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Journey overview

Amboseli

Crowned by Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, the Amboseli National Parks is one of Kenya's most popular parks. The name "Amboseli" comes from a Maasai word meaning "salty dust", and it is one of the best places in Africa to view large herds of elephants up close. Nature lovers can explore five different habitats here ranging from the dried-up bed of Lake Amboseli, wetlands with sulphur springs, the savannah and woodlands. They can also visit the local Maasai community who live around the park and experience their authentic culture.

Ol Pejeta Conservancy

From a working cattle ranch in colonial Kenya, to a trailblazer of conservation innovation - the story of Ol Pejeta is as enchanting as it is inspirational.

Today, at 90,000 acres, Ol Pejeta is the largest black rhino sanctuary in east Africa, and home to two of the world's last remaining northern white rhino. It is the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees, in a Sanctuary established to rehabilitate animals rescued from the black market. It has some of the highest predator densities in Kenya, and still manages a very successful livestock programme. Ol Pejeta also seeks to support the people living around its borders, to ensure wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians.

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.

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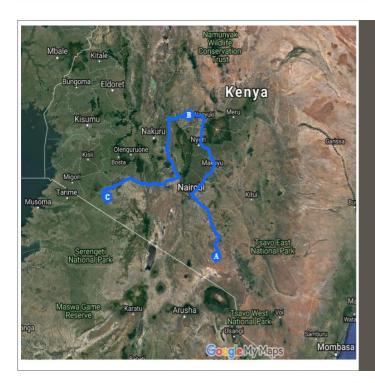
- Families
- Wildlife enthusiasts
- Luxury adventure travelers











6 nights / 7 days

2 Guests

DAY	PROGRAMME
Day 1	Transfer from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Amboseli
	Overnight: Porini Amboseli Camp
Day 2	Overnight: Porini Amboseli Camp
Day 3	Scheduled flight from Amboseli Airstrip to Nanyuki Airstrip
	Overnight: Porini Rhino Camp
Day 4	Overnight: Porini Rhino Camp
Day 5	Scheduled flight from Nanyuki Airstrip to Olare Orok Airstrip
	Overnight: Porini Lion Camp
Day 6	Overnight: Porini Lion Camp
Day 7	Scheduled flight from Olare Orok Airstrip to Nairobi Wilson Airport
	Departure

Porini Amboseli Camp

Amboseli, Kenya

Day 1

Pickup from Nairobi at 9am and transfer by safari minibus to Porini Amboseli Camp (a 5 hour journey of 128 miles), arriving at camp before lunch. (NB optional flight upgrade at a supplement).

Following afternoon tea, you will be escorted on a walk by Maasai warriors to a village to get an insight into their fascinating culture and way of life. Then take a game drive in the conservancy followed by a sundowner at a scenic spot overlooking Kilimanjaro.

Night game drive and return to camp for dinner and overnight.

Day 2

Awake to the noisy calls of the birds. After an early breakfast, we drive through the bush on our private track into Amboseli National Park, for a full morning of game viewing.

Following a picnic lunch in the park, we return to camp later in the afternoon.

In the evening you will go on a game drive in Selenkay Conservancy, stopping for a sundowner at a scenic viewpoint, followed by a night game drive to look for nocturnal animals such as aardvarks, serval cats, caracals, bat-eared foxes, African wild cats, and other species.

Return to camp for dinner and overnight.









Porini Amboseli Camp

Amboseli, Kenya

This award-winning Kenya safari camp is set in the Amboseli eco-system within the exclusive Selenkay Conservancy - an important wildlife dispersal area for wildlife moving out of Amboseli National Park.

Porini Amboseli Safari Camp is small - with just 10 spacious guest tents - and retains all the charm and feel of the traditional mobile safari camps of days gone by. Tents are tastefully furnished and have solar powered electric lighting with ensuite bathrooms including shower, wash basin and flush toilet.

