Kenya WW - 7 Nights/8 Days

Program 05

Highlights: Nairobi/Maasai Mara/Lake Naivasha/Aberdares/Amboseli
OR IN REVERSE ORDER
Nairobi/Amboseli/Aberdares/Lake Naivasha/Masai Mara

Travel Dates: from 2nd January 2020 to January 2021

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Safari Itinerary

DAY 01: Welcome to Nairobi, Kenya's Bustling Capital

Once you arrive at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), you'll be warmly received by HTT Operations Manager, who will give you a short brief of your safari. You will then be transferred by private vehicle to Movenpick Hotel located in the heart of Westlands, Nairobi's commercial, retail and entertainment suburb about 20 kilometers from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

Movenpick Hotel and Residences provides easy access to the city centre and diplomatic district a perfect base to explore Kenya's capital while staying for business or leisure in 276 spacious rooms, suites and residences.

Depending on when you arrive, you may have time to explore the city and its attractions.

Some of the most popular excursions include:-

- Visit to the Karen Blixen Museum (once home to the author of the evocative "Out of Africa" book).
- Giraffe Centre; which protects the highly endangered Rothschild's giraffe.
- David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust; an orphanage for young elephants.
- Nairobi National Park; the only wildlife national park in the world that is located within a city.

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast
Lunch and dinner on own basis.
Overnight at Movenpick Hotel

DAY 02: Maasai Mara Game Reserve, 8th Wonder of the World

0630hrs: Wake up to an early buffet breakfast at Movenpick Hotel & Residences and then check out.

0730hrs: Depart for Maasai Mara National Reserve, which is also known as the "**Jewel of Kenya**. On your way to Maasai Mara National Reserve, you will enjoy different array of views which are just priceless. The drive passes via the great rift escarpment where a brief stopover will be made for photography and then continue driving. The view is just out of this world!

1240hrs appx: Arrive at Maasai Mara National Reserve; you will have game drive enroute to your lodge which is Mara Sopa Lodge. You'll have a sumptuous Lunch at the lodge.

1530hrs - Enjoy your first game drive in this amazing game reserve known for its wildlife.

A spectacle worth seeing is the annual migration of millions of wildebeests, zebra, and gazelles from the Serengeti plains across the Tanzania border and Mara River to reach Maasai Mara grazing fields. The dramatic crossing of the river and the preying on the migrants by predators can be viewed early June to August. The Mara has got also thousands of species of bird life and plant life. **Wildlife viewing in the mara is year round with plenty of species to be seen.**

1830hrs: Return to the lodge for dinner and then overnight.

Overnight at Mara Sopa lodge or similar.

DAY 03: Full Day in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve

0630hrs: Wake up for a refreshing hot cup of coffee or tea. Then depart for a morning game drive to explore the Mara plains and its intriguing wildlife.

Alternatively:-
You can opt for a Hot Air Balloon Safari instead of a morning game drive.
This is truly a fun and exciting way to see Africa's landscapes and wildlife.

The trip is magical: spend about one hour floating over the Mara plains. You float in the sky, drift with the whim of the wind, overlooking the plains, just in time to experience a breathtaking sunrise and catch a bird's eye view of the reserve.

Please Note:
BALLOON SAFARI IS BOOKED AT EXTRA COST AS SHOWN BELOW IN OUR EXTRAS.
The cost includes Balloon Safari + Out of Africa Bush Breakfast. A certificate will be presented by the pilot after the ride.
For a seamless experience, we recommend that you book your Balloon Safari with HTT.

OR HAVE A FULL DAY GAME DRIVE TODAY IN THE RESERVE WITH PICNIC LUNCH BOXES

0830hrs: Return to the lodge for a full buffet breakfast and spend the morning at your own leisure.

1230hrs: Enjoy a scintillating buffet lunch at the lodge.
Afternoon spent at leisure. You can relax by the swimming pool or you can visit a traditional Maasai Village where you'll get insight into the vibrant and traditional way of life of the Maasai. **(extra cost payable).**

1600hrs: Depart for an evening game drive.
1830hrs Return to the Lodge for dinner and then overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge.

DAY 04: from Maasai Mara to the Shores of Lake Naivasha

Enjoy a sumptuous buffet breakfast at the lodge before departing for the scenic Lake Naivasha. You'll arrive in time for lunch at Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort at approx. 1300 hrs and spend your afternoon at leisure after lunch or undertake optional activities as shown below;

Lake Naivasha is a serene freshwater lake and a superb oasis for wildlife, birds and plants. Just beyond the lake's shore are papyrus swamps, acacia woodlands and forests. There are more than 450 species of birds; from spectacled weavers, grey-backed fiscals, red-billed fire finches, little grebe, yellow billed stork, pelicans and African fish eagles among others.

