

THE IDEAL AFRICAN SAFARI

8 Nights / 9 Days *By Road & Air*



NAIROBI – TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK – AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK – MAASAI MARA

Explore nature's beauty across Kenya, from the volcanic splendour of the Chyulu Hills, to the shadows of the pink tinged peaks of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Amboseli and to the centre stage at nature's most dramatic arena in the Maasai Mara. This is the Ideal African Safari.

Day 1	Nairobi arrival - The Koppie House Manzoni – 2 nights
Day 3	Drive to Tsavo West, Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge – 2 nights
Day 5	Drive to Amboseli National Park, Amboseli Serena Lodge – 2 nights
Day 7	Fly to Maasai Mara, Mara Serena Lodge – 2 nights
Day 9	Fly to Nairobi, transfer to JKIA, Depart

DAY 1 & 2

NAIROBI, THE KOPPIE HOUSE



On arrival into Jomo Kenyatta International Airport you will be met by a Choose Safari representative who will transfer you to the magnificent "place of tranquillity" – The Koppie House. Accommodation is booked for 2 nights on a full board basis.

The Koppie House on top of a hill has brilliant views across the whole region. Here you will get the first African feeling and you will leave a piece of your heart and soul in this place when you leave.



After the breakfast, you will be transferred by road to Tsavo West National Park – Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge. This drive will take approximately 5 hours. Accommodation has been booked for 2 nights on Full board basis.

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. Tsavo West National Park offers some of the most magnificent game viewing in the world with large herds of dusty-red elephants, hippopotamus, giant crocodiles, black rhinoceros and Cape buffalos. The park includes also lion, cheetah and leopard. The "big five" can be seen in Tsavo. The Birdlife is abundant as more than 600 species of bird have been recorded in this park.

Mzima Springs. "Mzima", means alive in Kiswahili is a peaceful oasis at the heart of red-dusty Tsavo and this mag-

ical place is not to be missed. The pure water of the three Mzima's pools is filtered by the porous lava soils of the Chyulu Hills bringing life to a unique ecosystem. Daily, Mzima supplies more than 250 million litres of fresh water. The pools provide an oasis of green, a heaven for fishes, birds, monkeys, crocodiles and hippos. The main attraction is the underwater viewing tank, built to allow visitors to watch hippos- if you are very lucky- and fishes (the most common fishes being the barbel and the cat fish.)

Roaring Rocks. Once climbed, the Roaring Rocks will give you a magnificent panoramic view, usually only seen by the eagles and buzzards that fly around these cliffs. The view is over the

Rhino valley to the Ngulia hills. The rocks, located near the Rhino Sanctuary, which has long been an observation point for the protection of black rhinoceros and the fight against poaching.

The Shetani flow. A black lava flow of 8 km long, 1.6 km wide and 5 meters deep, is the remain of volcanic eruptions which were subject of tales among local commu-



nities who named the flow "shetani" meaning the devil in Kiswahili after it spewed from the earth just 240 years old. Climbing the flow is not an easy task as the thick black rock is composed of uneven chunks of solid magma.

After the breakfast, you will be transferred by road to Amboseli National Park – Amboseli Serena Lodge. This drive will take approximately 4,5 hours. Accommodation has been booked for 2 nights on Full board basis.

Set against the magnificent backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, the glittering Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge enjoys a uniquely privileged position at the heart of this world-famous national park. Secluded within a grove of acacia trees, the lodge looks out over the golden savannah plains, with uninterrupted views of the mountain itself. Close by are a series of emerald green swamps, which are fed by the melting snows of Kilimanjaro. These, the only sources of water in this otherwise starkly beautiful but arid park, attract huge numbers of wallowing elephants, hippos, buffaloes and plains game. Styled to echo the culture

of the surrounding Maasai people, who offer dance and cultural displays nightly, the lodge offers a wide selection of cottage-styled rooms, a panoramic restaurant, thatched bar with glowing fire-pit, and a palm-fringed pool.

