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Journey overview

Masai Mara

Situated in the southwest of Kenya, covering an area of 1 510 square km (583 square miles), the Masai Mara National Reserve is a land of breathtaking vistas, abundant wildlife and endless plains.

The quintessential Masai Mara safari delivers many attractions, as the reserve is home to an excellent year-round concentration of game, including the more than two million wildebeest, zebras and other antelopes that make up the famous Great Migration.

The reserve is a photographer's and naturalist's paradise, with abundant elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lion and cheetah alongside the migratory wildebeest and zebra. Leopards are frequently encountered, endangered black rhino hide in the dense thickets and large rafts of hippo and enormous crocodiles are found in the Mara River. The park is also home to over 450 bird species.

Serengeti

The Serengeti National Park, meaning "endless plains" in the Maasai language, is undoubtedly one of the world's most celebrated wilderness areas and is an ongoing source of inspiration to writers, filmmakers and photographers.

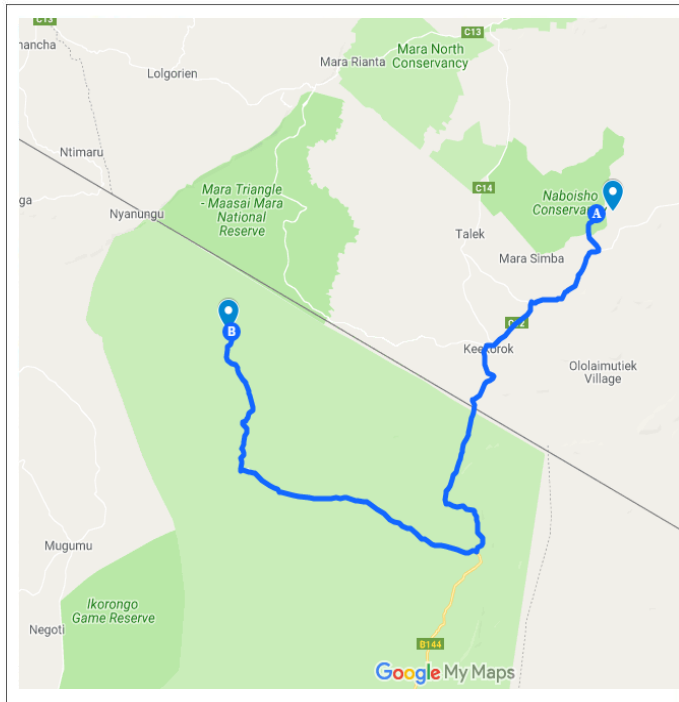
It is Tanzania's oldest game reserve, renowned as the site of the annual Great Migration, when an estimated three million antelope - mostly wildebeest - migrate to Kenya's Masai Mara Game Reserve.

Specially created for

- Families
- Wildlife enthusiasts
- Luxury adventure travelers



At a glance



6 nights / 7 days

2 Guests

DAY	PROGRAMME
Day 1	Transfer from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Wilson Airport Scheduled flight from Wilson Airport to Masai Mara Overnight: Porini Mara/Cheetah Camp Alternative: Porini Bush Camp
Day 2	Overnight: Porini Mara/Cheetah Camp Alternative: Porini Bush Camp
Day 3	Overnight: Porini Mara/Cheetah Camp Alternative: Porini Bush Camp
Day 4	Scheduled flight from Mara Airstrip to Migori Transfer from Migori through Tanzanian Border to Tarime airstrip Scheduled flight from Tarime Airstrip to Kogatende Airstrip Overnight: Nimali Mara Camp
Day 5	Overnight: Nimali Mara Camp
Day 6	Overnight: Nimali Mara Camp
Day 7	Scheduled flight from Kogatende Airstrip to Kilimanjaro International Airport Departure

Expect the extraordinary

Porini Mara Camp

Masai Mara, Kenya

Day 1

Fly from Wilson Airport on the 10:00hrs flight to the Masai Mara. You will be met at the airstrip by your Driver Guide and transfer to your Porini Camp, with a game drive enroute. Settle into your tent before enjoying lunch.

