

7-night driving safari in Kenya

ABERDARES • SHABA • LAKE NAKURU • MASAI MARA

This safari offers visits to a contrasting trio of parks, the Shaba National Reserve, Lake Nakuru and the journey culminates in the world-famous Masai Mara.

Located close to Samburu, Shaba has reserved its place in the history of conservation as the area where Joy Adamson experimented with the release of hand reared leopards. Much of Shaba's charm lies in the splendour of its deep gorges and waterfalls on the river in the north, and open grasslands dotted with springs. Accommodation is mainly in Sarova hotels, one of Kenya's leading independent hotel groups.

Day 1: Friday - Heathrow–Nairobi

Fly from Heathrow overnight to Nairobi.

Day 2: Saturday - Aberdares

On arrival transfer to the Safari Lounge, where you can freshen up and store any additional luggage before departing for Aberdares and to the Outspan Hotel (180 km) Lunch with afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the Outspan Hotel (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

Day 3: Sunday - Shaba

After breakfast drive north to the rugged landscape of Shaba National Reserve (280 km), where Joy Adamson experimented with the release of hand-reared leopards. After lunch at the lodge enjoy a late afternoon game drive. Overnight: Sarova Shaba Lodge (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

SHABA NATIONAL RESERVE



Day 4: Monday - Shaba

Early morning and late afternoon game drives in this arid but beautiful area. Enjoy the swimming pool at Sarova Shaba Lodge, and take advantage of the viewing deck along the river to watch and feed crocodiles. Bird and nature walks can be arranged. You could even have a massage in the great outdoors. Overnight: Sarova Shaba Lodge (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

Day 5: Tuesday - Aberdares

Drive to the slopes of Mount Kenya and check in to Mountain Lodge (240 km) where lunch has been arranged. Spend the afternoon viewing game from the lodge or join a nature walk (weather permitting) led by a local guide. Overnight: Serena Mountain Lodge (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

SAROVA LION HILL LODGE



Day 6: Wednesday - Lake Nakuru

Drive via the Great Rift Valley to Lake Nakuru (375 km). After lunch at your lodge enjoy an afternoon game drive. Sarova Lion Hill has 67 chalets in an elevated position overlooking Lake Nakuru. Massages indoors or outdoors are available. Overnight: Sarova Lion Hill Lodge (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

Day 7: Thursday - Masai Mara

After an early breakfast continue on to the Masai Mara (315 km) arriving in time for lunch. Enjoy an afternoon game drive. Bird watching and nature walks are available (payable locally). Overnight: Sarova Mara Camp (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

SAROVA MARA CAMP



Day 8: Friday - Masai Mara

Enjoy an early morning balloon flight over the Mara and a 'bubbly' bush breakfast (optional extra – £275), or a game drive followed by breakfast at the lodge. A second game drive will take place this afternoon. Overnight: Sarova Mara Camp (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

Day 9: Saturday - Extension or Heathrow

After breakfast, return to Nairobi (300 km), proceed with your chosen beach extension or return to Heathrow (breakfast included).

The above details are correct to the best of our knowledge, however, they are provided for guidance purposes only. Please check the details of any features that are important to you at the time of booking.

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ON SAFARI IN KENYA

The Swahili word 'safari' literally means 'journey'. Today, the word has been adopted throughout Africa to encompass the thrill and excitement of game viewing. East Africa lays claim to some of the world's finest game viewing against a backdrop of diverse and dramatic landscapes.

GAME DRIVES

A safari guarantees both excitement and the unexpected! This includes close encounters with wild animals, bumpy roads and helping out when the odds are down. Game drives normally take place early morning and evening when the animals are more active, and last between one and two hours. At some lake lodges game drives are not provided, although optional excursions may be purchased locally. Game drives are not included at tree lodges, as they overlook waterholes and salt licks which attract animals during the day and night. It is worth noting that game viewing is not an exact science and sightings of particular species cannot be guaranteed.

ON THE ROAD

Safaris often cover long distances on rough and uneven roads and may be dusty or muddy. Drives between game parks and lodges are made at a relatively high speed in order to make the journeys as comfortable as possible. Occasionally vehicles may become stuck in mud or even break down, but help is normally available nearby.



Safari vehicles are not air-conditioned. Approximate distances are given between points on each itinerary, but take these as a guideline only, as travel may take longer than expected due to poor road conditions or unexpected wildlife sightings. Changes to itineraries and camps or lodges are sometimes unavoidable.

LIGHT AIRCRAFT FLIGHT OPTIONS



On this safari itinerary, you can cut out the final drive back to Nairobi and fly from the Masai Mara back to Nairobi, for a supplement from £190 per person. Alternatively, fly from the Masai Mara straight to Mombasa for a supplement from £265 per person.

Flights are in light aircraft and the baggage allowance is strictly 15 kg per person. Where possible additional luggage can be left at your hotel or at the Safari Lounge in Nairobi and retrieved after the safari. When flying from the Masai Mara to Mombasa your entire luggage must be restricted to 15 kg as no luggage can be stored in Nairobi.

YOUR SAFARI VEHICLE

Safari vehicles are driven by expert driver/guides, who have extensive knowledge of the regions and wildlife. Microbuses in Kenya have game viewing hatches (accessible from the rear seats) and are equipped with a cool box for you to store your drinks.

Window seat guaranteed on this itinerary.

For your privacy, you may request the use of an exclusive vehicle for yourself and your party. Standard Microbuses are ideal for groups of 5 or more, while Premier Microbuses are more spacious. Four wheel drive vehicles are available for a supplement and seat up to five or seven passengers (all with window seats) and have game viewing roof hatches.



Vehicle options - per person supplement

Passengers	2	3	4	5	6	7
PREMIER	£305	£135	£55	n/a	n/a	n/a
STANDARD	n/a	n/a	n/a	£40	£30	£30
4x4	£815	£475	£310	£205	£140	£90

NAIROBI SAFARI LOUNGE – UNIQUE

Guests on this itinerary have use of the facilities at the unique 'Safari Lounge' when passing through Nairobi, either before or after the safari (time permitting).

The first of its kind in Kenya, the lounge offers complimentary refreshments and showers plus access to TV. The lounge is located in Nairobi, approximately 10 km from the airport.

HOT AIR BALLOONING - A MUST!

Optional Hot Air Ballooning can be arranged on this itinerary, while on the Masai Mara. This exhilarating experience starts at dawn, with around an hour in the air, followed by a Bush breakfast complete with sparkling wine.

£275 per person



This itinerary operates with a maximum of 7 passengers, all guaranteed a window seat. See above for vehicle options. Pack a mixture of warm and light clothing in soft bags plus sunglasses, camera and insect repellent. Minimum age 8 years. Price supplements are correct at the time of publication but are subject to change without notice.

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