



The Best of Kenya

FLY IN SAFARI

Lake Naivasha, Laikipia, Maasai Mara National Reserve

Fly between 3 different ecosystems and lodges. Begin with Lake Naivasha and Lake Nakuru where both Black and White Rhino can be seen. Next is Laikipia and Reticulated Giraffe, Grevy's Zebra and a few other desert adapted species can be found. Your last stop is the amazing 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!



Nairobi – 1 night

Day 1 – Hemingway's Hotel (1 night) <https://www.hemingways-collection.com/nairobi/> : Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya's Capital City, you will be met by the local representative and transferred to Hemingway's Hotel for overnight on a B&B basis. This beautiful new hotel is only a 40-minute drive away from Nairobi's International airport in the Karen area of Nairobi. Option to add city tour, visit to Giraffe Center and Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Nursery.

Lake Naivasha – 2 Nights

Day 2 - Loldia House, Lake Naivasha (2 nights)
<https://www.governorscamp.com/safari-camps/loldia-house/>:

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Transfer to Wilson Airport and depart on the schedule morning flight to Loldia. Upon arrival you will be met by the lodge driver guide and transfer to the lodge which will be your home for the next 2 days. B,L,D

Loldia House is an original Kenyan home set on an old farm on the shores of Lake Naivasha. Here guests can enjoy a gentle pace of life; relax by the pool, take in the views, head off on a game drive or indulge in a variety of treatments from our poolside spa room.



Loldia House offers a choice of accommodation either in the old family house or in cottages in the grounds. In the main house, there is one en-suite double room. Close by are three other guest cottages (each housing two separate rooms, all en-suite), surrounded by pretty gardens and offering incredible views across the lake to the extinct volcano, Mount Longonot. Up on the hill is the specially built Top Cottage, which has three double bedrooms and its own sitting room with an open log fire, making it ideal for families or close friends travelling together. The vista from up here is stupendous! Wi-Fi is available in the main areas.

Day 3: A full day excursion to Lake Nakuru complete with a picnic breakfast/lunch. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. B,L,D



Mugie Wildlife Conservancy, Laikipia – 2 Nights

Day 4 – Governors Mugie House (2 nights)

<https://www.governorscamp.com/safari-camps/governors-mugie-house/>:

Depart after breakfast to the local airstrip for the scheduled morning flight to Governors Mugie Camp. You will be met on arrival by the local driver guide and transfer to camp which will be your home for the next 2 days. B,L,D

Perched on a hill are eight stone cottages, each with sweeping views of the Laikipia landscape. A large main house with open log fires will host guests for relaxing cocktails and scrumptious meals, prepared from a creative menu with ingredients sourced from our own vegetable garden. An infinity pool offers lovely, shaded areas and a casual alfresco dining area, while a waterhole set in front of Mugie House attracts a variety of wildlife with a *hide* to offer some close encounters. Wi-Fi is available in the cottages and main areas.



Day 5: A full day to explore the Mugie Conservancy. Securing land for wildlife is a key conservation imperative in Africa today and Mugie Conservancy provides a key wildlife access route between the Laikipia plateau, the Mathews Range and the Samburu lands to the north and east.

Vast acacia-dotted savannahs, olive forests and scrubby bush are a haven to a multitude of wildlife in plentiful numbers, including key endemic northern Kenyan species such as Grevy's Zebra, Jackson's Hartebeest and Reticulated Giraffe.



Maasai Mara National Reserve - 3 nights

Day 6 – Little Governor's Camp, Maasai Mara National Reserve (3 nights)

<https://www.governorscamp.com/safari-camps/little-governors-camp/> :

Depart after breakfast and transfer to the local airstrip and depart on the schedule morning flight to Little Governors Camp. You will be met on arrival by the local driver guide and transfer to camp which will be your home for the next 3 days.

The camp that Africa's old hands swear by Little Governors' casts its spell over all who visit from honeymooning couples to Presidents. "Our favourite camp in the Mara" according to the guide 'Kenya's Best'.

Intimate in character, there are just 17 tents

tucked around a large watering-hole that teems with animal and bird life. From every veranda the view changes daily: Giraffe and Lion, Elephant, and Warthog. Getting here is an

adventure, you first must cross the Mara River by boat, then walk a short distance, escorted by armed guards, through the forest. All the tents are comfortable and tasteful. Each has en-suite bathroom, hot water, even bidets. In keeping with safari tradition lighting is by gas and kerosene lantern or candlelight. As dusk falls the flickering lights in the forest make the camp a uniquely peaceful and atmospheric place.



Day 7 & 8: Days 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 it's 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 9 – 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?



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Per person based on 2 guests sharing

Low Season (Mar, April, May) From \$7195USD

Mid-Season (Jan, Feb, Nov) From \$7795USD

High Season (June to October) From \$8695USD

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 - 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 March and April.

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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IT BECOMES A PART OF YOU”**



About Nature Encounters Tours & Travel Ltd.

Welcome to Nature Encounters Tours & Travel! Owner Carol Petersen has been traveling 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.