In the afternoon head out on a game drive with a sundowner at a scenic spot followed by a night game drive with spotlights to search for nocturnal animals, including the elusive leopards which are resident in Ol Kinyei Conservancy, before heading back to camp for dinner.

Overnight at Porini Bush Camp/Porini Cheetah Camp/Porini Mara Camp.

Day 2

A full day spent on a game drive in the famous Masai Mara Reserve with a picnic lunch in the park and then return to Camp in the late afternoon. Sundowner and night game drive as you return to your Porini Camp for dinner.

Overnight at Porini Bush Camp/Porini Cheetah Camp/Porini Mara Camp.

Day 3

A full day to explore the Ol Kinyei Conservancy on the lookout for elephants, buffalo, giraffe, plains game and the big cats. Wake up at dawn and enjoy an early game drive in the conservancy, returning to camp for a late breakfast followed by an escorted nature walk and then lunch.

In the afternoon enjoy another game drive in the Ol Kinyei Conservancy with a night drive as you head back to camp driving in the dark with a spotlight for the chance to see the nocturnal animals.

Overnight at Porini Bush Camp/Porini Cheetah Camp/Porini Mara Camp.



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Porini Mara Camp

Masai Mara, Kenya

Porini Mara Camp is a non-seasonal safari camp set in Ol Kinyei Conservancy - an 18700 acre wilderness set aside as a wildlife sanctuary with a wide variety of species including big cats. The area has open plains, forests, rivers and stunning views.

This setting provides the ultimate African safari holiday adventure in an unspoilt area, away from the crowds.

Safari game drives can also be taken in the nearby Masai Mara National Reserve and the adjacent Naboisho Conservancy.

The award-winning Porini Mara Camp is located in a unique and beautiful setting under yellow-barked Acacia trees along the banks of the Laetoli. The Mara camp contains just five spacious guest tents and one family unit. Porini Mara Camp is fully-inclusive of meals, drinks (vodka, gin & tonics, wine, beer, sodas and mineral water) and all activities (including day and night game drives, sundowners and escorted walks). Game drives (shared) are in 4x4 safari vehicles with expert safari guides and you will experience the wilderness without the presence of other tourist vehicles.

The family unit at Porini Mara Camp is a H shaped tent located about 20 metres from the main areas. The unit is made of high quality canvas, is spacious, each wing measuring 64 square metres and the lounge is 16 square metres. It consists of two rooms with a lounge in between. Each of the two rooms has a king size bed and a single bed, The high-quality, spacious tent is tastefully furnished and has solar-powered lighting, ensuite facilities (with hot shower and flush toilet) and a private veranda. The unit is ideal for families or group of friends traveling together and is at the same price per person as our other tents.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT PORINI MARA CAMP

Porini Mara Camp has an exclusive yet friendly feel, with each tent containing comfortable furnishings and ensuite facilities (with hot shower and flush toilet). The camp Chef uses fresh ingredients to prepare high quality meals and even home-baked bread.



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Nimali Mara Camp

Northern Serengeti, Tanzania

Day 4

This morning enjoy a game drive in the Conservancy or guided walk before returning to camp for breakfast.

Later, transfer to the airstrip (taking a packed lunch) for 1100hrs scheduled flight to Migori (20 minutes). From Migori, you will be transferred via road, to the border town of Isebania, a trip of 40 Minutes. You will be at the border at approximately 1310Hrs. You will clear immigration and customs and cross into Tanzania. This border point being one of the least busy ones, it will take you approximately 20 minutes and a further 10 minutes' drive to the Tarime airstrip where you will board your schedule flight to the Serengeti.

Upon arriving at the Kogatende airstrip, a Nimali Camp vehicle will be on standby to transfer you to camp. You will have shared game drives (morning and later afternoon or full day) in Serengeti National Park.

Overnight at Nimali Mara Camp.

Day 5

After breakfast leave for an early morning game drive. Mornings are a great time for watching lions in action. Come back to camp for lunch and relax during the afternoon. Head out for an evening game drive before returning to camp for cocktails and canapés as you watch the sun set. A perfect end to a perfect day, enjoying the dramatic shades of the African sunset!

