



Kenya



Maasai Mara – Naivasha – Amboseli

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Expedition for the best of wildlife in Kenya!





DURATION : 9 Nights and 10 Days



Start & finish destinations

Nairobi - Maasai Mara - Naivasha - Amboseli - Nairobi



Destinations

- 1.MAASAI MARA
- 2.NAIVASHA
- 3.AMBOSELI

TOUR OVERVIEW

With the growing population of wildlife enthusiasts, nature lovers and photographers around the world, Kenya has become one of the prominent destinations in Africa. Millions of people visit Kenya each year to see its endless Savannah, Swamps, Mountain areas and Forests. There's Maasai Mara which is famous for wildlife and great wildebeest migration, Naivasha having large sweet water body famous for a good number of bird species with Hell's Gate National Park, Amboseli National Park where one can enjoy amazing views of the world's highest free-standing mountain "Mount Kilimanjaro" and the huge elephant herds that live in its boundaries with other diverse wildlife and much more.

The best travel plan to choose is the one where guests experience a proper mix of wildlife, nature and little bit of adventure too. The best choice from our expert's desk is a visit to Masai Mara and Amboseli with 2 days' stopover at Naivasha.

MAASAI MARA: Maasai Mara National Reserve, named in honour of Maasai people, was established as wildlife sanctuary with just 200 square miles. Today, it stretches 580 square miles (1,510 sq. kms) and rises 1500 - 2,170 meters (4920 - 7120 feet) above sea level. This is one of the few national parks in Africa, where one can get to see all members of the "Big Five" (Lion, Leopard, African Elephant, Cape buffalo & Black Rhinoceros) plus popular species like Zebra, Giraffe, Hyena, Cheetah, Eland, Gazelle and many more. Put it in simple words, what makes Maasai Mara an exclusive option is the diversity of wildlife, big cat population, different topography and scenic views. Plenty of birds (more than 470 species of birds have been identified in the park) and of course Mara Tribal people, who still value tradition and ritual as an integral part of their everyday lives.

NAIVASHA: Just 2 hours' drive away from Nairobi, Naivasha has something to offer for everyone. Be it a day's plan, or a 2 days trip, there are many things to do. For birding enthusiasts, there is Lake Naivasha. A large freshwater lake fed by the perennial Malewa and Gilgil rivers. Though there are no visible outlets for water flow, it is assumed that there is underground outflow, which keeps water fresh.

It is home to over 400 different species of birds, a huge population of Hippopotamus, Crocodiles and other wildlife. The boat ride here is always a fulfilling experience. For outdoor enthusiasts, there is Hell's Gate National Park (The famous Pride Rock, which inspired the setting for the popular film of 1994 "The Lion King") or Crescent Island Game Park, where one can go on a walk and enjoy the wildlife from a close view.

AMBOSELI: Set up with the most beautiful view of the world's highest free-standing mountain "Mount Kilimanjaro" and second only to Maasai Mara in popularity, Amboseli National Park is the place to visit without fail while you are on tour in Kenya. Named as UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in the year 1991, this park is a dream destination for every photographer. Getting those huge tuskers or free-range elephants pictures in the backdrop of snow-capped Kilimanjaro is once in a lifetime opportunity for every photographer. On a clear day, the startling backdrop provides spectacular views with great herds of elephants that roam Amboseli's plains. The bull elephants here have incredibly long tusks, indeed! These are some of the largest tusks to be seen in the entire African continent.

Amboseli offers great year-round game viewing (though it is advised to avoid the long rainy months like April - May and the short rainy season in November - December) A great variety of wildlife inhabits the park. Important fauna includes Baboons, Lions, Cheetahs, Black Rhinoceroses, Hippopotamuses, Masai Giraffes, Buffalo, Oryx, Wildebeests, Impalas and Gazelles! With 400 plus bird species, including over 40 birds of prey.

A well planned 9 nights 10 days trip covering these three regions will be the best one can offer to all kinds of travellers, whether it be a wildlife enthusiast, a nature lover, or a passionate photographer.



Day 1 -

Arrival in Nairobi. Guests will be picked up from Nairobi airport and dropped to the hotel for the day's stay. Assuming guests' arrival will be at different times, it is convenient to stay overnight in Nairobi and leave the next day for Mara. It will be an opportunity to meet other group members, share views and experience over dinner and get set with the equipment. You can ask for the Lobby manager for any last minute essentials from local shops including the conversion of currency if required. We have an early dinner so that we are fresh for the next day early morning start. Day 1 lunch and dinner will be left to the choice of the guests as they will check in at different times.

