



## **CLASSIC SOPA SAFARI:**

**Operating in safari Minibus or 4X4 on shared basis /Days of Operation: Any**

Safari Departure and Arrival timings:

Safari Briefing: Day 01 at 0800hrs (approx.) at Eka Hotel

Returns on Day 18 at 1800hrs approx. (onward flights to be booked 1800hrs onwards)

Pick-up point Day 01: Eka Hotel

Drop off point: JKIA/City Centre

From the open plains of Masai Mara, the shimmering pink waters of Lake Nakuru and the swamps of Amboseli, this safari takes in three of the most picturesque regions in Kenya. It also provides the perfect opportunity to spot the Big-5 and to capture some diverse scenery.

### **Day 1                      Nairobi**

Upon arrival into Nairobi, clients will be met and transferred to the Eka Hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at **Eka Hotel** on a bed and breakfast basis.

### **Day 2                      Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve**

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, you travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the rift escarpment on the road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. On the way spot the charming chapel built at the foot of the escarpment. Pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the valley to Narok; continue your travels across acres of wheat and barley, before reaching the Masai Mara in time for lunch. Following lunch set off on your first game drive, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at **Mara Sopa Lodge** on a full board basis.

### **Mara Sopa Lodge**

The lodge is set in the Oololaimutia Valley and built into the surrounding hillside landscape. The accent around the lodge is on the indigenous Masai people and the fabulous wealth of wildlife, birdlife and natural flora seen in every direction. The lodge is luxuriously appointed with all the mod cons one would expect from a Sopa styled lodge in the bush. The bedrooms are spacious, the large pool has wonderful views and there's evening wildlife films and CNN to enjoy during the down-time. All this ensures that your stay will be blissfully comfortable.

### **Day 3 Masai Mara National Reserve**

Following an early breakfast, depart on a morning game drive, returning to the camp mid- morning. After lunch, and perhaps a siesta, set off on another game drive and visit to the Masai Village, returning to the lodge as the sunsets. (It is possible to pre-book an optional early morning Balloon Safari)

Overnight at **Mara Sopa Lodge** on a full board basis.

### **Day 4 Masai Mara – Lake Nakuru**

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, 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. Now 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 Mai -Mahiu, before arriving at Lake Nakuru around midday. Once in the park, view game en route to the lodge. Following lunch and a siesta, there is an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets. The national park, known for its birdlife, offers a possibility to view flamingoes. It is also home to Black and White rhinos as well as the endangered Rothschild Giraffe.

Overnight at **Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge** on a full board basis.

### **Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge**

Located on a range of hills that form the western limits of Africa’s Great Rift Valley, the newest member of the Sopa family, Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge offers spectacular views over the vastness of Africa. Overlooking Lake Nakuru and its surrounding National Park, it is a paradise for bird watchers and wildlife lovers alike.

Only a two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi, through beautiful forested uplands and passing a series of lake, on the outskirts of the bustling market town of Nakuru, lies a truly remarkable national park which 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 - and they are carefully protected. The present rhino population is over 50 and continuing to multiply. The Rothschild's giraffe is another rarity and the park has its fair share of buffalo, leopard, zebra, eland, waterbuck and lion.

### **Day 5 Lake Nakuru - Amboseli National Park**

Following an early breakfast, continue to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride. Leaving the Rift Valley behind, proceed to Nairobi for an early lunch (or picnic lunch dependent on road conditions) and continue south towards Amboseli, arriving at your lodge by late afternoon.

Overnight at **Amboseli Sopa Lodge** on a full board basis.

### **Amboseli Sopa Lodge**

Set on 200 acres of private land on the foothills of Africa’s highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, the lodge is perfectly poised to provide a luxurious base from which to explore the park and get some great pictures of this incredible mountain. The lodge is also close to where Ernest Hemingway lived whilst writing his famous novel, The Snows of Kilimanjaro. Each of the 47 rooms has their own private veranda on which to relax, sunbathe and take in the views. All rooms are en suite, with walk-in shower, lavatory, wash basin and shaving socket – they’re all modern, spacious and comfortable. Meals are a cosmopolitan combination of European, African and Asian dishes, all made with fresh produce and served from a colourful buffet. There are also several bars, a great pool, TV lounge and many other small niceties that make this a superb location.

### **Day 6 Amboseli National Park**

After breakfast, depart for a full day game drive; later enjoy a hot picnic lunch. Return to the lodge by 1600hrs, giving time to unwind in your room or lounge, or even take a quick dip in the pool before dinner.

Overnight at **Amboseli Sopa Lodge** on a full board basis.

### **Day 7                      Amboseli – Nairobi**

Following an early breakfast, catch your last views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro as you depart Amboseli. From here turn north across the beautiful and seemingly never-ending Athi Plains, arriving in Kenya's bustling capital city of Nairobi by mid-day. Once in the city, clients will be dropped off at the drop off point in the city centre or at the airport for ongoing travel arrangements.

### **End of Services**

#### **Child and Third Adult Policy**

- One child aged 6-11 sharing with 2 adults pays 55% of safari cost
- Children aged 6-11 in own room pay 75% of safari cost
- Third Adult sharing pays full per person sharing rate
- Children under 12 pay 50% of festive supplements
- Transfer Supplements – children under 12 travelling with 2 Adults pay 50%

Children younger than six are discouraged from joining seat-in-vehicle safaris however, we would be pleased to provide a private safari for families with young children.

#### **Cost Includes**

- Meet and greet services
- Airport Arrival Transfers in safari minibus or mini coach on shared basis
- All transport and game drives on safari sector will be in a 4x4 vehicle with pop-up roof (maximum 7 passengers) with a Bi-lingual English-speaking driver-guide on shared basis
- Guaranteed window seat
- Meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes
- ½ litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

#### **Cost Excludes**

- Visas and international flights
- Airport taxes (clients pay direct)
- Driver-guide gratuities
- Drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage
- Personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- Balloon Safari

#### **Additional remarks**

- Cancellation policy as per agent's agreement or as per our printed Price Guide if no fixed contract is in place. Please request any further information on this if required.
- We may have to re-route the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.

- Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you. Passenger Information
- Passengers should bring only soft sided bags\*\*
- The tour is modular and combines with other tours so there may be need for clients to change vehicles on occasion

**\*\*Luggage**

Due to limited luggage space in vehicles, suitcases are unsuitable for scheduled road safaris. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel/sausage bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs and 65x46 cm.

Excess luggage can be handed over to the representative at time of briefing. It will be handed over to you on your return from safari. Additional costs may apply to pick up drop off luggage at specific points.