Overnight at Nimali Mara Camp.

Day 6

Today enjoy a full day in the Serengeti with morning and late afternoon game drives.

Overnight at Nimali Mara Camp.

Departure

Day 7

Early morning game drive in the Serengeti Park, returning to camp for breakfast. Transfer to the airstrip for scheduled flight to Kilimanjaro Airport.



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Nimali Mara Camp

Northern Serengeti, Tanzania

Nimali derives its name from the Swahili word for wealth, often used to describe a plentiful supply of a desirable thing. We believe nature is Africa's greatest wealth and we have that in abundance.

Boasting seclusion and exclusivity in northern Serengeti, Nimali Mara is a beautiful hideaway that offers luxury in the wilderness. Situated in the far-flung area of Kogatende, this retreat offers the ability to explore the Serengeti whilst still enjoying privacy and isolation.

Located on top of a small kopje, just 30-minutes from the Mara River, the camp offers stunning vistas of endless plains, especially from each tent's fourth wall of floor-to-ceiling glass doors. There's only 10 tents altogether, all built to blend into the natural surroundings and create a huge space for you to unwind in between game drives. Watch the sunrise from your bed, enjoy sunset whilst relaxing in your freestanding bath, and take advantage of the expansive terrace that's yours to privately enjoy.

The gorgeous surrounding scenery inspires the facilities too, including the infinity pool nestled within a natural cave. Small, friendly and intimate, this is a wonderful way to see the Serengeti's incredible wildebeest migration whilst also escaping the crowds.

This small, intimate tented camp will offer a sense of quiet elegance and timelessness with its blend of natural materials and contemporary design.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT NIMALI MARA

The Camp has been strategically located away from the hustle and bustle of safari vehicles whilst retaining easy access to the river and views of the amazing wildebeest migration crossings.



Journey overview

Rate From: USD 5 050 per person

7 DAY PORINI BUSH CAMP & NIMALI MARA WILDEBEEST MIGRATION SAFARI	
ADULT SHARING	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$5,050	\$1,595

7 DAY PORINI MARA CAMP & NIMALI MARA WILDEBEEST MIGRATION SAFARI	
ADULT SHARING	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$5,950	\$1,895

Flights

DETAILS	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Wilson Airport to Masai Mara	10:00am	10:40am
Mara Airstrip to Migori Airstrip	11:00am	11:20am
Tarime Airstrip to Kogatende Airstrip	02:00pm	02:25pm
Kogatende Airstrip to Kilimanjaro International Airport	09:25am	01:20pm

Accommodation

DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Maasai Mara	Porini Mara/Cheetah/Bush Camp	1x Tented Camp(s)
		All meals and local brands of drinks
Northern Serengeti	Nimali Mara Camp	1x Tented Camp(s)
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Journey overview

What's included:

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals and drinks as specified
- Scheduled flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Private/Scheduled game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary
- National parks, concession and landing fees where applicable
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Domestic departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips unless otherwise stipulated

What's not included:

- Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary or as outlined in the Includes
- Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines, cigars and cigarettes
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- National parks and concession fees not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Visa fees (please be sure to check if visas are required)

Note:

- Offer only valid from July through October 2019.
- Additional nights may be added at Kenya and in Tanzania at other locations.

The details are in the fine print

Kenya

INSURANCE

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CHECK-IN TIMES

In accordance with global practice, all hotel and lodge check-in/out times are as follows:

Check-in: 14h00; Check-out: 11h00

LANGUAGE

The national language in Kenya is Swahili, although English is widely spoken.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Bring sufficient memory cards and batteries as these are not always readily available. Remember to ask permission before taking a photograph of any local resident.

The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) is not allowed in any of the conservation areas, until such time as their impact on wildlife and anti-poaching initiatives can be assessed. This rule applies throughout Africa.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that local laws, religious beliefs and cultural practices in parts of Africa may be more conservative than those in your country of origin. As these must be observed and adhered to, we suggest that guests carry out due diligence on any areas of concern to them and exercise their discretion when travelling in the region.

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MONEY

Banks and foreign exchange bureaus are available at all international airports and in all main towns.