Day 2 -

We will assemble for an early breakfast in the restaurant. After checking out and handing over the luggage to our drivers, there will be a briefing about the trip just before we leave for Mara. This journey (300 kms) will be six hours drive with a break for refreshments (Guests can opt to convert currency, buy snacks, beverages and fill the bean bags with grains). We will reach our resort inside the game reserve just in time for lunch. A quick check-in, lunch, important briefing by the local team leader and we will be ready for a short game drive around the resort. Guests will not be disappointed with sightings. The late evening drive gives ample opportunities to sight Zebras, Antelopes, Giraffes, Elephants and some cats too with some luck. With good weather, we get to see a beautiful sunset before getting back to resort. Dinner will be served by 8.00 PM. Guests can retire for the day by 9.00 PM to get ample rest for an exciting next day.



Day 3 to Day 5 -

The next 3 days routine will be identical except that we will plan different areas, based on information collected from our contacts about the sighting of cats and their movements to maximise our chances for more sightings. Wake up will be at 5.30 AM. We will assemble for morning coffee/tea at 6 AM. Morning drive from 6.30 AM (may vary based upon sunrise time and distance to the place) we will take packed breakfast with us to save the travel time. There is an option to go on full-day safari with packed lunch too, which we will decide on each day based on the sightings. Typically, one returns to the resort for freshening up and lunch between 1.00 and 1.45 PM. Afternoon coffee/tea at 3.00 PM. We can have afternoon drive from 3.15 PM onwards till sunset. We will return to the resort around 7.30 PM. Dinner will be served by 8.00 PM. Early to bed for the next day morning drive.

Day 6 -

Today we will have an early checkout from the resort with a packed breakfast and drive towards Naivasha. There will still be wildlife all around up to the gate, so the morning will not be dull. It will be a 5 and a half hours' drive to our resort in Naivasha. We will have a quick lunch after check-in and proceed to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride. It will be a colourful evening with many varieties of water birds, Raptors, Kingfishers and many more. We will come back to resort early to enjoy a wonderful sunset over a lake just outside our rooms. In clear weather, this can be an amazing sunset picture to store on your phones/desktops for a long time. Dinner will be served by 8.00 PM. We will get to bed early today to relax and get ready for another exciting day.



Day 7 -

We can have one more boat ride today or can venture out to Hell's Gate National Park/ Crescent Island Game Park. We will leave Naivasha before Noon with packed lunch to reach Amboseli National Park in time to get some good view of sunset. It will be a 5 & 1/2 hours' journey to the park. We will enjoy the evening drive and sunset before reaching the resort by 7.00 PM. An early dinner and retire to bed at earliest for the next day's super views of Mount Kilimanjaro. Next 2 days, guests will get ample opportunity to view and click wildlife and landscape in the backdrop of this spectacular snow peak mountain.

Day 8 and Day 9 -

The next 4 days routine will be planned based on time of sunrise, day time drives, evening drive, sunset locations and routes in consultation with local experts. Morning coffee/tea at 6 AM. Morning drive from 6.30 AM (may vary based upon sunrise time and distance to the place). We will decide on a packed breakfast based on routes. Return to the resort for freshening up and lunch between 1.00 and 1.45 PM. Afternoon coffee/tea at 3.00 PM. We can have afternoon drive from 3.15 PM onwards till sunset. We will return to the resort around 7.30 PM. Dinner will be served by 8.00 PM. Early to bed for next day early morning drive.

Day 10 -

Today will be the last day of the trip. Guests will get one more chance to drive around and get a glimpse of wildlife, landscape and mountain ranges before breakfast. We will check out of the hotel with packed lunch towards Nairobi. Guests will be dropped to the airport for the onward journey or to the hotel if the flights are at a later time.



THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

1. 1 night stay in Nairobi.
2. 4 nights stay in Maasai Mara.
3. 1 night Stay in Naivasha.
4. 3 nights stay in Amboseli.

(All accommodations are on a twin sharing basis. Please enquire for single occupancy rate)

5. All meals during the stay in Maasai Mara, Naivasha and Amboseli including packed lunch on last day *(Lunch and dinner in Nairobi on the first day is not included)*.

6. All internal transports by a 4 x 4 Toyota Land Cruiser safari vehicle (Nairobi airport - Nairobi hotel - Maasai Mara - Naivasha - Amboseli - Game drives - Nairobi airport or hotel as scheduled) with 3 / 4 people in a vehicle.

7. 2 afternoon drives, 7 days of game drives, last day morning drive and one boat drive.

8. Services of a team leader, local guide and experienced driver for the entire trip.

9. All forest entry fees, guide fees and vehicle charges including Off-road permits wherever applicable.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

1. Mineral water, soft drinks, and beverages (All guests will be provided one refilled mineral water bottle during each drive and rooms will be served with one bottle of water every day).

2. Travel Insurance, Medical expenditures of any personal nature.

3. Food ordered other than what is provided in packed meals or buffet.

4. Still camera, lens and video camera fees in the park (Will be charged at actuals).

5. Any other incidental expenditures not included and specified in the cost.

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