

7 DAYS CLASSIC KENYA SAFARI – JOIN IN GROUP DEPARTURE (EX- NAIROBI)



CLASSSIC KENYA CLASSIC: 2018
TOUR CODE: TES 250 A
NUMBER OF DAYS: 7 DAYS
DAYS OF OPERATION: SATURDAY

Places of Interest: Nairobi, Amboseli National Park, Lake Naivasha, Masai Mara Game Reserve

What you are likely to see: The Big five, Cheetah, Large elephant herds, Mt. Kilimanjaro, wild dogs, giraffe, zebra, gazelle, and other plains game, endangered species such as white rhino and black rhino, etc.

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Activities: Game viewing drives, birding, photography, cultural visit, balloon safari, etc.

Game Drives & transport: 4X4 Safari Land Cruiser

Accommodation: Lodges and Camps inclusive of all meals.

Summary of attractions:

Nairobi is the capital city of Kenya and East Africa's most populous city (3.5 million). Nairobi was founded in 1899 as a railway stop en route to Mombasa. Within a decade it grew to become the capital of British East Africa and became Kenya's capital after independence in 1963. Nairobi is a major business hub and many Aid agencies headquarter here as well. Nairobi has a modern city center, some beautiful suburbs, as well as Africa's largest slum. The city is built on a plateau and it stays pleasantly cool year round. Both English and (ki) Swahili are spoken.

Amboseli National Park: This Park is also known as Kilimanjaro's Royal Court. The ecosystem mainly consists of savannah grassland spread across the Kenya-Tanzania border. The park is famous for being the best place in Africa









to get close to free-ranging elephants among other wildlife species. Other attractions of the park include opportunities to meet the Maasai and spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro. Activities available in this park include game viewing, camping, viewing Mt. Kilimanjaro, bird watching and photography. Attraction sites within the park include the big five, the observation hill which allows an overall view of the whole park especially the swamps and elephants, the swamp below observation hill hosts many elephants, buffaloes, hippos and a variety of water fowls like pelican, Egyptian goose as well as the contemporary Maasai culture and indigenous lifestyle.

Lake Naivasha is the highest of all the Rift Valley Lakes at 1880 m above sea level. Being a fresh water lake, it has the greatest number of residents living on its shore. It has become the centre of the booming horticultural export business which is one of Kenya's leading foreign exchange earner. This area is a birdwatcher's paradise with over 450 species of recorded birds in the area, which are attracted by the yellow-barked acacia trees and blue water lilies. A small islet on the lake is home to a number of wildlife. Visitors can enjoy a boat ride safari as they view wildlife and birds from the tranquil lake. A private ranch (Kongoni Game Sanctuary) is located in the area which is a home to lions, leopards, cheetah and some translocated Gravy's zebras.

The Masai Mara, now the new 7th wonder of the world and 4th most preferred tourist destination in the world is a home to wildlife in such abundance and variety that it is difficult to imagine The annual migration of the wildebeest and the zebras starts from the Serengeti as they search for water and pasture while at the same time being followed on their heels by the predators of the savannah; Lion, cheetah, wild dog, jackal, hyena, and vultures. It hosts over 450 species of animals which includes lions, rhinos, hippos, crocodiles, giraffe, wildebeests, zebras, buffalo, leopard, many kinds of antelopes and elephants. Everything about Masai Mara is outstanding. The wildlife is abundant and the gentle rolling grasslands ensure that animals are never out of sight. Birds, too, are prolific. Including migrants, well over 450 species have been recorded, among them, 57 species of birds of prey. The climate is gentle, rarely too hot and well-spread rainfall year round. Rain, when it falls almost always chooses the late afternoon or night.









Day to Day Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive in Nairobi

Meet and greet on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport by The Earth Safari representatives. Thereafter receive a short briefing about your safari which gives you a clear idea on the places you are going to visit as well as the accommodation arrangements. Thereafter get driven to your hotel for relaxation and overnight.