Officials may not be in a position to issue change, so please carry small denominations of cash where possible. Most hotels and lodges accept Visa and MasterCard. In addition to credit cards, travellers should bring USD cash. Small denominations are recommended as high denomination notes may not be accepted or change may not be available. Credit card transactions could take anything up to a few months to go through, especially from more remote areas. USD are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2006 are no longer accepted.

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CLIMATE

Hot and humid at the coast; temperate inland; very dry in the north; warmest period is February and March and the coolest July and August; rainfall in April, May and November

Generally temperatures are pleasant averaging 26°C (78°F) during the day; sometimes rising above 30°C (86°F) in the coastal and northern regions

DIETARY

Most dietary requirements can be catered for. Please advise us of any specific dietary requirements before you travel and these will be communicated to all properties. Kosher meals are not available.

WHAT TO PACK

As a general guide, comfortable, casual wash and wear clothes are recommended. Muted colours are recommended for game-viewing. Game-drives are conducted in the early morning and late afternoon, which can be very cold, especially in winter.

The most practical items to pack for safari are:

- Khaki, green, beige and neutral colours (dark blue and black should be avoided, as it attracts Tsetse flies)
- Shirts with long sleeves (even in summer, as protection from the sun, mosquitoes and Tsetse flies)
- T-shirts
- Shorts or a light skirt
- Jeans or safari trousers for evenings and cooler days
- A jacket and sweater is recommended for early morning and evening game drives
- Lightweight water-proof jacket
- Swim and beachwear
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun block, sunglasses, hat, moisturizer and lip-salve are all essentials
- Strong insect repellent like Mozzie Guard (www.mosi-guard.com)
- Binoculars and camera equipment

Laundry: Most lodges, camps and hotels do their best to deliver a same day laundry service, weather permitting. Dry cleaning can be arranged at most hotels but is not available at lodges. At the lodges soap suds are generally provided in your room for delicate items. Please be mindful that, due to culture and customs in many of the areas in which we operate, some lodges/camps do not wash underwear. While most lodges/camps can arrange for your shoes to be polished, we regret that we are unable to provide a service for these to be washed.

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PLASTIC BAGS ILLEGAL IN KENYA

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If you are travelling to Kenya, plastic bags that match the above description, including duty free bags, will be confiscated at the airport. However, there is a bigger risk that if anyone is caught using these plastic bags, the fine is KSh4 000 000 (approximately USD 38 000) or a prison sentence of up to four years. If you are travelling to Kenya, please refrain from using all forms of 'disposable' plastic bags in both main luggage and hand luggage, to avoid inconveniences and possibly prosecution.

ELECTRICITY

220/240 volts AC, 50Hz. It is possible that lodges in more remote areas do not have electricity and run on generator or solar power.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please consult your physician for advice on **malaria** precautions before travel to East Africa.

Anyone who takes any special medication should take enough supplies to last the visit.

Yellow Fever:

Swahili Eco Safaris' Terms and Conditions require you to obtain advice from your medical practitioner or travel clinic before traveling to any destination to determine if you are required to get a Yellow Fever vaccination, no less than 10 days prior to travel. If required you must be able to produce a Yellow Fever certificate as proof of vaccination. Depending on which countries you are traveling to prior or post your stay in Kenya the certificate will be required. The certificate may also be required when re-entering your country of origin, or other African countries, if you have visited a destination within the Yellow Fever belt. For more information you may consult the following website but we must reiterate that we advise you to visit your medical practitioner or your closest travel clinic for further information. <http://www.who.int/ith/vaccines/yf/en/>

Swahili Eco Safaris recommends that travellers entering Kenya directly from non-endemic countries receive the vaccination in their home country. Kenya health officials can be inconsistent in enforcing the correct regulations; however, when they do, and travellers do not have the required documentation, this can result in refusal of entry and unnecessary delays.

