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ONCE IN A LIFETIME SAFARI
8 DAY ITINERARY
KENYA

Day 01 - (Nairobi)



Upon your arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi and after clearing customs and immigration formalities, you will be met by a Once In A Lifetime Wildlife Safari Representative. Our agent will transfer you to the Nairobi Safari Club for a relaxing overnight stay in Nairobi.

OVERNIGHT AT NAIROBI SAFARI CLUB

Day 02 – (Nairobi / Amboseli National Park)

At 8:00 and after an early morning breakfast, you will depart the Kenya Safari Club. After leaving Nairobi, you will head south for approximately 250 kilometers (155 miles) across the beautiful and seemingly never ending - Athi plains and arrive at the colorful border town of Namanga. Once you turn east, you will be entering Amboseli National Park which is located at the foot of majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, home to a wealth of wildlife but particularly known for its elephants. The drive to Amboseli will take approximately 3 ½ hours.

As you enter the Park, you will notice the snowcapped peak of Kilimanjaro which dominates every aspect of Amboseli. This Park is one of Kenya's most famous National treasures. Amboseli only covers 392 sq km, but despite its small size and its fragile ecosystem, it supports a wide range of mammals (well over 50 of the larger species) and birds (over 400 species). Years ago, this was the locale around which such famous writers as Ernest Hemingway and Robert Ruark spun their stories of big-game hunting in the wilds of Africa.

The snows of Mount Kilimanjaro, white and crystalline, form a majestic backdrop to one the region's most spectacular displays of



wildlife - lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, cheetah, buffalo and hosts of plains' game, creating Kenya's most sought after photographer's paradise.

After completing your drive from Nairobi, you will arrive at the Amboseli Sopa Lodge located in the heart of the wonderful Amboseli National Park. Following check in, you will enjoy a delicious lunch served in the Sopa Lodge dining facility.

At approximately 3:00 and upon the completion of lunch, your Once In A Lifetime wildlife representative will escort you on an adventurous afternoon Safari drive. During your expedition, you will visit the nearby water-hole where you will observe an abundant of different wildlife species.

Upon the completion of your exciting afternoon adventure, you will return back to the Amboseli Sopa Lodge. Your fabulous evening dinner will be served in the dining facility. Following diner you might opt to relax near the open camp-fire and enjoy a conversation with your fellow explorer.

OVERNIGHT AT AMBOSELI SOPA LODGE



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Day 03 – (Amboseli National Park)

After your hearty morning breakfast at the Sopa Lodge, a full day will be spent exploring this most unique and wonderful National Park. One of the interesting and spectacular facts regarding this park is its abundant and vast number of animal species. During both your morning and afternoon expedition, you will see Buffaloes, lions, gazelles, cheetahs, wildebeest, hyena, jackals, warthogs, zebras, Masai giraffes and baboons. Around the mid-day hour you will stop for a fantastic picnic lunch.



Due to the Sunset being short on the East Coast of the African Continent, you will return to the Lodge $\frac{1}{2}$ hour prior to the sun setting. However prior to your return, your Once In A Lifetime Safari Wildlife representative will try to position you for the most spectacular Serengeti Plain sunset events you will ever see.

After you freshen up from your day's adventure, you might elect to relax in the Amboseli Sopa Lodge's lounge area. This will provide you with the opportunity to enjoy a book or play a game of

cards prior to your evening dinner.

After dinner, you might once again want to relax next to the open fire pit and discuss your day's exploration with your fellow Safari adventurers.

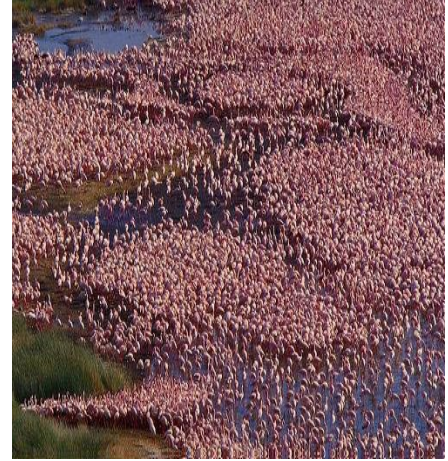
OVERNIGHT AT AMBOSELI SOPA LODGE

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Day 04 – (Amboseli National Park / Lake Nakuru)

At 6:00, and after an early morning breakfast at the Sopa Lodge, we will depart and proceed southward to Lake Nakuru National park. Along the way to this beautiful Park, we will stop for a delicious picnic lunch. The distance to Lake Nakuru from Amboseli is 410 km's and will take approximately 6 hours.

