



**SPECIAL
TRAVEL
INTERNATIONAL**

Customized **African Safari**

Escorted by:
Special Travel International

African Safari in Kenya
12 Nights All Inclusive
November 4th – 16th, 2024
(Depart Canada: Nov 3rd)

\$7999/ person
Double occupancy | CAD
Single Supplement add \$1099
International Flights Not Included

Detailed Itinerary

Highlights

- Mt. Kenya, Samburu National Park, Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Masai Mara & Amboseli / Mt. Kilimanjaro
- 4.5 - 5 Star Lodges (three nights in luxury tented lodges)
- Private Land Cruisers with open hatch roofs, onboard fresh drinking water & coolers
- Only 4 guests per Land Cruiser with a private English speaking driver guide
- 2 Nights pre-safari in Nairobi - Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, Giraffe Centre
- 10 Night safari that circles the country of Kenya with game drives and viewing every day
- Witness the “Big Five”
- This is NOT a coach tour!

Package Includes:

Customized Experience Includes:

- Escorted by Special Travel International
- 2 Night pre-safari in Nairobi at the Nairobi Serena with private airport transfer
- Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and Giraffe Centre experiences
- 10 Night Safari in 4.5 - 5-star accommodations (game lodges & tented lodges), game drives & park passes
- **All Meals** (Daily breakfasts, daily lunches & daily dinners) - Picnic lunches on some days during safari
- 1 private Land Cruiser per 4 guests with open hatch roof & a personal English speaking driver guide
- Daily game drives in your private Land Cruiser
- Flying Doctors Coverage - Emergency medical aircraft services (fixed wing aircraft & helicopter)
- All transfers & taxes



Day 1 - Arrival in Nairobi, Kenya (Nov 4th, 2024)

Evening Arrival:

We are greeted at the Kenyatta International Airport and shuttled to the 5 Star **Nairobi Serena Hotel**. Here we will rest and relax for 2 nights in this stunning hotel nestled among lush gardens at the edge of Nairobi's Central Park.



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, and although it has developed a reputation which keeps tourist visits brief, 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.



Day 2 – Nairobi – Nov 5th

Tour: Elephant Orphanage / Giraffe Sanctuary

Today you will visit the renowned elephant orphanage operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and the Giraffe Center.



Day 3 - Depart on Safari (Nov 6th) - Afternoon Game Drive

After breakfast our private driver / guides will greet us in the hotel lobby. Each guide will welcome 4 guests per Land Cruiser providing an exclusive private experience. Our safari begins as we pass the coffee and pineapple plantations as we journey north across the equator, gently descending into the arid, desert-like setting of Kenya's Northern Frontier District, traveling on to your lodge in Samburu Game Reserve. Resting on the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro River and neighbouring the Buffalo Springs National Park, Samburu National Reserve is remote, hot and arid. Spanning over 165 kilometres of scenic landscape featuring rugged hills, undulating plains and riverine forests - the park is home to abundant wildlife including a variety of rare species. Samburu was one of the homes of 'Elsa the Lioness', star of the best-selling book and award-winning movie 'Born Free'. Here you will enjoy viewing over 900 elephants, a variety of predators, and over 450 bird species.

After lunch, enjoy a thrilling afternoon off the beaten track, racing to keep up with prowling predators, and witnessing some of Kenya's most rare wildlife species including the Blue-Necked Ostrich, Reticulated Giraffe and Grevy's Zebra. Unwind from a day of excitement with cocktails, dinner, and a 2-night stay.

Ashnil Samburu Camp – Buffalo Springs Game Reserve (2 Nights FB)

Ashnil Samburu Camp is a luxury tented camp set in the spectacular backdrop drop of the Mighty Ol Olokwe mountain fronting Ewaso Nyiro River. The 20 exclusive luxury Tents are spread out along the shady banks of the river under a thick stand of doum Palms.

Featuring an outdoor swimming pool surrounded by sun lounges, a garden and a Lounge bar offering views of the African savannah. Each tent features a decked Terrace with views of the Ewaso Nyiro River. The restaurant offers views of the river and serves a variety of menus comprising of Oriental, traditional and international cuisines.



Day 4 – Samburu Game Reserve (Nov 7th) Game Drives

As the sun rises in a calm and serene Samburu, embark on an early morning game drive. As you track Samburu’s ‘Big Five’ and rare wildlife, allow the enormity and quirky charm of this remote corner of Kenya engulf you, as you gain a newfound appreciation for the magic of nature. After your morning game drive return around 8:30 am - 9 am to find a beautiful hot breakfast awaiting you. Relax by the pool and enjoy the lodge prior to the afternoon game driver at 3:30 pm and return to the lodge as the sun sets at 6 pm, followed by dinner and a second overnight stay.

