

A close-up photograph of a lioness and her cub in a savanna setting. The lioness is lying down, looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. Her cub is sitting next to her, also looking at the camera. The background is a soft-focus view of dry grass and bushes, suggesting a natural habitat. The lighting is warm, highlighting the golden-brown fur of the lions.

Your travel guide to East Africa

Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda

Africa Sky 

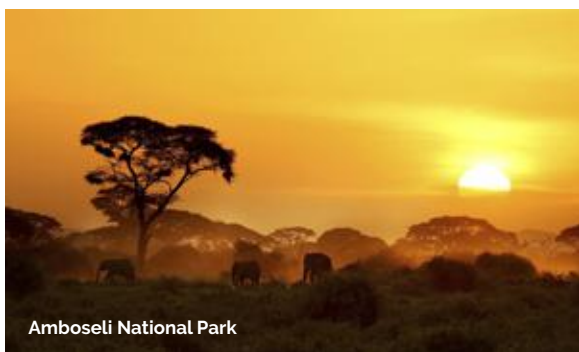
WELCOME TO YOUR GUIDE TO

East Africa

Ready to book the trip of a lifetime to Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda or Rwanda? With so much to see and do, it's natural to feel overwhelmed. But don't worry – we're here to help you every step of the way, making the process simple, stress-free, and tailored to your dream holiday.



Serengeti



Amboseli National Park

What you'll find in this guide:

- **Expert guidance**
We have travelled through East Africa extensively to find the best experiences and recommendations for you.
- **Different ways to travel**
From flights to private drives, we'll talk you through all the options to find your travel style.
- **Advice on when and where to go**
We'll recommend the best regions and best times to visit based on different interests.
- **Tips for your accommodation**
We'll help you choose your accommodation, turning it into a memorable and relaxing part of your safari.



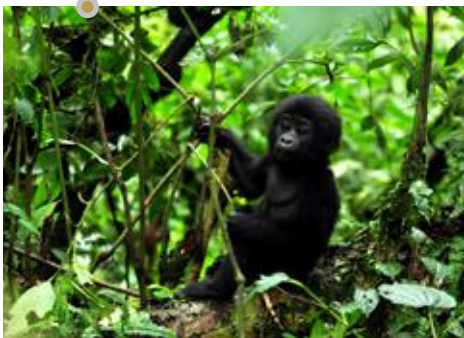
Why book your holiday with us?

- **We have 20 years of experience**
Our award-winning team has been dedicated to creating bespoke experiences for over two decades.
- **Every trip is customised**
Tailored to your preferences for the best Eastern African experience.
- **We work with trusted local partners**
They will be there for you around the clock, allowing peace of mind.
- **You can fly from regional airports**
We offer flights across the UK and Ireland for added convenience.
- **Your money is safe with us.**
We're fully licensed with ATOL in the UK and IAA in Ireland, ensuring top service and financial security.

THE BEST TIMES TO VISIT EAST AFRICA

You can travel to East Africa year-round, although the best time of year depends on the regions you want to visit. We've suggested the best times to visit each region. No matter when you go, we recommend at least two weeks to ensure a memorable trip.

East Africa has a warm, equatorial climate year-round, with seasons shaped more by rainfall than temperature. The countries have diverse landscapes from the plains in Kenya, to the mountains of Rwanda.



Volcanoes National Park and Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

June to September is best for gorilla trekking, with clear trails and unforgettable sightings. December to February offers sunny, dry conditions with excellent visibility and fewer mosquitoes.



Serengeti National Park

July and August highlight the annual wildebeest migration in the north. We personally recommend January to February for calving season in the south, with thousands of wildebeest born and predators at their most active.



Ngorongoro Conservation Area

June to October offers superb game viewing on the crater floor, with wildlife drawn to shrinking water sources. September to November is ideal for photographers, with lush scenery and golden light.