During your journey to this beautiful National Park, you will have the opportunity to enjoy stunning views of the vast Kenya countryside. Upon your arrival at the Lake Nakuru Roberts Camp, you will enjoy a wonderful lunch. Following lunch, your Once In A Lifetime Safari wildlife guide will drive you to the lakebed where you will begin your expedition through this unique National Park.



Lake Nakuru is famous for its clouds of flamingos, Black Rhino's, as well its unusual tree climbing Lions. Over 1 million flamingos in the park literally turn the shores of Lake Nakuru pink. This is a delight for ornithologists, scientists, and wildlife filmmakers.

This National Park covers 188 square kilometers of land of great ecological diversity - from lake water, woodland, bush grassland, to rocky ridges. Upon your arrival at Lake Nakuru, you will start your exploration of this marvelous National Park.

A variety of exotic wildlife can be easily observed through-out the entire park. This wildlife includes Water Buffalo, Leopard, Lion, Rothschild's Giraffe, Black and White Colobus Monkey in the forests and animals like the Eland, Steinbok, Impala, Chandler's Reedbuck, and Dikdik in the Bushland. Finally, Rock Hyrax and the Klipspringer are found on the cliffs and escarpment.

You will enjoy an afternoon game drive in our overland vehicle to savor the feast of wildlife on the lake's shores and on the cliffs of Lake Nakuru. Upon the completion of your Safari drive, your Once In A Lifetime Safari wildlife representative will transfer you to Roberts Camp.



This Camp is on beautiful Lake Baringo and offers accommodations in bandanas and family cottages. It is run by Ross and Caroline Withey, who have a special interest in the area due to Caroline's own family history.

At night you can experience the thrill of seeing or hearing hippos, sometimes with young, grazing on the lawns and returning to the water by day. Meanwhile on the lakeshore, those logs floating by are often slumbering crocodiles! The camp is safe for visitors, but guests are reminded that

animals, especially hippos, should never be approached too closely, and special care must be taken after dark.

OVERNIGHT AT ROBERTS CAMP

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Day 05 – (Lake Nakuru National Park / Masai Mara National Reserve)

After your early morning breakfast at Roberts Camp, you will depart the flamingo fringed Lake Nakuru and proceed southwards and turn right at Maai Mahiu to ascend up and over the top of the Mau Escarpment and proceed to Masai Mara National Reserve. This adventurous drive is approximately 230 km's and will take 4 hours.

Outstanding in every way, the Masai Mara National Reserve is the most well known game park in Kenya and is located on the northern edge of the Serengeti Plain. Here you can see wide varieties and vast volumes of wildlife, 57 of the 450 recorded bird species are birds of prey. There are breathtaking areas of beautiful grasslands, rolling hills, wonderful acacia trees and a variety of lush bush areas.

Upon arrival at Masai Mara, your Safari Representative will drive you to Mara Sopa Lodge located within the Masai Mara Reserve; lunch will be served followed by an afternoon game drive.

During your drive, you most likely will see Cheetahs, Hyenas, Giraffes, Lions, Hippos, Leopards, Jackals, Wildebeests, Gazelles, Impalas, Topis, Hartebeests, Vultures, Eagles, Falcons, Ostriches, Zebras and much more. Both lunch and dinner will be served at Mara Sopa Lodge.

OVERNIGHT AT MARA SOPA LODGE



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Day 06 - (Maasai Mara Village / Masai Mara National Reserve)

After a leisurely breakfast, we will depart the Mara Sopa Lodge facility and travel a short distance to a unique Maasai Mara bushman village. The Maasai are a nomadic people and are known particularly noted for their handcrafted beadwork.



