

THE RIFT VALLEY EXPLORER



12 DAYS - THE 'OUT OF AFRICA' KENYA EXPLORER



SHORT SAFARI PROGRAM

The 'Out Of Africa' Kenya Explorer takes you on the classic Kenya safari, featuring fantastic game viewing opportunities and magical landscapes. Your safari adventure starts with a scenic drive from Nairobi to the Ol Pejeta Wildlife Conservancy near the Mount Kenya National Park. Mount Kenya NP was first listed as a Forest Reserve in 1949 and was gazetted as a national park in 1968 to protect its unique montane landscapes, wildlife, and surrounding environments. The British explorer Joseph Thompson is again credited with officially verifying the existence of the mountain in 1883 and climbed part of it in the process. Thompson was also the first to climb the Aberdare mountain range and Mount Elgon in neighboring Uganda during the same year of extensive explorations. Mount Kenya is an ancient extinct volcano that stands at 5,199 meters and is the second-highest mountain in Africa after Mt. Kilimanjaro. The park covers 715 square kilometers of montane landscapes and features a dozen glaciers, all receding rapidly, with four secondary peaks surrounding the glacial valleys.

Today, the area below the actual national park is known as the Laikipia Plateau and offers wildlife experiences that are truly unique to this particular region of Kenya. These experiences are especially notable in the rhino conservation efforts of various privately owned and managed wildlife farms. These conservancies, situated adjacent to the Mount Kenya National Park, offer a different perspective on wildlife conservation and should be considered for further exploration during your stay in this region.

Ol Pejeta Conservancy: Located on the Laikipia Plateau, this conservancy is not just one of the largest black rhino sanctuaries in East Africa and home to two of the world's last remaining northern white rhinos and the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees in a sanctuary established to rehabilitate rescued animals. But its mission is also about supporting the people living in its vicinity, ensuring that wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare, and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians.

The second part of your safari takes you to the Mara National Reserve, better known as the Maasai Mara, which is the equivalent of the Serengeti in Tanzania, straddling the same migration paths that millions of wildlife traverse yearly during 'The Great Migration'. This provides the backdrop for the world's largest seasonal animal migration with 1,5 million wildebeest, the largest population of big mammals still roaming the planet, 500,000 Thompson's gazelle, 250,000 zebra, followed by 20,000 eland trekking north across the Serengeti to the plains of the Mara at the beginning of the dry season. The Maasai Mara is not just a natural wonder but also a testament to the successful conservation efforts of the Maasai people.

To reach their objective, the animals must cross two major rivers, the Grumeti River and the Mara River, on the border between Kenya and Tanzania, where more than 3,000 crocodiles are waiting for the herds to appear and their attempt to swim across the river. Add to that 3,000 lions, the largest concentration of big cats in the world, now living in the larger Serengeti ecosystem, which means that about 20% of the animals that make up 'The Great Migration' do not survive the journey one way or back six months later. The sight of the endless stream of animals crossing the rivers represents a well-established attraction for tourists and is a natural spectacle, unlike anything the international traveler can experience in this world.

The third part of your safari adventure takes you to the Amboseli National Park, perched on the border with Tanzania, just below the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro. Established in 1974, it spans 390 square kilometers of mostly lowland savannahs, seasonal swamps, and marshes, with Lake Amboseli as its centerpiece. This park, which was declared an important UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991, has a rich history. Amboseli is famous for its free-ranging elephant families, which have been researched for decades by the Amboseli Elephant Research Project (AERP), with one in particular called 'Echo', the most researched elephant in the world and the subject of many books and another, an impressive bull named 'Tim', whose size and tusks became iconic. Other wildlife in the park includes lion, leopard, cheetah, spotted hyena, buffalo, impala, wildebeest, Maasai giraffe, and Grant's zebra, with the swamps also home to dozens of tropical



bird species. The park is committed to conservation, with various initiatives in place to protect the wildlife and their habitats. You also have the opportunity to visit and experience traditional Maasai village settings, where you can learn about the local community's efforts in conservation.

