

CLASSIC KENYA

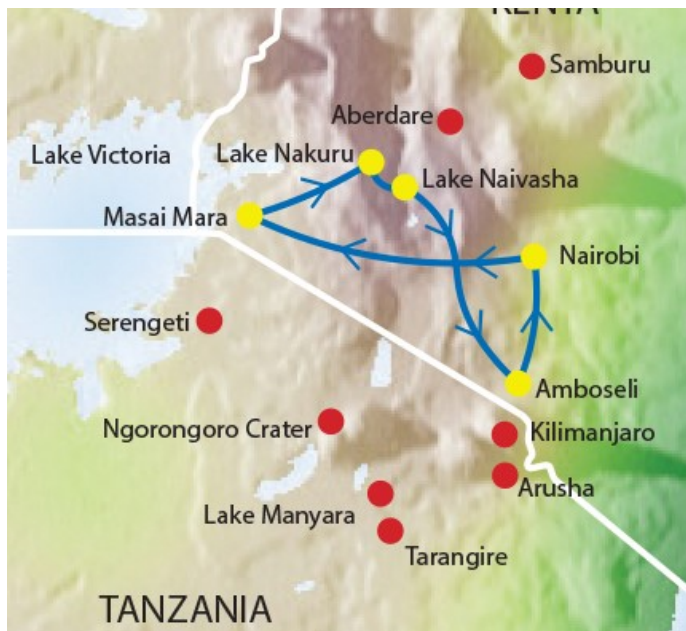
Kenya

7 day small group safari
(deluxe accommodation)



From the open plains of the Masai Mara, to the birdlife on the waters of the northern lakes and the riverbeds of Amboseli, this safari includes three of the most picturesque regions of Kenya. It also provides the perfect opportunity to spot the 'big five' and to enjoy east Africa's diverse scenery. A visit to a Maasai village adds a rare insight into this ancient culture.





Cost includes:

- meet and greet services with assistance at the airport or border
- airport transfers associated with tour
- all safari transport and game drives in 4WD safari vehicle with a maximum of seven passengers per vehicle and seven window seats
- English speaking driver-guide
- accommodation as specified
- meals as listed
- all park fees and government taxes
- filtered drinking water on safari (client to bring own water bottle for re-filling).
- Maasai village visit
- Mara Serena hippo pool breakfast
- Lake Elementaita bird walk*
- Amboseli tree planting*

**time permitting*

Cost excludes:

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- optional meals.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Nairobi to Nairobi

Accommodation: deluxe

Product code: CKSE

Departs: Sundays

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Kenya, Nairobi - Nairobi Serena Hotel

Day 2: Kenya, Masai Mara National Reserve - Mara Serena Lodge

Day 3: Kenya, Masai Mara National Reserve - Mara Serena Lodge

(Pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari)

Day 4: Kenya, Lake Nakuru - Lake Elementaita Serena Camp

Day 5: Kenya, Amboseli National Park - Amboseli Serena Lodge

Day 6: Kenya, Amboseli National Park - Amboseli Serena Lodge

Day 7: Kenya, Nairobi

Extend your time in East Africa to include Tanzania as well. Refer to our East Africa Explorer tour, which includes this Classic Kenya itinerary, plus six nights on safari in Tanzania, home to the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater.

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is a compulsory requirement for some countries in eastern and central Africa. We strongly advise you to seek advice from a travel doctor regarding inoculations.

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Day 1: Nairobi

On arrival at Nairobi airport you are greeted and transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure.
Nairobi Serena Hotel.

Nairobi Serena Hotel

A member of the 'Leading Hotels of the World', the Serena enjoys a very central location close to the city centre. Shaded by glorious jacaranda, bougainvillea and acacia trees and surrounded by lush manicured gardens, the hotel provides a peaceful and luxurious retreat to travellers within this bustling city. Facilities include a 24 hour restaurant, a heated swimming pool, sundeck, spa and health club. Entertainment includes live music nightly in the Askum Bar and piano music in the Mandhari Restaurant. Nairobi Serena Hotel provides safe and centrally located, five star accommodation for guests commencing or ending their safari in Nairobi.