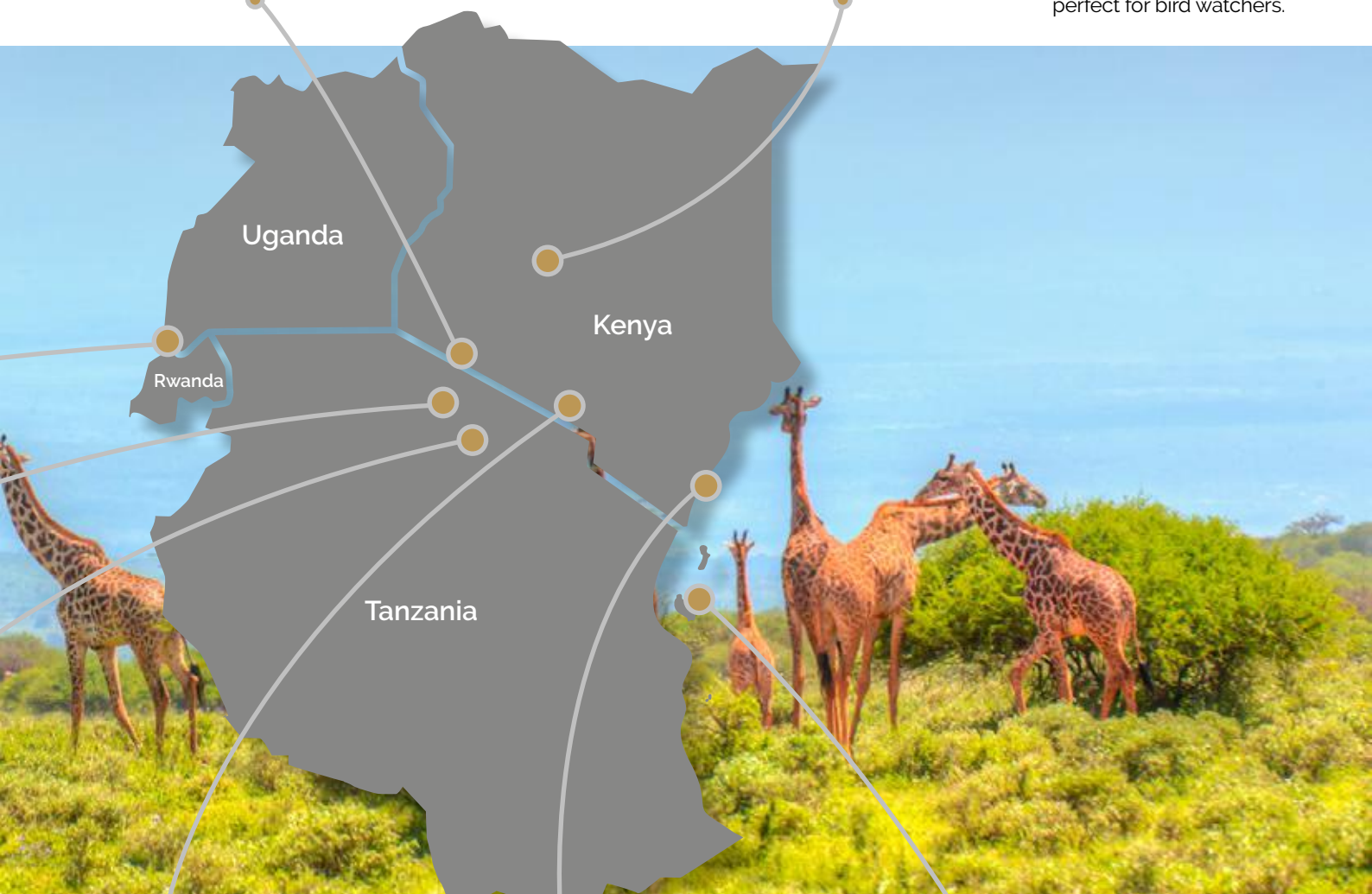
Maasai Mara Game Reserve

July to October is high season and is the prime time to see the Great Migration River crossings. We recommend visiting November to March for fewer crowds, baby animals, and active predators.



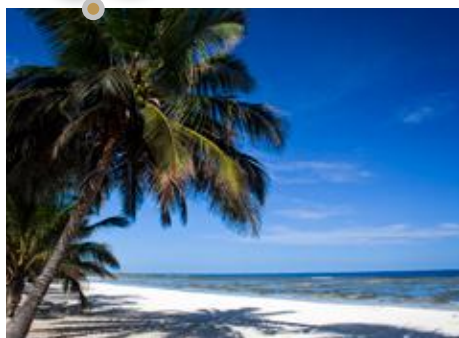
Laikipia Conservancy Areas

Best visited June to October and December to February for exclusive wildlife encounters, as waterholes fill with rhino, elephant, and big cats. With migratory birds and dramatic sunsets, September to November is perfect for bird watchers.



Amboseli National Park

Best visited June to October when elephants gather beneath Kilimanjaro's snow-capped peak. September to November brings lush landscapes, dramatic skies, and superb photography conditions with wildlife concentrated near water.



