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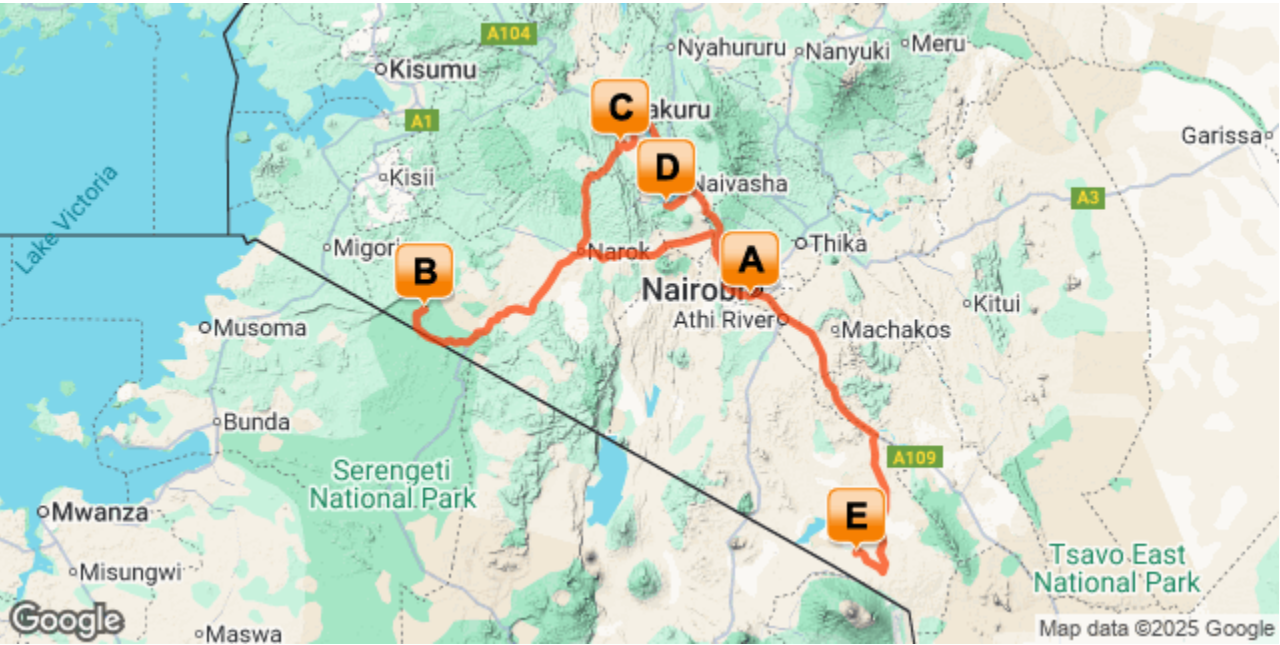
Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve - Lake Nakuru National Park - Naivasha - Amboseli National Park

8 Days / 7 Nights

0 Persons

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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Tamarind Tree Hotel	Nairobi	B&B	1 Night
Eluai Campsite	Masai Mara National Reserve		2 Nights
Makalia Falls Campsite	Lake Nakuru National Park	SC	1 Night
Camp Carnelley's	Naivasha	SC	1 Night
Kimana Amboseli Tented Camp	Amboseli National Park		2 Nights

Key
SC: Self Catering
B&B: Bed and
Breakfast

Day 1: Tamarind Tree Hotel, Nairobi (Thu, 1 January)

Nairobi

Situated along the Nairobi River in beautiful Kenya, the capital of Nairobi is East Africa's most cosmopolitan city. It serves as an excellent starting point for African safari trips around Kenya. Nairobi is Africa’s 4th largest city and is a vibrant and exciting place to be. There are some fascinating attractions: its cafe culture, unbridled nightlife, the National Museum, the Karen Blixen Museum and most notably, just 20 minutes from the city centre, wild lions and buffalo roam in the world’s only urban game reserve. Make sure you pay a visit to the elephant orphanage operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust for a once in a lifetime experience.

