

# 5 DAY SAFARI – MAASAI MARA, LAKE NAKURU, LAKE NAIVASHA

# DAY 1

07:00 - pick up from meeting point in Nairobi drive to Maasai Mara. During the travel stop at the viewpoint of the great rift valley.

This is one of, if not the greatest wildlife and game viewing park in the world. It is 1,510 km2 and is globally famous for its exceptional populations of lions, leopard and cheetah as well as rhino. The great migration of the wildebeest, Thompson's gazelle and zebra (2 million plus strong) from the Serengeti in Tanzania to Mara during the July – October period and has made the park globally famous as this spectacle has been declared one of the wonders of the world.



12:00 - 16:00 - Arrive at your Tented Camp in Mara, check - in and enjoy a warm delicious lunch before relaxing at the pool and enjoying the camp's facilities. It is too hot to be out on game drives and apart from the herds of gnu and other herbivores there won't be much else to see at this time of the day.

16:00 – 18:30 – First game drive in Mara will be an amazing experience.

Panoramic views of the savannah plains and big population of animals are comparable to none elsewhere. There is always something hiding behind a bush, or in a tree near you so make full use of the pop-up roof on the vehicles because it gives you the best chance to see the animals. Sunsets in Africa are spellbinding and The Mara does not disappoint. So make sure the camera is well charged and has a lot of storage space for this one.

18:30 onwards – Its getting dark so the driver will take you back to the camp for your dinner and overnight stay. Let's leave some for the next day because you will have a full day to explore and comb the Mara for its hidden treasures.



#### DAY 2

06:00 - 08:30 - Wake up to an early morning cup of coffee/tea before going for the early morning game drive. You are now aware of the high population of predators in this park so expect to encounter lions, leopard and cheetah at some point in the park. The driver who will also be your guide will help you spot these perfectly camouflaged animals in their natural habitat. Take full advantage of the nice morning light to make excellent photos to show your friends and family once you get back home.

08:30 - 10:00 - Time to get back to the lodge for a hot breakfast, hit the warm showers and refresh before going out to the bush again.

10:00 - 12:30 - Mid morning game drive. More time out in the Mara plains means more chance of seeing the wildlife and to enjoy the beauty that is the Kenyan wilderness.

12:30 – 16:00 – Back to the camp for lunch and relaxation in the camp. There is a swimming pool that you can use so ensure you bring out your swimming shorts, bikinis or bathing suits. There are local Maasai village tours that can be organized for you or hot air balloon rides that you can enjoy at Maasai Mara but these are not included in the price, so make sure you have some extra cash for these activities if you wish to take part in them.

16:00 - 18:30 - Enjoy a leisurely evening game drive for animal viewing, panoramic views and the African sunset. Watch the different shades of color in the sky as the sun goes down in the horizon. Take in the beauty because this is a one on one experience with nature. A front row seat in the world best game reserve as you witness the unfolding drama firsthand, animals fight

against all odds for survival in this game of life. It is an experience of a life time and one that we hope you enjoy and remember for a very long time.

18:30 onwards – Get back to camp after sunset for a cold drink and dinner before you hit the sack after a long day out on the floor of the Rift Valley.

#### DAY 3

Early breakfast between 06:00 - 07:00 and checking out of the Camp, after which you will drive to Lake Nakuru National Park.

Lake Nakuru National park is 188km2. It is best known for its thousands if not millions of lesser and greater flamingos nesting along its shores. It is a bird watcher's paradise with over 450 bird species recorded in the park. The parks also boasts of a sizeable endangered black and white rhino populations, as well as tree climbing lions, leopard, cheetah among other numerous species of wildlife. Relax and enjoy the views at the lodge before going out to sample what the park has to offer later in the afternoon after the mid day heat.

12:00-13:00 - Arrive at your lodge for lunch and room check-in. After lunch there will be some time to relax and cool down in the lodge's swimming pool, have an afternoon siesta or just enjoy the lodge's facilities and what it has to offer.

16:00 - 18:30 - Head out and enjoy the beauty of the park, see the numerous variety of bird and wildlife present in the park and take in the amazing panoramic views of the landscapes. Lots to see in Nakuru so make us of the space in your cameras to capture the moments especially when you come face to face with the majestic rhino.

18:30 Onwards - Head back to the lodge and take in what you have just witnessed on your game drive. Enjoy a cold drink, hot shower and later the delicious dinner that will be laid out for you by the friendly staff at the lodge who will take care of all your needs. You will have an overnight stay so enjoy the style and comfort that the lodge has to offer.



### DAY +

06:00 - 08:00 - Early morning tea/coffee before heading out for the morning game drive. If you had not seen the predator the previous day, then this will be your chance to try and spot one, just before they retreat from their nocturnal mischief. Best time for photography and game viewing while the sun rises.

08:00 - 09:00 - Return to the lodge for breakfast before checking out of the lodge.

09:00 – 11:00 – Drive to Lake Naivasha, another of the Rift Valley lakes. Bird life is abundant as well as big herds of hippopotami.

11:00 - 12:30 - Arrive to your lodge and check in. After check in, you will be taken out to the lake for An hour boat ride where you will see lots of different species of birds as well as the herds of hippos that inhabit the lake.

12:30 - 14:00 - After a very long morning full of activities out on the lake, you will be taken back to the lodge where a warm lunch will be waiting for you.

15:00 – 18:30 – After lunch and a short rest, the driver will then take you to Hell's Gate National Park where you will have an afternoon game drive. This is a small but very beautiful park. There are no cats in the park, however lots of other animal species are found there. Buffalo, giraffe, klipspringer among many other animals are present and unique to this park so relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery.

18:30 - Onwards - Head back to the lodge for cold drinks, dinner and overnight.



## DAY 5

06:00 - 07:00 - Early morning breakfast followed by check out then begin the journey back to Mombasa/Nairobi. There will be bathroom breaks along the way which you can also use to catch a bite to eat when you will feel the need to. Arrival back to Mombasa will be late afternoon early evening.

#### **WHAT TO TAKE:**

- SUN PROTECTION CREAM
- HAT/CAP
- SUN GLASSES
- ANTI MOSQUITO/INSECT REPELLANT
- COMFORTABLE, LIGHT CLOTHES AND SHOES
- LONG SLEEVE TROUSERS AND JACKET FOR MORNING AND EVENING DRIVES
- CAMERA
- **SPARE BATTERIES**
- **BINOCULARS**



# **PRICE INCLUDES:**



- TRANSPORT IN A MINI VAN OR 4X4 WITH A POP-UP ROOF FROM AND BACK TO NAIROBI/MOMBASA
- **DRIVER-GUIDE ASSISTANCE**
- **FULL BOARD ACCOMMODATION IN THE** HOTEL (STARTING LUNCH ON DAY 1 AND FINISHING BREAKFAST ON DAY 5)
- WATER IN THE CAR (0,5L A DAY PER PERSON)





#### **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- DRINKS TO LUNCH AND DINNER
- MASAI VILLAGE VISIT (25 USD)
- TIP FOR A DRIVER WHO HELPS US TO SPOT THE ANIMALS
- PERSONAL AND HEALTH INSURANCE (POSSIBLE TO BUY FOR EXTRA CHARGES)
- ACCOMMODATION IN NAIROBI AND FOOD ON THE DAYS OF TRANSFER BETWEENMOMBASA AND NAIROBI

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