Additionally, it is essential for those travelling from the Masai Mara (Kenya) to the Serengeti (Tanzania), via Migori and Tarime, to obtain a Yellow Fever certificate. Tanzanian health officials have held guests at the Isibania Border for extended periods of time, due to lack of certificates. Failure to provide a Yellow Fever certificate, at these specific destinations, may result in refusal of entry. For more information about Yellow Fever endemic countries, please see the list provided by the World Health Organisation: https://www.who.int/ith/ith_country_list.pdf

Ticks:

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SAFETY

Like anywhere else in the world, visitors must always take reasonable precautions as opportunistic crime does happen and it can be best described as when an opportunity presents itself and subsequently tempts a person to steal.

Most accommodations offer in-room or reception safes to secure your valuables.

Visitors are advised not to leave their belongings or personal property unattended.

Do not carry large sums of money or valuables on your person.

Always buy your excursions from a licensed operator, your hotel or travel agent representatives can assist you with verification.

FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS

Check-in is 1 hour prior for domestic departures and 2 hours prior for international departures.

Due to particularly stringent security measures at airports in Kenya, guests are required to arrive an additional hour prior to their departure time:

- 3 hours prior to international departures
- 2 hours prior to domestic departures

Scheduled regional and inter-lodge flights may involve multiple stops before reaching the final destination. Flights are operated as “shuttle transfers” and therefore departure times may vary up to 1 hour. Times are subject to change without notice.

In the event of bad weather, airlines reserve the right to drop guests off at the nearest serviceable airstrip which may mean a road transfer for guests to get to their final destination. Any costs resulting from such diversions would be for your own account. Aircrafts used on inter-lodge flights are small and interior space limited. In addition, some activity and scenic air operators may also have weight and/or height restrictions. For the sake of your own comfort, please advise us at time of booking if you are particularly bulky or tall and we will do our best to accommodate you. Additional costs may apply.

Swahili Eco Safaris cannot be held responsible should airlines discontinue flights or change scheduled times resulting in missed connections etc. Should an amendment in a routing or itinerary be necessary, we will re-quote accordingly

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS - KENYA

As you will be travelling in vehicles and aircraft with limited space, luggage is required to be packed in a soft bag weighing a maximum of 15kg (33 lbs) which includes hand luggage and camera equipment.

Type of luggage & dimensions: Soft bags with maximum dimensions of 35cm (13.7 inches) wide x 40 cm (15.7 inches) high and 70 cm (27.5 inches) long. Wheels on a bag are only permissible if they are not part of a solid frame or rigid structure. No hard suitcases are allowed and oversized bags may not be carried on your lap. An additional seat can be booked for extra luggage, subject to availability.

When travelling to any of our destinations in Africa, please remember that possession of wildlife trophies is illegal. A wildlife trophy is defined as “any protected animal, game animal, or game bird, alive or dead and any bone, claw, egg, feather, hair, hoof, skin, tooth, tusk or other durable portion whatsoever of that animal or bird or fish or other aquatic life whether processed, added to or changed by the work of man or not, which is recognizable as such a durable portion”. Any person found in possession of these restricted items, without the necessary permits, will be liable to a fine and/or prison term, with the said item being confiscated. In Kenya, certain items made from the ostrich and crocodile skin, both of which are being reared for the purpose, would be permitted as proper permits are issued by the dealers.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that you have at least 2 consecutive blank visa pages (not endorsement pages) in your passport. Our recommendation is 3 or even 4 blank pages if you are travelling through more than one country. If there is insufficient space in the passport then entry could be denied.

The details are in the fine print

Visa applications to enter Kenya can be done online via <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=5> .Visas can also be acquired upon arrival. Where visas can be obtained at port of entry, fees are payable in USD, cash only, we recommend small denominations of bills not older than 2008. Officials are not in a position to give change. It is recommended to obtain visas prior to arrival as there is a likelihood of long queues at all airports.

If guests are travelling to Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya, they can apply for a multi-entry East Africa Tourist Visa for all three countries, prior to arrival, at a cost of USD 100. This visa is valid for 90 days. The East African Visa is valid for multiple entries into Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. It is for use only within these three countries. The issuing country has to be the first point of entry. Should one leave the three countries, the visa is not valid for re-entry into any of the three. This is particularly important for itineraries that run Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda or vice versa. As Tanzania is NOT a signatory to this visa, it cannot be used for re-entry.

