

WILDLAND KENYA FAMILY SAFARI



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Itinerary Overview

Explore the remote wilds of the Kenyan bush with your family on this one of a kind adventure. Fly into private reserves to see the best that Kenya has to offer, filling your days with game drives, night drives, walking safaris, and remote camping via camel back. Retire to hand-selected boutique lodges and camps to get a comfortable night's sleep and exquisite home cooked meals.

On arrival in Nairobi rest from your travels at the charming historic Norfolk Hotel before heading out to feed giraffes by hand and mingle with baby elephants at the David Sheldrick elephant orphanage. Next, head north to the rugged Laikipia region and lands of the Samburu people to search for the unique species of Northern Kenya including gerenuk, greater kudu and reticulated giraffe. Head out on foot or camel back with your Samburu and Turkana tribal guides on an overnight camping excursion. There's truly no better way to experience the African bush! In the Maasai Mara settle into Serian Mara Camp and explore the Maasai Mara National Park as well the exclusive environs of the Mara North Conservancy which is known for excellent lion sightings.

Evenings are filled with sundowners overlooking serene landscapes, candle-lit bush dinners prepared with fine local ingredients and the best star gazing in the world. Whether sleeping under thatch, canvas or the African stars these eleven nights will etch precious memories that your family will be recounting for years to come.

DAY	DATE	OVERNIGHT	HOTEL	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1		NAIROBI	Norfolk Hotel		Arrival in Nairobi
2		NAIROBI	Norfolk Hotel	B	Giraffe Center and Elephant Orphanage.
3		LAIKIPIA	Sabuk Lodge	BLD	Fly to Laikipia, transfer to the lodge
4		LAIKIPIA	Sabuk Lodge	BLD	Game drives, walking, swimming, &/or village visit
5		LAIKIPIA	Mobile Camping	BLD	Hike or ride a camel into the Kenyan bush with local tribal guides.
6		LAIKIPIA	Sabuk Lodge	BLD	Morning at leisure in the bush, return to Sabuk Lodge.
7		MAASAI MARA	Serian Mara	BLD	Fly to the Maasai Mara & sundowner drive
8		MAASAI MARA	Serian Mara	BLD	Game drives and walking
9		MAASAI MARA	Serian Mara	BLD	Game drives and walking
10		DEPARTURE		B	Fly to Nairobi, day use room at Norfolk hotel until evening airport transfer for international departure

Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI

Upon arrival in Nairobi you'll be met and transferred to overnight at the historic **Norfolk Hotel**.



DAY 2: NAIROBI

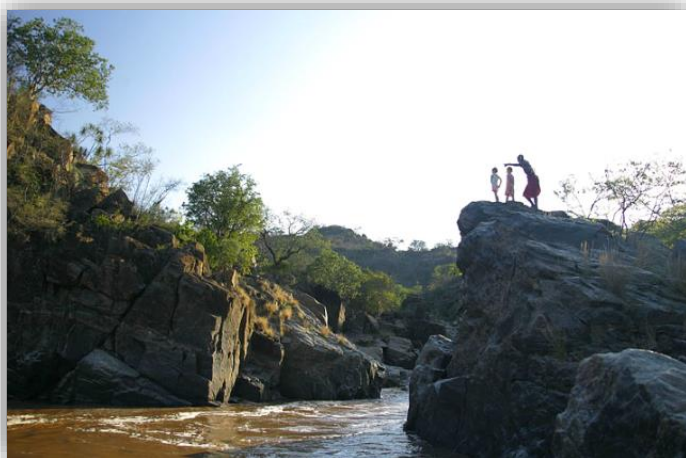
The first morning in Kenya starts off with some amazing experiences. Visit the Kazuri beads center where you'll have the opportunity to meet Kenyan women and see how beads are made. Next, make a stop at the nearby David Sheldrick Animal Orphanage, where every day from 11 – noon the baby elephants are brought out to eat and play with their keepers. Watch the ellies rolling balls, suckling bottles, or rolling in a mud puddle. Keepers are on hand to talk about the histories of the individual elephants as well as the rehabilitation work of the center. From there go to the nearby giraffe center where you can see, pet, and feed endangered Rothschild giraffes. It's an incomparable experience,

especially for children, so make sure to have your camera ready.