Day Itinerary

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport; after completing customs and immigration formalities you will be met by Gemsbok Safaris representative and transferred to **Tamarind Tree Hotel (BB)** for check-in and overnight.

Overnight: Tamarind Tree Hotel

Tamarind Tree Hotel is ideally located southwest of Nairobi within the spacious Carnivore grounds, offering easy access to the city, Nairobi National Park, and Wilson Airport. The hotel features spacious rooms with modern amenities such as flat-screen TVs, air conditioning, and ensuite bathrooms. Dining options include the Carnivore Restaurant, where meats are roasted on traditional Maasai swords, the Tamambo restaurant with international cuisine, and the elegant Dawa Lounge. Additional amenities include a heated pool, a fitness centre, and meeting facilities.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Eluai Campsite, Masai Mara National Reserve (Fri, 2 January)

Masai Mara National Reserve

One of Kenya's most iconic natural wonders, the Masai Mara National Reserve stretches across more than 1500 square kilometres in the country's southwest. The park shelters a remarkable array of wildlife, including elephant, lion, leopard, and buffalo that roam its savannahs, while crocodile and hippopotamus inhabit the Mara River. Birdwatchers will delight in the presence of more than 450 resident species. Yet the true spectacle is the Great Migration, named one of the Seven New Wonders of the World. Each July to September, roughly 1.7 million wildebeest treks from the parched plains of Tanzania's Serengeti to the greener grasslands of the Masai Mara, followed by zebra, antelope, and predators such as lion, hyena, and cheetah. The sight, sound, and raw energy of these vast herds are a once-in-a-lifetime experience for any traveller.

Day Itinerary

Pick from Nairobi Hotel. Drive to the Masai Mara National Reserve offering wonderful scenery and plenty of game. It is perhaps the only region left in Kenya where the visitor may see animals in the same super-abundance as existed a century ago. Picnic lunch while on game drive, Later in the evening drive to campsite where overnight, Meal on own arrangement.

Overnight: Eluai Campsite

Eluai Campsite is situated in Serena, Kenya, near the Maasai Mara National Reserve, the Olare Orok Conservancy, the Naboisho Conservancy and the Mara North Conservancy. The camp offers sites for tents and is also big-rig-friendly. Guests can make fires on-site to prepare meals. There are also toilet facilities available for guests.

Basis

Self-Catering

Day 3: Eluai Campsite, Masai Mara National Reserve (Sat, 3 January)

Day Itinerary

Breakfast at the campsite

Morning game and afternoon Game drive

Dinner and overnight at the camp

Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch On own arrangement

Overnight: Overnight a Eluai Campsite

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: Makalia Falls Campsite, Lake Nakuru National Park (Sun, 4 January)

Lake Nakuru National Park

Located in the Great Rift Valley surrounded by yellow acacia woodlands and bushy shrublands, the Lake Nakuru National Park was created to protect the Lake and its large flocks of Lesser Flamingo, which are drawn to the algae that flourish in the saline waters of this soda lake. The national park is inhabited by over 50 mammal species including hippo, black and white rhino, Rothschild giraffe, buffalo and eland. Known as a bird watcher's paradise, the park is home to over 450 bird species. Visitors can look forward to hiking through the scenic landscape, picnicking next to this magnificent lake, and spotting an array of wildlife on a game drive. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the beautiful Makalia Waterfall.

Day Itinerary

Breakfast at the campsite. Depart and drive through the stunning scenery of Kenya's Great Rift Valley for a half day game drive at **Lake Nakuru National Park**.

Lake Nakuru National Park is a Sanctuary for the Black Rhino, White Rhino and the Rothschild Giraffe. Bird life includes common species like the lesser and Greater Flamingos, African fish Eagle, Tawny Eagle, Green Wood Hoopoes, Cliff Chat, Great White and Pink Backed Pelicans plus other African Migrants.

