

Samburu — Aberdare Nakuru — Masai Mara

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# Day1: Nairobi/Samburu National Reserve

Pick up at 7.30am the drive to Samburu National Park, arrive in time for lunch then have an afternoon game drive. Samburu National Reserve is a rugged and semi-desert park located in Samburu district in the Rift Valley Province of Kenya. The park neighbors the homes of the Samburu tribe of Kenya, a tribe known for their remote culture, pastoral and nomadic way of life. Due to its remote distance and the fact that it was inaccessible for many years, the park has retained a naturally serene and quiet feeling. Besides the numerous wildlife found in this game reserve, the park is also a bird haven. Dinner and Overnight at Campsite/Lodge.



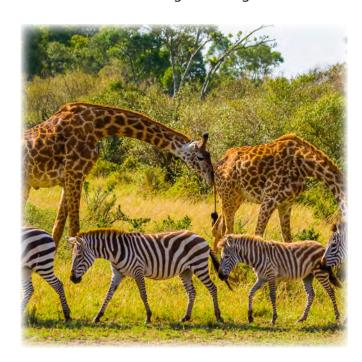
**Day2: Samburu National Reserve** 

Today we have a full day game drive in the reserve with packed lunch provided. There is a wide variety of animal and bird life seen at Samburu National Reserve. Several large game species common to Kenya's northern plains can be found in abundance here, including the following dry-country fauna: gerenuk, Grevy's zebra, oryx and reticulated giraffe. All three big cats, Masai lion, Tanzanian cheetah and leopard, can also be found here, as well as elephants, buffalo and hippos. Other mammals frequently seen in the park include olive baboon, warthogs, Grant's gazelle, Kirk's dik-dik, impala, and waterbuck. Rhinos are no longer present in the park due to heavy poaching. There are over 350 species of bird. These include grey-headed kingfisher, sunbirds, bee-eaters, Marabou stork, tawny eagle, Verreaux's eagle, bateleur, vulturine guineafowl, yellow-necked spurfowl, lilac-breasted roller, secretary bird, superb starling, red-billed hornbill, yellow-billed hornbill, and various vultures including the palm-nut vulture. The Ewaso Ng'iro river contains large numbers of Nile crocodile.



Day3: Samburu National Reserve/ Aberdare National Park

After breakfast we drive to Aberdare National Park. Arrive in time for lunch then transfer to the Park. Picturesque, steep forested ravines and open moorland characterise the Aberdare National Park. The park provides a habitat for elephants, black rhinos, leopards, spotted hyenas, olive baboons, black and white colobus monkeys, buffalos, warthogs and bushbucks among others. Rare sightings include those of the Giant Forest hog, bongo, golden cat, serval cat, African wild cat, African civet cat and the blue duiker. Visitors can indulge in picnics, trout fishing in the rivers and camping in the moorlands. Bird viewing is rewarding, with over 250 species of birds in the park, including the Jackson's Francolin, Sparrow hawks, goshawks, eagles, sunbirds and plovers. Dinner and Overnight at Lodge.





# Day4: Aberdare National Park/ Lake Nakuru National Park

After breakfast we drive to Lake Nakuru National Park. On the floor of the Great Rift Valley, surrounded by wooded and bushy grassland, lies the beautiful Lake Nakuru National Park. Visitors can enjoy the wide ecological diversity and varied habitats that range from Lake Nakuru itself to the surrounding escarpment and picturesque ridges. Lake Nakuru National Park is ideal for bird watching, hiking,picnic and game drives. The lake's level dropped dramatically in the early 1990s but has since largely recovered. In 2013, the lake received an alarming increase in the water levels that led to the migration of flamingos to Lake Bogoria in search for food supply. Dinner and Overnight at Campsite/Lodge.



