

Day 1

Arrive – Nairobi, Kenya

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta international Airport, meet and greet with an A&K guardian angel and transfer to your hotel for overnight.

Nairobi is the largest city between Cairo and Johannesburg. Though just south of the equator, it enjoys a spring-like climate. It is a modern city, yet its main avenues blaze with colour from tropical bushes and vines.

Less than 100 years ago, there was a river in an empty wilderness where Nairobi now stands. Despite health hazards and the ever-present danger from wild animals, Nairobi became established by 1907 and quickly grew as a white farming community.

It also attracted world attention as the centre of big-game safaris for the rich and famous. Perhaps the most famous was the safari of Teddy Roosevelt, which needed 500 porters to carry supplies and returned with 500 trophies.

The nearby Nairobi National Park boasts the presence of all but one of the 'Big Five'. Nairobi has a wealth of international restaurants. Cuisine of all types is available from Chinese to French and Italian. Several restaurants also offer local favourites.

Nightlife varies from dining out to going to local nightclubs with discos and bands. Shopping in Nairobi varies from African clothing and craft shops to bazaar stalls and open-air markets where souvenir hunters find bargains ranging from woodcarvings to Persian carpets.

There are 3 excellent museums, offering insights into the fauna, culture, and history of Kenya.

Fairmont the Norfolk Hotel (1night) / Deluxe Courtyard Double(Bed and Breakfast)

Day 2

Drive Nairobi - Ol Pejeta, Kenya

This day you will check out from your hotel and proceed to A&K Nairobi office for a visit.

Depart Nairobi on a road safari in your private vehicle with your experienced driver-guide heading norther Kenya to Ol Pejeta Wildlife conservancy with a stop over lunch at Mount Kenya Safari Club.

Proceed to Ol Pejeta Wildlife Conservancy with game drive enroute to the A&K Exclusive Tented Camp.

Easily identifiable by its signature peaks of Batian and Nelion, Mount Kenya is the highest mountain in the country with an elevation of 5,189 meters and commands stunning views for those who attempt to test their skills on its slopes.

There are a number of routes to the mountain's peaks ranging from the hiker to technical climber level of skill. Deified and known as Kirinyaga by the local Kikuyu tribe, the mountain is home to their god, Ngai, and in his honour, their homes are built with the doors facing the peaks.

This extinct volcano erupted some 2.5 million years ago, leaving behind a jagged granite core. Bamboo forests and woodlands with buffalo and elephant dominate the lower slopes and give way to a belt of giant heather and moorland as you ascend.

The mountain has several freshwater glacier-fed lakes. Two of these, Rutundu and Alice have been stocked with trout, combining the excitement of fishing with a unique afro-alpine moorland backdrop.

The catch of the day can be professionally prepared for you by the cook on an open fire at the fully staffed log cabin-style cottages located a short distance from Lake Rutundu.

A&K Exclusive Tented Camp Ol Pejeta Conservancy (2 nights) / Lunch & Site Inspection at Mount Kenya Safari Club/
Mobile Camping (Safari Tent)

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Day 3

Ol Pejeta, Kenya

Today explore Ol Pejeta Conservancy with dog tracking excursion and later enjoy your lunch at Sanctuary Tambarare.

What really sets the Ol Pejeta Conservancy apart is its dedication to the conservation of endangered species, particularly the rhinoceros. Home to the fastest-growing population of rhinos in Africa, the conservancy is a beacon of hope for these majestic creatures.

During your stay here visit the Conservation Center and meet Baraka the blind rhino who is the conservancies Conservation Ambassador and learn more about the plight that has faced these magnificent creatures.

Return to your camp for dinner and overnight stay.

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Day 4

Fly Ol Pejeta - Masai Mara

Breakfast at the camp.

Check out and transfer to the airstrip for your scheduled flight to Masai Mara.

Please note that flying times are estimates and may vary on the day due to routings and the weather. Scheduled flights may visit some or all airstrips in any sequence. As a result, it is not possible to give firm departure time from each airstrip as precise timings may only be available on the actual day.

There is a luggage restriction of 15 kilograms per person, in soft bags. Guests to please adhere to the luggage restriction in the interest of safety.

The Maasai Mara plays host to the most spectacular array of wildlife. 1,500 square kilometres (580 square miles) of broad biscuit-coloured savannah sprawls as home to huge numbers of birds (almost 600 species) and animals and is adjacent to the enormous expanse of the Serengeti; the two make up the most diverse ecosystem on the continent.

The word 'mara' comes from the local dialect, Maa, as spoken by the Maasai and means 'spotted'; certainly, the vast grasslands here are dotted by the shadows of small clouds which scud across a huge sky above. Every year this special place witnesses the most incredible animal phenomenon on the planet - the wildebeest migration.

The mass of planes game moving north from the Serengeti in search of fresh pasture returning south around October, a heaving line of grunting, snorting life that stretches for miles. At the Mara River they mass together nervously on the banks before plunging onwards; their pursuit of food overwhelming their fear of the crocodiles that lie in wait for the annual feast.

This incredible spectacle involves the movement of over a million wildebeests and their fellow travelers, half a million Thomson's gazelle, half a million zebra as well as smaller herds of Topi and eland all operating on the principle of safety in numbers. They are followed, inevitably, by predators, primarily lions and hyena.