Kenya Single Entry Visa - Visitors who have obtained a visa for Kenya and then leave the country to travel to either Tanzania, Rwanda or Uganda will not need a re-entry visa to return to Kenya. The single entry visa will still be applicable, and will only cease to be acceptable if the re-entry is more than 30 days from the first issue or you go beyond the boundaries of East Africa.

Guests travelling from Tanzania to Kenya must obtain a valid Kenyan visa before travel in order to confirm domestic flights between Nairobi and the Masai Mara National Park. This is due to the delays in the processing of visas for guests connecting between Arusha, Tanzania and Nairobi, Kenya and the knock on effect on domestic flight schedules. Guests arriving at Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro Airports (Tanzania) and subsequently traveling to Kenya are required to obtain a Kenyan visa before travel.

Depending on nationality and country of origin, visa requirements may vary or change without notice. We advise checking with the appropriate consular authority prior to departure. Should the appropriate authority confirm that visas can be obtained on arrival, please ensure you have the applicable fee available.

CROSSING BORDERS BETWEEN KENYA AND TANZANIA BY ROAD - WHAT TO EXPECT

KENYA - TANZANIA VICE VERSA

Guests are required to present themselves at immigration in the following sequence:

Kenya health officials will check if guests have Yellow Fever certificates

If cleared, proceed to the Kenya immigration counter

Fill in the exit forms

Present the form, passport, and Yellow Fever certificate to immigration officials at the counter

Once stamped, walk across to the Kenya immigration counter

Health officials will check the Yellow Fever certificate and give the go ahead to proceed to the immigration counter

Fill in entry forms

Hand over documentation to immigration officials

Once cleared, walk out of the office

Your transfer vehicle will be positioned at the parking bay just a short walking distance from the building - less than three minutes

Please note: Your bags may be scanned and/or checked by custom officials

Important note:

- Never carry any animal trophies, even if legally acquired (these include ostrich eggs).
- If you are in need of foreign currency only exchange at a Forex Bureau or bank.

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Tanzania

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MONEY

Due to licencing and other issues, the Government of Tanzania has closed most of its Bureau de Change in Arusha. Due to this, acquiring foreign currency is incredibly limited. Travellers are advised to exchange foreign currency at Kilimanjaro International Airport as it is becoming more challenging in Arusha and other major towns. Most hotels and lodges accept Visa and MasterCard. In addition to credit cards, travellers should bring USD cash, as this is widely accepted. However, notes dated before 2006 are no longer accepted. Small denominations are recommended as high denomination notes may not be accepted or change may not be available. Credit card transactions could take anything up to a few months to go through, especially from more remote areas.

CLIMATE

Hot and humid on the coast, the islands, Ruaha and Selous; temperate inland; warmest period is September, October and January and the coolest is June & July. July and August can be very cold on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater. Rainfall months are in March, April, May and November; generally temperatures are pleasant ranging between 15°C (59°F) - 26°C (78°F) during the day; sometimes rising above 30°C (86°F) in the warmer months.

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- 2 hours prior to domestic departures

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In the event of bad weather, airlines reserve the right to drop guests off at the nearest serviceable airstrip which may mean a road transfer for guests to get to their final destination. Any costs resulting from such diversions would be for your own account. Aircrafts used on inter-lodge flights are small and interior space limited. In addition, some activity and scenic air operators may also have weight and/or height restrictions. For the sake of your own comfort, please advise us at time of booking if you are particularly bulky or tall and we will do our best to accommodate you. Additional costs may apply.

Flights from the Serengeti National Park or Lake Manyara region, to Arusha, might route via Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) before stopping in Arusha. This usually occurs if this is the aircraft’s last flight of the day.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE

As you will be travelling in vehicles and aircraft with limited space, luggage is required to be packed in a soft bag weighing a maximum of 15kg (33 lbs) which includes hand luggage and camera equipment.

Type of luggage & dimensions: Soft bags with maximum dimensions of 35cm (13.7 inches) wide x 40 cm (15.7 inches) high and 70 cm (27.5 inches) long. Wheels on a bag are only permissible if they are not part of a solid frame or rigid structure. No hard suitcases are allowed and oversized bags may not be carried on your lap. An additional seat can be booked for extra luggage, subject to availability.

