Itinerary

17 Day Premium Masai Mara & Serengeti Safari

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

DAY 1: Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

Welcome to Nairobi! Upon your arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. After check in, the remainder of the day is yours to relax or begin exploring Kenya's vibrant capital at your own pace. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

NOTE: The included transfer is a group transfer and will be scheduled according to the arrival times of the majority of guests. If you arrive earlier and prefer not to wait, or if your flight arrives after the scheduled group transfer, you may arrange a private transfer for an additional cost or make your own way to the hotel.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 15km

APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME: 30min

MEALS: Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Nairobi Serena Hotel, Nairobi

DAY 2: Nairobi ~ Wildlife Orphanage ~ Giraffe Centre ~ Nairobi

After a leisurely morning, visit the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, where orphaned elephants and rhinos are cared for before being returned to the wild. Then continue to the Giraffe Centre for the opportunity to get up close with endangered Rothschild giraffes while learning about important conservation efforts. Return to your hotel in the afternoon with time to relax before dinner.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 35km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 2hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Nairobi Serena Hotel, Nairobi

DAY 3: Nairobi ~ Olpejeta Conservancy

After breakfast, depart Nairobi and journey north toward the Mount Kenya region. Along the way, enjoy scenic views as the landscape transitions into open plains and wildlife rich areas. Upon arrival at Ol

Pejeta Conservancy, enjoy lunch at your camp before heading out on your first exciting game drive. This afternoon offers your first opportunity to spot a variety of wildlife, including rhino, elephant, and other iconic species.

As the day comes to an end, return to camp and take in the stunning views of Mount Kenya in the distance. In the evening, relax and enjoy dinner while listening to the sounds of the African wilderness.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 220km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Serena Sweetwaters Camp, Ol Pejeta Conservancy

DAY 4: Olpejeta ~ Great Rift Valley

After breakfast, depart Ol Pejeta Conservancy and journey toward the Great Rift Valley. As you travel, take in the dramatic escarpments and ever changing landscapes that define this region. Arrive at Lake Nakuru National Park in time for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive, where you may spot flamingos, rhino, and a variety of birdlife along the lake shores.

Later, continue to your lodge in the Lake Elementaita region, where you can relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. This evening, unwind with dinner as you reflect on the day's incredible scenery and wildlife encounters.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 280km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 6hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Lake Elementaita Serena Luxury Camp, Great Rift Valley

DAY 5: Great Rift Valley ~ Lake Bogoria National Park ~ Great Rift Valley

After breakfast, depart with lunch boxes for a full day excursion to Lake Bogoria National Reserve. As you travel, enjoy views of the Great Rift Valley landscapes before arriving at this unique alkaline lake. Here, you may witness large flocks of flamingos along the shoreline, as well as bubbling hot springs and geysers that make this area truly distinctive.

Throughout the day, keep an eye out for birdlife and the unique geothermal features that define the area. In the late afternoon, return to your lodge where you can relax and enjoy dinner after a rewarding day of exploration.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 140km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 3hr 30min

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Lake Elementaita Serena Luxury Camp, Great Rift Valley

DAY 6: Great Rift Valley ~ Masai Mara Game Reserve

After an early breakfast, depart the Great Rift Valley and journey toward the world famous Masai Mara Game Reserve. As you travel, enjoy the changing landscapes and the sense of anticipation as you approach one of Africa's most iconic wildlife regions. Arrive at your lodge in time for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive.

This first safari in the Masai Mara offers an excellent chance to spot a wide range of wildlife, including lion, elephant, giraffe, and more. As the sun sets over the plains, return to your lodge to relax and enjoy dinner surrounded by the sounds of the African wilderness.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 300km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 6hr 30min – 7hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mara Serena Safari Lodge, Masai Mara Game Reserve

DAY 7: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Today is dedicated to exploring the incredible Masai Mara Game Reserve. Head out on morning and afternoon game drives across the vast plains, where wildlife sightings are frequent and diverse. This region is home to the famous Big Five, along with large herds of wildebeest, zebra, and other plains game.

In addition, enjoy a visit to a local Maasai village, where you will gain insight into traditional culture and way of life. In between activities, return to your lodge to relax and take in the surroundings. As the day comes to an end, enjoy dinner while reflecting on your unforgettable safari experiences.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 80–120km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 4–6hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mara Serena Safari Lodge, Masai Mara Game Reserve

DAY 8: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Enjoy another full day in the Masai Mara Game Reserve, with more opportunities to explore this wildlife rich region. You may choose to join additional game drives across the plains or take time to relax at your lodge and enjoy the surrounding views.

