

BEST OF SERENGETI & MAASAI MARA SAFARI



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Itinerary Overview

This luxury African safari in Kenya and Tanzania takes you into the vast Mara-Serengeti ecosystem to witness the greatest concentration and diversity of wildlife in Africa. Following the natural migratory route of millions of wildebeest and zebras, our itinerary makes it possible to traverse directly across the unseen borders of Kenya and Tanzania without having to travel all day back through the hubs of Arusha and Nairobi. This Kenya-Tanzania safari features intimate luxury tented camps located in quiet and exclusive sites surrounded by prime wildlife viewing areas. A stunning combination of scenic drives and spectacular bush flights transport you across this vast wildlife ecosystem; over the Ngorongoro Crater to the newly opened researched areas of the eastern Serengeti to the savannahs and woodlands of the remote northern Serengeti and Maasai Mara where the great migration of wildebeest and zebra make their precarious river crossing at the confluence of the Talek and Mara Rivers. Throughout this safari in Africa you'll encounter the great migration, herds of elephant, families of lion and cheetah, large groups of antelopes and many other plains animals. Travel in open vehicles on game drives at day and night, join walking safaris with expert naturalist guides, and discuss your daily adventures around the camp fire at exclusive luxury safari camps. We cater this itinerary to your schedule and can plan this trip for any dates that you wish to travel.

DAY	OVERNIGHT	HOTELS	MEALS	HIGHLIGHTS
1	ARUSHA	Arusha Coffee Lodge		Arrive Arusha and transfer to your hotel
2	EAST SERENGETI	Namiri Plains	BLD	Fly over the Ngorongoro Highlands to the Serengeti, afternoon game drive
3	EAST SERENGETI	Namiri Plains	BLD	Morning and afternoon game drives
4	EAST SERENGETI	Namiri Plains	BLD	Morning and afternoon game drives
5	SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK	Sayari Camp	BLD	Fly to the Northern Serengeti, afternoon game drive
6	SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK	Sayari Camp	BLD	Morning walking safari, afternoon game drive
7	MAASAI MARA RESERVE	Rekero Camp	BLD	Fly to the Maasai Mara, drive to your camp
8	MAASAI MARA RESERVE	Rekero Camp	BLD	Game drives in the Maasai Mara
9-10	MAASAI MARA RESERVE	Rekero Camp	BLD	Game drives in the Maasai Mara
11	DEPARTURE		BL	Fly to Nairobi, and international departure

Itinerary in Detail

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ARUSHA

Receive a warm welcome on arrival at the Kilimanjaro International Airport, an hour outside the city of Arusha. Transfer to your luxurious lodge to recover from your travels. Situated on the Burka Coffee estate, Arusha Coffee Lodge is a working plantation that spans some 21,000 acres and features 21 private chalets, each with en-suite facilities, including shower, bath, and separate toilets. Overnight **Arusha Coffee Lodge**.

DAYS 2-4: WESTERN SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Your flight this morning takes you up over the rift valley escarpment, where you can look down on the magnificent cauldron of the Ngorongoro Crater and out onto the endless plains of the Serengeti. Your destination is the area between the eastern highlands and the sprawling plains of the Serengeti, an area off limits to all activities except research of the big cats! Newly opened to allow guests to take part in the action as coalitions of cheetah chase their prey in the golden grasses of the Serengeti. Over the next three days you'll head out on night and day game drives to explore the area and meet the characters of this terrain face to face. From June-November the great Wildebeest Migration passes through this area making it also a spectacular location to take in this natural procession of 1.5 million animals. Nights are spent sharing stories around a camp fire and enjoying deliciously prepared meals by the hands of top notch bush cooks. Namiri Plains camp has only 6 spacious canvas sided tents, large comfortable beds and fully ensuite bathroom facilities, ensuring your stay will be an intimate and memorable experience. Overnight **Namiri Plains Camp. [BLD]**



Note: Namiri Plains is well-located for hot air balloon safaris. If you would like to add a hot air balloon safari including a sunrise balloon flight over the Serengeti and a champagne breakfast please let us know.



DAY 5 & 6: NORTHERN SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

A short flight takes you to the northern extreme of the Serengeti National Park, where Sayari Camp lies perfectly positioned for you to see the migration river crossing in the dry season. A welcome table will be set up either at the airstrip or a short distance away, with tea & coffee, cold drinks, and snacks allowing you to refresh while you get to know your guide and learn about this area of the Serengeti. Depending on your preference, you may enjoy a short game drive or head directly for camp.

Located in the Northern Serengeti far from other camps, Sayari Camp has an exclusive location near the Mara River. When the migration is nearby (usually June-July and August-September) you'll have excellent opportunities to see wildebeest crossing the river. In this habitat of long plains you'll find herds of elephant, families of lion and cheetah, and large groups of antelopes and other plains animals. Open vehicles, off-road driving and expert walking guides at Sayari ensure that your time here will be well spent. Overnight at **Sayari Camp. [BLD]**



DAY 7: MAASAI MARA, KENYA

After breakfast in camp board a flight to Tarime Airstrip, near the Isebania border post between Kenya and Tanzania. A car will wait for you there to transfer you to the border where you'll clear immigration and continue to the Isebania airstrip in Kenya. From Isebania fly to the Maasai Mara and touch down at the landing strip where your guide from Rekeru awaits. On your short drive to Rekeru your guide will give an overview of this special area near the confluence of two rivers. Rivers are the lifeline of the Maasai Mara Reserve, where animals slake their thirst and often congregate for safety against predators. Upon arrival at

camp you will be briefed on camp procedures and shown to your tent. Freshen up and then it's time for lunch beside the river on the green grass of Rekeru. After lunch, head out for an afternoon game drive, returning in the evening for drinks and dinner. Overnight at **Rekeru Camp. [BLD]**

DAYS 8 -10: MAASAI MARA RESERVE

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. Outside of the migration months the plains are home to resident herds of ungulates as well as predators including lions, cheetah, leopard, and hyena. Maasai giraffe and impala graze in the woodlands and hippos and crocodiles bask along the shores of the Talek River.