When travelling to any of our destinations in Africa, please remember that possession of wildlife trophies is illegal. A wildlife trophy is defined as “any protected animal, game animal, or game bird, alive or dead and any bone, claw, egg, feather, hair, hoof, skin, tooth, tusk or other durable portion whatsoever of that animal or bird or fish or other aquatic life whether processed, added to or changed by the work of man or not, which is recognizable as such a durable portion”. Any person found in possession of these restricted items, without the necessary permits, will be liable to a fine and/or prison term, with the said item being confiscated. In Kenya, certain items made from the ostrich and crocodile skin, both of which are being reared for the purpose, would be permitted as proper permits are issued by the dealers.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that you have at least 2 consecutive blank visa pages (not endorsement pages) in your passport. Our recommendation is 3 or even 4 blank pages if you are travelling through more than one country. If there is insufficient space in the passport then entry could be denied.

The details are in the fine print

It is imperative to check your visa requirements with the relevant embassies / consulates as it may vary according to your nationality.

Visa applications to enter Kenya can be done online via <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=5>

Visas can also be acquired upon arrival. Where visas can be obtained at port of entry, these are payable in US dollars cash only; we recommend small-denominations of bills not older than 2008 as officials are not in the position to give change.

Tanzania has recently launched an e-visa system, however while in the early stages, it is advised you apply for the visa beforehand or receive on arrival.

If guests are travelling to Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya, they can apply for a multi-entry East Africa Tourist Visa for all three countries, prior to arrival, at a cost of USD 100. This visa is valid for 90 days. This visa is only for use within these three countries. The issuing country has to be the first point of entry. Should one leave the three countries, the visa is not valid for re-entry into any of the three. This is particularly important for itineraries that run Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda or vice versa. As Tanzania is NOT a signatory to this visa, it cannot be used for re-entry.

Kenya Single Entry Visa - Visitors who have obtained a visa for Kenya and then leave the country to travel to either Tanzania, Rwanda or Uganda will not need a re-entry visa to return to Kenya. The single entry visa will still be applicable, and will only cease to be acceptable if you go beyond the boundaries of East Africa.

Guests travelling from Tanzania to Kenya must obtain a valid Kenyan visa before travel in order to confirm domestic flights between Nairobi and the Masai Mara National Park. This is due to the delays in the processing time of visas for guests connecting between Kilimanjaro, Tanzania and Nairobi, Kenya and the knock on effect on domestic flight schedules. Guests arriving at Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro Airports (Tanzania) and subsequently traveling to Kenya are also required to obtain a Kenyan visa before travel.

Depending on nationality and country of origin, visa requirements may vary or change without notice. We advise checking with the appropriate consular authority prior to departure. Should the appropriate authority confirm that visas can be obtained on arrival, please ensure you have the applicable fee available.

CROSSING BORDERS BETWEEN KENYA AND TANZANIA BY ROAD - WHAT TO EXPECT

TANZANIA - KENYA VICE VERSA

Guests are required to present themselves at immigration in the following sequence:

- Tanzania health officials will check if guests have Yellow Fever certificates
- If cleared, proceed to the Tanzania immigration counter
- Fill in the exit form
- Present the form, passport, and Yellow Fever certificate to immigration officials at the counter
- Once stamped, walk across to the Tanzania immigration counter
- Health officials will check the Yellow Fever certificate and give the go ahead to proceed to the immigration counter
- Fill in entry forms
- Hand over documentation to immigration officials
- Once cleared, walk out of the office
- Your transfer vehicle will be positioned at the parking bay just a short walking distance from the building - less than three minutes

Please note: Your bags may be scanned and/or checked by custom officials

Important note:

- Never carry any animal trophies, even if legally acquired (these include ostrich eggs).
- If you are in need of foreign currency only exchange at a Forex Bureau or bank.

Get in touch with us

Request for a tailor-made safari based on your requirements [HERE](#).

Should you require any further assistance, kindly do not hesitate to contact us.

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