Day 5 – Samburu Game Reserve (Nov 8th) - Game Viewing

Following breakfast and check out your next stop in the Sweetwaters Tented Camp in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy.

Check In - Sweetwaters Serena Safari Camp Ol Pejeta Conservancy (1 Night FB)



Embrace the awe-inspiring natural beauty of your surroundings and set the stage for a visit you won’t soon forget. Located within the sprawling Ol Pejeta Conservancy, one of Kenya’s most noteworthy conservancies and home to the ‘Big Five’ (elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo and leopard), Sweetwaters Serena Safari Camp offers an experience unlike any other.



Enjoy an afternoon game drive in the private conservancy and later return for dinner. Tonight, you will enjoy the sounds of the night creatures in your luxury tent.

Day 6 – Samburu Game Reserve – Lake Nakuru (Nov 9th) – Afternoon Game Viewing

Check Out - Sweetwaters Serena Safari Camp



Following breakfast, check out armed with a picnic lunch. Drive to your lodge in Lake Nakuru for a late afternoon game drive along the lake shore. Dinner and overnight.

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. Here you 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.

Check In - Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge – Lake Nakuru National Park (1 Night FB)

Located on a range of hills that form the western limits of Africa’s Great Rift Valley, the lodge offers spectacular views over the vastness of Africa. The lodge also overlooks Lake Nakuru and its surrounding National Park — paradise for bird watchers and wildlife lovers alike. Lake Nakuru National Park is mainly a wooded and bushy grassland with a wide ecological diversity and characteristic habitats that range from the lake waters to the escarpment and ridges.





Day 7 –Lake Nakuru – Masai Mara Game Reserve (Nov 10th) – Afternoon Game Viewing

Check Out - Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge!

Following breakfast and check out, depart for the famous Masai Mara Game Reserve, arriving in time for a hearty lunch.

Check In – Mara Serena Safari Lodge – Masai Mara National Park (3 Nights FB)

This will be followed by a late afternoon game drive exploring the vast savannahs as the heat of the sun turns to a soft glow, setting the scene for great silhouettes. Settle into the night with the crackle of fire and the soothing sounds of the wild. Enjoy your dinner, followed by three nights stay.



Mara Serena Safari Lodge invites you to a world where dramatic sights and experiences are enhanced by gracious service and five-star amenities. As the only safari lodge in the famed Mara Triangle, they offer a setting matched by few other hotels in the world: perched high on a bush-cloaked hill with sweeping views of the savannah and the meandering shoreline of the Mara River.

This Masai Mara lodge is designed in the style of a traditional Maasai Manyatta while offering every modern comfort. Neatly arranged rows of rooms are positioned to offer uninterrupted river views from private balconies. Equally breathtaking sightlines can be enjoyed from the restaurant and bar and rock-enclosed swimming pool. After a day in the bush, a steam shower and an Oringa Massage at the Maisha Spa & Gym offer an exquisite welcome back to civilisation.

Day 8 - Masai Mara Game Reserve (Nov 11th) Early morning & afternoon game drives

The Masai Mara together with Tanzania's Serengeti form Africa's most famous wildlife park. The image of acacia trees on an endless grass plain epitomises Africa for many, and then add a Masai warrior and some cattle to the picture and the conversation need go no further. But that is not where the game viewing ends; there are large prides of lions, herds of elephants and on the grasslands, you will see giraffes, gazelles, and eland to mention but a few. Aside from traditional vehicle safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Mara plains has become almost essential. As you step out into the wild world of the Masai Mara, you can be sure that this full day of safaris will give you all the drama and excitement you could wish for, plus some quiet and truly magical moments of inspiration and romance, thanks to the park's endlessly rolling savannahs. Once back at the lodge, enjoy drinks by the bar, a good meal under the stars, before climbing into bed for a well-deserved night's rest.



Optional Activities:

Hot Air Balloon Safari, Cultural Visit, Night Game Drive (certain locations)

Day 9 - Masai Mara Game Reserve – Nov 12th - Early Pre-Breakfast and Afternoon Game Drive

Enjoy one last morning escapade among Mara's truly astounding wildlife, before returning to your lodge for breakfast. Later in the afternoon enjoy a sunset game drive.