The last part of your classic Kenya safari takes you to the Tsavo West National Park, established in 1948 and covering more than 9,000 square kilometers. Combined with Tsavo East, which covers almost 14,000 square kilometers and other protected areas in this region, it makes up the greater Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA). In addition to the fantastic landscapes and views, Tsavo West also has a few of the more exciting wildlife stories to tell, such as the one surrounding the two man-eating lions of Tsavo who killed dozens of railway workers and local tribespeople in 1898 during the construction of a railway bridge across the Tsavo River. Although no longer in use, the railway bridge still stands today, and the lions were eventually killed by the bridge construction supervisor, Col. John Henry Patterson, whose book about the events was immortalized in the movie 'The Ghost and the Darkness' starring Michael Douglas and Val Kilmer.

In addition to its incredible game viewing opportunities, the park also offers excellent rock climbing locations, considered the most demanding in East Africa. The region between Tsavo West and Chyulu Hills also features extensive cave systems and lava tubes, which developed due to prehistoric volcanic activities. At the heart of the park, however, are the magnificent Mzima Springs, featuring dozens of crocodiles and hippos, with elephants and other Big 5 visiting daily. Other wildlife roaming the Tsavo West National Park are eastern black rhinos, which are secluded in the Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary, hippos, buffalos, elephants, lions, and leopards with smaller animals such as the bushbaby, hartebeest, lesser kudu, and Maasai giraffes also spotted in the park.

□ Day 01 - Arrival in Nairobi.

Arrival and transfer to your accommodation.

□ Day 02 - Nairobi to Mount Kenya National Park.

Transfer to the Mount Kenya National Park / Laikipia Plateau.

□ Day 03 - Mount Kenya National Park.

Game Drive and *Nature Walk* in the Ol Pejeta WC.

□ Day 04 - Mount Kenya National Park.

Bush Breakfast and *Ol Pejeta Rhino Explorer*.

□ Day 05 - Mount Kenya NP to Mara National Reserve.

Transfer to the Mara National Reserve. *Visit Lake Nakuru*.

□ Day 06 - Mara National Reserve.

Game Drive and *Nature Walk* in the Mara NR.

Activity Options *Hot Air Balloon Safari*.

□ Day 07 - Mara National Reserve.

Game Drive, *Bush Breakfast* and *Explore Maasai Boma*.

□ Day 08 - Mara NR to Amboseli National Park.

Scenic drive to the Amboseli NP.

□ Day 09 - Amboseli National Park.

Game Drive and *Nature Walk* in the Amboseli NP.

Activity Options *Hot Air Balloon Safari • Night Game Drive*
Explore Maasai Boma.

□ Day 10 - Amboseli NP to Tsavo West National Park.

Transfer to the Tsavo West National Park. *Game Drive*.

□ Day 11 - Tsavo West National Park.

Game Drive and *Nature Walk Mzima Springs* in the Tsavo West NP.

Activity Options *Night Game Drive • Explore Maasai Boma*.

□ Day 12 - Tsavo West NP to Departure from Nairobi.

Return drive to Nairobi. Airport transfer and departure from Nairobi.





GIRAFFE MANOR • NAIROBI

Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price

Mount Kenya NP - **Game Drive**.
Mount Kenya NP - **Nature Walk**.
Mount Kenya NP - **Bush Breakfast**.
Mount Kenya NP - **Ol Pejeta Rhino Explorer**.
Lake Nakuru NP - **Visit Lake Nakuru**.
Mara NR - **Game Drives x 2**.
Mara NR - **Nature Walk**.
Mara NR - **Bush Breakfast**.
Mara NR - **Explore Maasai Boma**.
Amboseli NP - **Game Drive**.
Amboseli NP - **Nature Walk**.
Tsavo West NP - **Game Drives x 2**.
Tsavo West NP - **Nature Walk Mzima Springs**.
Scheduled charter flights listed in the itinerary.
English-speaking driver and tour guide.
Road transfers with 4 x 4 safari vehicles, including fuel.
National park and conservation fees listed in this itinerary.
Gorilla, chimp and other wildlife permits listed in this itinerary.
Meals as specified in this itinerary and mineral water.
Meal plan index: BB-Bed & Breakfast, HB-Half Board, FB-Full Board.

4 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Day 01 1 night @ Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence - FB.
Day 02 - 04 3 nights @ Sarova Maiyan Hotel - FB.
Day 05 - 07 3 nights @ Mara Sopa Lodge - FB.
Day 08 - 09 2 nights @ Amboseli Sopa Lodge - FB.
Day 10 - 11 2 nights @ Severin Safari Camp - FB.

