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JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Kenya Luxury Honeymoon Safari

DURATION:

12 days / 11 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

PICKUP LOCATION:

Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
[NBO]

OVERVIEW

What better way to spend your honeymoon than on safari and relaxing on the idyllic shores of Kenya - a once in a lifetime holiday for a once in a lifetime event requires a once in a lifetime holiday!

A luxury honeymoon evoking the safari of old, enjoy stylish accommodation with personal service, exquisite food and stand out destinations.

Be amazed on safari as expert guides take you to the very best wildlife spots for experience like no other. From the Masai Mara to the Laikipia Plateau, fly around Kenya to some of the best locations to see the stunning animals in their natural habitat, whilst staying at fantastic resort accommodation.

And then, it is time to relax in and put your feet up after all the wedding planning as you head to Kenya's stunning coast. The Lomu archipelago offers pristine beaches, crystal clear seas and a range of activities to make the most of your time.

This really is a safari and beach honeymoon that will be full of magical moments to make special memories that will last for years - this really is the trip of a lifetime!

ITINERARY SUMMARY

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DAY 2 - To Ol Malo Conservancy

DAY 3 - Exploring Ol Malo Conservancy

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DAY 11 - The Coastal Paradise of Manda Island

DAY 12 - To Nairobi and Home

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - WELCOME TO NAIROBI

Your honeymoon starts here!

Upon arrival in Nairobi, you will be met at the airport and transferred to Giraffe Manor on the outskirts of the city.

This very special boutique hotel offers exceptional service, stunning grounds and luxury interiors, but it's most famous for its herd of resident Rothschild's giraffe who visit morning and evening, poking their long necks into the windows in the hope of a treat! It is the only place in the world where you can enjoy the breathtaking experience of feeding a giraffe over the breakfast table or photographing them at the front door!

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Giraffe Manor, Nairobi

Optional extras: Sheldrick Trust Elephant Orphanage, Nairobi If time permits, located in Nairobi National Park, the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's Nairobi Nursery 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 2 - TO OL MALO CONSERVANCY

After breakfast with the giraffes, today you head out to escape the crowds of bustling Nairobi and start your safari honeymoon.

You'll be transferred to Nairobi's Wilson Airport for the short flight north to Laikipia's Loisaba Airstrip. On arrival in Laikipia, your guide will be waiting to transfer you to the Ol Malo Conservancy in a 4x4 safari vehicle.

Ol Malo is situated on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River in Kenya's wild and beautiful North Eastern Province. The Conservancy's 5,000 acres of spectacular bush country are overlooked by Mount Kenya and teeming with the elusive antelope from which the land takes its name. Situated on a rock escarpment and bordering the tribal heartlands of the nomadic Samburu people, this is a dream destination with one of Kenya's most breathtaking views.

Upon arrival, relax into your surroundings, your base for the next 4 nights. Perhaps relax at the hotel spa or enjoy the views from your room.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Ol Malo Lodge, Ol Malo Conservancy

DAY 3 - EXPLORING OL MALO CONSERVANCY

Spend your days out on safari exploring the glorious, stunningly unspoilt Samburu country and wildlife.

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 6am to depart on a pre-breakfast game drive at about 6.30am. 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.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Ol Malo Lodge, Ol Malo Conservancy

DAY 4 - DISCOVERING OL MALO CONSERVANCY

As well as game drives, horse riding, camel riding, nature walks, night drives, picnic breakfasts, river walks, sundowners on the rocks, barbeques in the bush, star gazing, a visit to the Samburu workshop and even the use of a helicopter to get a birds eye view, are some of the many activities that give guests here an experience of a lifetime.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Ol Malo Conservancy

DAY 5 - ANOTHER DAY AT OL MALO CONSERVANCY

Spend another glorious day enjoying the stunning, unspoilt Samburu country and wildlife.

Perhaps make use of the lodge's other facilities or head out on a night game drive.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Ol Malo Lodge, Ol Malo Conservancy

DAY 6 - TO THE MASAI MARA

Check out after an early breakfast and transfer to Loisaba Airstrip as you transfer to probably one of the most famous safari destination in the world - the Masai Mara. During your short flight to the Masai Mara, the route passes over the Great Rift Valley and on a clear day it is possible to see its famous lakes.

You will be met on arrival and transferred to the award-winning Cottar's 1920s Camp. Vintage luxury at its best, this stunning tented camp exudes style of a bygone era, embodying the original spirit and essence of a 'safari'. It has its own private conservancy just one kilometre from the Masai Mara. The camp's professional guides are exceptional and have some of the highest qualifications in Africa making game drives here extra special. Check into your accommodation, your base for the next 3 nights.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Cottars 1920s Safari Camp, Oldkeresi Wildlife Conservancy

DAY 7 - OUT IN THE MASAI MARA

The Masai Mara is one of the world's premier destinations for wildlife viewing. Here you can spot the Big 5, amongst stunning, iconic scenery. As well as game drives you can also learn about the history and culture of the region, go hiking, fishing or birding or simply relax in the luxurious surrounding of the camp.

Located so close to the Equator, days are short, generally light from 7am - 7am, dictating the rhythm of the day. Safari days generally start early, getting out to see the animals before the day's heat kicks in.