Bed, Breakfast and Lunch and dinner on own arrangement

Overnight at Makalia Fall Campsite

Overnight: Makalia Falls Campsite

Makalia Falls Campsite is located within the Lake Nakuru National Park in Kenya. Campers can pitch their tents and enjoy the beauty of the surrounding nature. Facilities include shared bathrooms. Area activities include game viewing, game drives, and birdwatching.

Basis

Self-Catering

Day 5: Camp Carnelley's, Naivasha (Mon, 5 January)

Naivasha

Located in the beautiful Kenya Rift Valley basin, Naivasha is a compact market town northwest of Nairobi, best known as a stopping point for spellbinding Lake Naivasha. Aspiring wildlife photographers and nature lovers will marvel at Lake Naivasha and its abundance of wondrous wildlife. Here visitors can spot wallowing hippo pods, clouds of vibrant birdlife, zebra and various other game. The nearby Lake Oloiden and Oserian Wildlife Sanctuary are great spots for those passionate about wild wonders. Shopping in the bustling town ensures unique souvenirs for mementoes as well as restaurants offering delicious local dishes with

every taste in mind. Accommodations ranging from lodges to bed and breakfasts provide great conveniences for travellers looking to explore the area.

Day Itinerary

Breakfast at the campsite. Depart and drive through the stunning scenery of Kenya's Great Rift Valley to **Lake Naivasha Lunch + Dinner on own arrangement**

Overnight at Camp Carnellys

Overnight: Camp Carnelley's

Camp Carnelley's is a beautiful family-run camp located on the shores of Lake Naivasha. The camp offers rooms and Bandas with en-suite bathrooms and verandas. The camp also provides a self-catering house that can accommodate up to 10 guests. The on-site restaurant serves a delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner. Local activities include visiting Crater Lake.



Basis

Self-Catering

Day 6: [Kimana Public Campsite, Amboseli National Park](#) (Tue, 6 January)

Amboseli National Park

Located in the southern reaches of Kenya, the Amboseli National Park is renowned for its excellent variety of wildlife such as Maasai giraffe, elephant, lion and cheetah and not surprisingly it is one of Kenya's most popular parks. The landscape of Amboseli

is dominated by the majestic snowcap of Mount Kilimanjaro, as well as open plains, acacia woodland, swamps and the massif of Ol Doinyo Orok. The birding is excellent, especially closer to the lakes and swamps. The park is famous for being the best place in Africa to get close to large herds of elephants among other wildlife species. Other attractions include opportunities to meet the Maasai people and soak up spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world.

Day Itinerary

We start our journey eastwards today as we travel to Amboseli National Park.

On a clear day, as we start approaching the National Park, we will be rewarded with views of the highest mountain in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro. Lunch on own arrangement.

Our home for the next two nights is located in Amboseli National Park and boasts truly unforgettable views of Mount Kilimanjaro. Amboseli is famous for its large population of big-tusked elephants, and this afternoon, we enjoy our first game drive in the National Park in search of big game and birdlife.

16:00: Afternoon game viewing drive at the park.

Dinner and Overnight at the Campsite

Overnight: Kimana Public Camp site

Basis

Self-Catering

Day 7: Kimana Public Campsite, Amboseli National Park (Wed, 7 January)

Day Itinerary

We depart the lodge after breakfast for a full day of game viewing in the National Park, with a picnic lunch so we can make the most of our time searching the wetlands, swamps and wide-open plains for a vast array of wildlife. Set against the glorious backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro, we have the chance to spot the tallest land mammal, the Maasai giraffe, as well as lion, cheetah and leopard. As the skies start to darken, we return to our lodge for dinner, which can be enjoyed under the night sky if you so wish. **Overnight: Kimana Public Camp site**