Rekeru's location near the confluence of the Mara and Talek rivers make it an excellent spot for wildlife, so good that documentary filmmaker's base here including the Big Cat Diary and Disney's African Cats. Rekeru believes in high quality guiding and has won awards as the best safari guiding team in Africa. Overnights at **Rekeru Camp. [BLD]**



DAY 11: DEPARTURE

After your last breakfast at Rekeru transfer to the airport for your flight to the domestic airport in Nairobi. Here you'll be met by a driver for the transfer to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport from where you'll catch your international flight home. **[BL]**

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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Dates: this trip is created around your travel schedule. Please consult Africa the program director to figure out the best time for you to travel. Note: due to the exclusive nature of the camps utilized we recommend planning your trip at least 6 months in advance of your intended dates of travel.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Local light aircraft flights: Arusha-Eastern Serengeti-Northern Serengeti – Maasai Mara
- Safari transportation in specially outfitted 4WD safari vehicle with a window seat
- English-speaking naturalist driver/guides
- National Park and Reserve fees
- Airport-hotel transfers
- 10 nights' accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Beverages including wine and beer at Rekeru, Sayari & Namiri Plains Camps (premium brands excluded)
- Emergency Evacuation Coverage
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

NOT INCLUDED SERVICES

- International airfare (Arriving Kilimanjaro (JRO) Tanzania, departing Nairobi (NBO), Kenya)
- Tips and gratuities
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Meals other than listed above
- 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

NOTE: 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 anything other than your checked bag will be in your lap. Cameras or binoculars that are around your neck or in a small bag will not be included in this limit.

Accommodations



ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE, ARUSHA

It's difficult to beat the Arusha Coffee Lodge in terms of luxury and comfort in Arusha. Situated on the Burka Coffee estate, this working plantation spans some 21,000 acres and features 21 private chalets, each with en-suite facilities, including shower, bath, and separate toilets. The chalets are built on raised wooden platforms, and have log fireplaces, private lounges, and large balconies overlooking Mount Meru, and the plantation. With coffee roasters and a fermentation plant on the estate, guests have the opportunity to observe the roasting process, taste coffee blends, and purchase fresh roasted beans. The chalets are equipped with a mini bar, mosquito net, overhead fan, and room service is available. Relax poolside or join one of the optional activities such as plantation tours, mountain

biking, nature walks on the estate. ([Click here to see more photos](#))



NAMIRI PLAINS CAMP, WESTERN SERENGETI

Imagine an area where the sun seldom dawns without cheetah gaining on prey, rarely a day passes without spotting a leopard draped over the branch of a tree, and most nights are filled with the roar of lions. This is the location of the new Namiri Plains Camp. Closed to the world for over 20 years to create a safe haven for cheetah breeding and research, today the area has an exceptional population of big cats including the highest density of cheetah in East Africa and is only available to guests at this remote and exclusive camp. Namiri Plains is a small and exclusive camp set under fever trees with wonderful views of the sweeping plains that also host

the Great Migration from November to June. Designed to combine the traditional bush style with a fresh modern feel focusing on attention to detail and high levels of personalized service. This six-tented camp is ideal for safari enthusiasts wanting bush luxury, advanced guiding and a deeper wildlife experience. Activities include game drives led by expert guides, sunrise breakfast picnics on top of Soit Le Motonyi rock or sundowners atop a nearby kopje. The camp frequently hosts big cat researchers who join the dinner table to share their insight with guests. No wi-fi or internet access capabilities at this camp. ([Click here to see more photos](#))



SAYARI CAMP, NORTHERN SERENGETI

Located in the extreme north of the Serengeti, Sayari Camp sits just south of the Mara River where the wildebeest cross during the Migration. The wildebeest usually cross North sometime in early July and then they return sometime during September/October. The eight spacious tents of Sayari are huge, each with a large king bed or two double beds, a sofa for lounging on the verandah, and a bathroom with a hot water shower and double sink. This Tanzania safari camp is highlighted with a beautiful African backdrop enjoyed from the dining area, campfire and lounge, as well as from each luxury vacation tent. Since this is a less

traveled area of the Serengeti off-road driving is permitted, giving you unparalleled access to the Park. No wi-fi or internet access capabilities at this camp. ([Click here to see more photos](#))



REKERO CAMP, MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Near the confluence of the Talek and Mara rivers rests the seasonal Rekeru Camp, a prime wildlife viewing location in the Maasai Mara Reserve. The camp nestles in the riverine forest on the banks of the Talek River. This ideal location captures the exciting wildlife activity of the great annual migration of wildebeest and zebra. Guests find relaxing accommodations in the eight spacious tents, equipped with en suite bathrooms with flush toilets and safari showers. Delicious 'farmhouse' meals are prepared by skilled safari chefs, utilizing

tasty blends of flavors and cuisine from both East and West. Embark on a Kenya safari adventure in a safari vehicle or on a walking tour. This prime location places guests in the midst of the Maasai Mara Reserve, which is rich with stunning scenery and endless game viewing opportunities. No wi-fi or internet access capabilities at this camp. ([Click here to see more photos](#))

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- 20% of land cost. This deposit is non-refundable.

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Days Prior to Departure: Fee per person

61 or more: Initial deposit amount

31-60 days: 50% of land cost

30 or less: 100% of land cost

PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will send you a comprehensive Pre-departure Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions and more. You will receive a final trip packet including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

REFERENCES AND QUESTIONS

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