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Overview

Itinerary at a glance

Sep 15 - 16

Welcome to Kenya!

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, ex QR1341 at 2350hr, you will be met inside the Airport by our Airport Concierge Executive who will assist you to clear with Immigration and Customs formalities. Proceed to the International Arrivals area, where you will be introduced to your Spanish speaking driver guide and transferred to Trademark hotel to check in on bed and breakfast basis Overnight at Trademark Hotel in 2 Terrace King rooms

1 Night

Sep 16 - 19

Enjoy an early breakfast at the Hotel then check out and transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for a scheduled flight (0900hr 1020hr) to Lamu (Manda Airport). You will be met by the Hotel Representative and take a 10 minutes Motor boat (can be shared) to the Majlis Hotel.

Check in and freshen up. Spend the rest of the day at the Hotel at leisure. (Optional activities available and can be booked directly at the reception at extra cost)

Overnight at The Majlis Resort in 2 superior rooms 3 Nights

Sep 17

You will spend the full day exploring Lamu and Shela Island guided by a local guide including visits to Lamu Fort, Lamu & Swahili House Museum, Winding Alleys, Donkey Sanctuary, local market and Shops and Shela Beach walk. The tour provide insights into Lamu's history, Swahili culture, architecture, and local life, navigating the labyrinthine alleys and sharing stories you wouldn't get on your own. Lunch will be on own account.

Evening boat transfer to Peponi Hotel to enjoy a dinner and birth day celebration.

Boat transfer back to your Hotel for overnight.

Sep 18

You will spend the full day at the Hotel at leisure.

Lunch will be on own account.



Overview

Itinerary at a glance

Sep 19 - 23

Breakfast at the Hotel followed by a boat transfer to the Manda Airport to board a scheduled flight to Nairobi (1050hr-1210hr). You will be met at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Wilson Airport to board a scheduled flight to Masai Mara National Reserve (1415hr-1515hr). You will be met by our other professional Spanish speaking driver guide and transferred to the Camp enjoying game viewing drive enroute.

Check in and freshen up before dinner.

Overnight at Entim Mara Camp in 2 Luxury tents

4 Nights

Sep 20 - 22

You will spend the next three days at leisure enjoying morning and afternoon game drives or go for full day game drive carrying picnic lunch boxes if you prefer following the Great Migration (Seasonally July-October), during this time, hundreds of thousand of wildebeest and zebras roam the plains of Masai Mara drawing a staggering number of predators preying on the vulnarable ones.

You will enjoy the Masai Cultural Visit for cultural experience.

Optional Hot Air Balloon ride can be arranged at an extra cost.

Sep 23

Enjoy your Breakfast then check out and drive to Nairobi (approx 5.5hrs drive). You will enjoy your lunch at Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport before you are dropped off at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to check in for your departure flight QR1336 at 1810hr.

Option to fly from Masai Mara to Nairobi (1115hr-1300hr) at an extra cost.



September 15 - 16 | Nairobi



Area Overview

Nairobi is the capital of Kenya and East Africa's most cosmopolitan city, with a vibrant population of 4.5 million. Unique to the city is the proximity of Nairobi National Park, a true wilderness area juxtaposed against the larger urban metropolis. It is the only national park like it in the world and a real embodiment of the human-wildlife conflicts that challenge many African communities who must learn to cohabitate with wildlife on their doorstep.



September 15 - 16 | Trademark Hotel



Property Overview

Located in Gigiri, Nairobi's embassy district, Trademark Hotel is a bold, contemporary structure that comprises 215 guest rooms, a ninth-floor swimming pool, and event space. Cocktails, coffees, and international dishes are served in two bars and two restaurants—well-lighted spaces characterized by abundant greenery, natural materials, and colorful furnishings. Spanning 24 to 56 m2, the guest rooms and suites feature work desks, as well as showers in their bathrooms.

