

Tanzania and Kenya 12 Days

This safari is designed for individuals who want to see the best of two of the greatest wildlife regions in the world. It will be 12 amazing days in The Serengeti and Maasai Mara National Parks - getting up close to Lions, Elephant, Hyena, Leopards, Cheetah, Hippos, Gazelle, Cape Buffalo and scores of other wild animals and birds that roam the great plains, hills and rivers of East Africa. You will conclude your 'Out Of Africa' experience with a visit to the Maasai tribe of East Africa learning about their remarkable nomadic culture and a stop at the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi National Park. You'll be traveling in custom, extended Land Cruisers guided by experienced African adventure traveler and Canadian journalist, Rick Castiglione.

The Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive, Kilimanjaro International Airport, Tanzania (Evening)

Accommodations: City Lodge Arusha (breakfast)

Day 2 – Arusha to Karatu

We will have a late start this morning, spending the afternoon driving through the Great Rift Valley to the village of Karatu, our launch point to Ngorongoro Crater and The Serengeti.

Accommodations: Country Lodge (dinner and breakfast)

Day 3 - Ngorongoro Crater

Today we will safari into the worlds largest volcano caldera to see rhinos, elephants, lions, wildebeest, hippos, hyenas, Cape Buffalo and more. We'll take a picnic lunch and spend the entire day exploring the inside of the crater..

Accommodation: Country Lodge (dinner and breakfast)

Days 4, 5 – The Serengeti

Today we game drive through the eastern Serengeti Plains to a remote luxury bush camp, in the middle of it all! The Serengeti is the most renowned wildlife park in the entire world. Over 10,000 sq. miles of pristine wilderness play host to the migration of wildebeest, hippos, gazelle, giraffe, elephants and large herds of zebra's graze of the

Serengeti Plains. The variety and abundance of wildlife here is unmatched anywhere else in Africa.

Our luxury tented camp is located right on the Serengeti Plains.

Accommodations – Tanzania Bush Camp (all meals)

Days 6,7,8 – The Maasai Mara, Kenya

Today we game drive through the Serengeti to the border with Kenya and into the Maasai Mara. The 'Mara' boasts the highest density of large predators, including lions, leopards and cheetahs, in the world! Our deluxe bush camp is located right on the banks of the Mara River, where you can watch hippos in the water below as you have breakfast. Across the river we often see herds of Giraffe, Cape Buffalo and Zebra – and occasionally a pride of lions. The drive from the camp – to the very centre of amazing wildlife viewing is – about :30 seconds! The camps chefs will prepare delicious meals in a large dining tent.

After dinner you can look at the stars while sitting around the campfire and listening to hippos snorting and lions and hyena calling to each other in the darkness.

Oh yes... the camps are guarded by Maasai warriors through the night!

Accommodations – Maasai Mara Luxury Tented Camp (all meals)

Days 9,10 – Maasai Lands – Cultural Experience

Today we drive from the Maasai Mara into the heart of the Maasai Lands. The Maasai are a remarkable tribe of pastoralists that have roamed the plains of Tanzania and Kenya for hundreds of years. Fierce Murani (warriors) kept the clans of the Maasai apart from the rest of society, until the last century when their ability to roam was reduced and they began living in permanent villages. We will stay our private guest lodgings in the middle of a Maasai community, a place that Rick has been visiting for many years and he is considered a close friend. We will also visit a small community school that Rick has been involved in creating from the very start. You'll have a chance to meet and interact with the children and their teachers. Our guest house is basic- clean and safe and the only available accommodations for many kilometers.

Accommodations: Enaidura and Cielo Expeditions Camp (all meals)

Day 11 - The Maasailands to Nairobi.

After saying goodbye to your new Maasai friends we will make our way through the Great rift Valley to Nairobi, a large metropolitan city and the capital of Kenya. Accommodations: City Hotel (bed and breakfast)

Day 12 – Elephant orphanage – Giraffe Conservancy and departure.

The last day and two last chances to get wildlife photos. We will visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Conservancy to witness and photograph the morning feeding of rescued and orphaned baby elephants.

Departure: Jomo Kenyata International Airport – Evening

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Ground transportation (Custom Extended Land Cruiser with photo hatch) while on safari in Tanzania and Kenya as described in itineraries.
- All meals and accommodation in bush camps and rural lodges.
- All park and guide fees as specified in itinerary.

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- International flights and International Visas
- Personal Travel and Health Insurance.
- Meals lunch/dinner in Arusha and Nairobi
- All items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, drinks, tips etc.