For a truly memorable experience, consider an optional hot air balloon safari at sunrise, offering breathtaking views over the Mara. Alternatively, spend time by the lodge pool and take in the scenery. As the day comes to an end, enjoy dinner and reflect on your safari adventure.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 80–120km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 4–6hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mara Serena Safari Lodge, Masai Mara Game Reserve

DAY 9: Masai Mara - Serengeti Game Reserve

After breakfast, depart the Masai Mara and begin your journey across the border into Tanzania. As you travel, take in the changing landscapes as the terrain opens into the vast plains of the Serengeti. Arrive in the Serengeti National Park in time for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive.

The Serengeti is renowned for its incredible wildlife density and endless horizons. This afternoon, enjoy your first safari in this iconic park, with opportunities to spot lion, cheetah, elephant, and more. As the sun sets, return to your camp and enjoy dinner surrounded by the sounds of the African wilderness.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 350km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 8–9hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Kirawira Serena Camp, Serengeti National Park

DAY 10: Serengeti Game Reserve

Today is dedicated to exploring the vast Serengeti National Park. Set out on morning and afternoon game drives across the endless plains, where wildlife sightings are frequent and diverse. This iconic region is home to large populations of predators and plains game, offering excellent opportunities to witness animals in their natural habitat.

In between game drives, return to your camp to relax and take in the surroundings. You may also enjoy a unique surprise breakfast experience in the bush. As the day comes to an end, gather for dinner and reflect on another incredible day on safari.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 80–120km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 4–6hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Kirawira Serena Camp, Serengeti National Park

DAY 11: Serengeti Game Reserve

Enjoy another full day in the Serengeti, with more opportunities to explore this world famous wildlife destination. Begin with a morning game drive across the plains, where you may spot predators on the move and herds grazing in the early light. Afterward, continue through the park as you transfer to your next camp, taking in the changing landscapes along the way.

Arrive at your camp in time for lunch and a short rest. Later, head out on an afternoon game drive, continuing your search for wildlife across different areas of the park. As the sun sets over the Serengeti,

return to camp and enjoy dinner while reflecting on the day's incredible sightings.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 120–160km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5–6hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mbuzi Mawe Serena Camp, Serengeti National Park

DAY 12: Serengeti Game Reserve ~ Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast, depart the Serengeti and journey toward the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Along the way, enjoy a visit to Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important archaeological sites in the world, where early human remains were discovered. Continue through the highlands, taking in the changing scenery as you approach the crater region.

Arrive at your lodge in time for lunch, with the remainder of the day at leisure. You may choose to relax and enjoy the views over the surrounding landscape, preparing for tomorrow's exploration of the Ngorongoro Crater.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 160km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge, Ngorongoro Conservation Area

DAY 13: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Today you will explore the spectacular Ngorongoro Crater, one of Africa's most unique wildlife destinations. Descend into the crater floor for a full day game drive, where you may encounter a wide range of animals including lion, elephant, buffalo, and rhino, all within this natural enclosure.

The crater's rich ecosystem supports an incredible concentration of wildlife, offering excellent viewing opportunities throughout the day. Enjoy a picnic lunch within the crater before continuing your exploration. In the late afternoon, ascend back to the rim and return to your lodge for dinner.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 70–100km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 4–5hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge, Ngorongoro Conservation Area

DAY 14: Ngorongoro Conservation Area – Amboseli National Park

After breakfast, depart the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and journey back across the border into Kenya. As you travel, take in the changing landscapes as you make your way toward Amboseli National

Park, set beneath the iconic Mount Kilimanjaro. Arrive in time for lunch before settling into your lodge.

Later, head out on an afternoon game drive, where you may spot large herds of elephants along with a variety of other wildlife. The backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro provides one of Africa's most famous views. Return to your lodge in the evening and enjoy dinner surrounded by the sounds of the wilderness.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 320km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 7–8hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Amboseli National Park

DAY 15: Amboseli National Park

Today is dedicated to exploring Amboseli National Park, famous for its large elephant herds and iconic views of Mount Kilimanjaro. Head out on morning and afternoon game drives across open plains and wetlands, where wildlife sightings are frequent and diverse.

In between game drives, return to your lodge to relax and take in the stunning surroundings. As the day comes to an end, enjoy dinner while watching the sunset over the plains, with Mount Kilimanjaro providing a spectacular backdrop.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 80–100km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 4–5hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge, Amboseli National Park

DAY 16: Amboseli National Park ~ Nairobi

After breakfast, enjoy a final morning game drive in Amboseli National Park. Take in the last views of Mount Kilimanjaro and keep an eye out for wildlife as you make your way out of the park. Then begin your journey back to Nairobi, travelling through changing landscapes along the way.

Arrive in Nairobi in the late afternoon and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax after your safari adventure or explore the city at your own pace.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 250km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5–6hr

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Royal Tulip Hotel, Nairobi

DAY 17: End of Tour ~ Depart Nairobi

After breakfast, enjoy your final morning in Nairobi at leisure. Depending on your departure time, you may choose to relax at the hotel or explore more of the city. At the appropriate time, transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your onward flight.

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APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCE: 15km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 30min

MEALS: Breakfast