# **KENYA COMBO**

Samburu National Reserve, Aberdare National Park, Masai Mara National Reserve, Lake Nakuru National Park, Lake Naivasha



# 7 day small group safari (standard accommodation)

Starting and ending in Nairobi this seven day safari showcases the northern highlights of Kenya by visiting four of its' 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 taste of Kenya.







#### Cost includes:

- meet and greet services with assistance at the airport or border if arriving day one
- 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, porterage, personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

# Nairobi to Nairobi

**Accommodation:** standard game lodges and tented camps

**Departs:** Tuesdays

# **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 Game Camp

Day 6: Kenya, Masai Mara - Sarova Mara Game Camp

Day 7: Kenya, Nairobi - ends

\*This property has replaced the property listed in our brochure.

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 Camp (LD).** 

#### **Ashnil Samburu Camp**

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 Camp (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).** 

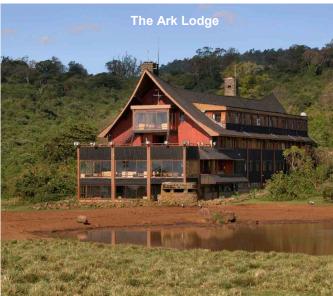
# The Ark Lodge

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.







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

After breakfast at the camp, you are driven to Nairobi to be dropped at your hotel or Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for 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.
- 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.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- 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.
- 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.
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