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## **9-DAY KENYA & TANZANIA SIGNATURE SAFARI (START AND END IN KENYA)**

### **OVERVIEW**

A seamless well-organized safari visiting premier parks in two of the most popular safari destinations in the world. From the most famous wildlife area in Kenya - Masai Mara Game Reserve, to Serengeti National Park - arguably one of the best wildlife sanctuaries in the world; this is certainly a lifetime adventure. It will also take you to the Ngorongoro conservation area and Amboseli National Park.

### **GETTING THERE**

- This tour starts and ends in Nairobi
- Fly to/from Jomo Kenyatta Airport (NBO) in Nairobi
- A transfer from and back to the airport is included
- Additional accommodation before and at the end of the tour can be arranged for an extra cost

### **DAY BY DAY ITINERARY**

#### **ARRIVAL**

- You'll be collected from the airport or Nairobi hotel/residence.
- Accommodation before the tour starts can be arranged for an extra cost.

#### **DAY 1: NAIROBI - MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE**

Today, you will awake to the exotic birdcalls in a magical new world with the whiff of Kenyan serenity. We will meet at 7:00am for a safari briefing before an easy drive via the Nairobi-Narok Road and enjoy a drive via typical African savanna country dotted with local homesteads and colorful Masai herdsman grazing their cattle. Along the way, we shall have a brief stopover at the spectacular Great Rift Valley, which is fault line some 3,500 miles (5,600km) long stretching from Ethiopia's Red Sea through Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, and into Mozambique. We will proceed and arrive at camp with enough time to settle

in before lunch with a little time to relax before we head out for our first game drive between 1600hrs to 1830hrs. Return to camp for dinner and overnight.

- Main Destination: Masai Mara Game Reserve
- Overnight: [Zebra Plains Mara Camp](#)
- Meal plan: Lunch and dinner (Breakfast not included) Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

#### **DAY 2: EXPLORE MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE**

Rise today for breakfast. As the cool, fresh air fills your lungs you will feel invigorated and rejuvenated, ready for a great day to explore Kenya's flagship park. Roll down the windows or stand up through the customized pop up roof hatch and enjoy this unhindered 360 views, and the possibilities for what lies ahead. Masai Mara is one of the lushest reserves in Africa and is globally renowned for providing excellent predator sightings in their natural habitats thanks to its relatively large populations of lion, cheetah, and leopard. We will also see lots of Elephants, Masai giraffe, common zebra, impala, Thompson's and Grant's gazelles, Topi, Hartebeest, Black-backed jackal, spotted hyena and more.

- Main Destination: Masai Mara National Reserve
- Overnight: [Zebra Plains Mara Camp](#)
- Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner; Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

#### **DAY 3: MASAI MARA – ISEBANIA BORDER- SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

Rise up early for breakfast, check out and depart Masai Mara Game Reserve for Serengeti. Drives past villages and towns towards Isebania border where our driver/guide will arrange the necessary documentation for your entry into Tanzania. Please note that there shall be a switch of vehicles and guides according to the country you shall be entering; this is seamless and should not distress you. Arrive at Serengeti national park and enjoy game viewing on your way to the lodge. Serengeti National Park is arguably one of the best wildlife sanctuaries in the world and is probably one of the reasons you came to Africa. Charge your camera, grab your binoculars, and set out for an afternoon to remember as you set out accompanied by an experienced tracker-guide into the seamlessly never-ending expanses of the Serengeti.

- Main Destination: Serengeti National Park
- Overnight: [Serengeti Safari Lodge](#)
- Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner; Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

#### **DAY 4: EXPLORE SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

Rise early today for breakfast. As the cool, fresh air fills your lungs you will feel invigorated and rejuvenated, ready for a great full day game drive. Roll down the windows or stand up through the

customized pop up roof hatch and enjoy these unhindered 360 views. A photographic dream unfolds before your eyes as we look out for the so called “big seven”-leopard, rhino, buffalo, cheetah, lion, elephant and African hunting dog. Your eagle-eyed driver will keep an eye out for wildlife – buffaloes, elephants, lions, wildebeests, zebras, serval, hyrax, baboons, honey badger, mongoose, bat-eared fox, pangolin, genet, giraffe, aardvark, ostrich, caracal, civet, both Thompson’s and Grant’s gazelle, vervet monkey and some 20 types of antelope including eland, waterbuck, topi, roan, the much smaller dik dik, duiker, oribi, klipspringer, kudu, impala, and hartebeest or kongoni. There is, of course, also a great profusion of birdlife. Over 500 species have been recorded here including bee-eaters, guinea fowl, storks, flamingo, hornbills, herons, bustards, ostrich, parrots, weavers, vultures, cranes, hoopoe, kingfishers, and the bizarre long-legged secretary birds. Serengeti tends to be less crowded, so enjoy the scenery, the vast expanse of the grasslands, the play of light and shadow, and the up-close look at wild Africa.

