

KENYA AND TANZANIA COMBO DEAL

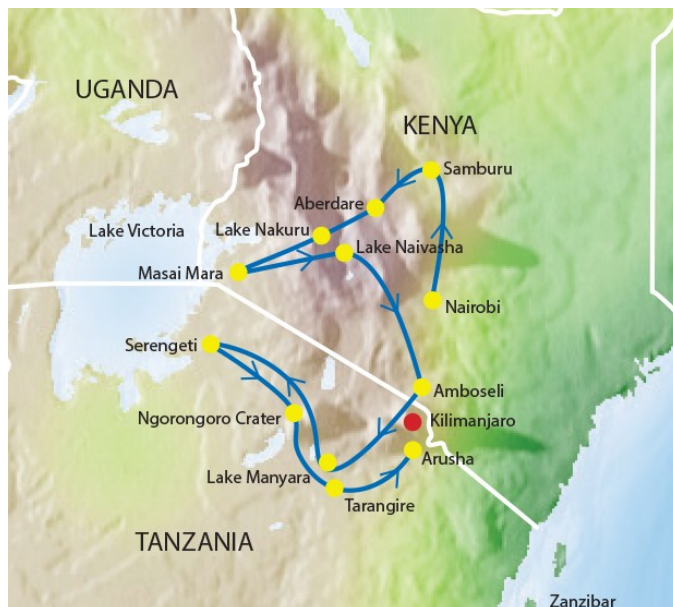
Kenya and Tanzania



16 day small group safari
(standard accommodation)

Starting in Nairobi this 16 day safari showcases the highlights of Kenya and Tanzania by visiting eight of Kenya and Tanzania's most popular national parks and reserves. Travel in a small group with a maximum of seven people and stay in popular lodges and tented safari camps on this safari combo.





Cost includes:

- meet and greet services with assistance at the airport or border
- airport transfers associated with tour
- transfer one day one and on the last day, of safari may be in a two wheel drive mini bus
- safari transport and game drives in 4WD safari vehicles with a maximum of seven passengers per vehicle
- English speaking driver-guide
- accommodation as specified
- meals as listed
- all park fees and government taxes

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

B - breakfast
L - lunch
D - dinner

Nairobi to Kilimanjaro

Accommodation: standard game lodges and tented camps

Departs: selected dates

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Kenya, Samburu National Reserve - Ashnil Samburu Camp*

Day 2: Kenya, Samburu National Reserve - Ashnil Samburu Camp*

Day 3: Kenya, Aberdare - The Ark Lodge

Day 4: Kenya, Lake Naivasha (Lake Nakuru) - Enashipai Resort

Day 5: Kenya, Masai Mara - Sarova Mara Camp

Day 6: Kenya, Masai Mara - Sarova Mara Camp

Day 7: Kenya, Lake Naivasha - Enashipai Resort

Day 8: Kenya, Amboseli National Park – Ol Tukai Lodge

Day 9: Kenya, Amboseli National Park – Ol Tukai Lodge

Day 10: Tanzania, Lake Manyara - Acacia Farm Lodge

Day 11: Tanzania, Serengeti - Embalakai Camp

Day 12: Tanzania, Serengeti - Embalakai Camp

Day 13: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Marera View Lodge*

Day 14: Tanzania, Tarangire National Park - Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Day 15: Tanzania, Tarangire National Park - Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Day 16: Tanzania, Kilimanjaro airport - ends

*This property has replaced the lodge listed in our current brochure. Similar properties may replace camps or lodges listed due to non-availability.

This safari is built using a series of safari modules therefore the same travellers may not be travelling on the entire journey with you.