Day 2: Masai Mara National Reserve

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, you travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the rift escarpment on the road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. On the way spot the charming chapel built at the foot of the escarpment. Pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the valley to Narok; continue your travels across acres of wheat and barley, before reaching the Masai Mara in time for lunch. Following lunch set off on your first game drive, returning to the lodge as the sun sets. **Mara Serena Safari Lodge (BLD).**

Mara Serena Lodge

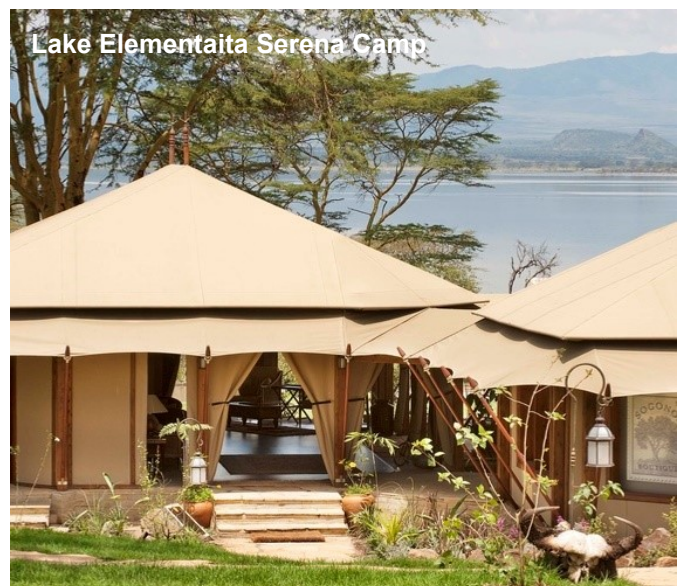
Located at the very center of the famous 'Mara Triangle' of the world-renowned Masai Mara National Reserve, the Mara Serena Safari Lodge is the ultimate safari destination. Set high on a bush-cloaked hill with long views over the savannah and down to the winding coils of the hippo-filled Mara River, it stands centre-stage to one of Africa's most dramatic wildlife arenas, with a ringside seat for the greatest wildlife show on earth, the legendary migration of the wildebeest. Styled to echo the circular motif of a traditional Maasai manyatta, the lodge blends international sophistication with raw African beauty, while featuring twin rows of individual rooms, each with its own view of the famous Mara River.

Day 3: Masai Mara National Reserve

Following breakfast, depart on a morning game drive, returning to the camp mid-morning. During your game drive you enjoy a bush breakfast at a nearby hippo pool. After lunch, and perhaps a siesta, set off on another game drive and visit to the Maasai Village, returning to the lodge as the sunsets. *(It is possible to pre-book an optional early morning balloon safari at an additional cost which replaces your morning game drive and hippo pool breakfast).* **Mara Serena Safari Lodge (BLD).**

Day 4: Lake Elementaita / Lake Nakuru

Today you will travel across the vast plains of the Rift Valley. Keep an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mau Escarpment, before arriving at Lake Elementaita Camp for lunch. After lunch you will take an afternoon game drive in Nakuru National Park, before returning to the lodge for your overnight stay. Within Lake Nakuru National Park's 188 square kilometres lies the shallow and strongly alkaline Lake Nakuru. The lake's waters often appear to be a shimmering pink from the million lesser flamingos which can line its shores. The park is set in a picturesque landscape of surrounding wood and grasslands.



Amboseli Serena Lodge



Aside from flamingo and other waterbirds which abound, other wildlife highlights include black and white rhino, hippo, Rothschild giraffe, lion, leopard and a variety of primates, including vervet monkeys, baboons and black and white colobus. Upon returning to the camp you join a naturalist guided birdlife walk at the lake (*time permitting*). **Lake Elementaita Serena Camp (BLD)**.

