

GROUP ADVENTURES

## Masai Mara Interactive, Lake Nakuru & Amboseli Safari 6D/5N

Safari

6 Days / 1 Country

Kenya

Departure city: **Nairobi, Kenya**

End city: **Nairobi, Kenya**

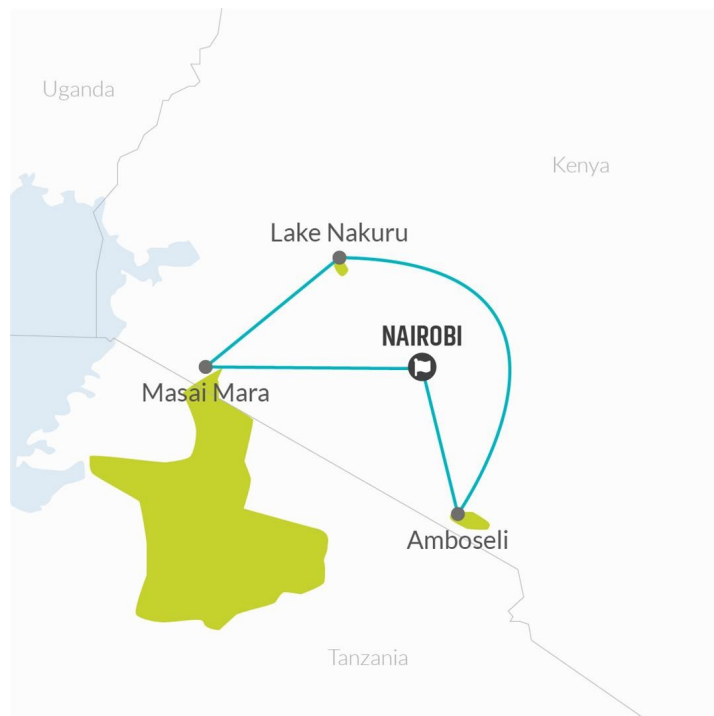


### HIGHLIGHTS

- Go on a safari with Mt. Kilimanjaro as a backdrop
- See over 400 species of birds at Lake Nakuru
- Immerse yourself in an authentic Maasai village
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Embark on this 6-day safari to the heart of Kenya and enjoy game drives through fantastic sceneries. Marvel at Amboseli National Park's enormous elephant population, see massive flocks of flamingos at Lake Nakuru, and visit an authentic Maasai Mara village with a local guide.,

### MAP



## What is included



### Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers



### Accommodation: 5

- Budget hotels/tent camping or medium-range/tented lodges



### Transport: 3

- Accommodation transfers & transport per itinerary  
Transport in a specially equipped safari vehicle
- Nairobi accommodation pick-up & drop-off



### Meals: 16

- 5 Breakfast(s), 6 Lunch(es), 5 Dinner(s),



### Guides:

- Service of a professional English-speaking driver/guide

## What is not included

- \*Airport pick-up & drop-off
- \*Airfare, airport departure tax
- \*Other meals/drinks
- \*Extras at lodges (drinks, telephone, laundry, etc.)
- \*Optional balloon safari
- \*Travel insurance
- \*Tips
- \*Personal expenses

\*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

## Additional information

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#### Accommodation Note:

Please note that the accommodations during your safari will be rustic and typical of the region. Camping will be in mobile tents, and the lodge accommodations will be a mixture of mid-range traditional lodges and tented lodges.

*Safari Tents: Please note safari tents do not have mosquito nets.*

*Sleeping Bag: Sleeping bags can be hired for \$10USD per day.*

#### Suggested Packing List:

Pack as lightly as possible since there is limited space for luggage and you will not want to carry extra weight. Pack light-colored clothing, safari pants and shirts, sun hat, sunglasses, sun block, insect repellent, comfortable shoes, sandals, warm clothing, wool hat, scarf, rain poncho, warm socks, sweater, thermals, bathing suit, money belt, flashlight/torch, camera, extra batteries and memory cards (there is limited electricity available during some parts of the trip), waterproof bags for your camera, hand sanitizer, personal first aid kit, toiletries, rehydration powder, water bottle, contact lenses & glasses, electrical current adapters, earplugs, travel pillow, money pouch. Bring a

small day-pack to carry your camera and personal items.

Bring extra cash for snacks, water, and souvenirs along the way. **DON'T FORGET THE ESSENTIALS:** original passport plus a copy, visas (if applicable), yellow fever certificate, insurance card, malaria pills, prescription medications.

**Please note: The order of the days may change due to group size and availability of camp sites or lodges.**

# Itinerary

## Day 1: Nairobi – Amboseli National Park, Kenya

Nairobi Accommodation Pick-Up & Transfer to Amboseli NP

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You will be picked up from your Nairobi accommodation at 8:30am to drive past the scenic Athi Plains and into the bushy country of Amboseli National Park. Arriving in time at your camp/lodge for lunch, you'll later go for evening game drive. Amboseli National Park is a landscape dominated everywhere by the glistening, majestic snowcap of the mighty Mt. Kilimanjaro - a fitting backdrop to the wild region. It is also the region where pastoral Masai and their cattle have lived in harmony with wild creatures for many a century. After lunch, experience an afternoon game drive at the foot of Africa's highest mountain. Dinner and overnight is at the Amboseli camp/lodge located in the very heart of the Amboseli National Park.

Budget Package: Overnight in Kimana Camp or similar.