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

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Day 1: Samburu National Reserve

Departing Kenya's capital city, we drive north past tea plantations and undulating central Kenyan highlands. Lunch is at the unique Tree Trout Restaurant. Located on the Burguret River, the restaurant is built in, and around, a huge Mugumo (Sacred Fig) Tree. Chargrilled fresh trout from the trout ponds on site below are a speciality. In the late afternoon we enter Samburu National Reserve, enjoying a game drive enroute to our lodge. **Ashnil Samburu Lodge (LD).**

Ashnil Samburu Lodge

Ashnil Samburu Camp is a popular tented camp set in the spectacular backdrop drop of the mighty Ol Olokwe mountain fronting the Ewaso Nyiro River. The 30 exclusive spacious tents are spread out along the shady banks of the river under a thick stand of doum palms. Each tent features a decked terrace with views of the river. Every spacious tent consists of a dressing area, sitting area, luggage rack and en-suite facilities to provide a memorable stay close to nature. The restaurant offers views of the river and serves a variety of menus comprising of Oriental, traditional and international cuisines.

Day 2: Samburu National Reserve

Today we take an early morning game drive and afternoon game drive in the reserve. Samburu National Reserve is located around 100 kilometres north of Mount Kenya. The park was made famous by the best-selling book, and award winning movie; Born Free. Unlike many of Kenya's parks, Samburu has an arid, desert like, landscape with rocky outcrops and stone kopjes providing perfect viewing platforms for lion and leopard. Lodges in this region tend to be hands on with activities such as walking safaris, mountain hiking and cultural interactions with the Samburu people supplementing twice daily game drives. **Ashnil Samburu Lodge (BLD).**

Day 3: Aberdare

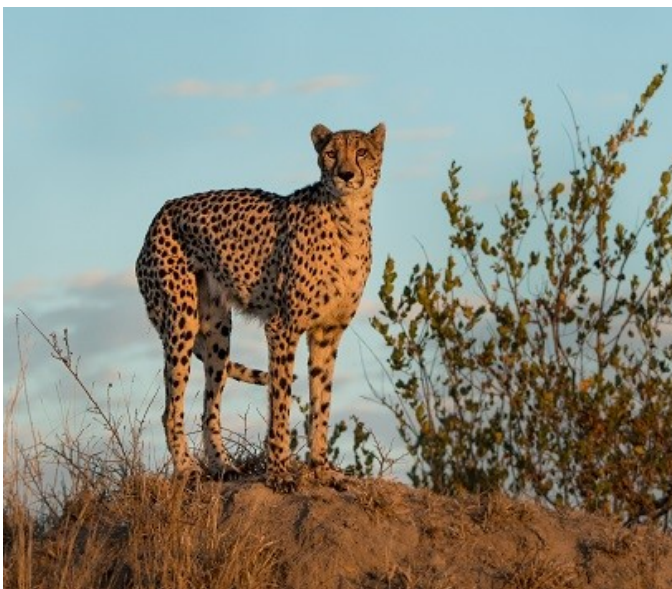
After breakfast we drive to the Aberdares for our overnight stay. Our lodge is named after Noah's Ark, due to the large number of animals it attracts to its waterhole and saltlick. This popular region leading up to Mount Kenya is a stunning entrance to the beauty of Kenya. The lower to middle slopes of the mountain attract a wide variety of wildlife including elephant, buffalo and predators. The region offers a pristine wilderness, with trout filled streams, walking trails covered by forest canopies and stunning mountain scenery making it an outdoor paradise. **The Ark Lodge (BLD).**

The Ark Lodge

Set in the heart of the Aberdare National Park, this unique lodge overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick that attracts a host of wildlife, including elephant, rhino, leopard, bushbuck and occasionally an elusive bongo or giant forest hog. Resembling and named after Noah's Ark, The Ark Lodge comprises of three decks from which numerous balconies and lounges provide superb vantage points for game viewing. A ground level bunker also provides excellent photographic opportunities.

Day 4: Lake Nakuru National Park – Lake Naivasha

Heading west towards the Masai Mara we stop to visit Kenya's famed soda lakes, with an overnight stop at Lake Naivasha. On arrival at nearby Lake Nakuru National Park we enjoy a game drive prior to lunch at the lodge. Since its creation in 1961, Lake Nakuru National Park has become home to several rare and endangered species of mammals.





