

Kenya explorer (14days)



Excerpt:

This superb safari takes you to many of Kenya's finest game reserves, encompassing a stunning variety of landscapes and wildlife ? from the harsh, rugged wilderness of Samburu via the forested Aberdares and the lakes of the Great Rift Valley to the open savannah of Masai Mara. The treeless plains of Samburu provide a habitat for numerous rare species. Aberdare National Park, forming eastern wall of the Great Rift Valley, incorporates moorlands and high forests. Nakuru known for its flamingoes, also has many other species, including the Rothschild's giraffe, warthog, water buck, buffalo, gazelle, reedbuck and hippo; and Masai Mara , located in the south west of Kenya, shares its border with Tanzania. Here the open savannah, dotted with acacia trees contains an astonishing concentration of game. Amboseli National Park, where the snows of Kilimanjaro form a majestic backdrop to a landscape teeming with lion, elephant, leopard, rhino, cheetah, buffalo and a host of other game.

Description

Itinerary

Day 1: Departure

?Depart USA, transatlantic flight

Day 2: ?London

Arrive in Europe early in the morning. This evening, leave on overnight flight to JKIA Nairobi.

Day 3: ?Nairobi

Upon arrival in the morning, you are met by Ashford Tours & Travel Representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the morning is at leisure. This afternoon you visit the Bomas of Kenya where you are entertained by traditional dancers. The tour ends with a panoramic City Tour of Nairobi. **Hotel: The Stanley Hotel BB**

Day 4: ?Nairobi ? Tree Lodge

?Morning drive to Mt. Kenya/Aberdares to a tree lodge which overlooks floodlit waterholes visited regularly by wildlife. This region is home to a diverse range of forest animals: elephant and rhino; the pig family comprising warthog, giant forest hog and bush pig; many antelope ? waterbuck, suni, dik-dik, eland and the rare shy bongo. The cats are here too. Lions of this region are more hairy than those of the plains. **Lodge: Serena Mountain Lodge LDBB**

Day 5: ?Tree Lodge ? Samburu

?Continue North across the Equator to the edge of the Northern frontier. Samburu Game Reserve is physically and faunally dramatic, for most of the year the area is dry under the harsh equatorial sun. Relief comes from the Uaso Nyiro River rising in the Aberdare to the west and varnishing into the Lorian swamp. Crocodiles bask on the sand bars. Water buck feed on the river bed grasses, while vervet monkeys and baboons forage nearby. **Lodge: Samburu Serena Lodge LDBB**

Day 6: ?Samburu

?Full day to enjoy the area, different scenically and in its wildlife. This area is notable for lion, buffalo, elephant and for cheetah, lesser kudu and animals typical of the drier northern regions such as the fine-striped Grevy zebra, the graceful long-necked gerenuk, reticulated giraffe and the Somali ostrich. Leopards are often seen, as are striped hyena. **Lodge: Samburu Serena Lodge LDBB.**

Day 7?: Samburu ? Mount Kenya Safari Club

?After breakfast leave Samburu for Mount Kenya region. At the base of Africa's second-highest Mount Kenya is the elegant Mount Kenya Safari Club. Founded in 1959 by the film star William Holden, eccentric American Ray Tyan, and Swiss financier Carl Hirshmann, this legendary club offer luxurious comfort in the heart of the wild. Some optional activities available in this club are; Playing Golf, go horseback riding, trout fishing or visit the animal orphanage. **Hotel: Mount Kenya Safari Club LDBB.**

Day 8?: Mount Kenya Safari Club ? Lake Nakuru

?Morning drive via Nyahururu Falls down to the floor of the Great Rift Valley. Arrive in Lake Nakuru National Park at mid day. Lake Nakuru, a beautiful, shallow alkaline lake, is the world famous haunt of flamingos, lion, baboon, buffalo, gazelle and both white and black rhino are seen here. **Lodge: Lake Nakuru Lodge LDBB.**

Day 9: ?Nakuru ? Masai Mara

?After breakfast depart for the renowned Masai Mara Game Reserve. With its rolling hills and grasslands, it is grazing ground for thousands of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle during the annual migration, between July and October. Elephant, giraffe, lion, rhino, cheetah, buffalo, hippos and hyena can all be found in quantity. **Lodge: Mara Serena Lodge LDBB**

Day 10?: Masai ? Mara

?Full day experience the Masai Mara magic! Morning and evening game drives in Kenya's premier reserve, famed for its phenomenal wildlife. As an optional activity, you can experience the rare excitement of game viewing from a hot-air balloon. A visit to a Masai village can also be arranged here. **Lodge: Mara Serena Lodge LDBB**

Day 11?: Mara ? Nairobi

?Final game drive en route to the Airstrip. Fly to Nairobi where you are welcomed for a unique lunch at Carnivore Restaurant, featuring a variety of wild game roasted on spits. In the afternoon, continue via microbus, for Amboseli National Park arriving in the early evening. **Lodge: Amboseli Serena Lodge DBB.**

Day 12?: Amboseli

A full day in Amboseli with game viewing alongside the magnificent snow covered Mount Kilimanjaro. This is the highest mountain in Africa. Best clearly seen early in the morning. It provides a great background for herds of elephants, giraffe, gazelle, and prides of lion. An optional visit to a Masai village can be arranged this day. **Lodge: Amboseli Serena Lodge. LDBB.**

Day 13?: Amboseli ? Nairobi

After breakfast, depart for Nairobi. A day room is available for you at The Stanley Hotel where you rest till evening. Then transfer to Airport for your overnight flight to Europe.

Day 14?: Departure To USA

Arrive in Europe early in the morning. Connect USA ? bound flight, arrive later in the day.