



Gameparks & Beaches of East Africa

Sep 2024 – 19 nights

Day 1: Nairobi

Arrive in Nairobi anytime today. You will be met and transferred to accommodation.

Accommodation: Wildebeest Eco Camp or similar

Day 2: Nakuru

(B,D)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Nakuru, located in the Rift Valley (approx. 4 hour drive) where you will meet up with the rest of the group who are on the full safari. Our accommodation is in self-contained cottages on a working farm with beautiful gardens and excellent facilities. Meet the rest of the group this evening over dinner.

Accommodation: Kambu Farm Cottages or similar 2 nights

Day 3: Lake Nakuru

(B,L,D)

Today we enter Lake Nakuru National Park and spend the day game driving. This small park is packed with wildlife. The soda lake has over 400 species of birdlife - an ornithologist's paradise. It is also home to both the black and white rhino, and where some scenes from the movie "Out of Africa" were filmed

Day 4: Lake Naivasha

(B,L,D)

This afternoon we arrive at Lake Naivasha and take a boat ride on the lake viewing hippos, fish eagles and birdlife before arriving at Elsamere, the former home of the late Joy & George Adamson. Joy became world famous for her pioneering conservation work and relationship with the lioness Elsa, as told in her bestselling book and subsequent film, Born Free. After a video presentation on the life of Joy, enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in the gardens.

Accommodation: Fish Eagle Lodge or similar

Day 5: Masai Mara

(B,L,D)

Today we drive into the Masai Mara, as we get closer to the park you will see herds of goats & cows wandering in a cloud of dust through the vast plains dutifully watched by their Maasai owners. We enter the main gate by midday and stop at a Masai village for an introduction to their age-old customs and the way they live their semi-nomadic lifestyle and a tour through the village. Afterwards drive through to Sekenani Camp. The camp is built at the source of the Sekenani River which rises from a rock pool at the east end of the camp and forms the stream which flows in front of the tents. Each tent is situated on a raised platform with an ensuite bathroom complete with a full-length bathtub. A great place to relax and soak up the serene environment.

Accommodation: Sekenani Camp – permanent tent with ensuite or similar 2 nights

Day 6: Masai Mara

(B,L,D)

We spend the day game driving around the park through vast herds of zebra, wildebeest and antelope. Hopefully we will also spot some of the The Big 5 (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo & rhino). The Masai Mara is quite simply, one of the greatest wildlife attractions in the world and at this time of year (July to Oct) we should see the migration which is spectacular. We will stop at The Mara river for a short guided walk and see what animals might be around the river.

Day 7: Nairobi

(B,L)

Today we journey through the Rift Valley and up the escarpment where we stop for photo opportunities, before continuing on to Nairobi, Kenya's capital. Tonight you might like to eat in the famous Carnivores Restaurant which is located in the grounds of our hotel.

Accommodation: Tamarind Tree Hotel or similar 2 nights

Day 8: Nairobi

(B)

Free day to kick-back, catch up on your washing, emails, shopping, sort through your photos etc. There is a good choice of restaurants and bars close-by, plus a modern supermarket where you can stock up on personal supplies. Option to visit the nearby elephant orphanage at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. Best known for their work to protect elephants, the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (SWT) operates the most successful orphan elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world. It is well worth a visit – you never know you might come away with a new member to your family!

Day 9: Karatu

(B,L,D)

Today we cross into Tanzania via the Namanga border and drive through Arusha and the northern highlands. After climbing the Manyara Escarpment, the vegetation becomes more lush and green, especially around the highlands of Karatu where we overnight. The extinct volcano of Ol Deani has gentle slopes and is a prominent feature of the landscape.

Accommodation: Kudu Lodge or similar

Day 10: Serengeti

(B,L,D)

You will be picked up this morning in 4WD vehicles and driven to The Serengeti National Park. It is the largest national park in Tanzania and is famous for its migratory herd of more than 1.5 million wildebeest, along with masses of zebra and of course their predators. This afternoon enjoy a game drive before arriving at our tented camp.