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day Itinerary

An early breakfast this morning at the camp before transferring to the station to Kenya’s only standard gauge railway, the Madaraka Express to Mombasa or transfer to back to Nairobi for departure flight (Accommodation and Transfers in Mombasa are not Included)

4.0 RATES AND INCLUSIONS - NETT RATES IN USD

QUOTATION – CAMPSITES VALID -1ST JAN- 1ST MARCH 2026 And 1ST JUN- 15 OCT 2026

Validity / Pax base	Per person			Each of 17 Pax
	Each of 10 Pax	Each of 12 Pax	Each of 14 Pax	
01.01.26 - 01.03.26	1,967	1,888	1,832	1,772
01.06.26 - 15.10.26	2,110	2,037	1,986	1,931

Optional activities, available on ground at Lake Naivasha

Boat ride to Crescent Island inclusive of the entrance fees (Min 4 Pax) USD 79 per person

Boat Ride (Max 1 Hr) USD 40 per person

INCLUDED IN THE RATES

- Accommodation as specified
- Activities and accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Private Safari Transport in Overland Truck custom-build 17-seater with service of experienced English -speaking Driver Guides
- **Park entry fees to all parks and reserves included in the itinerary for 24hrs each (fees are subject to change) except Masai Mara which is 12HRS**
- 1l of bottled drinking water per day on safari per person
- 24/7 Gemsbok Safaris Concierge & Emergency Service on phone
- Airport Assistance by Gemsbok Safaris Airport Rep. on Arrival & Departure
- Flying doctors' coverage: (Covers clients within East Africa for a period of 30 days. In the eventuality of a medical emergency, they will be airlifted to Nairobi where they will be taken to a good hospital. Hospital bills are born by the patient.)

EXCLUDED IN THE RATES

- International & Domestic flights (*if not mentioned above*)
- All meals at the campsite
- Personal insurance and baggage insurance
- Visa fees wherever applicable.
- All drinks & meals unless stated above.
- All tips and portorage.
- Laundry, massages and other personal expenses e.g. mini-bar & telephone unless otherwise stated
- Any other services not mentioned above and other optional/additional activities.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOTES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS

BAGGAGE INFORMATION

Baggage Allowance: For all Gemsbok Safaris destinations, the baggage allowance is limited to 15 kg per person, except for Zanzibar, Kisumu, Diani, Lamu, Malindi, and Mombasa, where 20 kg per person is allowed, inclusive of hand luggage. All luggage should be packed in soft bags.

Excess Baggage Storage: Complimentary storage for excess baggage is available at Gemsbok Safaris' office at Wilson Airport. Please inquire at the check-in counter for details.

Hand Luggage Inclusion: The baggage allowance includes hand luggage. For significant excess baggage, guests may book a "freight" seat at an adult rate (Y class fares) to accommodate an additional 75 kg. Freight seats are only available on safari routes and are subject to Gemsbok Safaris' discretion. Alternatively, excess baggage can be purchased in advance in bundles of 10, 20, or 30 kg.

Overweight Baggage: Check-in staff may allow a leeway of up to 2 kg at the captain's discretion, depending on the aircraft payload and space availability. Charges apply for any additional excess baggage.

Soft Bag Requirement: Due to limited and irregularly shaped luggage compartments on most flights, rigid suitcases may need to be sent on the next available flight.

Sports Equipment: Large sports equipment (e.g., surfboards, bicycles, golf bags) is not accepted unless requested in advance. Golf bags may be allowed on a case-by-case basis on Dash 8 aircraft with a fee of \$20 per bag per sector.

RATES

All bookings are subject to availability. Rates include accommodation with meals, tours, transport, driver/guide, park entrance fees, hotel taxes, and service charges. Rates exclude medical air rescue services, portorage, domestic air charters, visa fees, beverages, laundry, telephone calls, scheduled flights, gratuities, and personal expenses unless specified otherwise. Optional flying doctor services are available for \$20 per person (subject to change).

