



The Best of Kenya

Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Samburu National Park & Maasai Mara National Reserve - Fly/Drive Safari

A classic safari in Kenya that includes varied national parks and wildlife! Start at the foot of Mt. Kenya and Ol Pejeta Conservancy, then to the desert like habitat of Samburu National Park where you will see Reticulated Giraffe, Elephant, Cheetah, Lion, Oryx and Grevy's Zebra. A short flight then takes you to the Maasai Mara National Reserve one of the most prolific wildlife parks. You will have plenty of time to give your camera a workout especially if you are in the reserve during the great migration August – November. You decide on length and start date!



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Nairobi – 1 night



Day 1 - Tamarind Tree Hotel, Nairobi Kenya

<https://tamarindtree-hotels.com> (1 night):

Arrive in Nairobi where you will be met and transferred to the Tamarind Tree Hotel for 1 night on a B&B basis. Option to add city tour, visit to Giraffe Center and Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Nursery.

Ol Pejeta Conservancy Mt. Kenya - 1 night

Day 2: Sweetwater's Tented Camp (1 night)

<https://www.serenahotels.com/serenasweetwaters/en/default.html>

After breakfast, you will have a leisurely drive to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, crossing the equator. You will arrive in time for lunch at your camp. After lunch, you will have an afternoon game drive in the Conservancy, where you will have the opportunity to visit the famous Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Enjoy the rest of the day watching the wildlife at the waterhole.





Sweetwater's Tented Camp lies in the heart of privately owned 19,000-acre Sweetwater's Game Reserve, enjoying magnificent views across the game - studded plains to the snowcapped peaks of Mount Kenya. Sweetwater's Tented Camp lies in the heart of a 19,000-acre game reserve, a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Nairobi. B,L,D

Samburu National Park – 2 Nights

Day 3: Samburu Intrepids Camp <https://www.heritage-eastafrica.com/samburuintrepids/>

(2 nights) : Depart after breakfast and drive north to the Samburu National Reserve, an arid semi-desert land sparsely populated by proud nomadic people. The rugged and remote Samburu wildlife reserve provides some the best and most colourful game viewing in the country. Samburu Intrepids is a lush oasis on the banks of the great Uaso Nyiro River in Samburu Game Reserve. The tented lodge is a delight to be in – deliciously cooled by the river breeze and the forest. The



luxury tented camp sits on raised decks overlooking the brown river where the elephants sometimes make an appearance, or the crocodiles come out to lounge by the river's banks. Spend the afternoon discovering the unique wildlife of the reserve. Huge herds of elephant, prides of lion or the solitary leopard are regular visitors around the camp.

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Day 4: An exciting day on safari looking for species unique to Samburu: reticulated giraffe, rare Beisa Oryx, gerenuk and Grevy's zebra. Samburu boasts

the most unusual fauna of all East Africa's major reserves. There is the densely striped Grevy's zebra (twice as heavy as the more familiar Burchell's zebra), the reticulated giraffe (neat, geometrically marked coat), the regal Beisa oryx and a comically long-horned race of the Grant's gazelle. The most unique of them all is the Gerenuk or antelope giraffe, distinguished by its extraordinarily distended neck and small head. Return to the lodge for dinner and star gazing!

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Maasai Mara National Reserve - 3 nights

Day 5 – Mara Intrepids Lodge <https://www.heritage-eastafrika.com/maraintrepids/>
(3 nights): After breakfast transfer to Samburu

Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Maasai Mara. Upon arrival you will be met by the local camp driver guide and transferred to your camp with a game drive en route. Overlooking the Talek River, at the very confluence of the Mara's four game-viewing areas, Mara Intrepids enjoys one of the most spectacular locations in the world's best-known wilderness. Open sided jeeps afford the opportunity for the best animal views and photo opportunities. Luxury tents feature four-poster king size beds and have been recently refurbished to accommodate the modern, discerning safari traveler. The tents are



large and spacious with private verandas to enjoy the views of the Mara. Relax over lunch and then venture out on an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge for dinner. B,L,D



Day 6 & 7: Day spent game-viewing in the reserve. With morning and afternoon game drives, you have ample time to discover all that this globally famous wilderness has to offer. A

pristine wilderness of haunting beauty, it promises its visitors a profusion of wildlife, prolific bird life and the unprecedented opportunity of catching up with all the members of the 'Big Five' in one morning! B,L,D

Day 8 – In Transit: Sadly, After breakfast transfer to the airstrip for your scheduled flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival at Wilson airport, transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your international departure flight - Or extend your time with visit to the coast.... Tanzania... where would you like to go?