- Main Destination: Serengeti national park
- Overnight: [Serengeti Safari Lodge](#)
- Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner; Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

#### **DAY 5: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK - NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA**

Rise up early for breakfast, check out and depart Serengeti National Park for the stunning vast plains of Ngorongoro Conservation area. We will drive slowly so as to get into some more game viewing. You may opt setting your foot at the pre-historic Oldupai Gorge one of the attractions of the Ngorongoro conservation area. It is here that in 1959, Dr Louis Leakey and his wife Mary discovered the remains of man’s first step on the ladder of human evolution-Homo Habilis. There is a small museum to view and an observation platform, where you can listen to an informative talk. You shall enjoy your lunch along the way and later head towards your overnight accommodation whilst taking in the overwhelming size of the Ngorongoro Crater.

- Main Destination: Ngorongoro Conservation area.
- Overnight: [Ngorongoro Wild Camp](#)
- Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner; Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

#### **DAY 6: NGORONGORO CRATER**

Set the alarm and prepare for an early start to see the wonders of the opulent Ngorongoro; a home to the ‘big five’; ‘the cradle of mankind’ and a ‘living Eden for tourists. The area encompasses a blend of archaeological sites, landscapes, people and abundant wildlife that is unsurpassed in the continent. Featuring forests, waterfalls, grasslands and volcanoes, it is home to the nomadic Masai people, Of course, the breathtaking Ngorongoro Crater remains the major attraction, and centerpiece of the Ngorongoro; a natural amphitheatre surrounded by steep walls that rise over 600 meters from the crater floor. It is without doubt a world great natural spectacle whose abundant wildlife and magical setting never fail to thrill. Your driver/guide will take you down into the crater and to all the best spots

to view wildlife. Spot zebra, gazelles, buffaloes, and warthogs. The swamp and forest are home to hippos, rhinos, elephants, baboons, and monkeys. Keep your eyes peeled and camera ready to capture a pride of lions or a lone leopard walking along the crater floor.

- Main Destination: Ngorongoro Crater
- Overnight: [Ngorongoro Wild Camp](#)
- Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner; Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

#### **DAY 7: NGORONGORO – ARUSHA - AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK**

Rise up early for breakfast, check out and depart Ngorongoro for Amboseli National Park. Drives past villages and towns towards Namanga border where our driver/guide will arrange the necessary documentation for your entry into Kenya. Please note that there shall be a switch of vehicles and guides according to the country you shall be entering. We will arrive at Kibo Safari Camp with enough time to settle in before lunch with a little time to relax before we head out for our evening game drive between 1600hrs to 1830hrs. We explore one of Kenya's most popular tourist parks for the opportunity to see animals against the backdrop of Africa's highest mountain- Mount Kilimanjaro. The elephants are the kings of the park, no doubt, they are fond of the swamp areas in the park, where they share the cool waters with the hippos and hide beneath the papyrus.

- Main Destination: Amboseli National Park
- Overnight: [Kibo Safari Camp](#)
- Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner; Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

#### **DAY 8: EXPLORE AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK**

Today we rise early for breakfast and leave the camp with our picnic lunch boxes ready for a great full day adventure. The park is home to a large resident population of Burchell's zebras. Other herbivores include Thomson's and Grants gazelles, buffalo, warthog, Maasai giraffe, impala, water buck and dik-dik. Baboons and Vervet monkeys inhabit the scarce woodlands. Carnivores are represented by lions, spotted hyenas, wild cats, jackals, caracals and cheetahs. With regards to birds, more than 400 species of birds have been registered, among which outstand pelican, flamingo, kingfisher, African fish eagle, ibis, secretary bird, crowned crane, grey and Goliath herons, cattle egret, black-winged stilt, little grebe, Egyptian goose, martial eagle, pigmy falcon, masai ostrich, white backed vulture, lappet faced vulture, yellow-necked spur fowl, kori bustard and hornbills. After the rains, the park gathers large flocks of water birds.

- Main Destination: Amboseli National Park
- Overnight: [Kibo Safari Camp](#)
- Meal plan: Breakfast, Lunch and dinner; Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

#### **DAY 9: AMBOSELI - NAIROBI**

You spend this last morning in the Amboseli National Park admiring the unspoiled Africa as you prepare for a drive back to Nairobi bringing to an end what we hope shall be a safari of your lifetime. We hope to welcome you back to magical Kenya! And as we say here, "Karibu Tena".

- Main Destination: Nairobi
- Overnight: End of tour; no accommodation
- Meal plan: Breakfast (Lunch and dinner not included) Drinking water (Other drinks not included)

**END OF TOUR**

- Additional accommodation can be arranged for an extra cost.
- You'll be dropped off at the airport or your Nairobi hotel/residence.