

Day 1: Nairobi – Lake Naivasha

And so the adventure begins! An early start to get out of the hustle and bustle of the big city, Nairobi, as we head towards the Great Rift Valley, where we will spend our first two nights at the Rift Valley's highest lake, Lake Naivasha. After a short drive from the capital, we arrive at our campsite by lunchtime with plenty of time to set up camp at the water's edge and relax before heading off on our first activity of the tour - a boat cruise on the lake in search of hippos and those famous flamingos.

BLD

Accommodation: Camping

Milage: 102km

Included:

Great Rift Valley

Lake Naivasha boat cruise

Day 2: Lake Naivasha (Hell's Gate & Elsamere)

After a relaxing start to the day, we will take the short drive across to Hell's Gate National Park for a safari by bicycle. Hell's Gate is an adventurous, peaceful Kenyan park showcasing the dramatic landscape of the Great Rift Valley. Here, you can cycle through the magnificent volcanic valley passed grazing wildlife. After an action packed morning, we will return to camp for lunch before heading to the historical Elsamere. Elsamere is the former home of the late Joy Adamson, famous for the inspiring true story of *Born Free*. Here, we will enjoy a high tea in the lush garden as we watch black and white colubus monkeys jumping between the fever trees and candelabra euphorbias. You will also have a chance to learn more about Joy's incredible work in conservation through a short film and the house museum.

BLD

Accommodation: Camping

Included:

Great Rift Valley

Hell's Gate National Park

Elsamere

Day 3: Lake Naivasha - Masai Mara

Today takes us into heart of Masai Mara National Reserve, which is a long, bumpy ride away, so we get off to an early start, stopping en route for shopping and lunch. Most famous for the ground trembling migration of up to 2 million wildebeest (or gnu) thundering across from the Serengeti and attracting vast numbers of predators to the area, the Mara is depicted by wide open plains, umbrella-shaped acacia trees, and superb wildlife viewing. We will spend the next three days of our tour staying in the comfort of lodges within the reserve.

BLD

Accommodation: Camping

Milage: 240km

Included:

Masai Mara National Reserve

Day 4 & 5: Masai Mara (Julia's River Camp)

We will begin our day with the first official game drive of the tour as we head deeper into the Masai Mara. Our game drive will take us to the banks of the famous Talek River where we will be accommodated at our private tented lodge for the following two nights. We will arrive in the late morning with time to make ourselves at home and enjoy lunch at the camp's restaurant overlooking the river before heading on our afternoon game drive through the iconic landscape in search of Africa's Big 5 and one of the most sought after and highly documented wildlife spectacles in the world: the wildebeest river crossings. The Talek River is one of the best places to watch the migrating herds surge across the water at this time of year.

BLD

Accommodation: Fixed tented lodge

Included:

Masai Mara National Reserve
4 x Game drives
Wildebeest migration crossing the Talek River

Day 6: Masai Mara – Lake Victoria

Today leads us across the Kenyan border and into Tanzania where we head to Lake Victoria - the largest lake in Africa. After a long day on the road, we plan to reach our lakeside campsite by late afternoon, in time to relax in the sunset with something cold and refreshing as we watch the light dance on the vast body of water.

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Accommodation: Camping

Milage: 230km

Included:

Lake Victoria boat cruise

Day 7 & 8: Lake Victoria – Serengeti National Park & Serengeti NP

After short break at Lake Victoria's inland beach, it's back to the bush! Today we enter the world-famous Serengeti National Park. After a relaxed start to the day and a relatively short drive, we reach the park's entrance gate and drive straight through to our exclusive tented lodge in the heart of the Serengeti - Seronera. Here is where we will spend the next two nights appreciating the luxurious accommodation and exploring the astonishing surroundings, where wildlife roams in abundance, including right in the grounds of the scenic lodge at the foot of the Banagi Hills.

BLD

Accommodation: Fixed tented lodge

Included:

Serengeti National Park

3 x Serengeti Game drive

Day 9: Serengeti National Park– Ngorongoro crater

From one of Africa's most wildlife-rich regions to the next, we depart the Serengeti and head to the Ngorongoro National Park on a half day safari. We will stop en route at a traditional Masai village, where you will have the opportunity to learn more about the colourful Maasai culture and the nomadic lifestyle of the people who have lived here, following the rains, for all time. In the afternoon, we will arrive at our campsite right on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater itself with breathtaking views and free moving wildlife.

The following day will be spent exploring the vegetated crater rim and the famously populated crater floor.

BLD

Accommodation: Camping

Milage: 160km

Included:

Half day game drive

Ngorongoro National Park

Masai village tour

Day 10: Ngorongoro Crater - Mto wa mbu

Day 10 brings us to our last day in one of East Africa's prime game viewing destinations and we head out for our last game drive in what is arguably the most unique and beautiful safari spots in Africa. We will start our day climbing down the steep slope of the crater wall to the flat, lush plains below where we will spend the majority of the day exploring the dense and diverse wildlife populations.

