

# 14 DAY EAST AFRICA TOUR

1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010

This tour is all about seeing Kenya in a relaxing and comfortable way. Specially designed to address the market that wants to experience a country in comfort but not go for the 5 star tour options this offers the top 3 destinations in Kenya . The group size is maximum 20 passengers and we already have a departure with a minimum of 4 travelers. Beyond Reach lets you travel in 4WD safari jeep with 7 passengers per vehicle or custom designed safari minibuses with pop top roofs for easy game viewing, this guarantees a seat at a window place and enough room for everybody to sit comfortable. Each vehicle has an experienced driver/guide and one hostess/guide will join the group to be able to attend to your wishes and assist in any problems or emergencies. If you require any special diets or need to bring medicines which need to be kept cool, we will ensure this is all arranged for you. Just let us know if you want and/or need something not standard. The only thing a participant has to do is enjoy oneself and experience the wonders of Kenya.

## Day 1: Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Nairobi – Holiday Inn – Mayfair Court

**KL1116 30 NOV ARN AMS 17.30 - 19.40 Arlanda-Amsterdam**  
**KL4141 30 NOV AMS NBO 20.40 - 07.00 Amsterdam-Nairobi**

Arrival at Nairobi airport, meet and greet by a representative and transferred to The Holiday Inn hotel. After you have freshened up you will meet your the guide in reception for a pre-departure meeting, lunch at own expense. Depart at 14:00 for a visit to Karen Blixen Museum and Giraffe Centre. You will enjoy an early dinner at Carnivore Restaurant.

Dinner and overnight

Nairobi is the capital and largest city of Kenya. The city and its surrounding area also forms the Nairobi Province. The name "Nairobi" comes from the Maasai phrase Enkare Nyirobi, which translates to "the place of cool waters". However it is popularly known as the "Green City in the Sun".

Founded in 1899 as a simple rail depot on the railway linking Mombasa to Uganda, the town quickly grew to become the capital of British East Africa in 1907 and eventually the capital of a free Kenyan republic in 1963. During Kenya's colonial period, the city became a center for the colony's coffee, tea and sisal industry. Nairobi is also the capital of the Nairobi Province and of the Nairobi District. The city lies on the Nairobi River, in the south of the nation, and has an elevation of 1795 m above sea-level.

Nairobi is the most populous city in East Africa, with a current estimated population of about 3 million. According to the 1999 Census, in the administrative area of Nairobi, 2,143,254 inhabitants lived within 696 km<sup>2</sup> (269 sq mi). Nairobi is currently the 13th largest city in Africa

Situated in the popular shopping and residential suburb of Parklands, close to the city centre, the Holiday Inn Nairobi is only 20km from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and offers a full range of services and facilities.

Guests can look forward to experiencing the traditional warmth and hospitality for which the Holiday Inn is renowned.

All 171 guest rooms have colour TV, radio, telephone, tea/coffee making facilities and private bathroom. Guests can enjoy in-room movies and 18hr room service.

## **Day 2: Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Masai Mara – Sarova Mara Tented Camp**

We depart for the majesty of the Masai Mara this morning. En route we will pass through changing landscapes and arrive at our permanent tented camp in time for lunch. After settling in and maybe taking in a quick nap we will head out to the wilderness area for our afternoon game drive. Sarova Mara Camp also acts as the headquarters for Transworld Safaris and the Hot Air Balloon services they offer. We recommend that if you are interested in partaking in this activity booking is made way in advance to avoid disappointment.

Sarova Mara is a centrally located, tented camp in the heart of the Masai Mara in the middle of well-grazed grasslands. It is an excellent base from which to depart on early morning and late afternoon game drives, rest in the heat of the day you will need all your energy for viewing.

A swimming pool is such a treat at Sarova Mara Camp, and this one will cool you off in the heat of the day when all the animals are resting (and when you should be too).

Expect a wide choice of extremely good food at all meals, which are served in the main lodge. At Sarova Mara Camp you will also find a bar and entertainment area where Maasai warriors perform traditional dances to the amazement of visitors.

Dinner & overnight luxury tented camp

## **Day 3: Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Masai Mara – Sarova Mara Tented Camp**

This morning those who have booked on their balloon flight will be collected at 05:30 – and returned at around 09:15. Don't worry the early morning will be worthwhile when you see the views at sunrise!!! For those staying behind Game Walks and Drives are options for you to enjoy.

Lunch will be had at the Lodge and the afternoon free for yourselves. Further game activities at your discretion.