5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Day 01 1 night @ Villa Rosa Kempinski - FB.
Day 02 - 04 3 nights @ Solio Lodge - FB.
Day 05 - 07 3 nights @ Angama Mara - FB.
Day 08 - 09 2 nights @ Angama Amboseli - FB.
Day 10 - 11 2 nights @ Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge - FB.

Safari Activities & Services Not Included In Safari Price

Cost of international/local flights not listed in this itinerary.
Cost of mandatory visas and health certificates.
A valid **Yellow Fever** certificate is mandatory for Kenya.
A **Tourist Visa** for Kenya can be obtained online here:
<https://evisa.go.ke/>
Cost of medical, travel, and any other personal insurance.
Cost of personal expenditures such as gratuities and tips.
Cost of hotels and lodges listed as **Lodge Options** in this itinerary.
Cost of activities listed as **Activity Options** in this itinerary.

SAFARI PRICE OPTIONS

Our tours include all major activities, park and conservation fees, permits required for viewing gorillas, chimpanzees, and other wild-life, and a full-board meal plan as specified. The group price options in the following tables are based on high-season hotel/lodge rates and may be subject to change without prior notice.

Other hotel/lodge options are listed in the **Detailed Safari Program** below in this document. Please ask our reservations staff for additional lodge options and available activity rates by location and based on your specific requirements. All prices listed here are **Per Person Sharing in a Double / Twin Room**, and **Single Traveler Supplements** are available on request:

4 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Price Per Person Sharing (PPS) in a Double / Twin Room

2 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 6,653
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,957
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,609
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,400
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,261

4x4 Vehicle Included In Safari Price: 5/7 Seater Safari Land Cruiser

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5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Price Per Person Sharing (PPS) in a Double / Twin Room

2 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 24,702
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 24,006
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 23,658
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 23,450
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 23,311

4x4 Vehicle Included In Safari Price: 5/7 Seater Safari Land Cruiser

LONG SAFARI PROGRAM

Day 01 - Arrival in Nairobi.

Arriving in Kenya, your appointed driver/guide will collect you from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for a transfer to your accommodation. Then, you will receive a briefing on your upcoming tour.

4 Star Lodge Options

Sarova Stanley Hotel

Mövenpick Hotel & Residences

Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence

Pak Inn by Radisson

Four Points By Sheraton

Fairview Hotel

Hilton Garden Inn

5 Star Lodge Options

The Norfolk

The Tribe Hotel

D2 Dusit

Villa Rosa Kempinski

Nairobi Serena Hotel

Day 02 - Nairobi to Mount Kenya National Park.

Today, you transfer to the Laikipia Plateau below the Mount Kenya National Park, which was first listed as a Forest Reserve in 1949 and was gazetted as a national park in 1968 to protect its unique mon-

tane landscapes, wildlife, and surrounding environments. The British explorer Joseph Thompson is again credited with officially verifying the existence of the mountain in 1883 and climbed part of it in the process. Thompson was also the first to climb the Aberdare mountain range and Mount Elgon in neighboring Uganda during the same year of extensive explorations. Mount Kenya is an ancient extinct volcano that stands at 5,199 meters and is the second-highest mountain in Africa after Mt. Kilimanjaro. The park covers 715 square kilometers of montane landscapes and features a dozen glaciers, all receding rapidly, with four secondary peaks surrounding the glacial valleys.

The park is a treasure trove of diverse landscapes, from montane forests to highland rivers and moorlands, all surrounded by glaciers, rock, and ice that glisten around the twin peaks of Batian and Nelion. Its afro-alpine flora, including Giant Groundsel and Lobelia and fauna, provide a breathtaking example of ecological and biological evolution in this region. The park's lower elevations are home to a rich variety of wildlife, including rare forest elephants, rhinos, leopards, giant forest hogs, black and white colobus monkeys, buffaloes, forest bongo, elands, and bushbucks. Mount Kenya's recognition as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 1978 and the declaration of the combined national park and surrounding forest reserve as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997 is a testament to its natural beauty and importance.