Male members of the tribe are herdsman and use cattle as capital to exchange for their necessities'. The Maasai diet consists of drinking a mix of cow's blood and milk along with other local delicacies.

Most of their food is obtain by young men hunting within the savannah plain with custom made spears. While the men of the tribe are out hunting, the women stay at the village and assist with the construction of their huts.

Young Maasai men leave the tribe at an early age and live off the land in small groups for several years. As they mature, it is the custom for many of them to become warriors as part of their passage to adulthood.

On occasion, many of the young Maasai warriors stay living in the bush and become wild. It is well known that the Maasai tribes' people are very well versed on the local plants. Many species of the local vegetation is utilized for medical treatment of different ailments.

Once you have completed your visitation of the Maasai Village, we will return back to the Lodge for lunch. The remaining part of your afternoon will be at your leisure. At 16:00, we will journey back out to the Reserve for another beautiful late afternoon Safari adventure. All meals will be served at the Mara Sopa Lodge.

OVERNIGHT AT MARA SOPA LODGE

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Day 07 – (Masai Mara National Reserve)

Once you have completed your breakfast, you will begin your morning exciting exploration. As you progress in your journey, you will understand why this Reserve is called the most beautiful places in Kenya.

Upon the completion of your morning adventure, you will return to the Sopa Lodge where you can relax for the rest of morning and early afternoon hours. Perhaps you might want to take a dip in the swimming pool, play a hand of Cards or just get to know some of your fellow Safari explorers. Later in the afternoon, you will return to the savannah in search for members of the BIG 5 game family.

Due to the Sunset being short on the East African coast, you will return to the Lodge $\frac{1}{2}$ hour prior to the sun setting. However prior to your return, your Once In A Lifetime Safari Wildlife representative will try to position you for the most spectacular Serengeti Plain sunset event you will ever see. All meals will be served at Mara Sopa Lodge.

OVERNIGHT AT MARA SOPA LODGE



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Day 08 – (Masai Mara National Reserve / Nairobi)

After an early morning breakfast at the Mara Sopa dining facility, we depart the Lodge for our journey back to Nairobi. The trek back to Nairobi is 275 km's and will take 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours due to the bumpy road conditions.

Upon your arrival into Nairobi, you will finish your day by having a farewell lunch at Africa's greatest "Eating experience", the Carnivore restaurant. This dining adventure will provide you an all you can eat Brazilian Churrasceria extravaganza of delicious meats served in a unique atmosphere. The Carnivore restaurant is known through-out the world and is considered to be Kenya's 2nd most popular destination after Maasai Mara.

Based upon your departure time and upon the completion of lunch, you will be transferred back to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport where you will depart Kenya for your journey back home.

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****VALIDITY –**

Kenya Safari Guest Accommodations' and Travel Expense

US \$ Per Person sharing double room (Includes \$340 USD Adult Kenya Park Fees)
(Above fare is quoted with a 3.5% cash discount included)

**All quoted rates are based upon 2010 fees and availability at the time of booking. Once In A Lifetime Safari LTD/LLC shall be held harmless for any changes or cancelation of accommodations and or excursions. Prior to receiving final payment, quoted packages rates are not guaranteed and can be modified. Rate structure is based upon 2 Guest sharing Micro-Van.

SAFARI COST INCLUDES:

- Full board Double accommodations during Safari adventure in Lodges/Camps as described in itinerary.
- ***Exclusive use of a Safari Vehicle (2 Guest minimum)*** during your 7 day Safari adventure as described in itinerary.
- Transportation during Safari adventure in a custom made 06-seater safari microbus (07 window seats) with a roof hatch for enhanced game viewing and photography
- Services of an English speaking driver/guide
- ***Kenya Game Reserve/Park Entrance Fees***
- ***Maasai Village visit***
- Bottled mineral water on safari vehicle for use during game drives.
- Safari briefing in Nairobi.

NOT INCLUDED IN SAFARI RATE:

- Nairobi City Tour USD \$160 per person
- Domestic flights
- International flights
- International departure taxes
- Drinks
- Visa fees
- Tips and gratuities to driver/guide, porters, bar and waiters
- Travel insurance.
- Any other item of a personal nature
- Mara Balloon Flight \$450/person