Dinner & overnight luxury tented camp

The Masai Mara (also spelled Maasai Mara) is a large park reserve in south-western Kenya, which is effectively the northern continuation of the Serengeti National Park game reserve in Tanzania. Named for the Maasai people (the traditional inhabitants of the area) and the Mara River, which divides it, it is famous for its exceptional population of game and the annual migration of zebra and the wildebeest from the Serengeti every year from July to October, a migration so immense it is called the Great Migration. Its twenty or more lion prides are an attraction.

## **Day 4: Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec Lake Naivasha – Sopa Lodge**

We leave the splendour of the Mara behind as we head further North toward one of the great lakes and the spectacle of the Lake Naivasha. A comfortable drive gets us to our lodge in time for a hearty lunch and the opportunity to unwind and settle into our new surroundings. Spend your afternoon at leisure & enjoy a short boat trip on Lake Naivasha with your guide who will give some background to this area. Time permitting your guide may be able to take you to Elsamere, the home to Joy and George and now a museum and awareness centre.

Dinner & overnight at lodge

The name derives from the local Maasai name Nai'posha, meaning "rough water" because of the sudden storms which can arise. The lake has a surface area of 139 km<sup>2</sup>, and is surrounded by a swamp which covers an area of 64 square km, but this can vary largely depending on rainfall. It is situated at an altitude of 1,884 metres (6,180 ft). The lake has an average depth of 6 m (20 ft), with the deepest area being at Crescent Island, at a maximum depth of 30 m (100 ft). Njorowa Gorge used to form the lake's outlet, but it is now high above the lake and forms the entrance to Hell's Gate National Park.

The lake is home to a variety of wildlife; over 400 different species of bird have been reported. There is a sizeable population of hippos in the lake. There are two smaller lakes in the vicinity of Lake Naivasaha: Lake Oloiden and Lake Sonachi (a green crater lake). The Crater Lake Game Sanctuary lies nearby, while the lake shore is known for its population of European immigrants and settlers.

Between 1937 and 1950 the lake was used as a landing place for flying boats on the Imperial Airways passenger and mail route from Southampton in Britain to South Africa. It linked Kisumu and Nairobi.

Joy Adamson, the author of *Born Free*, lived on the shores of the lake in the mid-1960s.

#### **Day 5: Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Lake Naivasha – Sopa Lodge**

Morning drive to Lake Nakuru National Park for full morning game-drive in the park. Lunch at Maili Saba Camp, Menengai Crater, then in the afternoon return to lodge.

Dinner & overnight at lodge

Nakuru means "Dust or Dusty Place" in Maasai language. Lake Nakuru National Park, close to Nakuru town, was established in 1961. It started off small, only encompassing the famous lake and the surrounding mountainous vicinity. Now it has been extended to include a large part of the savannahs. Lake Nakuru, a small (it varies from 5 to 45 square kilometers) shallow alkaline lake on the southern edge of the town of Nakuru lies about 160 kilometers north of Nairobi.

#### **Day 6: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Amboseli Conservation Area – Satao Elerai Luxury Tented Camp**

Today is our first longer day on the road to get us to Amboseli in the shadow of the famous Mnt Kilimanjaro. Departing Lake Naivasha we drive on the newly completed Emali Road and make our way directly to the lodge on good sealed roads. Renown for its concentration of wildlife and views of the surrounding areas. We depart early this morning and enjoy a sit down lunch on arrival at our lodge.

The afternoon is free to relax after our drive or take part in Game Viewing activities at your discretion.

Dinner & overnight at Lodge

The highest point on Kilimanjaro is Uhuru Peak, on the volcano Kibo. Its height value attracted a lot of interest as the reports of the first Europeans to see the mountain reached Europe. Since 1889, several attempts have been made to determine the exact height of the mountain, but the several methods have given varying results and differ by as much as 100 metres. The Kilimanjaro 2008 Precise Height Measurement Expedition used GPS and gravimeter methods to output the value of 5,891.8 metres (19,330 ft). On top of Kibo is a 1.5 mile wide crater. As the highest point in Africa, Uhuru Peak is one of the Seven Summits.

#### **Day 7: Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Amboseli Conservation Area – Satao Elerai Luxury Tented Camp**

After breakfast we depart at 09:00 for a full day of game drives in our adapted vehicles in park with picnic lunch to be enjoyed somewhere in the bush!

Take Note: Game drive from 09:00 to 15:00/16:00. Keep in mind in Amboseli due to swamps best time for game viewing is during day instead of early am/late pm like other parks.

Dinner & overnight at camp lodge

260 kilometres (160 mi) from the capital city Nairobi, Amboseli National Park is the third most visited game area in Kenya after Maasai Mara National Reserve and Nakuru National Park and the visit can easily be done in a weekend.