CHILD POLICY

Child rates apply for one or two children under 12 sharing a room with two adults. When two children share a room with parents, they may require an interconnecting room and be considered as in their room due to accommodation limitations. One child sharing with one adult will be charged at the child rate, and the adult pays the per-person sharing rate plus a single room supplement.

SINGLE ROOM POLICY

Single rooms are available at an additional cost but cannot be guaranteed. Only three single rooms are allowed per group; if unavailable, a refund may be issued.

BOOKING ALTERATIONS

Changes to Bookings: For any changes to confirmed bookings, Gemsbok Safaris will assist if notified in writing at least 65 days before scheduled services. A \$70 fee per person applies for administrative costs, plus any additional charges from suppliers.

Itinerary Changes: Gemsbok Safaris reserves the right to amend itinerary details or substitute comparable hotels as necessary. Clients will be informed at the earliest opportunity.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations require written notification. Charges apply as follows:

- More than 60 days prior: Full deposit is forfeited.
- 60 days or fewer prior: 100% cancellation charges apply.
- Unused portions of any tour are non-refundable.

FORCE MAJEURE

In cases of events outside our control, such as war, civil strife, or natural disasters, Gemsbok Safaris and its suppliers are not liable for any expenses, losses, or delays arising from such circumstances.

COMPLAINTS

Any issues during a safari should be reported immediately to the local representative, hotel, lodge, or camp management. Unresolved complaints must be submitted in writing to Gemsbok Safaris within 30 days of tour completion, including reference details.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation may include Land Cruisers or coaches, depending on the route and group size. Gemsbok Safaris may use subcontractors when necessary. Multi-lingual guides are available upon request. For flying package clients, vehicles may be shared with other hotel guests unless exclusive use is requested in advance.

RESPONSIBILITY OF GEMSBOK SAFARIS

Gemsbok Safaris acts as an agent for suppliers and is not liable for their actions or omissions. Tour members are responsible for reviewing supplier terms. Gemsbok Safaris' liability is limited to the tour price in cases of negligence or breach of contract.

CONTRACT

A binding contract is established once Gemsbok Safaris and the client agree upon the itinerary and pricing and confirmed upon invoicing. This contract is governed by the laws of the supplier's country and subject to its jurisdiction.

PAYMENT POLICY

Deposit to Secure Booking: 25% of the total cost is due at confirmation to secure room availability.

Second Payment: A further 25% of the total cost is due 60 days before the start of the tour.

Final Payment: The remaining 50% of the total cost is due 31 days before the tour begins.

Failure to adhere to these terms may result in cancellation of services without refund or liability for Gemsbok Safaris.

Payment Method: Bank Transfer

For international bank transfers, all banking charges are the responsibility of the sender. Gemsbok Safaris Ltd must receive the full invoice amount. Any discrepancies due to transfer fees or other charges will require a supplementary invoice.

Travel Information



Resting in the magnificent Great Rift Valley and presided over by the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya is characterized by hauntingly beautiful natural landscapes of forested hills, patchwork farms, wooded savanna and vast forests brimming with an extraordinary abundance of wildlife. The nation's diverse range of traditional African cultures is influenced by over 70 unique ethnic groups from the Maasai, Samburu, Kikuyu, and Turkana tribes to the Arabs and Indians that settled on the coast. Add to this: an exquisite tropical coastline fringed with breathtaking golden sand beaches; gorgeous coral gardens providing excellent snorkeling and diving opportunities; and a slew of lively beach resorts, and it is easy to see why so many visitors flock here from around the world to experience a truly unique African adventure in one of the world's most pristine safari destinations.