Accommodations

Terrace King

The Terrace King Room is designed with the sensible business traveler in mind, with the same configuration of the Trademark King, with the addition of a private balcony. Furnished with a study desk, comfy king-size bed, generous wardrobe, laptop safe, and a great shower. Every room offers air conditioning, free wifi, black-out curtains, and a large flat-screen TV with international channels, as well as large windows with stunning views of the leafy surroundings or the lively courtyard of Village Market.



September 16 - 19 | Lamu



Area Overview

To visit the mystical island of Lamu is to take a step back in time. There is only one vehicle on the island, otherwise people walk, ride donkeys, or sail on traditional Arab sailboats called *Dhows* or *Ngalawas*. The ocean side of the island is fronted by a huge, eight mile long deserted beach, with commanding dunes that shield the coconut and mango plantations and small villages behind. At the heart of the island is the Old Town, where narrow winding paths and traditional Swahili architecture reflect the combined influences of the Omani, Indian, and Portuguese merchants and explorers over a thousand years of spirited trade.

Shela is the small beach community that has developed in walking distance from Old Town and become a favorite refuge for celebrities and European elite who don't want to be recognised. Everyone is treated equally by locals who have welcomed visitors since the early white hunters took to visiting Lamu after their long early safaris of the 1920s and 30s. Safari-goers enjoy the laid back nature, amazing food, vibrant art scene, Swahili culture, and distinctive characters of Shela Town, said to contain some of Kenya's most expensive real estate.



September 16 - 19 | The Majlis Resort



Property Overview

The Majlis hotel is a privately owned beach hotel on Manda Island in the Lamu archipelago, off Kenya's Northern Coast. With a superb beachfront location and breathtaking views over the bay and Lamu Island, it offers the perfect setting and the ideal accommodation for barefoot luxury in Kenya.

The Majlis combines 39 superbly appointed air-conditioned suites built with Western comforts and local tradition. The rooms are all presented in timelessly elegant Lamu Island style, and are very spacious. The Majlis restaurant will not fail to impress with a panoramic view of the bay and fine cuisine.

Additional state-of-the-art facilities include two bars, two swimming pools, and an activity center that coordinates a wide variety of water sport activities.

Accommodations

Superior Room

The Superior Room has an en-suite bathroom and is located on the ground floor with a garden view.



September 17 | Dinner at Peponi Hotel



Property Overview

Peponi Hotel, a boutique retreat on Lamu Island's idyllic Shella Beach, blends Swahili charm with over 50 years of Korschen family hospitality. Originally opened in 1967 as a four-room guesthouse, the hotel has grown to 29 unique ocean-view rooms. Guests enjoy personalized stays with Swahili-inspired interiors, private verandas, and sustainable cuisine driven by the tides.



September 19 - 23 | Maasai Mara National Reserve



Area Overview

The Mara (as it is affectionately known) covers 1510 km2 (583 mi2) and is widely considered to be Africa's greatest reserve. The backdrop of the Siria escarpment in the west overlooks sweeping savannas, riverine woodlands, and forests on a deceptively flat landscape that extends eastwards towards the Sekenani Hills and northwards towards the Aitong Hills. The Mara is in essence the northern extension of the Mara-Serengeti ecosystem and plays host to one of nature's greatest phenomenons, the Great Wildebeest Migration.

Because of the quality of wildlife viewing, the Mara has for generations been the setting for hundreds of wildlife documentaries, including Disney's *African Cats*, and the BBC's *Big Cat Diaries* and *Planet Earth*. It is a wildlife photographer's paradise and every year visitors come to capture the spectacular wildlife. The reserve and its conservancies contain some of the highest densities of predators in Africa and this only increases as nomads and vagrants follow the huge herds back and forth through this ecosystem during the seasonal wildebeest migration.