Mombasa Beach

Sunny year-round, Mombasa is perfect for combining a luxury beach stay with safari. We recommend visiting June to October and December to February, as less rainfall creates perfect conditions for relaxing and diving along the coast.



Zanzibar

June to October and December to February are perfect, with warm, sunny weather and calm turquoise waters. Ideal for unwinding post-safari, enjoy pristine beaches, spice plantations, and atmospheric Stone Town at its liveliest.

Where adventure begins



Kenya

Kenya is an iconic safari destination that blends adventure with relaxation. If you're dreaming of big game and vast plains, the **Maasai Mara Game Reserve** is a must. We recommend staying in the surrounding conservancies for a more private experience, fewer crowds, and a better view of the wildlife. Visit during the annual migration for a chance to witness herds of wildebeest and zebra cross predator-filled rivers, although we suggest coming in less peak months for a calmer atmosphere, clearer wildlife viewing, and stunning sunsets. For a more private safari experience, with a limited number of visitors, visit the **Laikipia Conservancy Areas**. Laikipia offers a stunning blend of mystic wilderness and exclusive experiences – spot rare species like black rhinos and Grévy's zebra, alongside the breathtaking scenery.



For dramatic landscape, **Amboseli National Park** offers unforgettable views of Mount Kilimanjaro, with large herds of elephants roaming below – a truly iconic African sight. After a magical yet tiring experience, unwind on **Mombasa's** white-sand beaches, where the Indian Ocean meets Swahili culture. Enjoy fresh seafood, historic forts, and snorkelling in vibrant coral reefs.



Tanzania

Home to some of Africa's most dramatic landscapes, Tanzania is a bucket-list destination for nature lovers. **Serengeti National Park** is best known for the annual wildebeest migration. From lions to birds, the Serengeti offers some of the best game drives, with magnificent wildlife spots. Nearby, the **Ngorongoro Conservation Area** is home to the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. With six different habitats, you have a chance to see the Big Five in a single game drive. With a melting pot of culture, **Zanzibar** is great for exploring. Relax on sun-soaked beaches and enjoy the culinary delights in the form of fresh seafood and local spices.

Rwanda and Uganda

If you're looking for something truly extraordinary, gorilla trekking in Rwanda or Uganda is an unmatched experience. The first glimpse of a wild mountain gorilla is a moment never to be forgotten. Set against the backdrop of Rwanda's towering volcanoes, **Volcanoes National Park** offers one of the most intimate wildlife experiences. Trek through misty bamboo forests to meet mountain gorillas in their natural habitat.

Tucked away in the emerald hills of southwestern Uganda, **Bwindi Impenetrable National Park** contains the majority of the world's wild mountain gorilla population. Whilst journey times are longer, permit costs are lower, and the rich biodiversity means more habituated gorilla troops, and a variety of trail difficulty levels for you to trek.



Luxurious wilderness

Choosing where to stay on safari is part of the adventure. From tented camps to luxury lodges, we recommend four unique options – each offering comfort, character, and unforgettable wildlife experiences.



Luxury eco tented camps

Luxury eco tented camps have minimum impact on the environment and offer an immersive experience. These are perfect for a truly intimate stay, as they are usually the smallest camps. Enjoy luxury tents with solar power, tarpaulin floors, simple furnishing and bucket showers, designed to leave the lightest footprint. These camps can be mobile in migratory areas such as the Serengeti, meaning they seasonally relocate for the best wildlife viewing.

Luxury tented camps

If you would prefer to combine comfort and authenticity, luxury tented camps are a perfect mix. With semi-solid flooring and upgraded furniture, you can relax with ease, whilst the canvas walls let you hear the sounds of the wild at night. Often with fewer than 15 tents, these camps stay intimate, located near rich wildlife.



‘Every detail was well thought-out for my trip to Kenya with Tropical Sky. It was all tailor-made, with smooth travel, amazing accommodation – we loved the tented camps, and top-class safaris. My heart is full, with memories to last a lifetime. Thank you!’



Luxury tented lodges

Need to ease yourself into it? A luxury tented lodge is right for you. These modern camps have hardwood floors, canvas walls, and usually running showers. The dining facilities are permanent, solid structures, allowing you to enjoy nature in comfort.



Luxury lodges

Not sure about canvas tents? Choose a luxury lodge instead. These lodges offer spacious, permanent rooms or suites with solid walls and stylish interiors. With larger capacities, they often include shared facilities like a swimming pool, spa and lounge.