The Kenyan safari camp provides an exclusive yet friendly experience with a maximum of 20 guests at a time and it is fully-inclusive of all meals, drinks (wine, vodka, gin & tonics, beer, sodas and mineral water) and activities.

These activities include day and night shared game drives, guided walks and sundowners. Safari drives are in specially-designed, open-sided off-road (4×4) safari vehicles with expert safari guides.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT PORINI AMBOSELI CAMP

The private conservation area ensures the best possible game viewing in proper off-road safari vehicles, off the beaten track and away from other tourist vans and minibuses.









Porini Rhino Camp Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Kenya

Day 3

Early breakfast and then drive through Amboseli park to the airstrip for the 9am flight to Wilson, connecting onto the 10.20h flight to Nanyuki (arriving at 11.30h).

You will be met at the airstrip and transferred to Porini Rhino Camp, located in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, in the foothills of Mount Kenya.

Lunch and afternoon tea in camp and then head off on a game drive with your driver-guide in the camp's 4×4 safari vehicle. Return to Porini Rhino Camp for dinner.

Overnight at Porini Rhino Camp.

Day 4

Full day in Ol Pejeta with game drives and walking activities from camp.

Dinner and overnight at Porini Rhino Camp.









Porini Rhino Camp

Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Kenya

This small and intimate safari eco- camp is located within Ol Pejeta Conservancy, a vast 90000-acre wildlife area between the Aberdares and the majestic Mount Kenya. The conservancy is home to a variety of animals including the "Big Five". It is the largest sanctuary in East Africa for the endangered Black Rhino and is also a sanctuary for rescued chimpanzees.

Porini Rhino Camp is in a secluded valley, on the banks of a seasonal river and under the shade of acacia trees. The Kenyan safari camp in Ol Pejeta consists of just seven spacious and comfortable guest tents, each having been carefully sited to take advantage of the wonderful surrounding views. Each tent is tastefully furnished and has solar-power lighting and ensuite hot shower and flush toilet. The camp is specially designed to have minimum environmental impact (with no permanent structures and using eco-friendly fuel).

The safari camp is fully inclusive of meals, drinks (gin & tonics, beer, wine, sodas and mineral water) as well as day and night shared game drives, escorted walks, sundowners, a visit to Baraka the Black Rhino & Information Centre and a visit to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary. The Conservancy ensures excellent game-viewing and safari game drives - with "proper" open-sided, off-road (4×4) safari vehicles and expert safari guides.

In addition to the activities mentioned above (game drives, walks, sundowners, visit to Baraka the Black Rhino & Information Centre and visit to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary) there are a number of other optional activities which can be booked, with the income contributing to the Conservancy's running costs: The Endangered Species Boma, Lion Tracking, Riding with Rhinos and Junior Rangers.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT PORINI RHINO CAMP

Porini Rhino Camp is helping accomplish the Conservancy's aims of generating profits from wildlife tourism for reinvesting into community development in the local area.

The camp staff is drawn from different Kenyan communities including members of the Maasai community from our conservancy projects at Selenkay in Amboseli and Olkinyei and Olare Motorogi in the Mara. The camp adheres to strict ecofriendly and responsible eco tourism principles.









Porini Lion Camp

Maasai Mara, Kenya

Day 5

Depart Porini Rhino Camp and fly from Nanyuki on the 09.45 Safarilink flight to Mara arriving at 11.00. You will be met and transferred to Porini Lion Camp.

Lunch and afternoon tea in camp and then go on a game drive or escorted walk followed by a sundowner and night drive with spotlight.

Return to Porini Lion Camp for dinner and overnight.

Day 6

Full day in the Maasai Mara National Park with picnic lunch. Dinner and overnight Porini Lion Camp.

DEPARTURE

Day 7

Final early morning game drive, breakfast and then transfer to the airstrip for the 11am flight to Nairobi's Wilson airport (arriving at 12.15h).