September 19 - 23 | Entim Mara Camp



Property Overview

Entim is designed to give you the friendliest, most intimate, luxury safari camp experience and the best wildlife safari in the Masai Mara. Our prime location along the Mara River is unrivalled for seeing and photographing animals all year around, but particularly to observe the greatest wildlife show on earth; over a million wildebeest, zebra and antelopes migrating from the Serengeti into the Masai Mara

Accommodations

Luxury Tents

All 12 guest tents overlook the Mara River and are well-placed, en-suite with flush toilets and hot showers. There is a cozy lounge area with a small library, separate bar, and dining area, which is open-fronted allowing guests the unmatched experience of eating meals while watching the animals move to and from the river to drink and forage for their food. The camp has been designed to give guests the feel that it is part of the landscape.



September 20 - 22 | Migration (Seasonally - July-October)

Activity overview

One of the Seven Wonders of the World, the Maasai Mara is home to one of the largest wildlife migrations between Kenya and Tanzania. Each year, guests have the opportunity to witness the mass movement of wildebeest, crossing the Mara River to find greener pastures.

September 20 - 22 | Maasai Cultural Visit

During your stay in the Mara, you will also visit a traditional Maasai village for a cultural experience. At the village, immerse yourself in one of the earth's oldest cultures, the Maasai morans (warriors) will entertain you with traditional songs and show you how they go about their daily lives in a very traditional way, like making fire with sticks!

September 20 - 22 | Optional Hot Air Balloon

Activity overview

A balloon flight over the Maasai Mara is widely considered a bucketlist activity that offers a serene and spectacular experience floating over the vast, lush, and game filled plains.

A lift off at dawn means you watch the sun rise as you head in a generally western direction. Flights usually last close to an hour and depending on the take off spot you float over riverine woodlands, watching hippos return to their daytime refuges and crocodiles basking on sandbanks. Sometimes predators and large antelope herds can be spotted below, pointed out by your experienced captain.

After the flight you will be met by the trailing transfer vehicles and taken to a pre-prepared picnic breakfast, beautifully set up in an idyllic spot on the plains.



September 23 | Lunch at Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport



Welcome to Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport, conveniently located a five-minute drive from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport- Enjoy a Buffet Lunch at the Hotel Restaurant.



TIME: GMT: +3 hours

CAPITAL CITY: Nairobi

COUNTRYTEL CODE: +254

LANGUAGE

The official languages in Kenya are English and Swahili. English is spoken at all hotels, banks, shops, etc. Kiswahili is also the National language.

MONEYISSUES

Kenya Shilling. notes 50, 100, 200, 500 & 1000 and coins 1, 5, 10, 20 & 40.

Most major Credit Cards are widely accepted in cities and tourist areas in Kenya You should call your bank before you travel and let them know you will be using your card in a foreign country, as sometimes banks will put a stop on foreign withdrawals for your own security.

ATMs are widespread in major towns. Please check with your bank to confirm that you have access to this service in Kenya. We recommend some sort of backup funds in case an ATM is out of service when you need it.

We suggest that you carry some US\$ in cash, as it is possible to use US\$ cash to buy things in many places; for tipping and also to negotiate with locals while shopping. Please do not bring in any **US Dollar bills dated before 2013**, as they are not accepted by banks

HEALTH

As health and vaccination requirements can change, please consult with a qualified health professional at least 4 - 6 weeks before your intended departure, for the most updated information. The following information can be used as a guideline only:

Anti-malaria: precautions are highly recommended and Insect repellent is recommended for use in the evenings. Please consult your doctor or health professional so that they can recommend the best options to suit you.

Yellow fever: Visitors arriving or planning to re-enter from countries where yellow fever is prevalent require a vaccination which must be administered at least ten days before arrival. Please ensure you carry your vaccination certificates.



Water: Do not drink or brush your teeth with tap water. Bottled mineral water is available at all hotels and lodges. Drink plenty of water when staying outside in the sun, during the day.

TRAVEL & MEDICAL INSURANCE

Please ensure you have sufficient travel Insurance and that you travel with the necessary Insurance documents. In addition, we have partnered with AMREF flying doctors to offer emergency medical evacuation insurance to a suitable nearby hospital (this insurance covers the evacuation flight only and access to a 24hr Medical Helpline for medical advice, during the subscription period, it does not cover medical expenses at the hospital).