A close-up, low-angle shot of a leopard walking towards the camera. The leopard's body is covered in a dense pattern of black spots on a tan background. Its eyes are yellow and focused forward. The background is a soft-focus savanna landscape with green grass and some small shrubs under a pale blue sky.

GETTING AROUND

Closer
to the
Action

“Flying between reserves was incredible - we saw twice as much wildlife and saved hours of driving. Tanzania from the air is absolutely magical!”



Light aircraft flying

If you want to maximise your safari time, we highly recommend a light aircraft flying safari. Whilst it's a more expensive option, flying allows you to cover greater distances quickly and comfortably, saving hours of transport time. Many flights land directly inside the park or reserve, meaning your safari begins the moment you touch down, whether on a shared or private driving safari. You will be given a local driver from the camp at each stop who will know the local area intimately, so you don't have to worry about missing anything. Luggage on these flights is restricted to 15kg each in a soft-sided bag, but don't worry, we take care of extra baggage for onward journeys.



Shared driving

A shared driving safari is great for those seeking excellent value and a sociable experience. You'll join a small group for game drives, offering the chance to share sightings, swap stories, and perhaps make a few friends along the way. You will have the same vehicle and driver throughout your safari, ensuring a consistent, personalised experience with someone who knows your preferences.

Private driving

For a completely personalised experience, opt for a private driving safari. Your guide and vehicle are entirely yours, allowing each day to be shaped around your interests, energy levels, and pace. You will have the same vehicle and driver throughout your safari, ensuring a consistent, personalised experience with someone who knows your preferences.



Tanzania and Zanzibar inspiration



Arusha



Tarangire National Park



Lake Manyara National Park

Uncover Tanzania's highlights in style on this suggested three-week safari and beach itinerary. Begin with the dramatic landscapes of Tarangire, then journey through the wildlife-rich Ngorongoro Crater before unwinding in Zanzibar's tropical paradise. Each stop brings a new adventure, and we can tailor every itinerary to you.

DAY 1-2: Arusha

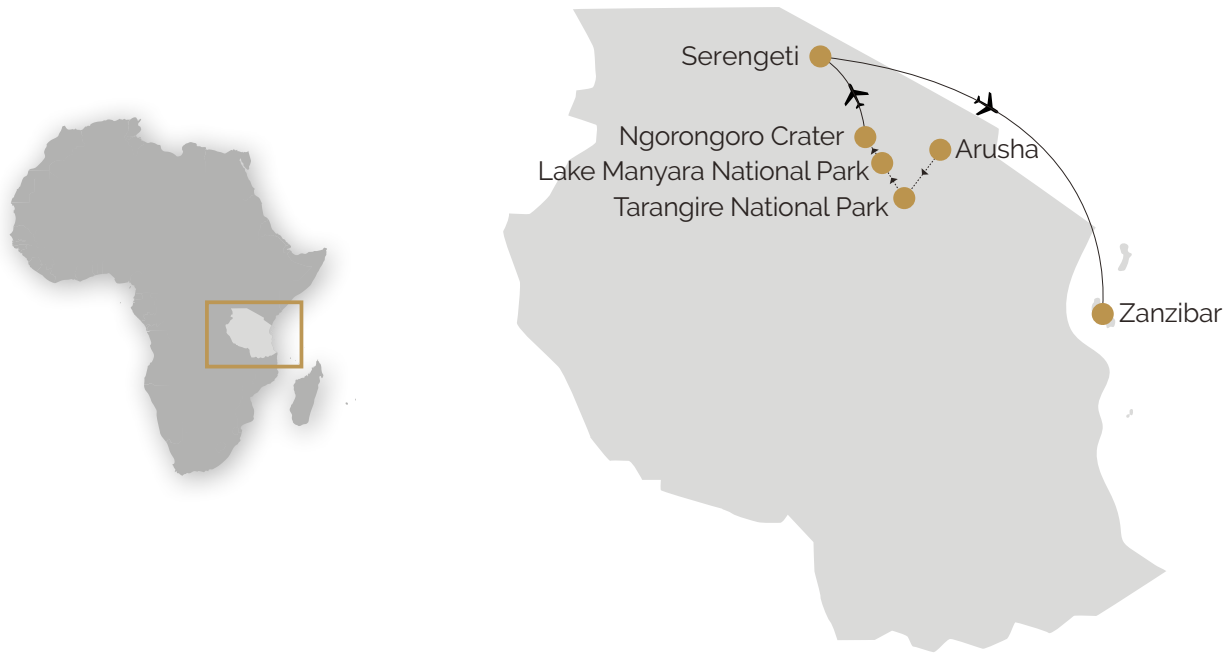
Begin your journey with two days in Arusha, the gateway to Tanzania's northern safari circuit. Use this time to relax after your journey and soak in the views of Mount Meru. Explore bustling markets filled with vibrant crafts, tour a coffee plantation to learn the bean-to-cup process, or join a guided walk-through nearby villages for an authentic taste of Tanzanian life. This gentle introduction sets the stage before your safari begins.

