

*Full Itinerary*

## KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI

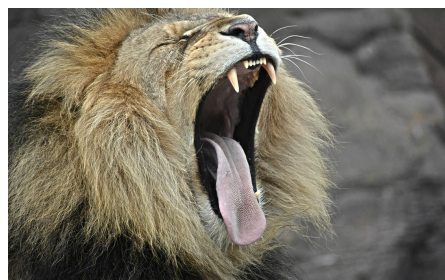


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### JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**

Level 2

**DESTINATION:**

Kenya Wildlife Safari

**DURATION:**

11 days

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

**PICKUP LOCATION:**

Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport  
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## OVERVIEW

The word safari means 'journey' in Swahili. This fantastic wildlife safari is an unforgettable journey to one of the best safari destinations on the planet.

Kenya is renowned for beautiful scenery, the proliferation of wildlife and in particular the ease in which to spot the elusive 'Big 5'; elephant, rhino, buffalo, leopard and lion.

On this trip you will stay in small lodges and luxury safari tents, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, diverse cultures and abundant wildlife. It will take you off the beaten track, as well as 'ticking off' the most famous safari destination of all - the spectacular Masai Mara.

## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**DAY 1** - Welcome to Kenya

**DAY 2** - Discovering Nairobi National Park

**DAY 3** - To Laikipia National Reserve

**DAY 4** - Exploring Laikipia National Reserve

**DAY 5** - Game Driving in Laikipia National Reserve

**DAY 6** - To Lake Naivasha

**DAY 7** - Spotting the Wildlife of Lake Naivasha

**DAY 8** - To the Masai Mara

**DAY 9** - The Mighty Masai Mara

**DAY 10** - Masai Mara

**DAY 11** - To Nairobi and Home

## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - WELCOME TO KENYA

Welcome to Nairobi - one of the most energetic cities in Africa! You will be met at the airport on your arrival by a Big Safari Company representative and then there is a short transfer to Ololo Lodge in Nairobi National Park.

The lodge is the perfect place to relax after a long haul flight, as well as giving you your first wonderful wildlife experience in Kenya!

**Accommodation:** Ololo Lodge, Nairobi National Park

### DAY 2 - DISCOVERING NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK

Despite its size and proximity to the city, Nairobi National Park boasts a large and varied wildlife population, including one of the world's highest concentrations of black rhinoceros. Its wetland areas are abundant with birdlife boasting over 400 bird species.

On your game-drives you can spot lion, hyena, warthog, zebra, giraffe, ostrich, gazelle, buffalo, and if you're lucky, leopard and cheetah.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Ololo Lodge, Nairobi National Park

**Optional extras:** Why not visit the Sheldrick Trust Elephant Orphanage? Located in Nairobi National Park, the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's Nairobi Nursery's holds a daily public visiting hour, time-honoured tradition in which they invite the public to learn more about the conservation work and meet the orphans in their care. Visiting is from 11h-12h, and places are limited so pre-booking is required.

### DAY 3 - TO LAIKIPIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Today drive north to Mt Kenya, the route passes through the outskirts of Nairobi, agricultural smallholdings, a pineapple plantation and several towns to reach the Loldia Hills Conservancy, where the Safari Series Camp is located.

Set against the backdrop of Mount Kenya, Laikipia National Reserve offers dramatic rocky scenery, open grasslands, basalt hills and forests all with a dense population of wildlife including lion, leopard, buffalo and elephant; as well as rare species such as the black rhino and Grevy's zebra.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Safari Series Camp, Laikipia National Reserve

### DAY 4 - EXPLORING LAIKIPIA NATIONAL RESERVE

Your days on safari can be spent as you wish and your driver/guide will discuss each day with you as you go along. The norm is an early wake up with coffee/tea around 6a.m. to depart on a pre-breakfast game drive at about 6:30a.m. Being so close to the equator Kenya's sunrise and sunset varies by an hour at most throughout the year, the temperature can also be comparatively cold in the early mornings and evenings, so it is a good idea to dress in layers when you go out on a drive as the middle of the day will be hot and dry.

After a sumptuous breakfast, the middle of the day is yours to do with as you please, many people go back to their tents and have a shower, perhaps read and take a nap before lunch or play board games in the main mess/lounge area of camp. After lunch you have a few hours to relax again before heading out around 3.30-4p.m. on an afternoon game drive – perhaps follow up on the pride of lion you saw in the morning, or head out to look for an elusive leopard or cheetah. After the game drive is time for a well-deserved pre-dinner drink around the camp fire and a chance to swap stories with other guests.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Safari Series Camp, Laikipia National Reserve

**Optional extras:** Excursion to Mount Kenya - Reaching to heights of 5,199m, Mt Kenya is the tallest peak in Kenya and the second highest in Africa! The stunning National Park that surrounds it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. Its unique Alpine scenery includes lakes, glaciers, dense forest, springs and a selection of rare species, adapted to the unique montane and alpine landscape.