Mount Kilimanjaro from Amboseli National Park

These include the Rothschild's giraffe and both black and white rhino, with the park now home to the largest population of black rhino in east Africa. Located at 1,800 metres above sea level, much of the park surrounds Lake Nakuru, one of the Rift Valley's soda lakes. Once famous for its pink haze created by a large population of flamingo, the lake has, in recent years, seen a downturn in this phenomena. However, the park's bird population remains healthy with over 400 species recorded, including many species unique to the region. Game drives in the park often include sightings of predators, unusual large birds and the possibility of seeing the shy black rhino. After lunch we continue our game drive, before exiting the park and driving to our lodge at Lake Naivasha.

Enashipai Resort (BLD).

Enashipai Resort

Enashipai Resort offers travelers a convenient base for the nearby Lake Nakuru National Park and Lake Naivasha. The lodge's 87 African inspired executive rooms feature an en suite with a bath and shower, a flat screen television and tea and coffee making facilities. A spacious restaurant, coffee shop and lake side bar offer plenty of places to relax, along with a pool and extensive landscaped grounds.

Day 5: Masai Mara National Reserve

We continue west towards Lake Victoria and the Masai Mara. On arrival we have lunch and join an afternoon game drive, which provides us with our first insight into this exceptional reserve. We game drive in the reserve, extending our stay into the late afternoon when predators and the reserve's Masai lion prides are most active.

Sarova Mara Game Camp (BLD).

Sarova Mara Game Camp

Located in the centre of the annual migration path, Sarova Mara Game Camp offers guests the opportunity to view abundant wildlife year round. Its surrounding plains are literally teeming with grazing animals at the peak of the migration. A range of standard tents, club rooms and family tents, in a light beige with large feature windows and ensuite bathrooms, are both spacious and comfortable. This resort style game camp has a number of activities to choose from including fishing, bird watching, spa treatments and an adjoining Masai village, where many of its staff are members of the community. Balloon safaris, a swimming pool, buffet style restaurant and numerous lounge areas make a stay at Sarova Mara Game Camp both fascinating and relaxing.

Day 6: Masai Mara National Reserve

Our day is spent on morning and afternoon game drives. Famed as one of the top game parks in the world, the Masai Mara Game Reserve is a highlight of any visit to Kenya. Undulating pastures, rocky outcrops and cloud-covered savannahs attract the 'big five', along with high volumes of grazing animals. Game viewing in the Mara can involve lively encounters due to the large amount of predators living within the park and its surrounding conservancies. Lions hunt en masse, with sightings of large prides commonplace. Leopard, cheetah, rhino, elephant and hippo inhabit the region throughout the year, whilst up to 1.5 million zebra and wildebeest call the Mara home between July and October during the great migration. The Mara and Talek rivers form dangerous crossing points as the migration turns north to enter the Masai Mara from its southern neighbour; the Serengeti National Park. Time spent in the reserve, or its neighbouring conservancies, offers great game viewing, cultural experiences and an insight into the importance of reserves in conserving Africa's wildlife. **Sarova Mara Game Camp (BLD).**

Day 7: Lake Naivasha

We return to Lake Naivasha after an early morning game drive in the Masai Mara. After lunch at the resort we enjoy an afternoon boat ride on the lake. **Enashipai Resort (BLD).**

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Day 8: Amboseli National Park

We drive south towards Tanzania. Our two night stop is at OI Tukai, which offers views of Mount Kilimanjaro from the lodge. After lunch we take an afternoon game drive within the park. **OI Tukai Lodge (BLD).**

OI Tukai Lodge

Set at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, OI Tukai lies at the heart of Amboseli National Park. Each room has uninterrupted views of either the wetlands or Mount Kilimanjaro, with the cottage style accommodation spreading out on either side of the main lodge. Each room is built from indigenous building materials and decorated with a beige and cream slate. The lodge features a library, bar, gift shop and spacious gardens to relax at in-between game drives. Views from the swimming pool to Mount Kilimanjaro are perfect on a clear day, which makes this lodge a great destination for travellers wishing to catch a glimpse of Africa's highest peak, whilst enjoying game activities within this popular park.