DAY 3-4: Tarangire National Park

Transfer to Tarangire National Park by a driver for your next two days, where vast savannahs stretch beneath towering baobabs and acacia trees. Famous for its large elephant herds, the park offers dramatic encounters, especially in the dry season when wildlife gathers at the Tarangire River, making every safari here a photographer's dream. Morning and evening game drives reveal lions resting in the shade, giraffes moving gracefully across the plains, and dazzling birdlife. With fewer visitors than other parks, Tarangire feels wonderfully wild and untouched.

DAY 5: Lake Manyara National Park

Spend your fifth day exploring Lake Manyara National Park, a compact park renowned for its diversity of habitats. Here, lions are known to lounge in acacia branches, while pink flamingos create a vibrant spectacle across the shimmering lake. Game drives here reveal an incredible variety of habitats, from lush groundwater forests filled with monkeys, to open plains at the base of the Rift Valley escarpment. With dramatic backdrops perfect for wildlife sightings, this is a photographers dream.



DAY 6-7: Ngorongoro Crater

Journey on to the Ngorongoro Crater for your sixth and seventh day, one of Africa's most remarkable wildlife havens. Descend 600 metres to the crater floor for a full-day safari, where you may spot all of the Big Five in one outing. Lions prowl the grasslands, rhinos graze near shimmering lakes, and elephants wander among fever trees. Picnic with sweeping views, enjoying the unique scenery of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, before returning to your lodge for an unforgettable sunset.



Ngorongoro Crater

DAY 8-11: Serengeti

Take a light aircraft flight to the legendary Serengeti, where vast plains seem to stretch forever. Spend four unforgettable days tracking some of the most iconic wildlife on Earth. Maximise your wildlife encounters with morning and afternoon game drives, watching cheetahs racing across the savannah, lions gathering in prides, and vast herds of wildebeest and zebra moving in their seasonal migration. For an unforgettable experience, opt for a sunrise hot-air balloon safari, drifting over the golden grasslands of the savannah, followed by a champagne breakfast in the bush.



Serengeti

DAY 12-21: Zanzibar

End your adventure with 10 days of unmatched relaxation on the island of Zanzibar. Spend your days unwinding on palm-fringed beaches, snorkelling or diving in crystal-clear waters, among coral reefs teeming with tropical fish. Explore historic Stone Town with its spice markets, winding alleys, and centuries-old architecture. We recommend a two-night stay in the city to immerse yourself in the islands culture. As the sun sets, enjoy a boat ride along the coast or savour freshly grilled seafood beneath the stars. It's the perfect finale, the tranquillity of island life after your safari adventure.



Stone Town



Kenya safari and beach inspiration



Enjoy this suggested three-week safari and beach itinerary, perfect for a family getaway. From vast savannahs dotted with acacia trees to rocky outcrops where lions bask, immerse yourself in the landscapes that inspired the latest Lion King films. Each stop brings a new adventure, and we can tailor every itinerary to you.

DAY 1-2: Nairobi

Begin your adventure with two days in Nairobi, Kenya's vibrant capital. This first stop is designed to let your family unwind after your journey before heading out on safari. For a gentle introduction, visit the Giraffe Centre, where you can hand-feed endangered Rothschild giraffes, or stop at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust to meet orphaned baby elephants. Both encounters bring conservation to life in an unforgettable way. Alternatively, use this time to unwind at a comfortable hotel close to the airport before your safari adventure begins.