Today, the area below the actual national park is known as the Laikipia Plateau and offers wildlife experiences that are truly unique to this particular region of Kenya. These experiences are especially notable in the rhino conservation efforts of various privately owned and managed wildlife farms, such as the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, the Borana Wildlife Conservancy, and the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. These conservancies, situated adjacent to the Mount Kenya National Park, offer a different perspective on wildlife conservation and should be considered for further exploration during your stay in this region. Visiting these locations can be done as part of a full-day game drive:



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Activity Option - Ol Pejeta Rhino Explorer - US \$ 80 Per Person

Located on the Laikipia Plateau, this conservancy is not just one of the largest black rhino sanctuaries in East Africa. It's a beacon of hope, home to two of the world's last remaining northern white rhinos and the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees in a sanctuary established to rehabilitate animals rescued from the black market. But its mission goes beyond wildlife. It's about supporting the people living in its vicinity, ensuring that wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare, and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians.

Activity Option - Nature Walk- US \$ 70 Per Person

You have the additional opportunity to join a guided walking safari, which will provide you with the amazing opportunity to experience the wildlife and landscapes of the Mount Kenya National Park and its extensive ecosystem up close.

Activity Option - Explore Maasai Boma - US \$ 100 Per Person

You can visit an authentic Maasai village and gain insights into their unique cultures and traditions. A village chief will lead a tour of the Boma and explain how Maasai traditions and lifestyles have remained unchanged for centuries. You also have the opportunity to watch or take part in traditional Maasai dance ceremonies.

4 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Kicheche Laikipia Camp

Sweetwaters Serena Camp (near Ol Pejeta)

Ol Pejeta Holiday Villas (near Ol Pejeta)

Sarova Maiyan Hotel (near Ol Pejeta)

5 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Ol Pejeta House

Sanctuary Tambarare

Porini Rhino Camp

Solio Lodge (near Ol Pejeta)

Day 03 - Mount Kenya National Park.

Today, you will go on a **Game Drive** and **Nature Walk** in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

4 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Kicheche Laikipia Camp

Sweetwaters Serena Camp (near Ol Pejeta)

Ol Pejeta Holiday Villas (near Ol Pejeta)

Sarova Maiyan Hotel (near Ol Pejeta)

5 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Ol Pejeta House

Sanctuary Tambarare

Porini Rhino Camp

Solio Lodge (near Ol Pejeta)

Day 04 - Mount Kenya National Park.

Today, you venture on a **Bush Breakfast** and **Ol Pejeta Rhino Explorer** in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

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4 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Kicheche Laikipia Camp

Sweetwaters Serena Camp (near Ol Pejeta)

Ol Pejeta Holiday Villas (near Ol Pejeta)

Sarova Maiyan Hotel (near Ol Pejeta)

5 Star Lodge Options Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Ol Pejeta House

Sanctuary Tambarare

Porini Rhino Camp

Solio Lodge (near Ol Pejeta)

□ Day 05 - Mount Kenya NP to Mara National Reserve.

Today, you transfer to the Mara National Reserve with a stop over at **Lake Nakuru**. This shallow, alkaline soda lake is a natural marvel and renowned for the hundreds of thousands of flamingos that grace its shores. The Mara National Reserve, as its official title goes, was established in 1974; it is located along the border to Tanzania and is commonly known as the Maasai Mara in honor of the ancestral people who inhabit the golden rolling savannahs of these lands. The Maasai people make up tribal communities that span northern, central, and southern Kenya, as well as most of northern Tanzania. The Mara is also the equivalent of the Serengeti in Tanzania, straddling the same migration paths that millions of wildlife traverse yearly during 'The Great Migration'. This provides the backdrop for the world's largest seasonal animal migration with 1,5 million wildebeest, the largest population of big mammals still roaming the planet, 500,000 Thompson's gazelle, 250,000 zebra, followed by 20,000 eland trekking north across the Serengeti to the plains of the Mara at the beginning of the dry season. The Maasai Mara is not just a natural wonder but also a testament to the successful conservation efforts of the Maasai people and various organizations.

To reach their objective, the animals must cross two major rivers, the Grumeti River and the Mara River, on the border between Kenya and Tanzania, where more than 3,000 crocodiles are waiting for the herds to appear and their attempt to swim across the river. Add to that

3,000 lions, the largest concentration of big cats in the world, now living in the larger Serengeti ecosystem, which means that about 20% of the animals that make up 'The Great Migration' do not survive the journey one way or back six months later. The sight of the endless stream of animals crossing the rivers represents a well-established attraction for tourists and is a natural spectacle, unlike anything the international traveler can expect to experience in this world.

