

CLASSIC KENYA

Kenya

7 day small group safari
(deluxe accommodation)



From the open plains of the Masai Mara, to the bird life on the waters of Lake Nakuru and the riverbeds of Amboseli, this safari includes three of the most picturesque regions of Kenya. It also provides the perfect opportunity to spot abundant wildlife and 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 vehicles with a maximum of seven passengers per vehicle and seven window seats
- English speaking driver-guide
- accommodation as specified
- Maasai village visit
- Lake Naivasha boat ride
- meals as listed
- all park fees and government taxes
- filtered drinking water on safari (client to bring own water bottle for re-filling).

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: CKEKEE

Departs: Sundays

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Kenya, Nairobi - EKA Hotel

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

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

(Pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari)

Day 4: Kenya, Lake Nakuru - Lake Nakuru Lodge

Day 5: Kenya, Amboseli National Park - Ol Tukai Lodge

Day 6: Kenya, Amboseli National Park - Ol Tukai Lodge

Day 7: Kenya, Nairobi

Extend your time in East Africa to include Tanzania. 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. **EKA Hotel.**

EKA Hotel

EKA Hotel is a four-star hotel, ideally situated only minutes from Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and five kilometres from the bustling central business district. Each air-conditioned room is equipped with a flat-screen TV with satellite connection, direct-dial international telephone access, complimentary high-speed internet access, mini bar, electronic personal safety deposit box and complimentary tea and coffee-making facilities. Many guests stay at the EKA when arriving late, or departing early, from the airport as its location offers one of the most convenient transfers in a city notorious for its heavy traffic.

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. **Keekorok Lodge (BLD).**

Keekorok Lodge

Keekorok Lodge was the first lodge to be built in the Masai Mara National Reserve, affording it the perfect position for the great migration. As it lies at the southern end of the reserve, at the height of the migration Keekorok is surrounded by a swarming mass of animals and there is hardly a need to leave the lodge. Keekorok's charm lies in the liberal use of local building materials. Sandstone, cedar wood and other indigenous materials are used in all rooms and public areas. Each stone and rock chalet have a covered balcony with outdoor furniture facing the plains, offering game viewing from your room. The en suite has a flush toilet and shower and the room features a luggage area and mosquito netted bed.

In front of the lodge there is a 300-metre elevated walkway that meanders through a small riverine forest to a small bar at one end. The bar overlooks a dam where resident hippo and other game such as elephant and buffalo are regularly seen. Facilities at the lodge include a swimming pool, spa treatment centre and several restaurants to choose from. Keekorok is the best value large game lodge in the Masai Mara. Its location offers great game viewing year-round and a good location to view the migration.

Day 3: Masai Mara National Reserve

Following an early breakfast, depart on a morning game drive, returning to the camp mid-morning. After lunch set off on another game drive and enjoy a visit to a Maasai village, returning to the lodge as the sunsets. *(It is possible to pre-book an optional early morning balloon safari for an additional cost).* **Keekorok Lodge (BLD).**

Day 4: Lake Nakuru

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, travel across the 'breadbasket' of Kenya, where acres of wheat and barley litter the landscape as you head north to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. Now travel across the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley, keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mai-Mai, before arriving at Lake Nakuru around midday.





Once in the park, view game en route to the lodge. Following lunch enjoy an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets. The national park, known for its birdlife, offers the possibility of viewing flamingos. It is also home to black and white rhino as well as the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. **Lake Nakuru Lodge (BLD).**

Lake Nakuru Lodge

The lodge is situated in the heart of one of Kenya's most densely populated wetland national parks only two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi through beautiful forested uplands and near a series of lakes. On the outskirts of the bustling market town of Nakuru lies a truly remarkable national park which has achieved international fame. Both black and white rhino are being given a new lease of life in this fully fenced park, with the population now thought to be the largest in Kenya. The Rothschild giraffe is another rarity and the park has its fair share of buffalo, leopard, zebra, eland, warthog, waterbuck and lion.

Lake Nakuru Lodge is in the south-east ecological niche of the park, with commanding views of the lake for which it is justly famous. The original building of this lodge was part of Lord Delamere's colonial era estates. It retains its colonial gardens but has been rebuilt over the years to offer good value comfortable accommodation. Lake Nakuru Lodge offers accommodation in 95, spacious deluxe rooms. Each has glass sliding doors opening to views of the lake or gardens, en suite bathrooms and mosquito netted beds. Lush gardens surround the lodge which has a good program of activities, generous buffet dining and evening entertainment to complete your stay.

Day 5: Amboseli National Park

Following an early breakfast, continue to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride. Leaving the Rift Valley behind, proceed to Nairobi for an early lunch (*or picnic lunch dependent on road conditions*) and continue south towards Amboseli, arriving at your lodge by late afternoon. **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 6: Amboseli National Park

After breakfast, depart for a full day game drive, later enjoy a hot picnic lunch. Return to the lodge in the late afternoon. **OI Tukai Lodge (BLD).**

Day 7: Nairobi

Following an early breakfast, catch your last views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro as you depart Amboseli. From here turn north across the beautiful and seemingly never-ending Athi Plains, arriving in Kenya's bustling capital city of Nairobi by mid-day. Once in the city, you will be dropped off at the Nairobi Intercontinental Hotel in the city centre, or Nairobi's JKI airport. Please book onward flights for travel after 4.00 pm. **(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 inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs and 65 x 46 cm.

