



SAFARI THROUGH THE RIFT (MARA SOPA):

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)

This is a short but extremely rewarding safari as it allows visitors to gain a first-hand experience of the Great Rift Valley and the vast game-rich plains of the Masai Mara. The Rift Valley lakes are famous for their abundance of flamingos and other waterfowl, while Masai Mara is home to the country's greatest concentration of wildlife.

Day 1

Pick up from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Eka Hotel

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

Day 2 Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve

After breakfast, you will meet at the hotel lobby for your safari briefing. 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

Located high on the slopes of the Oololaimutia Hills, Masai Mara Sopa Lodge was one of the first safari lodges to be built in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, a reason why its gardens and trees are so lush and mature. All the buildings follow the design of traditional African round houses with conical roofs, and these stretch along the line of the hills with the impressively large public area buildings and the swimming pool at their centre.

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 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 program of activities and evening entertainment.

Day 5 Lake Nakuru - Nairobi

Following an early breakfast, continue to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride. Leaving the Rift Valley behind, proceed to Nairobi, arriving late morning. Once in the city, clients will be dropped off at the drop off point in the city centre for ongoing travel arrangements.

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
- All transport and game drives on safari sector will be in a Mini bus 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.