After all that excitement it's time for lunch (not included) before a visit to the Nairobi Museum, which showcases Kenya's rich cultural heritage. Overnight at the **Norfolk Hotel**. [B]

DAYS 3-4: LAIKIPIA, CENTRAL KENYA

Fly North on a light aircraft flight and arrive mid morning at Sabuk Lodge, an exclusive wilderness haven on the edge of the Northern Laikipia Plateau. Perched on a cliff overlooking the Ewaso Nyiro River, Sabuk achieves that perfect balance between a boutique lodge and a family home. The surrounding wilderness is stunning, with views of the Laikipia plains towards Mount Kenya, as well as the Karisa Hills and Mathews Mountains in the North. Because the lodge is on a private conservancy the opportunities for exploration are far greater than what's available within the national parks. A wide range of included activities are



available such as guided nature walks, game drives in 4-wheel vehicles, cultural visits to local Samburu villages, picnic lunches on the river banks, swimming in the river, tubing the rapids & rock jumping (seasonal), and horseback riding. Additionally Sabuk hosts a number of international researchers who you may be able to visit while you are there including the Wildlife Conservation Society's Samburu-Laikipia Wild Dog Project and a number of archeological projects. Overnight **Sabuk Lodge**. [BLD]

DAY 5: HIKING AND CAMELBACK SAFARI IN LAIKIPIA

There is a feeling of excitement and anticipation as rosy pink streaks appear in the early grey morning light and the pack camels are being loaded up by the singing Samburu and Turkana camel handlers. The camels chudder, gurgle and complain loudly as their loads are secured. After an early breakfast at the lodge, set off on this amazing adventure. The Northern Frontier and Laikipia remains very much unspoiled and untouched by human hand. The scenery is dramatic, the people exotic and the birdlife, flora and fauna extraordinary. Walking off into the vast wilderness following the camel train and the chanting Camel handlers is like stepping back 100 years. The four hour hike generally follows the Ewaso

Nyiro River with a chance of seeing elephant, buffalo, greater kudu, oryx, impala, Grevy's zebra, warthog, and occasionally wild dog. If you tire or need a break, hop up onto the back of one of the camels. The fly camp is simple - tents with mosquito net ceilings to allow for star gazing from bed! There are bedrolls, drop toilets, kerosene lanterns for lighting and bucket showers. Out of the cook's trunks appear delicious salads, freshly baked breads and plenty of chilled drinks. During the heat of the day rest and then in the late afternoon you can try your hand at line fishing for barbell and catfish. Take a walk out from camp and enjoy some rock climbing, sundowners and great sunsets. As the sun disappears over the inky horizon, the fires are lit, the lanterns set out and the camels are corralled for the evening. After dinner, retire to bed under the star spangled sky, with the gurgle of the river, the camels, tree frogs and fireside banter as a lullaby. All the linen, bedding, towels are all provided at the fly camp. Overnight at **Sabuk mobile camp. [BLD]**

DAY 6: LAIKIPIA, CENTRAL KENYA

Enjoy camp and its surroundings and after a leisurely breakfast pack up your personal belongings and head to Sabuk Lodge with your guide and the walking camels. The crew will remain at camp to pack up and load the camp for its return to the lodge. Upon your return to the lodge settle back into one of the gorgeous rooms and enjoy a long soak in one of the fabulous enormous bath tubs. Overnight **Sabuk Lodge. [BLD]**



DAYS 7-9: MAASAI MARA RESERVE

Return to the airstrip for your flight to Maasai Mara. No other place on earth compares with the multitudes of wild animals found in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve, part of the vast Serengeti ecosystem spanning Kenya and Tanzania. During the summer months (approx July – September) the Great Migration comprised of 1.5 million wildebeest and several hundred thousand zebra make the Maasai Mara their home. These enormous congregations of animals provide sustenance to a myriad of predators including lion, cheetah, leopard, and hyena. Your exquisite camp in the private Mara North Conservancy allows walking safaris, night drives and

off road driving. One of your days in Masai Mara, you will depart with picnic lunch boxes for a full game drive in Masai Mara National Reserve. Overnights **Serian Mara Camp (standard) or Serian Ngare Mara (deluxe). [BLD]**

Optional activity: Maasai Mara Hot Air Ballooning

Before dawn you'll be picked up for the drive to the launch site where you'll meet your pilot, receive a briefing and watch the inflation of your balloon. Take off at dawn, rising with the sun. Float in whichever direction the winds of the morning take you. The balloon ride offers a unique perspective and great photographic opportunities of the wildlife below. The flight is about one hour depending on wind conditions. Celebrate after landing in the traditional manner with champagne before sitting down to a full English breakfast prepared and served in the bush in 'Out of Africa' style with bone china, linen table cloths, and King's silver. **We suggest you book in advance, as space is limited. \$495 per person.**

DAY 10: DEPARTURE

Fly from the Maasai Mara back to Nairobi this afternoon where you have a dayroom to freshen up before your evening departure flight. **[BLD]**

END OF SERVICES

Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives.

PRICING AND DATES:

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For scheduled departure dates please click here: [Dates](#)

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Game drives with other lodge guests in 4WD vehicles
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- Guided Bush walks, night drives, biking, camel and horseback riding
- Airport-hotel transfers, land transportation
- 9 nights hotel accommodation as indicated
- Internal flights
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Bush meals and sundowners
- Drinks with meals including alcoholic beverages. Premium brands excluded.
- Laundry service
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International airfare
- Tips and gratuities
- Kenyan visa
- Airport departure taxes
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

33 LB. (15KG) PER PERSON BAGGAGE WEIGHT LIMIT ON DOMESTIC AIRPLANES

There is a 33 lb. per person baggage weight limit for transportation on domestic airline flights within your itinerary. The airline operator enforces this limitation on your checked baggage for safety reasons. Please keep your luggage at 33lbs or less. Carry-on space is not available, so all of your luggage will be counted as check luggage. Cameras or binoculars that are around your neck or in a small bag will not be included in this limit.

