ZAR also accepted at a lower rate).

All optional excursions are offered by 3rd parties and independently of on the go. They are undertaken at your own risk and on the go take no responsibility for personal loss/injury caused.

Gorilla Trekking - the price varies dependant on where gorilla trek takes place ie Uganda, DRC or Rwanda.

### Kenya

- Crescent Island US \$25
- Elsamere Visit, home of Joy Adamson US \$15
- Giraffe Centre. Pre/Post tour US \$20
- Hells Gate National Park US \$50
- Masai Hot Air Balloon US \$450

- Masai Village Cultural Visit US \$10
- Masai Warrior Dancing US \$6
- Nairobi National Park half day. Pre/Post tour US \$85
- Naivasha Boat Hire (max 7 pax) US \$55
- Naivasha Horse Riding per hour US \$20

### Tanzania

- Olduvai Gorge US \$5

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