On return to camp, we will pack up the vehicle and take the short drive to arty Mto wo mbu village where we will spend the following 2 nights.

BLD

Accommodation: Camping

Included:

Ngorongoro Crater

half day game drive

Day 11: Mto wa Mbu Village

We will have a leisurely day in Mto wa Mbu village. Artists from all around the country gather here to showcase some of their traditional artworks. We will also stop at the African Galleria, home to the most authentic and rare of these artworks, as well as an astonishing showroom displaying Tanzanite precious stones which are mined nearby, at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro.

After a day of exploring, we will enjoy a traditionally prepared dinner at a local, thatched restaurant where we will be dined and hosted by one of the village's respected elder women.

BLD

Accommodation: camping

Milage: 85km

Included:

Mto wa Mbu Village

African Galleria

Traditional dinner

Day 12: Mto wa Mbu – Arusha

After a slow-paced morning, we will take a short drive across to the classic sub-Saharan town of Arusha. Here, we will have a chance to do some laundry, get some rest, and clean up and prepare for some luxury on the island of Zanzibar, where we will spend the last 3 nights of our trip.

(Flight to Zanzibar is included in the tour and will be in the morning of day 13.)

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Accommodation: Guesthouse

Milage: 115km

Day 13: Arusha – Zanzibar, Stone Town

---OR 13 DAY TOUR END---

For guests joining us for a Zanzibar adventure, we will take to the skies for the short flight (included) across the sea to Zanzibar island. The day starts with breakfast at Arusha Serena Hotel, before we head to the airport and board our small aircraft. Upon take-off, look out for some of the most incredible views of the giant Mount Kilimanjaro before landing after just an hour-long flight in Zanzibar's historic capital, Stone Town. Here you can spend hours meandering through the maze of narrow streets sandwiched between tall stone buildings. Once we have settled in at our lodge, we will head to Zanzibar's famous fish market where you have the opportunity to taste all kinds of traditionally prepared seafood, from lobster and prawns, to cuttlefish. Dinner tonight will be at your own expense at one of the many restaurants.

B

Accommodation: Hotel

Included:

Flight to Zanzibar

Stone Town

Local fish market

Day 14: Stonetown – Nungwi

Zanzibar has always been referred to as the 'Spice Island', this morning you will learn why. After breakfast we will head on a guided spice tour just outside Stone Town, where you will taste and learn about the thousands of spices and flavours grown on the island.

After the spice tour, we will head back to town for lunch, before departing on the short drive to the paradise beaches in the north of Nungwi.

We will arrive in the mid afternoon and spend the afternoon relaxing from our lodge with perfect views of the crystal clear, turquoise Indian ocean.

B

Accommodated – smiles beach hotel

Milage: 60km

Included:

Spice tour

Transfer to Nungwi

Day 15: Nungwi

Today can be spent at your own leisure, relaxing on the beach or partaing in some of the many optional activities the island has to offer.

This evening, we will set sail for a sunset cruise on traditional Zanzibar Dhow, and soak up our last African sunset of the tour.

B

Accommodated - smiles beach hotel

Included:

Sunset dhow (local boat) cruise

Optional:

Snorkeling

Scuba diving

Kite Surfing

Canoeing

And More...

Day 16: Nungwi

Today brings us to the end of what has (hopefully) been the journey of a lifetime, as one by one all of our guests will make their way back to the airport to move on to their next destinations. Although, some of you may have opted to spend a few more days on the island.

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Included:

Airport transfer

Optional:

Snorkeling

Scuba diving

Kite Surfing

Canoeing

And More...

Tour end

Optional Amboseli Add-on:

5 days

This extended version of the Footsteps Through Africa East Africa tour includes the optional extra of 3 nights in Amboseli National Park before the start of the full 16-day tour. This is an opportunity for guests who want to get even more out of their trip to the Great Rift Valley, and to see one of Kenya's most majestic and scenically astounding landscapes. Amboseli is home to some of the world's last big tuskers, and perhaps the most iconic image of this extraordinary place is that of the snowy-peaked Mount Kilimanjaro towering over the elephant-filled plains of Amboseli

Day 1 & 2: Nairobi - Amboseli

We begin at 14h00 this afternoon to use the opportunity to go shopping, exchange currencies, and have an extensive briefing about what to expect from our 3 nights in Amboseli National Park. We will depart in the early morning of day 2 for the +-4 hour drive to the beautiful Amboseli National Park, arriving at our beautiful lodge in time for lunch and our first evening game drive.

Nairobi: Hotel - Pride Inn

Day 3, 4 & 5: Amboseli National Park

Our time in Amboseli will be spent enjoying multiple game drives, a nature walk, eating delicious, hearty meals and relaxing at the swimming pool of our luxurious lodge overlooking the snowy peak of Mount Kilimanjaro.

After an incredible time here getting ready for the adventure ahead, we will head back to Nairobi on day 5, where we will have a day to explore the city before the full tour begins.

****All activities, meals and accommodation included**