The total area that comprises the 'Greater Maasai Mara Ecosystem' covers more than 1,500 square kilometers of primarily open grasslands with seasonal rivers established by a semi-arid climate and fringed by the escarpment of the Great Rift Valley. All members of the wildlife 'Big Five', rhinos, elephants, lions, leopards, and buffalos, are present in the park and can be observed all year round in addition to large numbers of hippos and crocs found in the Mara and Talek rivers. The park also features the unique Maasai giraffe. Of the carnivores, the lions are the most dominant and exist in larger numbers here and in the Serengeti than elsewhere in Africa. Spotted hyenas are also common and often compete with the lions for food. Leopards are found wherever there are trees to occupy, with cheetahs roaming the open rolling savannahs, hunting gazelle and wildebeest. In addition, more than 500 species of birds have been recorded in the park, with almost 60 species being raptors. This rich biodiversity is a testament to the reserve's importance in maintaining the region's ecological balance.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in the Mara National Reserve and their cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Nature Walk- US \$ 60 Per Person

You have the additional opportunity to join a guided walking safari, which will provide you with the amazing opportunity to experience the wildlife and landscapes of the Mara National Reserve and its extensive ecosystem up close.





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Activity Option - Explore Maasai Boma - US \$ 100 Per Person

You can visit an authentic Maasai village and gain insights into their unique cultures and traditions. A village chief will lead a tour of the Boma and explain how Maasai traditions and lifestyles have remained unchanged for centuries. You also have the opportunity to watch or take part in traditional Maasai dance ceremonies.

4 Star Lodge Options

Sarova Mara Game Camp
Mara Leisure Camp
Mara Sopa Lodge
Naibor Camp
Enkewa Camp
Ilkeliani Camp
Saruni Basecamp Leopard Hill
Lalashe Maasai Mara
Mara Siligi Camp
Ishara Mara
Ashnil Mara Camp
Sekenani Camp Maasai Mara

5 Star Lodge Options

&Beyond Bateleur Camp
&Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp
Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp
Elewana Sand River Mara Camp
Angama Mara
Angama Safari Camp
Asilia Rekeru Camp
Asilia Naboisho Camp
Asilia Encounter Mara
Sanctuary Olonana Camp
Little Governors Camp
Governors Camp
Olare Mara Kempinski Masai Mara
Fairmont Mara Safari Club
Mara Serena Safari Lodge

Day 06 - Mara National Reserve.

Today, you will go on a **Game Drive** and **Nature Walk** in the Mara NR. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

4 Star Lodge Options

Sarova Mara Game Camp
Mara Leisure Camp
Mara Sopa Lodge
Naibor Camp
Enkewa Camp
Ilkeliani Camp
Saruni Basecamp Leopard Hill
Lalashe Maasai Mara
Mara Siligi Camp
Ishara Mara
Ashnil Mara Camp
Sekenani Camp Maasai Mara

5 Star Lodge Options

&Beyond Bateleur Camp
&Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp
Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp
Elewana Sand River Mara Camp
Angama Mara
Angama Safari Camp
Asilia Rekeru Camp
Asilia Naboisho Camp
Asilia Encounter Mara
Sanctuary Olonana Camp
Little Governors Camp
Governors Camp
Olare Mara Kempinski Masai Mara
Fairmont Mara Safari Club
Mara Serena Safari Lodge





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□ Day 07 - Mara National Reserve.

Today, you venture on a **Game Drive** in the Mara NR followed by a **Bush Breakfast** and a visit to a **Maasai Boma**. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

4 Star Lodge Options

Sarova Mara Game Camp

Mara Leisure Camp

Mara Sopa Lodge

Naibor Camp

Enkewa Camp

Ilkeliani Camp

Saruni Basecamp Leopard Hill

Lalashe Maasai Mara

Mara Siligi Camp

Ishara Mara

Ashnil Mara Camp

Sekenani Camp Maasai Mara

5 Star Lodge Options

&Beyond Bateleur Camp

&Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp

Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp

Elewana Sand River Mara Camp

Angama Mara

Angama Safari Camp

Asilia Rekeru Camp

Asilia Naboisho Camp

Asilia Encounter Mara

Sanctuary Olonana Camp

Little Governors Camp

Governors Camp

Olare Mara Kempinski Masai Mara

Fairmont Mara Safari Club

Mara Serena Safari Lodge

JW Marriott Maasai Mara Lodge

□ Day 08 - Mara NR to Amboseli National Park.