Day 10 – Naivasha Sopa Lodge, Lake Naivasha (Nov 13th)

Check Out – Mara Serena Safari Lodge - Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge



After a leisurely morning, you will drive to Lake Naivasha. This is an important horticultural area of Kenya, famous for her teeming diverse bird species, scenic climate and tranquillity. Arrive at your lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, you will enjoy a boat ride and visit to the crescent island for a guided walking safari on the eastern side of the lake that is also home to Masai giraffe, zebra, dik diks, steenbok, impala and gazelles. It is quite liberating to walk among the giraffe and zebra with no fences or barriers between you and the wildlife!

Day 11 – Depart for Amboseli National Park (Nov 14th) – Afternoon Game Viewing

Check Out – Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge

An early start today with breakfast then check out. You will then depart for Amboseli National Park. Arrive for lunch and check in. In the afternoon, you will proceed on an afternoon game viewing drive, set in rolling savannah scenery, it is dwarfed by the presence of the pink-tinged, snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing volcanic mountain in the world and topped by one fifth of all the ice in Africa. Against this magnificent backdrop roam vast herds of 'giant' elephant accompanied by a kaleidoscope of other fabulous beasts - lion, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, baboon, gazelle hippo and wildebeest. Amboseli National Park is also an ornithological paradise with over 400 species of birds, all manner of reptilian, flora and fauna and some of the most soul-searing views in Africa. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.



Check In - Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge - Amboseli National Park (2 Nights FB)

You'll arrive at your lodge in time for lunch and a late afternoon game drive chasing the fiery African sunset, before enjoying a hearty dinner and a good night's sleep.

Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge is located near Mount Kilimanjaro in the heart of Kenya's Amboseli National Park. The lodge offers 92 rooms which feature complimentary Wi-Fi, 24-hour room service and a private balcony. Hotel facilities include a swimming pool and sundeck, a gift shop, spacious interior bar with terrace, a campfire bar and bush BBQ area. You can also enjoy guided walks, bird-watching walks, dinner in the bush and Masai dance performances in dedicated exterior bush BBQ area.



Day 12 - Amboseli National Park (Nov 15th) – Morning and Afternoon Game Viewing

Spend the day out in Amboseli's endless grasslands, amid vast herds of elephants and other game. Feel the thrill of exploring new vistas around each bend in the track, from dry fossil lake beds to verdant swamp, all the while reveling in the picture-perfect view of Mt. Kilimanjaro's snow-capped peaks.

Located in the southern reaches of Kenya, the Amboseli National Park is renowned for its excellent variety of wildlife such as Masai 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 snow cap 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 of the park include opportunities to meet the Masai people and soak up spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world.

Optional Activities:

Cultural Visits, Guided Walks, Night Safari, Nature Treks and Bird Watching safari.



Day 12 Depart Amboseli – Nairobi (Nov 16th)

Check Out - Amboseli Serena Lodge

Following an early morning breakfast and check out, we depart Amboseli National Park and transported to Nairobi International Airport and return to Canada.

Note: Ask about - Post Tour Options

From Amboseli you can take a short flight to an all-inclusive resort on the Indian Ocean.

From Nairobi you can continue to Uganda for a mountain gorilla trek or maybe extend your African experience with a visit to Victoria Falls and South Africa.

End of tour

Accommodation Overview

Accommodations have 4.5 & 5 Star Rating
All include: 3 or 4 course meals and services
All lodges are secure and safe from wildlife

FB - Full Board

Dinner, Breakfast and Lunch (Coffee, tea and water)

Package Includes:

- Personally, escorted by Special Travel International
- Meet & Greet in Nairobi
- 12 Nights Accommodations
- All meals (beverages: coffee, tea, and bottled water throughout)
- Private 8-Seater Land Cruisers - Open hatch roof, only 4 guests per vehicle with ice box & fresh drinking water (Private driver/guide)
- All transfers in Kenya
- All transportation including safari drives by professional English-speaking driver/safari guides
- Game drives, park entry fees
- Flying Doctors Coverage - Emergency medical aircraft services (fixed wing aircraft & helicopter)
- Taxes



Package Excludes:

International flights from Canada, tourist visas, and gratuities
Visas, vaccinations, and medical insurance. Assistance will be provided.
Any item of a personal nature, optional activities as indicated, and any other extras not mentioned as included.

Please Note: Special Travel International will be providing group rates for international flights.

Tour Pricing: (CAD)

\$7999 CAD per guest based on double occupancy (Single supplement \$1099 CAD)

Deposit: Due at time of booking \$500 Non-refundable

Second Deposit: \$3000 due on February 8th, 2024

Final Payment: August 15th, 2024

To Book!

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