



KENYA CLASSIC TO TSAVO 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 Eka Hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at the **Eka Hotel** in a Standard room 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 **Keekorok Lodge** on a full board basis.

Keekorok Lodge

Keekorok Lodge was opened in 1965 and lies at the southern end of Masai Mara National Reserve, approximately 280 kilometres from Nairobi. It is sited in the direct path of the annual migration and was the first lodge to be built in the Mara. At the height of the migration, Keekorok is surrounded by a swarming mass of animals and there is hardly need to go on a game drive. Keekorok's charm lies in the liberal use of local building materials. Sand stone, cedar wood and other indigenous materials are used in all rooms and public areas. In front of the lodge there is a 300m elevated walkway that meanders through a small riverine forest to a small bar at one end. This overlooks a dam where resident hippo and other

game is regularly seen. There are no fences around Keekorok and it is not uncommon to see elephant and buffalo on the perimeter of the grounds or even strolling in. Though there are watchmen on the constant look out!

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 **Keekorok 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 Lodge** on a full board basis.

Lake Nakuru Lodge

Lake Nakuru Lodge is situated in the heart of one of Kenya's most densely populated wetland National Parks, (Ramsar site) only two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi, through beautiful forested uplands and passing a series of lakes. 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 giraffe is another rarity and the park has its fair share of buffalo, leopard, zebra, eland, waterbuck and lion. Lake Nakuru Lodge is in the south-east ecological niche of the park, with commanding views of the lake and the flamingos for which it is justly famous. Lush gardens surround the lodge and cottages. There is a good programme of activities and evening entertainment.

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 **Ol Tukai Lodge** on a full board basis.

Ol Tukai Lodge

Ol Tukai lies at the heart of Amboseli National Park and is set at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. The cottage style accommodation spreads out on either side of the main lodge, where the architecture is unobtrusive. Each room is built out of gum trees and other indigenous building materials, with the use of beige and cream slate. Each room has uninterrupted views of either the wetlands or of Mount Kilimanjaro. There is a great swimming pool shaded by acacia trees, library, bars, gift shop and spacious gardens to enjoy.

Day 6 Amboseli National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.
Overnight at **Oltukai Lodge** on a full board basis.

Day 7 Amboseli – Tsavo West

Following an early morning game drive, depart to Tsavo West. The journey takes you east, across the spectacular Shetani lava flow, a reminder of the molten outpouring that spilled down the scenic slopes of the nearby Chyulu Hills over the last three centuries. A zig-zagging road through scrub thorn and acacia leads you into Tsavo National Park, which together (East and West) form the largest of Kenya's parks. On arrival, enjoy game-viewing en route to your lodge arrive at your lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at **Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge** on a full board basis.

Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge

Superbly situated in the lee of Mount Kilimanjaro and sheltered by the volcanic splendour of the Chyulu Hills, this classic stone-built lodge overlooks its own water hole, which is visited daily by elephants, buffalos and a wide variety of plains game. One of the first lodges ever to be built in a national park, the lodge is cool, tranquil and hushed for optimum game-viewing. It is also ideally placed for visits to all the park's prime attractions.

Faced in volcanic stone and utilising the natural rocky outcrops of a valley known as 'the place of the young rhino', from which it takes its name, the lodge features a thatched central dining area and a rock-built bar, with a viewing terrace looking directly down on to the waterhole.

All the spacious en-suite rooms have their own verandas, some overlooking the waterhole, some the Chyulu Hills, which are one of the world's youngest volcanic ranges. As for activities, the lodge offers numerous game drives, guided walks, bush breakfasts, volcano climbs and trips to Mzima Springs, a set of crystal-clear ponds, fed by the melt waters of Mount Kilimanjaro, in which the many hippos can be viewed from a submerged chamber.

Day 8 Tsavo West National Park – Taita Hills Game Reserve

This morning enjoy a game drive in the park, including a visit to Mzima Springs with its underwater viewing holes. Following lunch at the lodge, continue to Taita Hills Game Sanctuary for rest of the afternoon at leisure, viewing game from lodge's underground hide or from the lodge balconies.

Overnight at **Sarova Saltlick Game Lodge** on fullboard basis

Saltlick Lodge

Salt Lick Lodge is located in the heart of a private Wildlife Sanctuary which lies adjacent to Tsavo National Park, therefore playing an increasingly important role in the protection and conservation of Kenya's wildlife heritage. The entire lodge is raised on stilts, providing 24-hour game viewing opportunities from any corner of the lodge. The rooms are built in two storey blocks from a central pod and linked together by elevated platforms – overlooking a salt slick and small waterhole. Each room is spacious and beautifully appointed, featuring exquisite ethnic décor in keeping with the Tsavo environment. Rooms are spacious and have all the necessary modern conveniences. The restaurant, bar and main balconies have views over the water hole and salt lick, which is constantly in use by local park residents. There is also an underground hide for closer encounters.

Day 11 Taita Hills – Mombasa

Following breakfast, depart on a morning game drive in Taita Hills Game Sanctuary. Lunch will be provided at Sarova Taita Hills Game Lodge before continuing your journey to Nairobi, aiming to reach by evening.

End of services

Cost Includes:

- Safari and game drives in private Toyota Land cruiser or Mini Bus
- Services of a professional English-speaking safari driver
- All transfers as specified
- Meals & accommodation as specified above
- All park fees and government taxes
- ½ liter bottled mineral water per person per day on safari

Cost Excludes:

- Visas and International flights
- Airport taxes
- Driver guide gratuities
- Drinks unless specified
- Dining rooms tips and portorage
- Personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- Telephone bills, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- Balloon safari

Additional remarks

- Cancellation policy as per agent's agreement
- We may have to reroute the itinerary or accommodation 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**

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 15 kgs and 65x46cm.

Excess luggage can be handed over to the representative at the time of briefing. It will be handed over to you on your return from safari.