Overnight at Hotel Intercontinental Nairobi or similar Meals: None

Day 2: Nairobi – Amboseli National Park (Drive time 4 Hours)

After breakfast, depart to Amboseli arriving at the foothill of the majestic Kilimanjaro in time for lunch. Amboseli lies immediately North West of Mt. Kilimanjaro, on the border with Tanzania. Amboseli lies immediately North West of Mt. Kilimanjaro, on the border with Tanzania. Amboseli National Park, the second most popular animal park after Maasai Mara, is 260km (160 miles) from Nairobi, on the border with the neighboring country of Tanzania. Large concentrations of wildlife occur here in the dry season, making Amboseli a popular tourist destination. Amboseli is famous for its big game and its great scenic beauty.



Its magnificent situation at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro combined with its excellent opportunities to view Kenya's animals, make it one of the most-visited safari parks in Kenya. Amboseli National Park is known for its large herd of over 900 free-ranging elephants. This is the best national park to visit to see these wonderful and huge creatures. Large concentrations of wildlife occur here in the dry season, making Amboseli a popular tourist destination. Amboseli is famous for its big game and its great scenic beauty.

After lunch, depart for a rewarding afternoon game drive till evening.

Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge or similar Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner









Day 3: Amboseli National Park

Spend a full day within this beautiful reserve viewing wildlife, birds and exploring the natural ecosystem that exists within this park as you view and photograph the scenic landscape which characterizes this park.

Enjoy the Morning and afternoon game drives.

Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge or similar Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Day 4: Amboseli – Lake Naivasha (Drive Time: 6 hrs)

After an early breakfast drive to the Great Rift Valley to Lake Naivasha arriving at the lodge in time for lunch (350 kms).

With over 400 species of bird, this freshwater lake is a birding Paradise. Along the lake's fabled waters, we are bound to see some of the area's more intriguing species—hippos, giraffes, buffalo and even the arboreal colobus monkey. Lake Naivasha lies in the Great Rift Valley and the name derives from the local Maasai name Nai'posha, meaning "rough water" because of the sudden storms which can arise.

Rest of the afternoon at leisure or choose from a selection of optional excursions including guided walks with naturalists or boat rides (book and pay locally).

Optional Lake Nakuru National Park Excursion: Cost INR 9,000 per person inclusive of park fees and to and fro

transfers. (Minimum 2 Pax)

Lake Nakuru National Park is 1 hour drive from Naivasha. Depart with packed lunch boxes and enjoy an afternoon game drive in the park.

Lake Nakuru is famous for a large variety of game can be found in the Park including the introduced Rothschild's Giraffe, Black and White Rhino, Waterbuck, Reedbuck, Lion, Buffalo, Leopard, Baboon











and many species of plains game. There are approximately 400 other species of birds found there.

Overnight at Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort or Similar Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 5: Lake Naivasha – Masai Mara Game Reserve (Drive Time: 5 hrs)

After breakfast you will check out and depart to the Mara Reserve, home to the big five and numerous plains game.

Welcome to the Masai Mara National Park, an undisputed paradise for the sheer quantity and variety of wildlife. Renowned for its lions and for the annual Great Wildebeest Migration, Kenya's greatest reserve is as magical as your wildest safari dreams.

Everything about this reserve is outstanding. The wildlife is abundant and the gentle rolling grasslands ensure that animals are never out of sight. Birds, too, are prolific. Including migrants, well over 450 species have been recorded, among

them, 57 species of birds of prey. The climate is gentle, rarely too hot and well-spread rainfall year round. Rain, when it falls almost always chooses the late afternoon or night. Between July and October, when the great wildebeest migration is in the Masai Mara National Reserve, the sensation is unparalleled. Masai Mara is one of the best plains' game reserve where you can actually encounter a live Discovery Channel, a haven for viewing a congregation of all sorts of animals in a five-mile radius: A pride of lions can be spotted ready to make a run for a gazelle.



Arrive in time for hot lunch at the Lodge. Proceed for a rewarding afternoon game drive till evening.

Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge or Similar Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner









Day 6: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Spend a full day at leisure with morning and afternoon Game viewing drives or a full day game drive in the reserve.

You will guided by the expert driver guides to spot the big five game among other like, Thomson's and Grant's gazelle, Topi and Eland and many more species of plains' game offer a rich choice of food for the dominant predators; lion, leopard and cheetah which hunt in this pristine wilderness. In the Mara River, hippo submerges at the approach of a vehicle only to surface seconds later to snort and grumble their displeasure. Seemingly, the drowsy crocodile sunbathe on the riverbanks, mouth agape, and waiting with subtle cunning for prey at which to strike with lightning swiftness.



Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge or Similar Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 7: Masai Mara – Nairobi - Departure (Drive Time: 5 hrs)

After breakfast depart from the park and return to Nairobi. Upon arrival get transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to catch your onward flight.

Meals: Breakfast

End of Safari









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Period	Price Per Adult sharing in Double/Twin/Triple	Price Per Child sharing room with 2 Adults (Age 3 to 11 years)	Single room supplement
01.01.2018-31.03.2018	INR 1,14,700	INR 69,300	INR 30,700
01.04.2018-27.06.2018	INR 98,100	INR 58,200	INR 8,500
28.06.2018-31.10.2018	INR 1,34,500	INR 78,800	INR 34,100
01.11.2018-19.12.2018	INR 1,14,700	INR 69,300	INR 30,700
20.12.2018-01.01.2019	INR 1,34,500	INR 78,800	INR 34,100

Christmas & New Year Supplement – INR 4,500 per person per night on 24, 25, 26, 31 Dec and 01 Jan Easter Supplement – INR 4,000 per person per night. 25, 26, 27. & 28 March

*A maximum of 4 singles per group will be charged a single room rate. Any additional singles will be charged at double room rate

Optional Balloon Safari in Masai Mara: INR 28,000 per person

Exclusive Vehicle Supplement – Per person

Passengers	2	3	4	5	6
4X4	INR 28,600	INR 13,900	INR 6,700	0	0

Inclusions:

- Visa Entry Fees into Kenya
- Meet and Greet Services at Nairobi Airport
- ➤ All park entrance fees and game drives
- All airport transfers
- Accommodation and Meals as specified in the Itinerary
- All meals in Amboseli, Lake Naivasha & Masai Mara. (B, L,D)
- Nairobi hotel on breakfast basis.
- Pure Vegetarian meals on request
- Guaranteed window seat.
- > Services of a professional English-speaking tour driver/guide
- 1 Litre Mineral water per person day during safari.
- Game drives & Transport in a 7 seater Safari 4X4 Land Cruiser with a pop up roof for game viewing and photography
- 5% GST and all applicable government taxes









Exclusions:

- International Airfare
- Optional activities like cultural visits, balloon safari, etc.
- Extras at the lodges or tented camps i.e. beverages and drinks, telephone, laundry etc.
- ➤ Compulsory Tipping to the safari guide/driver of US\$ 5 per person per day.
- > Any other item not included in itinerary

Cancellation Policy:

- ➤ 60 days & prior to arrival 10% of the total tour / services cost.
- > 59 days to 30 days prior to arrival 25% of the total tour / services cost
- > 29 days to 15 days prior to arrival 50% of the total tour / services cost
- > 14 days & less or no show NO REFUND

Additional remarks:

- The weekly departures will operate subject to a minimum enrollment of 4 travelers in each group.
- For 2-3 full paying passengers travelling together there may be an additional FIT supplement applicable.
- Maximum of 2 Children are allowed to share room with 2 Adults.
- Children 2 years and below Free of charge when sharing room with adults.
- Yellow Fever Vaccination and Oral Polio Vaccine is mandatory for travel to Kenya
- We may have to re-route the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.
- Prices for park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.

Luggage:

Due to limited luggage space in vehicles, hard top suitcases are unsuitable for scheduled road safaris. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive soft sided bags not exceeding 20 Kg per person 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.