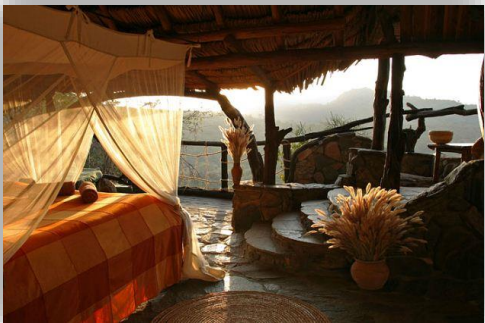
Accommodations



THE NORFOLK HOTEL, NAIROBI

First opened in 1904, the Norfolk Hotel is widely acknowledged as Nairobi's finest and best known luxury hotel. Boasting 165 guest rooms, each is luxuriously furnished with all the necessary amenities for a relaxing visit. A traditional starting point for safaris, the Norfolk Hotel is ideally located near Nairobi National Park as well as shopping and sightseeing in the city center. The town and then the modern city of Nairobi

grew up around the Norfolk, which still maintains its own private tropical gardens. Relax with a drink and a light meal on the famous Lord Delamere Terrace, one of Nairobi's most famous meeting places. The hotel also caters to international palates with its six restaurants. Come to the Norfolk for a Kenya vacation getaway or feel at ease with this luxurious home base as you embark on exciting Kenyan safaris.



SABUK LODGE, LAIKIPIA

In the northern Laikipia District, Sabuk is a beautiful remote retreat of only seven individual cottages. Each is an open-sided, perched on a cliff overlooking the Ewaso Nyiro River, comfortable and luxurious. Your en suite bathroom has a hot shower, flush toilet and a deep soaking bath with a spectacular view. Sabuk is the home of the lodge hosts, and their children and friends often spend time with guests. The Laikipia area is home to many northern species not found in the Parks south of Nairobi. Here you'll see greater kudu, reticulated giraffe and the Grevy's zebra, and look for elephants, lion, leopard, buffalo,

impala, and dik dik. Game drives are in the morning or afternoon with a professional wildlife guide from the lodge, and night drives set out to look for nocturnal species such as bush babies and armadillo. In addition to game drives, Sabuk is known for walking safaris and camel safaris. Walk with native Laikipia Maasai and learn about the Maasai culture and how they survive in the bush, and either walk or ride camels in the reserve. Upon returning from your outing enjoy a refreshing dip in the natural rock pools below the camp.



SABUK MOBILE CAMP, LAIKIPIA

A part of Sabuk Lodge in the northern Laikipia District, this mobile camp offers guests an unparalleled way to experience the wilds of the Kenyan Bush. The canvas tents are simple and comfortable with mosquito net ceilings to allow for star gazing from bed! There are bedrolls, drop toilets, kerosene lanterns for lighting and hot-water bucket showers. The camps provide everything that you'll need for a safari by foot or camel back safari.



ALEX WALKERS SERIAN, MARA NORTH CONSERVANCY

Serian is set in a secluded valley and features eight, stylish tents overlook the waters of the Mara River. The furnishings evoke the safaris of a bygone era: the natural colors of woven carpets on hardwood floors and swathes of cotton setting off the colonial-style furniture and pale canvas walls. Each tent has a bush bathroom, a hand-carved stone bath and shower with river view, and a large verandah from which to enjoy the animals coming to the

Mara River. Serian's location in the North Mara Conservancy provides exclusive and unsurpassed game viewing: lion, leopard and cheetah are year-round residents, feeding off the large herds of plains game sustained by the savannah.



UPGRADE OPTION NGARE SERIAN, MARA NORTH CONSERVANCY

'Ngare' translates to 'by the river' in the Masai language, and this snug little camp transports the serenity of the original Serian camp to the water's edge. Hugging the banks of the Mara, Ngare Serian is cozy and intimate. 4 vast, spacious tents are set on hardwood decking, above the Mara River with views over the Oloololo Escarpment. Camp can only be reached on foot, over a narrow rope bridge. There's

something special about being on the water's edge – the water slipping and sloshing over the stones sets a soothing soundtrack. Ngare Serian's intimacy makes it perfect for a group of friends, or family... don't forget to book a night in 'the nest' tree house.

Booking your Wildland Adventure

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- 20% of land cost for all trips in Africa. This deposit is generally non-refundable.

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Full payment of the trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. If you must cancel before departure, money will be returned less the cancellation fees charged by WA Inc. plus any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already advanced to airlines, hotels and local operators:

Days Prior to Departure: Fee per person

91 or more:	\$300
61-90 days:	Initial deposit amount
31-60 days:	50% of land cost
30 or less:	100% of land cost

PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES

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