Porini Lion Camp

Maasai Mara, Kenya

Escape from the tourist trail and opt for a more authentic safari holiday when choosing your Maasai Mara Accommodation. The award-winning, eco-friendly Porini Lion Camp offers a unique opportunity to take guided walks with Maasai Warriors and experience day and night safari game drives within the Olare Motorogi Conservancy - a pristine and exclusive 33000-acre wilderness set aside for wildlife conservation and low-impact tourism.

Porini Lion Camp is located in unique and stunning setting on the banks of the seasonal Ntiakatiak River within the Olare Motorogi Conservancy. This large area borders the Maasai Mara National Reserve and is home to an abundance of animals including the Mara's renowned Big Cats. There is unsurpassed game-viewing within the conservancy due to its unspoiled natural state and the Porini Lion Camp - with just nine tents and one family unit - ensures guests have a genuine "away from it all" experience deep in the African bush.

The high-quality, spacious tents are tastefully furnished and each has solar-powered lighting, ensuite facilities (with hot shower and flush toilet) and a private veranda. Limited laundry is available at no charge.

If you are looking for an African safari package, the Porini Lion Camp accommodation is fully inclusive of all meals, drinks (beer, wine, sodas, vodka, gin & tonics and mineral water) as well as all activities (including day and night game drives, escorted walks and sundowners). Game safari drives (shared) are in specially-designed off-road (4×4) safari vehicles with expert/qualified safari guides to ensure the best possible game-viewing.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT PORINI LION CAMP

Guests particularly enjoy the safari drives within the Conservancy where they experience the African wilderness without being surrounded by other tourist vehicles.

Porini Lion Camp is an ideal base from which to witness the Great Wildebeest Migration.









Journey overview

Rate From: USD 3 850 per person Child rate from (8-16 years): USD 2 750

SEASONS	ADULT SHARING	CHILD (8-16 YEARS)	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
High	\$4,900	\$3,400	\$800
(1Aug - 30 Sep)			
Low	\$3,850	\$2,750	\$750
(1 Oct - 20 Dec)			

Flights

DETAILS	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Amboseli Airstrip to Nairobi Wilson Airport	09:00am	09:40am
Nairobi Wilson Airport to Nanyuki Airstrip	10:20am	11:30am
Nanyuki Airstrip to Olare Orok Airstrip	09:45am	11:00am
Olare Orok Airstrip to Nairobi Wilson Airport	11:00am	12:15pm

Accommodation

DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Amboseli	Porini Amboseli Camp	1x Tented Camp(s)
		All meals and local brands of drinks
Ol Pejeta	Porini Rhino Camp	1x Tented Camp(s)
		All meals and local brands of drinks
Maasai Mara	Porini Lion Camp	1x Tented Camp(s)
		All meals and local brands of drinks

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
- · Last day fly back to Nairobi Wilson Airport

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
- · International flights to and from Nairobi and other 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:

Additional nights may be added at Kenya and in Tanzania at other locations.

Kenya

INSURANCE

It is essential that adequate travel insurance be taken out prior to departure. It is important to note that it is recommended to purchase travel insurance within 14 days from paying your deposit. This should cover any medical situation such as hospitalization, as well as cancellation, curtailment of arrangements and baggage.

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, travelers 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.

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.

WHAT TO PACK

As a general guide, comfortable, casual wash and wear clothes are recommended. Muted colors 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 colors (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
- 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.

PLASTIC BAGS ILLEGAL IN KENYA

Kenya joins over 40 countries that have made plastic bags illegal, in a positive effort to reduce the impact on our environment.

The ban applies to carrier bags with handles (and with or without gussets), and flat bags without handles and without gussets.

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 travelers 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:

Ticks can be found in Africa's wilderness areas. To avoid getting bitten when going on bush walks, guests are advised to take precautions by wearing long trousers, socks and boots. Please note that there is a possibility that tick bites could lead to tick bite fever. Symptoms include fever, headaches and painful, enlarged lymph glands in the area of the bite. If you experience these symptoms after returning home, please visit your doctor and advise them of the possibility of tick bite fever.

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.

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.

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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