Today, you transfer to the Amboseli National Park. Perched on the border with Tanzania, just below the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, the Amboseli National Park is a testament to nature's grandeur. Established in 1974, it spans 390 square kilometers of mostly lowland savannahs, seasonal swamps, and marshes, with Lake Amboseli as its centerpiece. This park, which was declared an important UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991, has a rich history. It was first explored by Jeremy Thompson, a European adventurer, in 1883. He was captivated by the breathtaking views of Mount Kilimanjaro and the diverse ecosystem that had flourished around the lake and its many swamps and marshlands.

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Activity Option - Night Game Drive - US \$ 50 Per Person

In contrast to the regular daytime game viewing opportunities, a selection of lodges offers night game drives, which add a new dimension to your safari experience. As you drive through the park's





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diverse habitats, additional hand-held flashlights are used to search and identify the nocturnal animals of the savannah landscapes.

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4 Star Lodge Options

Ol Tukai Lodge
Tortilis Tented Camp
Kilima Safari Camp
Amboseli Sopa Lodge
Sentrim Amboseli Lodge
Tulia Amboseli Safari Lodge
Oilepo Amboseli
Kibo Safari Camp Amboseli

5 Star Lodge Options

Elewana Tortilis Camp Amboseli
Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge
Tawi Lodge
Angama Amboseli
Elerai Camp

□ Day 09 - Amboseli National Park.

Today, you will go on a **Game Drive** and **Nature Walk** in the Amboseli NP. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

4 Star Lodge Options

Ol Tukai Lodge
Tortilis Tented Camp
Kilima Safari Camp
Amboseli Sopa Lodge
Sentrim Amboseli Lodge
Tulia Amboseli Safari Lodge
Oilepo Amboseli
Kibo Safari Camp Amboseli

5 Star Lodge Options

Elewana Tortilis Camp Amboseli
Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge
Tawi Lodge
Angama Amboseli
Elerai Camp

□ Day 10 - Amboseli NP to Tsavo West National Park.

Today, you transfer to the Tsavo West National Park where you venture on a **Game Drive**. One of Kenya's more famous national parks you can visit when leaving Mombasa on the main highway linking to Nairobi is the Tsavo West National Park on the left and Tsavo East National Park on the right side of the road. Of these, Tsavo East is vast and qualifies as one of the most extensive parklands in Africa but has virtually no viable visitor numbers since it has very little to offer in terms of exciting landscapes and views. Tsavo West, on the other side, is a major tourist attraction and features rolling green hills, rocky escarpments, and lush grassy plains teeming with wildlife, starting from 'Grogans Castle' on the hill above the Taveta plains to Taita Hills, Ngulia Mountain, Chyulu Hills, and on to the savannahs of the Amboseli National Park. This entire range of landscapes on the border to Tanzania offers fantastic views of the one attraction all entertaining adventurers, travelers, and explorers have seen for the last 500 years: The Snows of Kilimanjaro.

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Adjacent to the Tsavo West National Park, two additional areas of the larger Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA) should be considered for further exploration during your stay in the main park since visiting these locations can be done as part of a full-day game drive:

Taita Hills Game Sanctuary: Situated on the eastern border of Tsavo, this area features forested green hills, rolling savannahs, and rocky ridges with two prominent lodges, Salt Lick Safari Lodge and Taita Hills Safari Resort, strategically built almost next to each other on the slopes of the Taita Hills. These lodges offer unusual architecture and, most importantly, excellent game-viewing opportunities with enchanting views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Chyulu Hills National Park: The park was established in 1983, is one of the newest park additions in the country, and qualifies as the western continuation of the Tsavo West National Park, protecting a 100-kilometer range of hills. Chyulu Hills features stunning views of Mount Kilimanjaro to the south and opportunities for cave exploration and walking safaris. Of the cave systems and lava tubes in this area, the Leviathan Cave is about 12 km long, one of Africa's longest caves. With the lower parts of the hills mainly composed of grasslands, thorn bush, and thickets and featuring montane forests above 1,800 meters, the general game viewing opportunities here are the same as in the larger Tsavo Conservation Area (TCA).