Banking and Currency

Currency:

Local currency: Kenyan Shilling

Symbol: KSh

ISO code: KES

Central bank: Central Bank of Kenya

Subunit: Cent

Banknotes: KSh1000, 500, 200, 100, 50

Coins: KSh40, 20, 10, 5, 1 and 50, 10 cents (less commonly used)

Banking:

Card Transactions:

ATMs: Yes

Mastercard: Yes

Visa: Yes

American Express: Sometimes

Diner's club: Sometimes

Banking Hours:

Weekdays: 09h00 - 15h00

Weekends: Saturdays: 09h00 -12h00. Sundays: Closed. Check the specific hours of the bank branch you plan to visit, as operating hours can vary between branches and regions.

Public Holidays: No

Foreign exchange services: Yes

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Air:

Main airlines: Kenya Airways, Airkenya Express, Fly540, Jambo Jet, African Express Airways, Mombasa Air Safari

International Airports: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Moi International Airport, Kisumu International Airport, Eldoret International Airport

Road:

Conditions vary greatly.

Tar roads: Yes

Gravel roads: Yes

Valid International Driver's License needed: No, unless your national licence is not in English. Third party insurance is needed.

Car hire available: Yes

Taxis: Yes

Uber available: Yes

Bus:

Inter-city bus services: Some, but not generally safe.

Local city bus networks: No

Rail:

Railway system: Yes

Subway System: No

Water:

Ferries: Yes

Water taxis: Yes

Leisure cruises: Yes

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Food and water safety:

Can you drink the tap water: No

Fresh fruit and vegetables: No, unless thoroughly washed and peeled

Ice: No, unless made from bottled or purified water

Meat: Yes, but from reputable establishments

Street food: No, unless from a reputable source and freshly prepared

Local cuisine: Kenyan food is diverse, exhibiting the different tastes and flavours of its different tribes, as well as the spices of early Arab settlers and East Indian railway workers, and the fresh seafood straight from the Swahili coast. Top dishes include Kenyan Stew, made with meat and spices; Mutura, a rich, dark goat sausage; and Mandazi, a kind of donut flavoured with cardamom and sweet coconut milk.

Drinks:

Tusker Beer

Kenyan Coffee

Chai (Kenyan Tea)

Madafu (Fresh Coconut Water)

Maziwa Lala (Fermented Milk)

*In addition to these beverages, there are also a variety of everyday drinks available, such as fruit juices, sodas, and bottled water.

Tipping: 10%

Climate and Weather

Annual rainfall: 680 mm

Average temperature: 25°C - 29°C

Summer: December-March

Average in highs: 26°C

Average in lows: 16°C

Winter: July-October

Average in highs: 21°C

Average in lows: 12°C

* Kenya, due to its equatorial location, does not experience traditional summer and winter seasons. Instead, it has periods that are cooler and drier. The climate is generally characterized by wet and dry seasons.

Best time to visit: Visiting between June and September, during the long dry season, will allow you to experience a milder climate and witness the Great Migration of wildebeest and zebra. The short dry season, from January to March, provides excellent opportunities for beach visits and outdoor activities. During the rainy seasons, you'll find fewer tourists and stunning, lush landscapes. The long rainy season runs from March to May, and the short rainy season runs from October to December.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Spring and Summer

Cool, light, breathable and comfortable: Yes

Lightweight warm clothes: Yes

Winter and Autumn

Jerseys, cardigans, sweaters, jackets: Yes

Heavyweight clothing and boots: No

General

Umbrella and raincoat: Yes, during the rainy seasons (March to May and October to December)

Warm gloves, hat and scarf: Yes, for early morning and evening game drives, especially in higher altitudes or cooler months (June to August).

Swimming costume (bathing suit): Yes

Hat, sunglasses and sunblock: Yes

Walking shoes: Yes

Casual: Yes

Smart-casual attire: Yes

Internet Availability

Internet cafes: Yes

Accommodation options: Yes

Restaurants: Yes

Cafes: Yes

Shopping malls: Yes

Public parks: No

Libraries: Yes, in cities.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Plug Type: G

Voltage (V): 240

Frequency Hertz (Hz): 50

*A Travel plug adapter and voltage converter might be necessary depending on your appliances.



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