Kenya General Travel Information, Do's & Don'ts

FOOD ON SAFARI - The food on safari is delicious and ranges from simple to gourmet. You can expect lots of fresh fruits and vegetables and wonderful homemade soups. Chicken, lamb, beef or pork are usually served at lunch and dinner as well fish and vegetarian dishes. Breakfast is buffet with lots of tropical fruits, hot and cold cereals, bacon, sausages, mushrooms, breads and pastries and eggs to order. Lunch can be either buffet or served at the table and always starts with soup. Dinner is usually a 4 or 5 course sit-down affair, although there is no need to dress up. Often your safari guide will join you at meals as you recall your day's events.

CLIMATE IN KENYA - Kenya enjoys one of the world's most pleasant climates year round. The daytime temperatures are normally in the high 70's to mid 80's and from the mid 50's to low 60's in the evenings and mornings. Southern and coastal Kenya tend to get much warmer, and can be very humid depending on the season. There are two rainy seasons but the sun shines throughout the year. Travel can sometimes be difficult during the long rainy season of April and May, but the short rains of November and December are fine for traveling, with short showers usually in the late evening.

BOTTLED AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - Diet sodas are seldom available in Kenya. Wine, beer, extra bottled water, sodas and alcoholic beverages are available at all camps and lodges and are usually not included in the trip price. Beer and sodas are inexpensive but premium spirits can be pricey so you may want to bring your favorite with you.

CLOTHING ON SAFARI - Comfortable, casual clothing that is lightweight and easy to care for is the best bet while on safari. It can be quite cool in the early mornings, so you'll want to dress warmly in layers, until the sun has a chance to warm up the air. "Kenya Convertibles", khaki pants with zip-off legs, are perfect for cool early morning game drives that turn warm before you're back in camp. Walking shorts, long pants, cotton shirts and tees are just right. For ladies, shorts are not generally accepted on streets in Africa. A cotton bush jacket or wind-breaker will be useful along with a warm sweater or fleece jacket for the cool nights. And, a hat that ties on is a must. There is not a good deal of long walking or hiking on most safaris, so a comfortable pair of walking shoes or tennis shoes and a pair of sandals should be adequate. You will need thorn-proof soles.

MONEY AND CASH - The local currency in Kenya is the shilling. Major credit cards are accepted at hotels and most lodges and camps "in the bush". However - don't even think about finding an ATM machine! US dollars, Euros and travelers checks are readily accepted, but small denominations are recommended for cashing at lodges and camps. Changing money at banks can be very time consuming and it is never wise to change money on the street.









HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND MALARIA - HEALTH: Food and sanitary conditions while on safari are of the highest standard, however some precautions are recommended. There are no vaccinations required at this time to enter Kenya. Remember to bring supplies of prescription medicines, spare glasses, contact lenses and sunscreen.

SHOPPING - If you don't like to bargain, there are many nice shops and galleries in the main cities that carry nice crafts, including basketry, batiks, beadwork, masks and woodcarvings. Gift shops in hotels, safari lodges and some camps are also excellent places to buy quality souvenirs. If you like to bargain, you may want explore the local markets. However - do not ship goods home! Shipping rates are not guaranteed and can be exorbitant. Plan to carry your purchases home or pay the surcharge from the airline.

WATER - To keep from getting dehydrated, you will need to drink plenty of fluids. Liter's of bottled water are supplied daily in your room or tent and also in the vehicles for game-drives.

LANGUAGE - Kiswahili is the national language of Kenya. While on safari you will pick up such phrases as Habari Gana (How are you?) and Twiga (Giraffe). However English is official and widely spoken but do not expect everyone to speak English. However all our guides are fluent.

CHILDREN ON SAFARI - Children are welcome in Kenya, including mobile camps and most lodges. We will advise you of any restrictions should you wish delight your children by bringing them on safari. Many families travel with children as young as 5 years old. On game drives if you have more than one child you may be required to have a separate vehicle.

TIPPING AND GRATUITIES- As a custom, tipping is not compulsory, but is usually expected as a sign of appreciation of good service in lodges, bars and restaurants and permanent tented camps. Safari guides depend on tipping for a large part of their income, so be sure to bring extra cash for tipping your guide at the end of your safari.