Lake Elementaita Serena Camp

This luxury camp is located on the Soysambu Conservancy, right on the shores of Lake Elementaita. Offering a blend of exclusivity and adventure, this camp comprises of 25 luxury tents, a dining and lounge area, spa and swimming pool. Each tent has a private veranda with magnificent views of the vast lake. Soysambu Conservancy is a wildlife sanctuary that boasts a broad range of wildlife and bird species. The conservancy is home to the Rothschild giraffe and is east Africa's only breeding ground for the great white pelican. Serena Lake Elementaita is good base for those travelers visiting the popular lake national parks of Nakuru and Naivasha. The extensive views of the surrounding plains and Lake Elementaita offer wildlife viewing directly from its rooms and terraces.

Day 5: Amboseli National Park

After breakfast you leave the Rift Valley behind and head back to Nairobi for an early lunch. Then continue south towards Amboseli National Park, bordering Tanzania. Your lodge offers the most dramatic vista in Africa; Mt Kilimanjaro. Dinners are enjoyed with the moonlit mountain as your backdrop. **Amboseli Serena Lodge (BLD)**.

Amboseli Serena Lodge

Set against the magnificent backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, the glittering Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge enjoys a uniquely privileged position at the heart of this world-famous national park. Secluded within a grove of acacia trees, the lodge looks out over the golden savannah plains, with uninterrupted views of the mountain itself. At the centre of 'Maasailand', the lodge's décor reflects the brilliant primary colours and iconic shapes representative of these legendary warriors. At the heart of the lodge, shaded by palm trees, is a free form swimming pool; to either side of which stretch the rooms. Each room is housed in a single storey building opening directly on to the grounds, each reflecting a Maasai manyatta theme, each with its own hand-painted wall frescos. The central dining area is reached by a timbered bridge over a melt-water stream, while the lounge and bar feature a broad terrace and a blazing fire-pit where evening cocktails can be enjoyed.

Day 6: Amboseli National Park

Today you will observe the park's inhabitants on morning and afternoon game drives. Famous for its large herds of elephants and in particular its 'big tuskers', a day in Amboseli is a highlight of your safari. One of the most popular parks in Kenya, wildlife viewing here is great all year round. The melting snows of Kilimanjaro flow underground into the park, continually feeding water to springs, swamps and marshes. Amboseli is a favourite spot for wildlife, in particular elephant, with over 1000 living in the park eco-system. Along with elephant there's hippo, giraffe, oryx antelope, buffalo, wildebeest, zebra and gazelle, plus a profusion of birdlife. Lions are very rare, but cheetahs are seen fairly frequently. A hot lunch is served at a picnic site, followed by more game viewing before you return to the lodge for dinner. Time permitting you take part in a tree planting initiative which hopes to ensure the parks long term natural habitat. **Amboseli Serena Lodge (BLD)**.

Day 7: Nairobi

After breakfast you depart Amboseli. You cross the beautiful Athi Plains, arriving in Kenya's capital city by mid-day. On return to Nairobi you transfer to the airport or the city CBD drop off point. (*Please book a departure flight after 4:00pm if required*). **(B)**.

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Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator. On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- Transfers may be in a two-wheel drive seven passenger minibus or 24 passenger coach.
- During peak season multiple vehicle departures may occur and vehicles may travel together.
- River crossing sightings during the months of the migration are not guaranteed as animal movements are seasonal and unpredictable. However, every effort will be made to see animals cross the Mara River.
- This tour includes some long days of road travel which are necessary in order to visit all the listed regions of Kenya.
- The times and duration of safaris may change on tour in order to maximise wildlife viewing opportunities.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Children younger than seven are unable to join seat-in-vehicle safaris, however we would be pleased to book a private safari for families with young children.
- Due to limited luggage space in vehicles, suitcases are unsuitable for scheduled road safaris. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs and 65 x 46 cm.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.