WEATHER & CLOTHING

East Africa enjoys a pleasant year-round climate. Dress should be comfortable, casual clothing that is easy to care for and earth colours are most practical. The climate in Kenya is mainly characterised by warm days, but early mornings and evenings can be cool (especially if doing game drives in open vehicles), so dress in layers. You may want to carry a sweater for the cooler nights.

If you plan to do a walking safari, make sure you have comfortable closed walking shoes. Dining is usually smart casual. Allow for a more conservative dress when walking in towns.

The sun is strong so sunblock is recommended. A hat and sunglasses would also be a good idea.

Also, with the changing climate, you may even encounter some rain, so do carry something for this.

Most hotels have a laundry service; however, please check to ensure that it can be delivered before your check-out time.

Generally, December to early March are the warmest months of the year, while April and May often see intermittent rains. June to August are usually the coldest months but most days have a clear sky and in September to October the days are usually warm, with short scattered rains usually falling around November. The coastal areas tend to be hotter and more humid than inland areas.

ELECTRICITY

The electricity supply is 240v 50 Hz. Plugs are usually 3-point squares. Please ensure you have voltage and plug adaptors where necessary. Most lodges use generator and inverter systems, with many increasingly introducing solar power or alternative forms of sustainable energy. Some lodges and camps only have power in the early mornings and evenings and sometimes the use of high-voltage items like hairdryers are not permitted. Various properties have charging points for personal appliances in the rooms/tents and some will have charging points in public areas – please check with the camp/lodge staff on arrival.



COMMUNICATIONS

Kenya has a good network of telephone, cellular and satellite connections. If you plan to use the hotel's telephone service, always check the rates with the hotel before making a call. If you have a mobile phone with a roaming connection, please check with your service provider about coverage and charges. You could purchase a local SIM card (with a suitable phone) and use pre-paid top-up cards which are inexpensive and widely available.

Internet is available in most of the tourist areas in Kenya and Wi-Fi is available in many of the hotels, lodges and camps. However, connections can be slow in some areas.

PHOTOGRAPHY

This is a photographer's paradise. If taking photographs of local people, always ask their permission beforehand. They may ask for payment. As in most countries, do not take photographs in airports or airport buildings, military or police buildings and of uniformed personnel.

If you are travelling with digital photographic and/or video equipment, ensure you have the specific charging apparatus for each piece of equipment (as well as the appropriate socket plug adaptor and voltage converter if required). Ensure you have enough memory cards before you head off for the bush – people usually end up taking more pictures than they thought they would!

TIPPING

In East Africa, it is customary to tip as a way of expressing gratitude. Below is a general guideline, however, this is just a guideline - tipping is at your discretion:

• Porters: US\$ 1 per person per day.

• Waiters: US\$ 2 per person per day

• Driver guide: US\$ 8-10 per person per day

SECURITY

Kenya is no different from any other destination in the world. Common sense should prevail and precautions should be taken as in any major city. Use hotel and lodge safety deposit boxes where possible. If walking in towns or cities only carry small amounts of cash and do not wear obvious jewellery or display expensive possessions. Rather than walking in cities at night, we recommend that you ask the hotel to arrange a taxi.



LUGGAGE

The total baggage allowance for each passenger on most light aircraft is usually15kgs, preferably in soft-sided luggage.

Please check with us if you are not sure of the luggage restrictions on your itinerary.

Please check with us if you would like to store excess luggage in Nairobi.

GENERAL

If you visit a village where there are children, we ask you not to give them sweets. If you wish to give them something, we suggest items like stationery, books, clothing, etc... and we can help guide you on how to distribute them.

We are "guests" in the National Parks. Wild animals have right of way all the time. It is important to respect them and not try to touch them or make any noise to attract their attention.

Smoking in enclosed areas and public places including restaurants

All the information contained in these pages is intended for guidance only and is believed to be correct at the time of writing.

Safari Vehicles

Kenya 4x4 Safari Landcruiser

Vellfire-Nairobi Transfers