Lodge Package: Overnight in Sentrim Tented Lodge or similar.

## Day 2: Amboseli National Park, Kenya

Explore Amboseli National Park

Option 1: After breakfast, proceed for a morning game drive in the park and return back to the camp/lodge around midday for lunch. Relax after lunch to await for an evening game drive at 4:00 pm when the weather cools down and the wildlife is active. Amboseli is famous for its big game – elephants, lions, herds of buffaloes, zebra and wildebeest and its great scenic beauty. The landscape is dominated by Mount Kilimanjaro (the highest peak in Africa) and 'floating' elephants within the swamps, whose permanent waters zip down from the mountain. Later in the evening, return back to your camp/lodge for dinner and overnight.

Option 2: After breakfast, depart the camp/lodge with a packed lunch for a full day game drive. Stop to enjoy your picnic lunch at the observation hill which on a clear day affords you with views of Kilimanjaro in the distance. Continue with game viewing after lunch and return to the camp/lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight.

Budget Package: Overnight in Kimana Camp or similar.

Lodge Package: Overnight in Sentrim Tented Lodge or similar.

## Day 3: Amboseli National Park – Lake Nakuru, Kenya

Travel from Amboseli National Park to Lake Nakuru

You will depart after an early breakfast by road for Lake Nakuru National Park which supports a wide diversity of flamingos and other water birds. Arrive at around 12:30 pm and begin a game drive en route to your accommodation for check-in and lunch. Get settled in and relax until 4:00 pm when you will head out for another game drive and nature walk along the lake shores and return back to your accommodation before sunset.

Lake Nakuru is a shallow alkaline lake famous for its flamingo population estimated to be more than a million, hence it is referred to as the 'Birds Paradise' by bird watchers. Spot elusive wild animals like tree climbing lions, the white and the black rhinos which are endangered species in Kenya, the rare Rothschild Giraffe, Cape buffaloes, waterbucks, gazelles, leopard and primates throughout the park.

Budget Package: Overnight in Citymax Hotel or similar.

Lodge Package: Overnight in Nakuru Sopa Lodge or similar.

## Day 4: Lake Nakuru – Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya

Travel from Lake Nakuru to Amboseli National Park

After breakfast depart for a journey south along the floor of the dramatic Great Rift Valley to Masai Mara National Reserve - an extension of Tanzania's Serengeti National Park also known as The 7th Wonder of the World because of the great wildebeest migration, witnessed every year between June and September. Millions of wildebeests and zebra cross the Mara River from Serengeti National Park in Tanzania to Masai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya in search of food and water and it is famous for its wide variety of resident wildlife all year round. Stop for lunch at Narok Town and arrive to Masai Mara National Reserve in time for an afternoon game drive where you may have a chance of seeing the 'Big Five', different varieties of birdlife and the best savannah vegetation in the world. This is serene vast country of breath-taking vistas, a panorama of vast rolling plains and rounded hills, of intermittent groves of acacia woodlands and dense thickets of scrub. The Mara River and its tributaries which are margined by luxuriant riverine forest bisect the landscape. The famous Masai tribesmen live within the dispersal area of the game reserve. And in every direction there are seemingly endless herds of game animals. Return to the camp/lodge for dinner and overnight.

Budget Package: Overnight in Chui Camp or similar.

Lodge Package: Overnight in Mara Sopa Lodge or similar.

## Day 5: Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya

Explore the Masai Mara National Reserve

Today you will enjoy full day game drives to absorb the beauty and splendor of the Mara. In this country of breathtaking vistas, view its vast assemblages of plains game together with their associated predators. Mara has the largest population of lions to be found in Kenya. Other animals to be seen here include buffalo, black rhino, hippopotamus, leopard, cheetah, zebra, Coke's hartebeest, white-bearded gnu, oribi, warthog and Thomson's and Grant's gazelles. The bird life of Mara is as profuse as its mammalian fauna.

Today you will have a picnic lunch at the Mara River where you can enjoy your box lunch while watching crocodiles and hippos laze around in their natural habitat. This is a great way to take advantage of your time in the park and enjoy seeing the views below and all around you. After lunch continue your game drive in search for more wildlife.

You will be dropped off at the Masai Village at 5:00 pm for an opportunity to visit the Masai people to witness the singing and dancing that are part of their daily lives and sacred rituals. Upon arrival at the village proceed for a nature walk with the Masai naturalist guide, you will get to see herbs that are used as medication among the Masai. Return to the village where a camp fire will be lit, entertainment from both women, children and men of the village follows with a chance for you to join in their dancing. The chief will then give you stories of their culture and tradition, they will show you how the herbs seen during the nature walk are prepared and used. You will also have a glimpse into their homes and social structure, dinner will be served at the village followed by coffee and tea as you leave to return to the camp/lodge for overnight.

Budget Package: Overnight in Chui Camp or similar.

Lodge Package: Overnight in Mara Sopa Lodge or similar.

Optional: Tonight you will have the option to choose to sleep in an authentic Masai-style home with beds, located at the campsite (subject to availability).

## Day 6: Masai Mara National Reserve – Nairobi, Kenya

Return to Nairobi for Accommodation Drop-Off

Take an early morning game drive into the park and then return to the camp/lodge for a full breakfast. Say goodbye to the Masai Mara Game Reserve as you begin your leisurely return drive back to Nairobi, arriving in the late afternoon. Your trip will come to an end with a drop off at your accommodation.