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 3-4pm 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: Cottars 1920s Safari Camp, Oldkeresi Wildlife Conservancy

Optional extras: Hot air balloon ride, Massage & spa facilities

DAY 8 - THE MAGICAL MASAI MARA

The Masai Mara is vast, and despite numerous game drive possibilities, you will not cover it all. One way to see more of it however is from above - on a hot air balloon ride! (optional extra)

Few balloon trips are as breathtaking as the one over the Masai Mara, Kenya's famous game reserve. Setting out just before dawn, you are driven to the launch site, where the balloons are already up, just as the sun peeps over the horizon. Hear the burners firing as they raise you gently skyward where, depending on the wind speed, you'll remain for forty minutes to an hour. Mother Nature will ultimately determine what wonders you will see on your flight. To give you the best possible views of the Mara, the pilots rotate the balloons and skilfully manoeuvre them up and down – bringing you almost literally face to face with life, undisturbed, in this richly diverse land.

As you drift silently on the breeze, absorbing the sights and sounds of your early morning air-borne safari, you may forget about the second part of this fantastic excursion - your champagne breakfast! Close to where you land, breakfast awaits – time for good food, a glass or two of champagne and the chance to reflect on a trip we doubt you'll want to forget.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Cottars 1920s Safari Camp, Oldkeresi Wildlife Conservancy

Optional extras: Hot air balloon ride; Massage & spa facilities

DAY 9 - TO MANDA ISLAND

And now, after all the planning of your wedding and the fun of the safari, it is time to sit back and relax!

After breakfast, transfer to the nearby airstrip for a morning flight to Nairobi. Here, after a short lay over, you'll fly on to Lamu at the coast. Here you'll be met and transfer by boat to the Manda Bay Lodge for 3 days of relaxation by the beautiful Indian Ocean.

Manda Bay Lodge is a small boutique lodge located on the tip of an unspoiled, idyllic island in Lamu's archipelago. It offers stunning beach front accommodation with a pool, pampering and barefoot luxury - the ideal place to spend the last days of your honeymoon! Though if you are feeling active, you have a wide range of activities on offer, such as kayaking, sailing, windsurfing, SUP boarding are all included alongside use of games and yoga rooms.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Manda Bay Lodge, Manda Island

Optional extras: Deep sea fishing, motorised water sports activities, snorkelling, spa treatments, Lamu tour including archaeological site and museum visits and scenic flights

DAY 10 - RELAXING ON MANDA ISLAND

Calm crystal waters lap the palm-lined beaches here and it has a laid back, tropical island paradise, atmosphere. The surrounding area is renowned for excellent marlin fishing, historic towns and the ancient baobab encircled Manda Settlement. Whilst miles of soft white sand surround the lodge itself, the bush behind the lodge is home to a variety of birds and mammals including mongoose, civet cat, porcupine, genet cat, dik-dik, buffalo and bushbuck.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Manda Bay Lodge, Manda Island

Optional extras: Deep sea fishing, motorised water sports activities, snorkelling, spa treatments, Lamu tour including archaeological site and museum visits and scenic flights

DAY 11 - THE COASTAL PARADISE OF MANDA ISLAND

A visit to Lamu, Kenya's oldest living town dating back to the 14th century, is also highly recommended. The old town is inscribed on the World Heritage List as "the oldest and best-preserved Swahili settlement in East Africa". The population of Lamu is ethnically diverse, resulting in a mix known as Swahili. Due to the narrowness of the streets there are few cars and the town is easily explored by foot. We can organise a local resident guide who will show you around the town, its fort, the mosques and other points of interest. He can also point out jewellery and carving shops. Allow yourselves a couple of hours in the little museum that is dedicated to Swahili culture, plus there is an authentic 18th century Swahili house to visit. You can have lunch in town but bear in mind all the shops close for lunch and around prayer times.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Manda Bay Lodge, Manda Island

Optional extras: Deep sea fishing, motorised water sports activities, snorkelling, spa treatments, Lamu tour including archaeological site and museum visits and scenic flights

DAY 12 - TO NAIROBI AND HOME

Your safari honeymoon sadly draws to an end today as you enjoy a leisurely last morning at Manda Bay.

After lunch, it is time to start the journey home. Firstly, you'll be transferred by boat to the mainland for your flight to Nairobi, where you will be met on arrival at Wilson Airport and transferred to Nairobi's International Airport for your onward flights.

Included meals: Breakfast

Optional extras: Any Nairobi excursions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet on arrival at Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]
- 1 night accommodation at Giraffe Manor, Nairobi
- 4 nights accommodation at Ol Malo Lodge, Laikipia
- 3 nights accommodation at Cottars Camp, Masai Mara
- 4 nights accommodation at Manda Bay, Lamu
- Schedule flights: Wilson Airport [WIL] - Loisaba Airstrip; Loisaba Airstrip - Keekorok Airstrip; Keekorok Airstrip - Wilson Airport [WIL]; Wilson Airport [WIL] - Manda Airfield [LAU]; Manda Airfield [LAU] - Wilson Airport [WIL]
- Transfers as detailed in itinerary
- 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

- Return International to/from Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]
- Visas and all other country entry requirements
- Travel insurance
- Phone calls, laundry, personal purchases
- Personal purchases
- Tips/gratuities
- Any unforeseen tax increases
- Any optional activities
- 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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