

AFRICA – KENYAN SAFARI GUIDED WALK 2008

Kenya provides some of the best big game viewing on earth. Combined with a walking itinerary conducted by experienced local guides this is a tour to fill the senses.

- *Big game viewing on walks and drives*
- *Masai Mara culture*
- *Mix of stylish accommodation*

Kenyan Safari: \$5740 per person (twin share)*
Departs: Land Only 14 Feb, 29 May, 4 Sep 08

\$1030 Single supplement*
Starts & Ends in Nairobi

Includes: 12 nights' accommodation in twin/double-bedded en-suite rooms in comfortable lodges brimming with character. All are en-suite (except for Treetops, a tree hotel with communal bathrooms) and have a high standard of meals and facilities, Full Board from breakfast on Day 2 to lunch on day of departure. All internal flights. Services of local guides and a Walks leader. Walks, sightseeing and entrance fees for the itinerary as described, Travel by minibus or coach.

Not Included: UK Flights, Airport transfers (these can be pre-booked at extra cost – please ask for details when booking).

Day 1: Nairobi - 1 night

Arrival at the airport at night and reception by the tour director.

Days 2 & 3: Nyeri - 2 nights

Transfer to Nyeri from where we have unchallenged views of Mt Kenya on our first major walk. There is also an opportunity to encounter gazelle, zebra and giraffe in the nearby game sanctuary.

Day 4: Solio Ranch and Treetops (Aberdare NP) - 1 night

An early drive takes us to Solio Ranch which has the world's largest concentration of black rhinos. We spend a night at the renowned Treetops where it is possible to see elephant, buffalo, rhino and other big game below the balconies of the tree hotel.

Days 5 & 6: Lake Elementaita - 2 nights

Transfer to Lake Elementaita in Africa's Rift Valley. Our walks visit a Masai village and the unmatched scenic beauty of the alkaline lake, with hot springs nearby and surrounded by Kikopey Hills.

Days 7 & 9: Lake Naivasha - 3 nights

A morning drive via the colourful Naivasha market takes us to Lake Naivasha. This is the region of the giant Yellow-barked Acacia and Euphorbia, with Lake Naivasha forming a scenic backdrop. We walk on Crescent Island where over 200 species of birds have been recorded. At the Crater Lake Game Sanctuary we have the chance to see acrobatic Colobus monkeys as well as eland, giraffe and zebra. In Hell's Gate National Park, where we find true African Savannah we will walk amidst giraffe, warthog and gazelle.

Days 10 - 12: Masai Mara - 3 nights

Arguably the best Kenyan wildlife is seen at Masai Mara and we spend three days devoted to game viewing from our hotel base. All the big game is found here, including lions, and our drives provide perfect opportunities to witness the fascinating world of these marvellous animals. A short hike along the Talek River brings us the reward of seeing small game and birdlife as well as a final visit to a typical 'manyatta' or homestead of the local people.

Day 13: Transfer to Nairobi Short morning flight to Nairobi with the afternoon free for shopping prior to departure.

Guided Walking Programme:

An interesting mix of riversides and upland savannah and indigenous forest walks in the context of wildlife viewing in some of Kenya's most remarkable parks. The emphasis is on walking and wildlife viewing with walks on 8 of the 13 days. Many walks are of 3-4 hours, mostly on easy terrain and led by local, knowledgeable guides. Daily distances are between 4 - 12 kilometres.

Please Note: The above programme should give you a good feel for the walks at this resort but is subject to change. Each year we listen carefully to the views of our guests and make improvements to our walking programmes. Further information will be sent to you prior to your holiday; however the final selection of walks will be made by your walking leaders.

* Cost is subject to exchange rate fluctuations.



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