Day 9: Amboseli National Park

Spend a day on game drives with morning and afternoon game drives within the park. In the far south of Kenya, on the border with Tanzania, lies a park which offers more than wildlife viewing. With a backdrop of Africa's highest peak, Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli offers travellers spectacular views of this African icon from its flat plains. On a clear day, even the worst photographer cannot help but capture magical memories as animals tend to roam in the foreground, framing the mountain behind them.

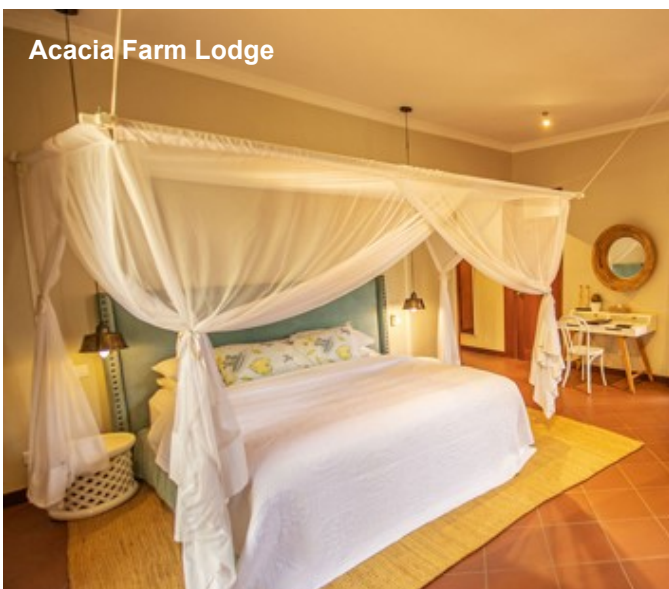
The Maasai people who call the park and its surrounds home have a close relationship with tourism. Their communities operate many of the game lodges and safari camps. The park is also famous for its herds of large 'tusker' elephants, who roam the plains in search of water which is supplied by a consistent underground water table. **OI Tukai Lodge (BLD).**

