



Itinerary

The Plains of Africa Kenya Wildlife Safari

Sep 7, 2021 - Sep 20, 2021

For departures beyond Spring of 2022, please call to hold your space at standard 2021 prices*

Pre Night: The Sarova Stanley



Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Nairobi?

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Prepare to see an Africa you've only known in your dreams, and one you never knew existed. Explore Kenya's wildlife, up close and personal, against stunning vistas across the plains of Africa.

Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya - Tour Begins



A continent of adventure stirs the soul in Kenya, the heart of safari country. Spend the night at Nairobi's first luxury hotel, the Sarova Stanley.

Hotel

The Sarova Stanley
Nairobi

Weather

High 75°
Low 52°

Day 3: Nairobi - Aberdare National Park



Set out in the central highlands to the mists of Aberdare National Park. Inside this isolated volcanic range, peaks reach as high as 14,000 feet. Indigenous forests surround you on all sides, and red soil stirs under brilliant waterfalls. Set your eyes on Mweiga Hill, where a welcome party of giraffes wait to greet you at your lodge. Overlooking the park, enjoy the lodge's amenities at leisure this afternoon. Unwind on a nature walk, or tee up for a round of golf – it's up to you.

Hotel

Aberdare Country Club
Nyeri

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 4: Aberdare National Park - Buffalo Springs Reserve - Shaba Reserve



Discover the magic of the Shaba, Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves – home to some of Africa’s most exotic wildlife – particularly two species you can only find north of the Equator: Grevy’s zebra and the reticulated giraffe. Arrive at peaceful Shaba National Reserve, your home for the next two nights. This afternoon, head for Buffalo Springs – a starkly beautiful semi-desert that’s a mecca for birds and wildlife. On your game drive in this remarkably serene landscape, see if you can spot the “Big 5” – lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards and rhinos.

Hotel

Sarova Shaba Lodge
Shaba Reserve

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 76°
Low 46°
Rain 1"

Day 5: Shaba Reserve - Samburu National Reserve - Shaba Reserve



Marvel at the striking contrast of sand, sky, and bush during a morning game drive inside Samburu National Reserve, a tiny gem of Kenya’s North Country. Return to Shaba Reserve for lunch before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Bring your camera as you continue searching for the elusive “Big 5.” Make sure to look up for the approximately 350 species of birds that call this region home. As the sun sets over the banks of the Ewaso Ng’iro River, enjoy a traditional Sundowner, and relish the chance to deepen your cultural experience. In the company of a Samburu tribe member, learn about the culture, traditions, and folklore of the Samburu region and its people.

Hotel

Sarova Shaba Lodge
Shaba Reserve

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 76°
Low 46°
Rain 1"

Day 6: Shaba Reserve - Aberdare National Park



Journey to the forests of Aberdare National Park in the heights of the Aberdare Mountain Range. An amazing experience awaits you upon arrival to your lodge, The Ark. This incredible place is an experience all on its own. Surrounded by forest and wildlife, The Ark offers four viewing decks that make it easy to watch the game go by. Tonight, learn more about the conservation efforts and anti-poaching measures in the region. Many animals visit the salt lick and the Ark’s floodlit water hole throughout the night. So you don’t miss any of the action, you can choose to be notified through the unique buzzer system of any wildlife sightings.

Hotel

The Ark
Nyeri

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 7: Aberdare National Park - Lake Nakuru



To the middle of the Earth and beyond! Hit the road for a spectacular, mountain-kissed journey on the way to Nyahururu waterfalls. One of the Great Rift Valley’s soda lakes, Lake Nakuru is a haven of ecological diversity surrounded by picturesque ridges and wooded, bushy grassland.

Hotel

Sarova Lion Hill
Lake Nakuru

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 75°
Low 52°
Rain 1"

Day 8: Lake Nakuru



Wake up in the embrace of Nakuru’s acacia forest. During this morning’s game drive, make sure your binoculars are ready – this is rhino country. Find this park absolutely brimming with wildlife, on the ground and in the air. Regale in a true taste of Africa: a traditional breakfast prepared right in the bush. Unwind at your lodge before continuing your journey through the park on an afternoon game drive. Return just in time to witness one of Nakuru’s unforgettable sunsets.