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Tsavo West National Park and their respective cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Nature Walk Mzima Springs - US \$ 00 Per Person

The magnificent Mzima Springs are strategically located in the heart of Tsavo West. It features dozens of crocodiles and hippos, with elephants and other Big 5 visiting daily. The park also offers an underwater viewing tank for close-up encounters with hippos and crocodiles. Mzima Springs is an oasis of green in the Tsavo West National Park and produces more than 250 million liters of fresh water daily, providing the bulk of Mombasa's fresh water supply.

Activity Option - Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary - US \$ 00 Per Person

When the Tsavo National Park was established in 1948, it was home to 8,000 out of a total population of some 20,000 rhinos in Kenya. By the early nineteen nineties, rampant poaching had reduced the black rhino population to a few dozen. Bill Woodley, Warden of Tsavo West National Park at the time, established the 24 square miles of the Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary with electrified fences to house the survivors. Today, there are about 80 rhinos in the sanctuary, and many more have already relocated to other areas.





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Activity Option - Chyulu Hills & Cave Explorer- US \$ 35 Per Person

The region between Tsavo West and the Chyulu Hills National Park also features extensive cave systems and lava tubes that developed due to prehistoric volcanic activities. Chyulu Hills National Park offers a unique opportunity for walking safaris, lava tubes, and cave exploration.

Activity Option - Taita Hills Game Explorer - US \$ 25 Per Person

An extended full-day game drive starting from any of the lodges in central Tsavo West takes you to the forested green hills, rolling savannahs, and rocky ridges of the Taita Hills, with two prominent lodges, Salt Lick Safari Lodge and Taita Hills Safari Resort strategically built almost next to each other on the slopes of the Taita Hills. These lodges offer unusual architecture and, most importantly, excellent game-viewing opportunities with enchanting views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Activity Option - Tsavo West Rock Climbing - Price On Request

The Mountain Club of Kenya (MCK) offers free-climbing adventures to conquer the massive rock formations in the central Tsavo West National Park. The setting for climbers is superb, with elephants roaming the plains below the cliffs and eagles, vultures, and falcons circling the thermals above, complemented by perfect views of Mount Kilimanjaro on a clear day. The rock climbing is some of the best in Kenya, and solid gneiss walls are often covered in holds and free of vegetation. The Ivory Tower route on Elephant Rock ranks with Kenya's best and most challenging bush climbing adventures. Other famous climbs in Tsavo West are 'Mastodon' and the 'Great Tsavo Chimney'.

4 Star Lodge Options

Ngulia Safari Lodge

Kanzi House

Rhino Valley Lodge

Severin Safari Camp

Taita Hills Safari Resort (Taita Hills Game Sanctuary)

Salt Lick Safari Lodge (Taita Hills Game Sanctuary)

5 Star Lodge Options

Finch Hattons

Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge

Ol Donyo Wuas Lodge (Chyulu Hills National Park)

Day 11 - Tsavo West National Park.

Today, you will go on a **Game Drive** and visit **Nature Walk Mzima Springs** in the Tsavo West NP. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

4 Star Lodge Options

Ngulia Safari Lodge

Kanzi House

Rhino Valley Lodge

Severin Safari Camp

Taita Hills Safari Resort (Taita Hills Game Sanctuary)

Salt Lick Safari Lodge (Taita Hills Game Sanctuary)

5 Star Lodge Options

Finch Hattons

Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge

Ol Donyo Wuas Lodge (Chyulu Hills National Park)

Day 12 - Tsavo West NP to Departure from Nairobi.

It is time to say farewell to the hippos and crocodiles of the famous Mzima Springs and enjoy a scenic drive back to Nairobi before your driver/guide will transfer you to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your scheduled departure from Kenya later that day.



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- The single traveler supplement applies to single travelers in groups with a minimum of 3 pax.
- Language-specific tour guides are available on request and against a surcharge.
- A baggage restriction of 15 kg in soft-sided bags applies to chartered flights within East Africa.

- Meal plan index: BB-Bed & Breakfast, HB-Half Board, FB-Full Board.
- Room index: SDR-Standard Double Room, SC-Self Contained, NSC-Non Self Contained.