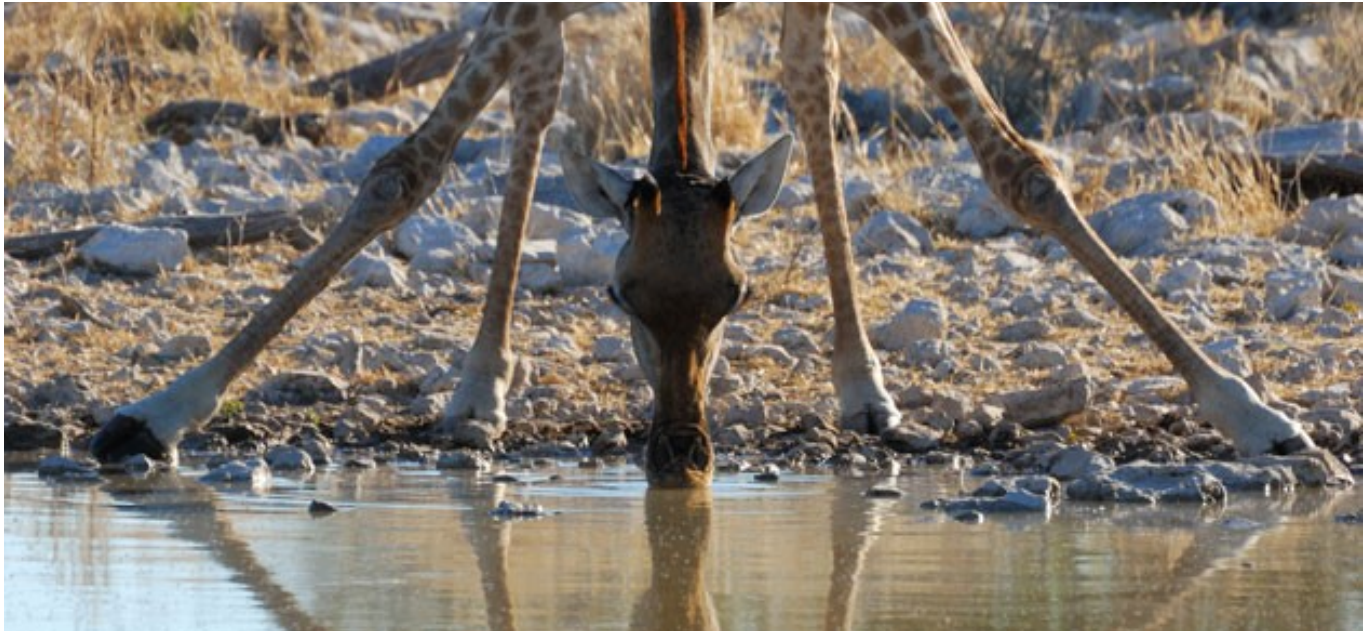
Day 10: Lake Manyara National Park

Continuing south we enter the Tanzanian section of the Great Rift Valley and the Masai steppe. After lunch we take a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park. Lake Manyara is often the first, or last, national park visited on safari in Tanzania. Its location is spectacular as it lies within the Great Rift Valley, with most lodges offering views across to Lake Manyara, which dominates the park. This large lake, and its surrounds, is an ornithologist's dream, with over 300 species of birds listed in the region. The lake's ph level attracts flamingos and on occasion a pink haze, created by large numbers of flamingo congregating on the lake, is seen. Year-round wildlife numbers are good. After your afternoon game drive retire to your lodge to enjoy a stunning view of one of the most volcanic regions in Africa. **Acacia Farm House (BLD).**

Acacia Farm Lodge

Acacia Farm Lodge is a romantic country lodge nestled in a working farm located high on the spectacular Great Rift's escarpment. The farm has commanding panoramic views of the Karatu farmlands and the Ngorongoro forest area. All 28 chalets are positioned within the coffee farm and each has a private deck with views of the farm. Each double room has a king size bed, a mosquito net, a mini bar, coffee station, plasma flat screen TV with satellite channels, internet connection and ensuite bathroom. The lodge is a mere 15 minute drive from the Ngorongoro Crater gate, which means you can be one of the first to start your morning game viewing when the animals are at their most active.





Day 11: Serengeti National Park

Heading west, we travel through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and enter the Serengeti National Park, where we spend two nights. Our afternoon game drive gives us the opportunity to search for the park's wildlife before reaching camp. **Embalakai Camp (BLD)**.

Embalakai Camp

This intimate tented safari camp located in along the Grumeti River in Central Serengeti, is strategically positioned to cover the vast Serengeti plains. The camp offers comfortable accommodation and a unique opportunity to enjoy a truly authentic safari experience. A cosy dining tent, in the centre of the camp, is a popular gathering place. The campfire is ready every evening for appetisers and snacks before dinner allowing guests to chat about the day's game viewing as they did in days gone by. The camp offers accommodation in eight classic safari style tents with en suite facilities and a unique opportunity to enjoy a real safari camp experience.

Day 12: Serengeti National Park

Enjoy a morning and afternoon game drive within the park. Since David Attenborough appeared on our screens, the Serengeti has hosted numerous legendary wildlife documentaries, and for good reason. Few places in the world say 'safari' more than the Serengeti. Its vast flat prairies make game viewing easy as animals have few places to hide. This makes game viewing successful even during the heat of the day, when predators sleep in the shade of its famous flat topped acacia trees. This massive ecosystem, which is thought to cover 30,000 square kilometres, simply changes its name as it spreads north into Kenya, becoming the Masai Mara National Reserve.