### DAY 5 - GAME DRIVING IN LAIKIPIA NATIONAL RESERVE

As well as game drives and bush walks, the lodges in this area offer a wide range of optional activities such as horse or camel rides, quad-bike tours, fishing and kayaking.

This is a working community so it will also give you a unique experience to witness people going about their day to day lives and go on included cultural visits.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Safari Series Camp, Laikipia National Reserve

## DAY 6 - TO LAKE NAIVASHA

The drive from the Loldaigas to Lake Naivasha passes over the Laikipia Plateau to the Great Rift Valley - on a clear day the views are spectacular.

Check in for your stay at Kiangazi House in the Oserengoni Sanctuary by Lake Naivasha.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Kiangazi House, Oserengoni Sanctuary

**Optional extras:** Lake Naivasha Boat Ride: Take to the water and cruise the mighty Lake Naivasha. Spot families of hippos cooling off by the lake shores, flocks of pelicans, lofty cranes and storks and mighty African fishing eagles swooping down to catch their lunch. The lake is teeming with wildlife and you can see it from a different and relaxed perspective from the water.

## DAY 7 - SPOTTING THE WILDLIFE OF LAKE NAIVASHA

Lake Naivasha is the highest of the Great Rift Valley lakes. It is fringed by papyrus and acacia trees and supports a vast array of birds, including large flocks of flamingos.

The Oserengoni Wildlife Sanctuary is a conservation success story and is home to over 50 mammal species and 400 bird species. On our game drives we will try to see some of the protected animals who have taken refuge here including Leopard, Topi, Grevy's zebra, Impala, Serval cat, Warthog, and Lesser Galago.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Kiangazi House

**Optional extras:** Boat ride on the lake, visit to Hell's Gate National Park

## DAY 8 - TO THE MASAI MARA

Leaving Lake Naivasha, drive along the floor of the Rift Valley to the Masai Mara to stay at the centrally located Spekes Camp, which has fabulous access to the best gaming areas in the reserve. There is an incredible variety of wildlife on offer here including elephants, lion, giraffe, buffalo and zebra to name just a few. You will have exclusive use of a safari vehicle for your game drives.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Speke's Camp, Masai Mara

## DAY 9 - THE MIGHTY MASAI MARA

The Masai Mara (together with Tanzania's Serengeti) forms Africa's most famous wildlife area. The iconic landscape consists of endless grass plains and acacia trees. You will also probably see the colourful Masai communities, which the game reserve is named after roaming the plains.

Perhaps visit a Masai Village, to see how the tribe lives and learn of their culture.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Speke's Camp,

**Optional extras:** Masai Village Cultural Visit

## DAY 10 - MASAI MARA

The annual wildebeest migration through the Serengeti and the Masai Mara is the largest mass movement of land mammals on the planet - with more than a million animals following the rains. Aside from the wildebeest are large prides of lions looking for an easy meal, plus a whole host of other 'hangers on' including elephant, gazelle, giraffe and eland.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Speke's Camp

**Optional extras:** Hot air balloon ride

## DAY 11 - TO NAIROBI AND HOME

Check out after breakfast and drive to Nairobi. Transfer to the international airport for your flight home.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Optional extras:** Excursions (eg to the Giraffe Centre) or shopping trips in Nairobi flight times permitting

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Airport transfers
- 2 nights accommodation at Ololo Lodge in Nairobi National Park
- 3 nights accommodation at Safari Series Camp in Loldaiga Hills Conservancy
- 2 nights accommodation at Kiangazi Lodge at Lake Naivasha
- 3 nights accommodation at Speke's Camp in the Masai Mara
- Exclusive use of 4 x 4 safari vehicle with experienced English speaking driver guide throughout the safari
- Park and conservancy fees
- AMREF Flying Doctors Membership
- All known Government taxes

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International Flights and Visas
- Any activity not mentioned in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature such as shopping
- Tips and gratuities
- Any unforeseen tax increases
- Any COVID-related testing



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Vaccinations are recommended for Kenya. Please consult your doctor for advice.
- US Passport holders require an e-Visa to visit Kenya.
- Please let The Big Safari Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2-3pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 – 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable. Balance payments due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Safari Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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