



GAMEPARKS & BEACHES SAFARI

Kenya | Tanzania

18 nights – July 2023

Day 1 – 29 July

Nairobi - Nakuru

Please arrive in Nairobi before midday. You will be met at the airport and transferred to Nakuru (approx. 3.5 hour drive). We are staying in farm cottages within lovely gardens – perfect for a relax for the rest of the day.

Accommodation: Kembu Farm Cottages or similar

Day 2 – 30 July

Lake Nakuru

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

Accommodation: Kembu Farm Cottages or similar

Day 3 – 31 July

Lake Naivasha

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 the Adamson's, enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in the gardens.

Accommodation: Fish Eagle Lodge or similar

Day 4 – 01 Aug

Masai Mara

Today we drive into the Masai Mara stopping along the way for lunch. 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 mid afternoon and drive through to Sekenani Camp, each tent is situated on a raised platform with a bathroom complete with a full-length bathtub.

Accommodation: Sekenani Camp – permanent tent with ensuite or similar

Day 5 – 02 Aug

Masai Mara

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 at the time. In the afternoon we will visit a Maasai village to meet the locals and learn about some of their age-old customs and the way they live their semi-nomadic lifestyle.

Accommodation: Sekenani Camp – permanent tent with ensuite or similar

Day 6 – 03 Aug

Nairobi

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 (own cost).

Accommodation: Tamarind Tree Hotel or similar

Day 7 – 04 Aug

Nairobi

Free day to kick-back, catch up on your washing, emails, shopping 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. Lunch & dinner and optional tours at your own cost today.

Accommodation: Tamarind Tree Hotel or similar

Day 8 – 05 Aug

Karatu

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 9 – 06 Aug

Serengeti

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 10 – 07 Aug

Serengeti – Ngorongoro

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

Accommodation: Rhino Lodge or similar

Day 11 – 08 Aug

Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha

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. Dinner own cost tonight.

Accommodation: Mt Meru Hotel or similar

Day 12 – 09 Aug

Arusha - Marangu

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 (own cost). 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

Day 13 – 10 Aug

Marangu

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, visit a picturesque waterfall where you are free to have a swim in the refreshing water and finally explore the caves – an elaborate system of underground tunnels and caves once used to hide the Chagga people and livestock from marauding Maasai.

Accommodation: Marangu Hotel or similar

Day 14 – 11 Aug

Stone Town, Zanzibar

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. Lunch & dinner own cost today.

Accommodation: Forodhani Park Hotel or similar

Day 15 – 12 Aug

Spice Tour – Nungwi Beach

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. Lunch & dinner own cost today.

Accommodation: Amaan Bungalows or similar

Days 16 & 17

Nungwi Beach

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. Lunch & dinner own cost today.

Accommodation: Amaan Bungalows or similar

Day 18 – 15 Aug

Stone Town, Zanzibar

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! Lunch & dinner own cost today.

Accommodation: Forodhani Park Hotel or similar



Day 19 – 16 Aug

Departure day

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

PRICE

NZ\$8,700 per person twin share

NZ\$1300 single supplement (willing to share option may be available)

Prices subject to change until confirmed and paid in full.

INCLUSIONS

- 18 nights accommodation as indicated
- All Meals (except as specified as own cost in itinerary)
- 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
- 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

NOTE

This is not an all women tour.

Average age tends to be 50 – 70 years.

If you would also like to visit Uganda & Rwanda, please see our East Africa itinerary which is 31 nights and dovetails into this safari.