Upon arrival at airstrip, you are met by a Sanctuary Olonana representative and transferred to the lodge with game drive enroute.

Check in and lunch at the lodge.

Later on, proceed for an afternoon game drive.

Sanctuary Olonana (2 nights) / Suite Double (Game Package)

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Day 5

Masai Mara, Kenya

Breakfast at the lodge.

Depart for a visit to A&K school feeding project with game drive enroute.

Program Hours: 1130hrs – 1300hrs

Across East Africa a huge number of families living in remote areas of the country are unable to feed their children three, or even two, meals a day. Often children are sent to school with nothing more than a cup of tea for breakfast. This means that children are unable to concentrate in classes and are severely malnourished, which leads to slower brain development. Together with our donors Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) is tackling this problem in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda by setting up school lunch feeding programs at selected primary schools.

Whilst on safari you can visit a school in the Masai Mara supported by this project. Take a short tour of the school, ending at the kitchen where you are introduced to the cooks before getting enlisted to help chop cabbages, tomatoes or stir the big vats of beans.

Then it's time for lunch and you will get to help the cooks serve the children their food that day - a wonderfully authentic interaction.

The School Lunch Feeding Program is a long-term commitment and AKP is able to feed a child a meal a day for just 21 US Cents, a meal that makes a significant impact on their lives.

Should you wish to donate to the lunch feeding program or set up one at a school please visit www.akphilanthropy.org.

Proceed to Bateleur Camp for lunch and site inspection.

Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

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Day 6

Fly Masai Mara – Serengeti

Breakfast at the lodge.

Meet the Sanctuary Olonana representative in the reception area of the lodge for your transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Migori. The departure time will be advised to you locally.

On arrival Migori, you will be met by A&K representative and transfer Isebania border for customs/immigration formalities before proceeding to Tarime for your flight to Serengeti National Park.

The Serengeti, one of the planet's biggest and most enduring wildlife havens, stretches all the way from the Ngorongoro Highlands to Lake Victoria (almost the size of New Jersey) and presents the oldest and largest ecosystem on the planet. It takes its name from a Maasai word, siringitu, "the place where the land moves on forever". Under an enormous African sky, the plains indeed seem infinite, as if a greater power announced to the resident wildlife, 'you can have all this', with the generous sweep of a celestial arm.

The Serengeti, which covers over 12,000 square kilometers (4,633 square miles), is home to more than three million large animals across dozens of species. The best known of these are the enormous herds of wildebeest and zebra which, driven by the instinct to survive, chase after new pasture following the rains on annual march of almost 1,000 kilometers (386 miles). This is the largest, and one of the last, great terrestrial migrations on earth.

Upon arrival at Kogatende Airstrip, you will be met by Serengeti Bushtop representative and transferred to the camp with game drive enroute.

Check in and lunch at the lodge.

Later, proceed for an afternoon game drive.

Melia Serengeti Lodge (2nights) / Melia Lagoon View Twin (FB)

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Day 7

Serengeti, Tanzania

Morning breakfast at the camp,

Today you will have lunch and site inspection at Four Season Safari Lodge.

Later, you will be drive back to the Lodge with game drive enroute.

Melia Serengeti Lodge / Melia Lagoon View Twin (FB) B-L-D

Day 8

Serengeti – Ngorongoro, Tanzania

After breakfast at the camp, you will be transferred to Seronera Airstrip for your flight to Manyara Airstrip.

On arrival, you are met by your A&K driver guide and will be transferred to your lodge.

Ngorongoro Crater is the largest unbroken caldera in the world. At nearly 20 square kilometres (12 miles) across, 600 meters (1980 feet) deep and 300 square kilometres (116 square miles) in area, the Crater is a heart-stopping impressive. The caldera is a member of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Formed more than two million years ago, it began life when a giant volcano - estimated to have rivalled Kilimanjaro in height - blew its top. Nicknamed the African Garden of Eden and called El-Nkoronkoro by the Maasai, meaning "Gift of Life", the park hosts one of the densest mammal populations on the planet: zebra, buffalo, hyena, wildebeest, and lions all thrive here. There are approximately 25,000 resident animals. Notable for their absence are giraffe, which are unable to negotiate the crater's steep sides - their long limbs and long neck mean they have a much less stable center of gravity compared to other animals

Elewana The Manor at Ngorongoro (1 night) / Manor Suite Double (FB)

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Day 9

Full day Crater Tour at Ngorongoro

Enjoy game drive on the crater floor terminating with a visit to Melia Ngorongoro for a site inspection with tea.

Sanctuary Ngorongoro Crater Camp / 2 Classic Twin Tent (FB)

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Day 10

Depart - Ngorongoro - Arusha, Tanzania

Morning breakfast, you will drive from Ngorongoro Conservation Area to Arusha town to Gran Melia where dayrooms are reserved.

Duration of drive from Ngorongoro Conservation Area to Arusha: 3hrs 30minutes

Lunch at the hotel.

Afternoon at leisure with dinner under own arrangements.

Evening transferred to the Kilimanjaro Airport for your homebound flight.

Gran Melia Arusha / Day Use Deluxe Mount Meru View King Room

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