Accommodation: Kati Kati Camp – permanent tent with ensuite or similar

Day 11: Serengeti – Ngorongoro

(B,L,D)

Morning game drive before travelling across the plains to Naabi Hill where we stop for lunch. In the afternoon we continue on to Ngorongoro for overnight on the edge of the crater rim.

Accommodation: Rhino Lodge or similar

Day 12: Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha

(B,L)

Ngorongoro Crater is a huge volcanic caldera covering 264 sq km. Measuring over 16 km across and 610 metres deep it is home to many animals including black rhino, hyena, jackal and the densest lion population in the world. This morning we descend into the crater for a game drive then after lunch we will drive back to Arusha where we overnight.

Accommodation: Mt Meru Hotel or similar

Day 13: Arusha - Marangu

(B,D)

Today we visit Shanga River House. The Shanga Foundation was set up to provide locals with disabilities the chance to learn a craft and earn a living. You will be impressed with the unique, quality products, handmade from recycled materials. We will have our lunch here at the restaurant. Later this afternoon we arrive in Marangu which is situated on the lower slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. Our accommodation for the next two nights has magnificent views of the mountain.

Accommodation: Marangu Hotel or similar 2 nts



Day 14: Marangu

(B,L,D)

Today you will learn about the Chagga people - Bantu speaking indigenous Africans and the third largest ethnic group in Tanzania. Enjoy a walk through the village with a local guide, wander through banana and coffee plantations and explore the caves – an elaborate system of underground tunnels and caves once used to hide the Chagga people and livestock from marauding Maasai.

Day 15: Stone Town, Zanzibar

(B)

Today we will take a domestic flight from Kilimanjaro Airport to Zanzibar and transfer to “Town”. Little has changed in the last 200 years in Stone Town. It is a place of winding alleys, bustling bazaars, mosques and grand Arab houses whose original owners vied with each other over the extravagance of their dwellings. This one-upmanship is particularly reflected in the brass-studded, carved, wooden doors - there are more than 500 different examples of this handiwork. The afternoon is free to explore the fascinating labyrinth of narrow streets and alleyways. Later watch the sun sink into the sea over a cocktail before dinner.

Accommodation: Forodhani Park Hotel or similar

Day 16: Spice Tour - Nungwi

(B)

Fragrant cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, pepper and many other spices brought the Sultans of Oman and the beginnings of the infamous slave trade to Zanzibar. Our half day tour will wow you with the sheer number of spices produced and their incredible value for many ailments. Later this afternoon we drive to Nungwi Beach at the northern end of the island.

Accommodation: Z Hotel or similar 3 nights

Days 17/18: Nungwi, Zanzibar

(B)

Two free days to relax and unwind on Nungwi Beach. Diving, fishing and sailing on a Dhow are just some of the optional activities you can do here. At the end of the day there are plenty of bars to enjoy a sunset cocktail and a variety of beachside restaurants to dine in.

Day 19: Stone Town, Zanzibar

(B)

Today we head back to Stone Town where you will have free time to do shopping or exploring. Our last night together will be spent over a fine meal and refreshments whilst taking stock of our whole adventure!

Accommodation: Forodhani Park Hotel or similar

Day 20: Departure day

(B)

You will be transferred to Zanzibar Airport today for your onward flight.

DEPARTURES

13 Sep 2024

08 Jun 2025

PRICE

NZ\$11,040 per person twin share

NZ\$1,600 single supplement

If you are travelling solo and would like to twin share with another female let us know.

Prices subject to change until confirmed and paid in full.

INCLUSIONS

- 19 nights accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Sightseeing as indicated
- Services of experienced driver/guide plus camp/cook assistant
- Fully equipped safari vehicle, with camping / cooking equipment
- All road tolls, vehicle taxes, National Park entry fees
- Airport transfers (day 1 & day 20 only)
- Domestic flight Kilimanjaro - Zanzibar

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares
- Travel Insurance
- Entry Visa to all countries
- Items of a personal nature (eg. drinks, souvenirs)
- Any other optional activities you choose to take yourself
- Tipping

NOTE

This is not an all women tour. There will be a mix of people onboard.

Average age tends to be 45 – 70 years.

Escorted from New Zealand by Marie Coles owner of Roam Travel and Manager of The Safari Company.

Escorted with minimum 8.