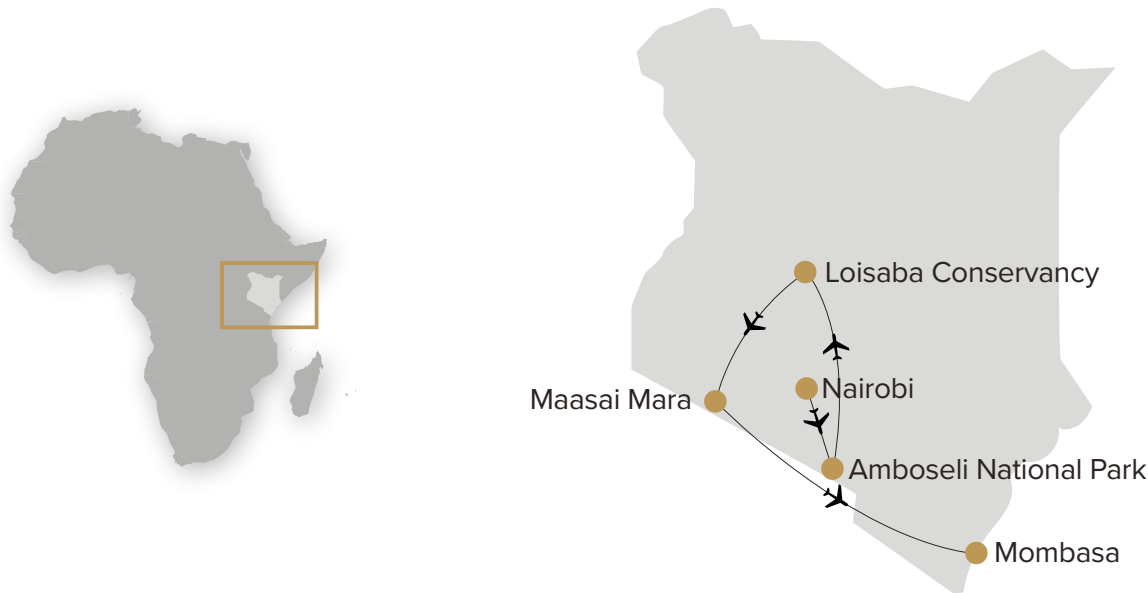
DAY 3-4: Amboseli National Park

Travel south to Amboseli National Park for your third and fourth days, one of Africa's most iconic national parks. Here, wildlife roams against the backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro, its snow-capped peak rising majestically above the plains. Spot Amboseli's famous elephant herds, which are often seen at close range around the vast park. Morning and evening game drives offer endless opportunities to discover lions, buffalo, giraffes, and dazzling birdlife. With its dramatic scenery and abundance of animals, Amboseli offers an atmosphere of timeless luxury in the wild.



DAY 5-7: Loisaba Conservancy

Head north to the Loisaba Conservancy for your next three days, a hidden gem known for its diverse wildlife and breathtaking scenery. Experience the freedom of exploring a private reserve, spot rare species such as the striking reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra, unique to northern Kenya. Enjoy game drives throughout the day or switch it up and experience a leisurely camel ride or horse trek across the open plains. Alternatively, if you're feeling adventurous, try a guided walking safari through the bush, learning about tracks and plants. Evenings are magical here, stargaze under pristine, clear skies for a truly magical experience.



DAY 8-11: Maasai Mara

No Kenyan safari would be complete without time in the legendary Maasai Mara. Spend four unforgettable days in the reserve, home to an extraordinary concentration of wildlife. The Mara is renowned for its big cats, with a high concentration of lion prides and elusive leopards and cheetahs frequently seen, you are more than likely to spot some. Morning and evening game drives bring you close to the action and drivers will have some flexibility to accommodate your wishes. For a luxurious, once in a lifetime extra, soar over the Mara at sunrise in a hot air balloon. Watching the plains awaken from the sky as you float over the winding river, for a memory that you will treasure forever. We recommend a stay in a conservancy adjoining the Mara. This gives a more private experience away from the crowds and more exclusive wildlife interactions.



Maasai Mara

DAY 12-21: Mombasa

Round off your adventure with 10 days in Mombasa, where golden beaches and the warm waters of the Indian Ocean await. This is the perfect place to unwind after days of adventure. Play on soft sands and splash in the sea or relax under swaying palms. Explore vibrant Old Town, where narrow streets echo with Swahili culture, or step inside the imposing Fort Jesus, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With its mix of relaxation, history, and adventure, Mombasa provides the ideal finale to your safari, allowing you to reflect and recharge before your onward journey.



Maasai Mara

Your dream East African adventure awaits...

We tailor every itinerary around you. Whether it's luxury camps, light aircraft flights, or adjusting durations and destinations, it's all possible. Speak with our travel experts today and let us create a holiday that's uniquely yours.



Mombasa

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