In 1883, Joseph Thompson was the first European to penetrate the feared Maasai region known as Empusel (meaning 'salty, dusty place' in Maa). He, too, was astonished by the fantastic array of wildlife and the contrast between the arid areas of the dry-lake bed and the oasis of the swamps, a contrast that persists today.

#### **Day 8: Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Amboseli Conservation Area – Satao Elerai Luxury Tented Camp**

We head out this morning under the guidance of a Masai guide who can help interpret the environment and the secrets she holds. This is also the final opportunity that you will have to enjoy a balloon flight if you are feeling distraught at missing the first one. After lunch a bit of time to relax and then in the afternoon an en-route game-drive & visit to the local Maasai community ( an authentic experience ) followed by a Champagne Sundowner.

Dinner & overnight at camp lodge

The park is famous for being the best place in Africa to get close to free-ranging elephants. Other attractions of the park include opportunities to meet Maasai and spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world.

#### **Day 9: Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Tsavo West – Severin Safari Tented Camp**

A leisurely morning departure for Tsavo West heading on the main road toward the coast and stopping off for the night in Tsavo West. En route we will stop off at the Mzima Springs with a geological walk & en-route game-drive.

Dinner & overnight at lodge

The watering holes in Tsavo West are found at Mzima Springs, a freshwater pool that provides much of Mombasa's fresh water. As the most popular attraction in Tsavo West National Park, Mzima Springs has two large pools connected by rapids and the early morning is best for catching sight of animals coming for a drink especially if some of the night creatures are still around. Crocodiles and hippos favor Mzima Springs and an underwater viewing chamber allows visitors to see thousands of primitive fish.

Chaimu Crater offers magnificent views of falcons, eagles and buzzards. It is possible to climb to the crater's rim but the lava is brittle and unstable.

#### **Day 10: Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Mombassa – North Coast Beach – Severin Sea Lodge**

We rise early this morning to get in our final game drive of the day. We then come back to the lodge to freshen up have breakfast and load up the vehicles for our journey to Mombassa. This vibrant city dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century offers a mixture of beaches, local history, bustling markets and a great deal more. Let your guide assist in your particular interests.

Lunch will be had at our beach resort. Afternoon at leisure

Dinner & overnight at beach resort

#### **Day 11 & 12: Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Mombassa – North Coast Beach – Severin Sea Lodge**

The following 2 days are there for you to indulge in the pursuits and interests of your individual preference. Some options to consider:

##### **Haller Park**

A reclamation project of waste quarry land to create gardens and a habitat for a number of animals including giraffe, crocodiles and hippos. Located next to the Bamburi Cement Factory on the road to Malindi.

**Mamba Village Crocodile Farm**

A crocodile farm at Nyali with a daily later afternoon show

**Mombasa Marine Park**

Glass bottom boat trips are organised by hotels and local tour operators to view the coral.

**Mombasa Old Town**

Near Fort Jesus is the Old Town is a collection of buildings that are worth exploring.

**Mombasa Dhow Harbour**

A few Dhows are to be found and Dhow trips can be arranged. Dining is possible on the Tamarind Dhow Restaurant

**Jain Temple**

The temple on Digo Road is open to visitors who enjoy the design and scents and atmosphere.

**Kenya Marineland**

An aquarium at Mtwapa village

Breakfast, dinner & overnight at beach resort

**Day 13: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Mombasa – North Coast Beach – Severin Sea Lodge**

This afternoon we will all meet up and have a guided tour of the city and some of the highlights of the area. Do not let this stop this from exploring the area in the preceding days however as there is a large amount to be covered. This evening we have our final farewell dinner on the Tamarind Dhow.

Dinner & overnight at lodge

**Day 14: Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Transfer to airport for your connecting flights**

Transfer to the airport.

KL 4196 14 DEC MBA - NBO 06.00 - 07.00 Mombasa-Nairobi  
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KL 4140 14 DEC NBO - AMS 08.30 - 15.20 Nairobi-Amsterdam  
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KL 1121 14 DEC AMS ARN 20.35 - 22.40 Amsterdam-Arlanda

**Includes:**

Accommodations as specified  
Meals as specified  
Safari on private base with English speaking driver/guide  
Safari with group  
Park entrance fees  
Game-drives, activities and excursions as described  
All transfers

**Excludes:**

International flights  
Tips, drinks and other personal expenses  
Not specified meals and excursions  
Not specified game-drives and activities  
Travel insurance  
Visa fees  
Vaccinations & other medical subscriptions