Hotel

Sarova Lion Hill
Lake Nakuru

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 75°
Low 52°
Rain 1"

Day 9: Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve



Welcome to the Masai Mara Game Reserve, one of Kenya’s best spots for game viewing. Your tented accommodations in the Mara provide you with all the deluxe amenities of a proper lodge, with the added adventure of being on level with the wild. Graced with an astounding collection of wildlife including lions, giraffes, zebras and elephants, the Mara offers an unsurpassed safari experience on your game drive this afternoon. Enrich yourself in the Masai culture during a visit to a local village (an enkeng in Maa, the Masai language). Tonight, indulge in a traditional bush dinner, complete with a Masai dance performance.

Hotel
Sarova Mara Tented Camp
Masai Mara

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 79°
Low 54°

Day 10: Masai Mara Game Reserve



Ernest Hemingway said, "I never knew a morning in Africa when I woke up and was not happy." Wake up happy, refreshed, and ready for your morning and afternoon game drives through the grassy plains and rolling hills of the Masai Mara. This is truly nature's greatest theater, where savanna, cloud shadows and amazing wildlife spot the horizon. During a picnic stop, take in the vast landscape and discover for yourself why the ancestors described this place as Mara, meaning "spotted" in Maa. After a Mara sunset, head over to your incredible tented camp and be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the animals in the distance.

Hotel
Sarova Mara Tented Camp
Masai Mara

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 79°
Low 54°

Day 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi



Return to Nairobi and visit the farmhouse of Karen Blixen for a true Out of Africa experience. Have Rothschild giraffes eating right out of your hand (literally!) at the Giraffe Sanctuary. Get an up-close-and-personal meeting with these fantastic creatures while feeding them from a platform that stretches as far into the sky as they do.

Hotel
The Sarova Stanley
Nairobi

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 75°
Low 52°

Day 12: Nairobi - Amboseli National Park



This morning, you will visit Ocean Sole, a social enterprise that turns ocean debris into colorful works of art. Learn about their mission to clean the waterways and grow the Kenyan economy. You'll also get a chance to peruse their collection of products before continuing on to Amboseli National Park. Take to the plains for an afternoon game drive in the breathtaking aura of snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro. Complement your journey with an opportunity to give back to nature with a "seedball." The compact balls of seed limit the cost of planting indigenous trees around the world. A moment of impact can grow into a lifetime of change, so toss your seedball out the window anytime during your stay in Amboseli.

Hotel
Ol Tukai Lodge
Amboseli

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 79°
Low 54°

Day 13: Amboseli National Park



All of Amboseli is at your feet today during morning and afternoon game drives. Derived from the Masai word meaning "salty dust," this unique corner of Kenya is one of the best places in Africa to see hundreds of elephants up close. Wildebeests and zebras are ever-present, plus there's a good chance you'll see a cheetah and a hyena or two. Today is your last full day on the continent and your last chance to spot some more members of the elusive "Big 5." If you haven't tossed your "seedball" into the wilds yet, now's your chance to make an impact on the continent you've grown to love.

Hotel
Ol Tukai Lodge
Amboseli

Culinary
Breakfast & Lunch

Weather
High 79°
Low 54°

Day 14: Amboseli National Park - Nairobi - Tour Ends



Return to Nairobi for your departure home. You may choose to reserve a day room to freshen up prior to your flight.

Post Night: Sarova Panafric

How do you make an incredible experience even more incredible? Complete your African adventure with an additional 4-night Tanzania Post Tour Extension. This is your chance to explore Serengeti National Park, the famous wildlife sanctuary. Enjoy a full day game drive in the park's pristine eco-system. Continue on with a safari in the Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest intact caldera. You've come so far – go further.