The majority of Africa's large mammals live in the Serengeti, along with over 500 species of bird. The Serengeti is perhaps best known for the world's largest animal migration. The most popular time to view this incredible movement of wildlife is between July and September, when the animals risk the crossing of the Mara and Grumeti Rivers in the far north-west of the Serengeti. However, the migration offers wildlife experiences in the park throughout the year. After crossing the rivers, the migrating herds continue north into the Masai Mara, where they rest and feed on lush pastures, before continuing their migration, usually in October, when they return to the Serengeti to boost their health prior to having their young in February. As a result, a visit to the Serengeti offers year-round sightings of large herds of plains animals and their predatory followers. **Embalakai Camp (BLD)**.

Day 13: Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast we set off with a packed lunch and game drive as we exit the park and continue to the Ngorongoro Crater. On arrival we descend into the caldera for the rest of the day. Words cannot describe the thrill of game driving in the crater. Many travellers list the Ngorongoro Crater as a main highlight of their time spent in Tanzania. The crater is factually impressive being the world's largest inactive volcano, the biggest intact caldera in the world and the result of a three million year old volcano, which was once the highest peak in Africa. The crater is definitely a natural phenomenon.

Residing within the crater are over 25,000 animals, including large herds of zebra, buffalo and wildebeest. Rhino, hippo and elephant are the mainstay of the larger mammals, with some Masai lion prides spending their entire lives within the crater. The 600 metre deep walls of the caldera limit the movement of the majority of its inhabitants, ensuring good game viewing year round. **Marera View Lodge (BLD)**.

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Marera View Lodge

Wonderful views across the valley from the main building and bedrooms make this popular lodge a scenic option when visiting Karatu and the Ngorongoro Crater. A welcoming lounge and restaurant designed in true Tanzanian style and a freeform swimming pool leading to landscaped grounds complete the communal areas. 14 cottages all with veranda, private garden and spectacular views of Marera Valley and Ngorongoro Forest offer privacy with each room featuring a fireplace with comfortable chairs and large bathroom.

Day 14: Tarangire National Park

Today you transfer to Arusha where you are then driven to Tarangire National park for your two night stay. In the afternoon you enjoy a game drive within the park. **Tarangire Sopa Lodge (BLD)**

Day 15: Tarangire National Park

A full day is spent in the park on morning and afternoon guided game drives. Living in the shadow of the 'better known' national parks, Tarangire is often underrated. Tarangire is a park famous for its large baobab trees, which are an icon of east Africa's landscape. Along with thickets of flat topped acacia trees, the baobabs give Tarangire a distinctive landscape which is dominated by the Tarangire River in the north and marshlands in the south, which are often dry. In fact, the park comes into its own in the dry season, between July and October, when the Tarangire River attracts a multitude of mammals. Large elephant herds, along with zebra, wildebeest and kudu, are followed by plenty of lion and leopard, who make animal encounters exciting. This lesser known park offers something rare in northern Tanzania. A fairly quiet pace, where wildlife encounters can be personal and prolonged. Your dinner is served tonight on the lodge's outdoor patio under a blanket of stars. **Tarangire Sopa Lodge (BLD)**

Day 16: Kilimanjaro airport - ends

Your safari ends with a drive to Kilimanjaro airport to board your onward flight (flight not included) **(B)**.





Important information:

- Flights are not included in the tour price.
- This safari is modular and your fellow travellers may not travel on the entire journey with you.
- Transfers may be in a two-wheel minibus from Nairobi / Kilimanjaro to joining / ending point.
- 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.
- On the Kenyan section of your safari you will have a Kenyan guide and vehicle. This will change to a Tanzanian guide and vehicle once in Tanzania.
- This tour includes some long days of road travel which are necessary in order to visit all the listed regions of Kenya and Tanzania.
- The times and duration of safaris may change on tour in order to maximise wildlife viewing opportunities.
- River crossing sightings during the migration are not guaranteed as animal movements are seasonal and unpredictable. However, every effort will be made to see animals cross the rivers.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Children younger than six are unable to join scheduled group safaris, however we would be pleased to book a private safari for families with younger 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.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is a compulsory requirement for some countries in eastern and central Africa. We strongly advise you seek advice from a travel doctor regarding inoculations.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.