ELECTRICITY - Kenya's past, has left it with several different international standards of delivering power. Electricity is delivered at 220 Volts, but varies on the connections, so be sure to bring a Universal Adapter. Also, if outlets are not available in your permanent tented camp, the main building or bar area will have outlets so you can recharge your camera. You can also bring a cigarette lighter adapter to charge your camera while traveling in your vehicle.

GIFTS - Kenya, like most of the developing world, has many people who are in need. However, begging is not generally prevalent, though your safari vehicle may sometimes be surrounded by curious children. Kenyan's prefer that you not hand out money or sweets, as this encourages begging. However, like anywhere, gifts can be given as a true expression of friendship, appreciation or thanks. And trading T-shirts, hats, or offering magazines to locals not uncommon. Tourism brings needed money to the local economy and many of our ground operators work to









support local schools and other improvement projects. Please contact us about how you can support these efforts by offering supplies, money and your expertise.

Dos

- 1. Pack light. Be sure your bags are less than 20kg, as that is the maximum weight allowed on most airlines. Bring a light suitcase that is easy to carry, as well as a small day pack to bring with you on safari drives to hold your camera, snacks, water, etc.
- Wear neutral colored, lightweight clothes that dry quickly. Clothing in earthy tones does not attract
 insects and blends in with nature. Avoid black clothing, as it absorbs the heat. Bring a jacket for early
 morning drives and chilly nights.
- 3. Prepare for a range of weather conditions. Kenya has a tropical climate, but it can vary throughout the country. Rainy season is from March to June in the coastal regions and from November to December and February to May in the highlands. However, even if you are traveling during the dry season it is advisable to prepare for all types of weather.
- 4. Bring cash with you. Though the frequency of ATMs is increasing, there are still many places that only accept cash. Keep bills of varying amounts with you during your Kenya safari, as smaller bills are useful for snacks, drinks, souvenirs and tipping. Be sure the dollars you bring are new notes printed after 2004, as older currency is often rejected.
- Stay hydrated. Always make sure your drinking water is clean, ensuring it is either bottled or has been boiled.
- 6. Be patient. Guides will do their best to ensure you encounter a wide range of wildlife, but animal behavior can be unpredictable. Instead of becoming frustrated when you don't see the big 5, simply take the time to appreciate the beauty and nature around you.
- 7. Participate in the early morning drives. The morning and afternoon light are best for wildlife photography.

Don'ts

- 1. Do not approach the animals on foot. Listen to all the rules and instructions from your guide.
- 2. Avoid displays of wealth. Just like traveling to any foreign country, it is advisable to keep your valuables at home. It is highly unlikely you'll experience security problems on your trip to Africa, but we recommend









that you avoid displays of wealth, such as wearing expensive jewelry, and avoid certain areas of large towns late at night.

- 3. Kenya Elephants
- 4. Do not extend your hand to a woman (if you are male), unless she does so first. Handshakes are appropriate for greeting, however because the country has a large Muslim population, it is more appropriate for women to greet men with a small bow.
- 5. Avoid public displays of affection, as this will attract negative attention. Close touching is not appropriate between members of the opposite sex.
- 6. Do not use your left hand when eating, shaking hands, passing something to another person, or handling produce at the market, as it is customary to use your right hand.
- 7. Do not prop your feet up on tables or chairs, as having the bottom of your shoe pointing toward a person is considered rude.
- 8. Do not photograph people without their permission. There will be countless incredible photos to capture on your safari, including the wildlife or aspects of the local culture. Just be sure to ask the locals for permission before taking a picture of them.









Payment Details

Bank Transfer (NEFT/RTGS):

Account Name: Earth Safari Pvt Ltd

Account Number: 033884000000744 (Current Account)

Bank and Branch: Yes Bank Ltd, Upper Ground Floor, UG 18,19,20,21 Somdutt Chambers I, Bhikaji Cama Place,

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