You may encounter families of giraffe, herds of zebra and other plains game — and if you are lucky, you may spot the rare Serval cat. Elephant are a dominant presence in Amboseli; they are tracked almost constantly by researchers thus, the reason they have largely escaped the ravages of 1980s poaching. Here, you are able to spot some of the older “tuskers” lumbering almost delicately before the backdrop of Mt. Kilimanjaro. You'll be fascinated by the abundance of bird life — from the colourful lilac-breasted roller to the comical guinea fowl to vicious hawks and eagles.



DAY 7 & 8

MASAI MARA, MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE



After the breakfast, you will be transferred by road to Nairobi to catch the scheduled fly to Maasai Mara. Lunch in Nairobi.

Perched on the crest of a hill, the Mara Serena Safari Lodge has one of the most spectacular views imaginable across the vast plains, forests and rivers that make up the Masai Mara – one of the world’s richest wildlife sanctuaries. It is on this very terrain that the annual migration takes place when millions of zebra, wildebeest and gazelle cross the plains below, on their way to the rich new grasses of the Serengeti. This is a spectacle that should be witnessed at least once in a lifetime. (End of July/August is an ideal time

to witness the spectacle, though timings may vary depending on the rains).

The lodge has been designed to mirror a traditional Masai village or Manyatta and all the guest rooms are located in individual domed huts grouped in a circular manner. The furnishings of each room have been inspired by traditional Maasai art and each one has a private balcony with views that stretch over the vast African landscape.

Certainly the most frequented game reserve in Kenya, Masai Mara is a magnificent landscape of open plains bisected by the Mara River and its tributaries, and punctuated by marshes and forests. During the seasonal migration, Masai Mara is home to up to a million wildebeest and an equally impressive number of zebra that

move into the area from neighbouring Serengeti National Park. The reserve is home to all the “big five” and it is also possible to observe; baboon, eland, ostrich, bat-eared fox, jackal, cheetah, and the rivers abound with hippos and crocodiles.

The Mara is also noted for its abundance of lions- particularly the superb black maned males. You’ll see elephants here, often in large herds, as well as- if you’re lucky- leopard, cheetah and rhino. Get the cameras ready, stock up on film and enjoy yourself! Crown your game viewing experience with a hearty “Bush Breakfast” by the Mara River Hippo Pools! The hippos will keep you company whilst you enjoy your breakfast and will say “Kwaheri” as you leave.

DAY 9

DEPART

After a last game drive in the Masai Mara, at 10h00 you will be transferred to the airstrip to catch the 11h00 Safarilink flight back to Nairobi. Arriving at

12h15, a Choose Safari representative will meet and transfer you to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your journey home.

End of the Arrangements with Choose Safari

SAFARI ARRANGEMENTS

The package includes the following services

- Airport transfers on arrival / departure in Nairobi
- Transport and exclusive use of your private custom built 4 x 4 safari vehicle with services of an experienced English speaking driver / guide
- Park entrance fees for the above mentioned game parks, reserves & private sanctuaries
- Unlimited game drives in the above mentioned game parks and reserves
- Accommodation on full board basis, incl. soft drinks, beer, house wine & selected spirits at the above mentioned Luxury Hotels, Lodges and Camps
- Mineral water in the vehicle while on game drives
- Tea / coffee in the vehicle for early morning game drives
- Emergency evacuation insurance while on safari with us
- Airport/Airstrip transfers and local scheduled flights as per the itinerary

The package excludes the following services

- Items of personal nature i.e. premium beverages, laundry, telephone, souvenirs etc
- International flights / taxes
- Visa charges
- Travel / medical / cancellation insurance
- Tips & gratuities for driver / guide and hotel staff
- Extra cost incurred if change in itinerary / flights etc
- Entrance charges to any excursions in Nairobi
- Any arrangements in Nairobi on the last Day
- Any extras not mentioned above i.e. meals, activities etc

Price on request

- Our pricing aims to give an indication of the price range from low to high season
- Low season for Kenya is generally between the months of November and June
- High season runs from July to October
- Supplements may apply to peak periods such as Christmas and Easter
- Prices are per person per night based on 2 sharing

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PLEASE NOTE: There is a Baggage restriction of 15kgs on all internal flights, preferably in a soft bag