The Best of Kenya Drive/Fly
Per person based on 2 guests sharing
January to July - From \$5095 USD
August to November - From \$6195USD

INCLUDES: Predeparture package with unlimited information; Luxury accommodation as stated in itinerary; Air & ground transportation between lodges & hotels starting in ending in Nairobi; Most meals (B-Breakfast L- Lunch D-Dinner); Game activities & park entry fees; Donation to conservation group on your behalf; Safari luggage & shirt



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED: International airfare (we would be happy to book this for you with our wholesaler) (Tips/Gratuities; Non-alcoholic and alcoholic drinks; Items of a personal nature; Travel Insurance including cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance; Visa's for Kenya(\$80CDN – we will assist you with visa's) Laundry; Any optional activities or meals not indicated on itinerary; Any new Government taxes; Departure taxes of approx. US\$30 per person (usually included in airline ticket but have it handy just incase)

CLIMATE - The climate of East Africa varies. Temperatures are warm and pleasant with an average high of 28°C and an average low of 15°C. The rains from early November to late March are usually scattered and localised with short-lived downpours. There is often heavy rain in late March. Temperatures are the coolest May-July so a sweater or fleece will be in order especially in higher elevations or desert habitat. The warmest time is October and sometimes January and February.



TO HOLD YOUR SPACE - Upon confirmation of itinerary, we will require a \$1500USD deposit to hold your safari accommodation.

Payment options –

- USD Bank Draft – amount above
- CDN Cheque - amount closest to CDN/USD exchange rate we receive through our bank
- Credit Card – amount closest to CDN/USD exchange rate we receive through our bank plus 3% service fee

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About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd.

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel! Owner Carol Petersen has been travelling to Africa since 1990 and led over 90 safaris to Africa, India & the Galapagos Islands! She has incredible knowledge of where to... when to... and how to... and passion for the places she visits. Her experience and that of the local guides, is matched by a personalized service that keeps Nature Encounters Tours guests returning to travel with us year after year. From the moment you inquire about a location – we are dedicated to ensuring your trip is memorable.

On safari, you can experience everything from watching a lioness care for her young in the hollow of an old tree to having a magnificent five-ton elephant display his enormous ears and mock charge your vehicle . . . or lay on a sandy beach that goes on for miles and miles while listening to the sound of the Indian Ocean. Your accommodation and meals, in either lodges or tented camps, range from truly comfortable to absolutely luxurious. Backpacking was never like this! Swimming pools, gardens and the fragrance of wild basil will surround you as your binoculars scout the magnificent scenery for cheetah, elephant, zebra, lilac breasted rollers, hyena, and tawny eagles to name a few. Your game activities can include driving in national parks watching for wildlife along the way, walking with an experienced guide looking for all the little things you may have missed by driving, and boating or canoeing on some of the most incredible rivers and lakes.

Ecotourism is an important part of the Nature Encounters Tours & Travel experience. Our guests are happy to contribute to a sustainable industry where the local people, as well as the wildlife, benefit from their visit. Be it the CAMPFIRE project in Zimbabwe, where the local fishing villages gain from having tourists visit or Sheldrick Wildlife Trust where our guests help provide financial assistance for anti-poaching efforts. Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd. supports many schools as we travel but the A.I.C. Girls' School in Kajiado, Kenya has held a special spot in our hearts for 21 years. As well, there are many conservation groups that are near and dear to us: Mara-Meru Cheetah Conservation, Jane Goodall Chimp Research in Gombe Stream, Wildlife SOS in India, Friends of the Galapagos and Tikki Hywood Trust, Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit, Big Life to name a few. We do indeed walk the talk . . .

Our goal is to give our guests an experience they won't ever forget – from dancing with the Maasai in East Africa to walking within feet of gentlemanly bull elephants in Southern Africa to listening for the Langur Monkey's alarm call fleshing out an endangered tiger in India to photographing and observing the many species that live in our great world.

