

Best of Kenya & Tanzania

11 days | Starts/Ends: Nairobi



From Lake Nakuru and 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!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Nairobi - begin your adventure in the bustling capital city of Kenya and opt to extend your stay after our trip ends
- Masai Mara - spot Africa's Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, buffalo) in the famous game reserve
- Serengeti National Park - camp in the wilderness of Africa's most famous national park, surrounded by the nocturnal sounds of the local wildlife
- Lake Nakuru - keep your eyes peeled for both black and white rhino on a game drive in Lake Nakuru National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater - venture into the biodiverse Ngorongoro Crater, which is one of the best places for game viewing in the whole of Africa
- Kisii / Kericho - pass through the picturesque tea plantations of the stunning Gusii Highlands

- Lake Victoria - spend a night camping in the town of Musoma, which lies on the shore of the great Lake Victoria
- Arusha - relax in the safari frontier town after your thrilling animal-spotting safari

What's Included

- 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners
- 1st night dormitory accommodation at Kenya Comfort Hotel, 9 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided
- Arrival transfer from Nairobi Airport
- Park entry and game drives - Nakuru NP, Masai Mara, Ngorongoro NP and Serengeti NP
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

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

Local Payment

\$1030pp, paid in 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.

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Nairobi

Monday. Welcome to Nairobi! We'll be there to collect you at Nairobi Airport and transfer you to the Kenya Comfort Hotel in Nairobi. Tonight you will stay in shared dorms. There will be a pre departure meeting at 17.00. **Overnight - Nairobi**

Day 2 : Masai Mara

Nairobi - Masai Mara. Today we make our way through rolling grasslands to the Masai Mara National Reserve, where these habitual pastoralists are often seen tending their cattle from the side of the road. We pass through the town of Narok, hopefully catching a glimpse of 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 as we make our way to our campsite which looks on to the Meguarra hills. Arriving in the evening, we enjoy the sounds of the wilds with an evening at leisure. The Reserve remains unfenced,

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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 (L, D)

Day 3 : Masai Mara



Masai Mara. The Masai Mara, well known as one of East Africa's best National Reserves, is ours to explore today. Departing shortly after sunrise, we enjoy a game drive into the Reserve, most famous for the Annual Migration, when hundreds of thousands of wildebeest, zebra and Thomson's gazelles 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, and Africa's predators are not too far behind, often seen at a kill during this period. We search of the 'Big 5'- elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion & leopard, along with the many other species of animals, reptiles and birds which call this wilderness home. **Overnight - Masai Mara (B, L, D)**

Day 4 : Lake Nakuru

Masai Mara - Lake Nakuru. Leaving Masai Mara we head towards our first overnight stop in the area of Lake Nakuru National Park, one of Kenya's most popular parks. **Overnight - Lake Nakuru (B, L, D)**

Day 5 : Lake Nakuru

Lake Nakuru. This morning we begin our exploration of the Lake Nakuru National Park. The park was established as a sanctuary for black and white rhino, which are often seen. We spend the day searching for these pre-historic looking beasts as well as the elusive leopard, encountering buffalo, giraffe, and

various antelope. **Overnight - Lake Nakuru (B, L, D)**

Day 6 : Kisii & the Gusii Highlands



Lake Nakuru - Kisii/Kericho Area. After breakfast we leave the Lake Nakuru 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 National Park



Musoma - Serengeti. Today 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 National Park (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

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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)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Kenya Comfort Hotel

Comfortable dormitory accommodation in central Nairobi (upgrades available on request). The Kenya Comfort Hotel also features an outdoor pool, restaurant serving a good array of local and international dishes as well as a fully stocked bar - perfect for relaxing before or after your epic overland adventure.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other

departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown are per person travelling. Single travellers will be paired up in tents with another person of the same gender.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
07 Sep	CAD 3,595	CAD 6,790
05 Oct	CAD 3,395	CAD 6,590
19 Oct	CAD 3,395	CAD 6,590
02 Nov	CAD 3,395	CAD 6,590
14 Dec	CAD 3,395	CAD 6,590
28 Dec	CAD 3,595	CAD 6,790

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
08 Feb	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
08 Mar	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
05 Apr	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
03 May	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
31 May	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
28 Jun	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
12 Jul	CAD 3,905	CAD 7,410
26 Jul	CAD 3,905	CAD 7,410
09 Aug	CAD 3,905	CAD 7,410
23 Aug	CAD 3,905	CAD 7,410
06 Sep	CAD 3,905	CAD 7,410
20 Sep	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
04 Oct	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
18 Oct	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
01 Nov	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
15 Nov	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
29 Nov	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
13 Dec	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
27 Dec	CAD 3,905	CAD 7,410

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
24 Jan	CAD 3,505	CAD 3,505
21 Feb	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
21 Mar	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
18 Apr	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
16 May	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
13 Jun	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
27 Jun	CAD 3,705	CAD 7,210
11 Jul	CAD 3,905	CAD 7,410

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