## Day6: Masai Mara

Full day game drive with packed lunch provided. Maasai Mara National Reserve stretches 1,510 sq km (580 sq miles) and raises 1,500-2,170 meters above sea level. Add the conservancies and the area is at least twice the size. It hosts over 95 species of mammals and over 570 recorded species of birds. This is the World Cup of Wildlife, and together with the Serengeti National Park there is no better place to witness the BEST WILDLIFE VIEWING IN THE WORLD. Dinner and Overnight at Campsite/Lodge.



Day5: Lake Nakuru/Masai Mara

After breakfast we drive to Masai Mara, arrive in time for lunch then afternoon game drive. Masai Mara is situated in south-west Kenya and is one of Africa's Greatest Wildlife Reserves. Together with the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania it forms Africa's most diverse, incredible and most spectacular eco-systems and possibly the world's top safari big game viewing eco-system. Dinner and Overnight at Campsite/Lodge.

Day7: Masai Mara National Reserve/Nairobi

Wake up at 6am for a sunrise game drive in Mara, drive back to accommodation for brunch then drive to back to Nairobi.



## **Travel - Safety and Security Information**

### Clothing

Aside of the normal clothes your probably already thought of, consider:

Comfortable, loose fitting, lightweight clothes.

Long trousers and long sleeves. To protect from mosquito's and the sun.

1 warm sweater might be enough. To save space

1 jacket for the light rains.

Less expensive or new clothes is a less worried mind.

### **Equipment**

Decide: a backpack or a suitcase?

When using a backpack: buy a flightbag.

Smartphone or a cheap simple phone with long lasting battery?

When bringing a smartphone, look into the many travelling apps available.

They are fun. Mobile internet is readily available in Kenya.

Power bank for extra battery life

Headlamp

Small bottles for your liquids (sunscreen, lotion, shampoo, deo etc.)

Small padlock (TSA)

#### Health

A rich, hip, colourful travel guide

Vaccinations and advice from a doctor
Diarrhoea blocking medicine. In case of emergency
Malaria pills
Mosquito repellent. Preferably 30% DEET or more.
Mosquito net
Sunscreen

## **Paperwork**

Passport
Copy of passport
Visa (in passport)
Extra passport photo's
Vaccination document. Or at least: proof of yellow fever vaccine
ICE document with important telephone numbers and personal information

## **Inclusions**

Accommodation as stipulated on the itinerary

Meals as stipulated on the itinerary

Transportation in a 4 x 4 land cruiser with a pop up roof for game viewing & photography on shared basis

Services of a professional driver-guide

All game viewing drives

All parks entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary

All Government taxes and levies

Complimentary 500 ml mineral water per person per day in the vehicle All meet and greet services

24 hours stand-by contact number

Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Two-way long range high frequency radio communication in each vehicle On safari accessories in each vehicle:

First-aid kit, wildlife books, a pair of binoculars, cool box and fire extinquisher

## **Exclusions**

All items of personal nature e.g. telephone call bills, fax/email bills Insurances (Travel, Health)

Tipping: Recommended Hotel staff @ USD 5 & Guides @ USD 10 per diem

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks

International flight and departure

Laundry services

Any other item(s) not included in our itinerary

Visa fees

Excursions while on safari



## **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Travel For Change as an organization believes that we have a moral duty of improving the living conditions of our communities. To this end we actively participate in the uplifting of the standards of women and children in the rural areas where our affiliate non profit NGO also named Travel For Change - Reg. No. OP.218/051/15-027/9879 operates.

Good health is important for the growth of children of all ages. Unfortunately in Africa it is shocking that six out of every ten children are fighting with health problems associated with food and nutrition. While many families can put food on their tables for less than US\$ 1 per day, this food is lacking the nutrients required for proper growth of children, leading to malnutrition which is very severe in some cases. As part of our Corporate Social Responsibility, Travel For Change is committed to ensuring that the children in the areas where our sister non profit NGO operates benefit from our activities. To this end, 5% of our profits go towards the feeding programs of the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) who are our associates. This program runs throughout the year, not only when school is in session, it ensures that for 365 days a year, the children under these programs have at least one wholesome and nutritious meal a day.