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Tour deposit: 40% of the tour price within 7 days of written tour confirmation.

Gorilla and chimp permits: 100% of the permit fees are required with the 40% tour deposit.

Full balance: 70 days (10 weeks) before the tour start date.

Reservations within 70 days before the tour start date require immediate full prepayment.

Cancellation fees are applicable within the following day ranges:

30 to 15 days before the safari date: 45% cancellation fee

14 to 05 days before the safari date: 75% cancellation fee

04 to 00 days before the safari date: 100% cancellation fee

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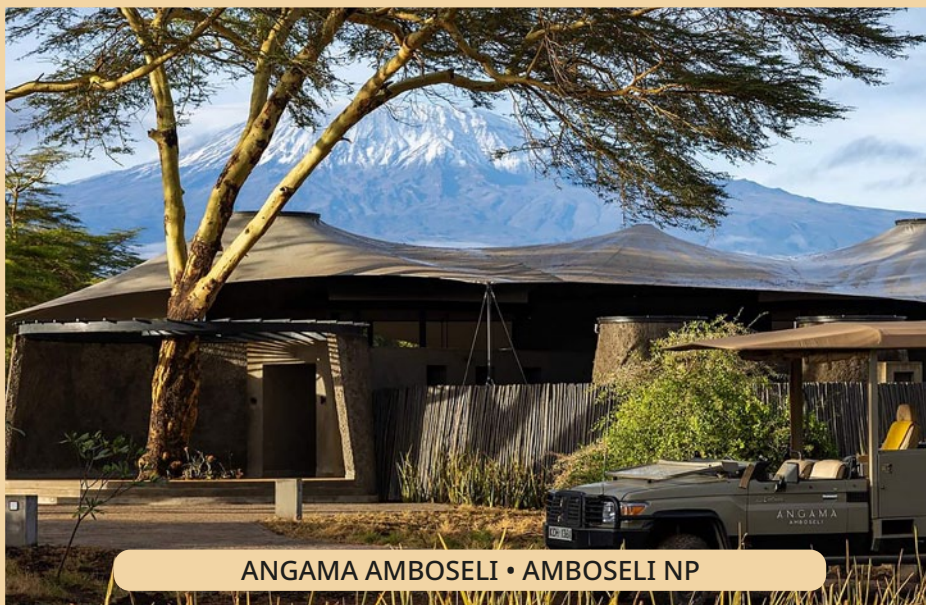
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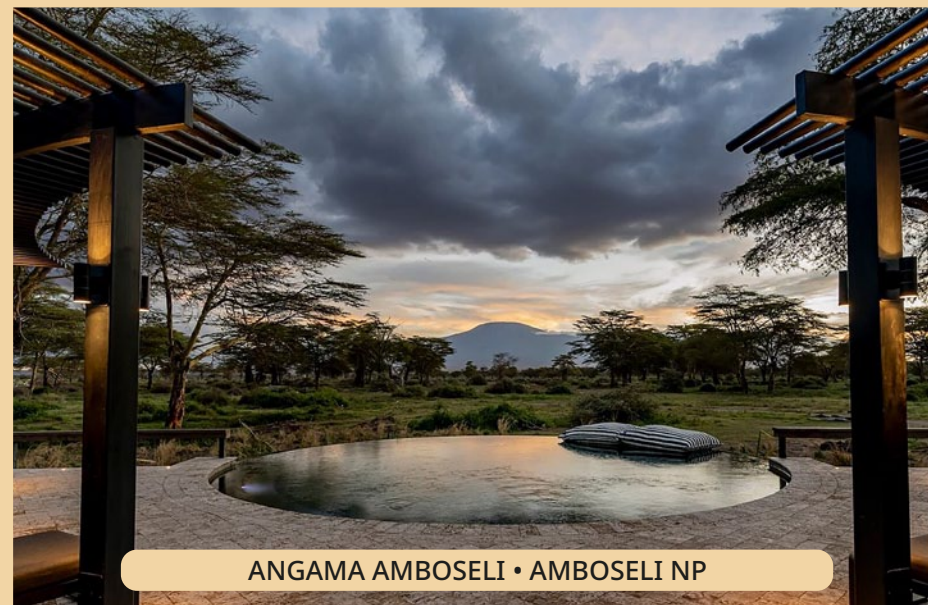
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