The lake is one of the primary drinking spots for a host of wildlife including zebras, buffalos, impalas, elands and waterbucks. It is also a favorite place for hippos to cool themselves during the day.

A highlight of a visit here is a boating excursion around the lake or visit to the nearby Crescent Island. Some other exciting activates around Lake Naivasha include nature walks, horseback riding, flower farm trips, community visits. You can also opt for day excursions to Hell's Gate.

This time can be used doing a boat ride or a visit to Crescent Island – see rates below.
Dinner and then overnight at the Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort.

DAY 05: The Scenic Aberdares National Park

Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the lodge, and then check out and depart for the scenic Aberdares National Park. You'll arrive in time for lunch at the Aberdare Country Club, which is the base hotel for The Ark Tree Lodge. In the afternoon after lunch, you'll be transferred to The Ark.

Note: (Pack small overnight bags for the Ark). Remaining luggage will be stored in luggage room

Set in the heart of the Aberdare National Park, iconic and yes, quirky. The Ark overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick, which attracts a host of awesome wildlife. Modeled after Noah's Ark, The Ark has four viewing decks with balconies and lounges to provide superb game viewing from the comfort of the lodge. The animals come to you!

Dinner and then overnight at The Ark.

DAY 06: Enjoy Panoramic Views of Mount Kilimanjaro at Amboseli

Wake up to a hearty buffet breakfast at the Ark. Later, you'll be transferred to Aberdare Country Club to rejoin your driver guide and reclaim left luggage before departure for Amboseli National Park with picnic lunch boxes to enjoy on the way.

The park is famous for being the best place in Africa to get close to free-ranging elephants among other wildlife species. Other attraction of the park includes opportunities to meet the Maasai people and also offers spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world.

Upon arrival at the gate enjoy your game drive until evening hours as your reach your lodge.

1830hrs: Check in at Amboseli Sopa lodge 4* for dinner and then overnight.

DAY 07: Full Day in Amboseli

After breakfast, we'll venture out to explore the amazing and expanse Amboseli Park. You'll get to enjoy full day game drive. We'll carry along a delicious picnic lunch.

Attractions:

- Large Herds of Elephants
- Mt. Kilimanjaro
- Big Five

- Observation Hill which allows an overall view of the whole park especially the swamps and elephants,
- Swamp below observation hill hosts many elephants, buffaloes, hippos, a variety of water fowls like pelican and Egyptian geese.
- Contemporary Maasai culture and indigenous lifestyle

1830hrs: Return to the camp/lodge for dinner and then overnight.
Overnight at Amboseli Sopa lodge or similar.

DAY 08: Departure

0700 hrs. - Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the lodge, check out and depart for Nairobi.
Arrival by 1230 hrs. - Lunch will be on your own arrangement before being transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your home bound flight. (3 hrs. prior check in required)

YOUR SAFARI EXPERIENCE IN KENYA ENDS TODAY,
WE HOPE YOU'VE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME,
& FORMED MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

We Look Forward to Hosting You Again.

COST OF SAFARI

PRICE IN US DOLLARS NETT RATES;

CHILD RATE IS BASED ON UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE
OVER 12 YEARS CHILD PAYS ADULT RATE EXCEPT SOME PARK FEES WHERE THE RATE IS LOWER (PLEASE CHECK UPON REQUEST FOR EXACT QUOTE)

Cost Includes:-

- All airport transfers
- Bed and breakfast basis in Nairobi for 01 night
- Full board accommodation and meals on safari 06 nights
- Game drives in a safari vehicle (Non A/C - private usage) with a pop up roof for maximum game viewing comfort with a professional English-speaking driver/guide.
- All park entrance fees
- Unlimited game drives in masai mara game reserve
- Picnic lunch boxes

Cost Excludes:-

- The cost of obtaining visas- USD 50 per person – children under 16 years of age do not pay visa costs.
- Expenses like laundry, beverages, bar bill, telephone, mineral water, tips, porterage etc.
- International flights.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- All other expenses that are purely of a personal nature.
- All other items that are not mentioned in 'our price includes'.

Complimentary by HTT: 2 bottles of mineral water per person per day while on safari in safari vehicle and one pack of Kenyan assorted teas.

Extras while on safari:

→ **Visit Masai Village: USD 35 per person**
→ **Balloon safari in Masai Mara: USD 420 per person subject to change in case of price increase**
→ **Boat ride in Lake Naivasha: USD 45 per Adult and USD 35 for kids**
→ **A visit to Crescent Island: USD 75 per Adult and USD 45 for Kids**

Please note

1. Soft-sided luggage or duffels are preferable to hard luggage for storage on safari vehicles within East Africa. Large suitcases of dimensions greater than 24"x 17"x 7" are impossible to store in vehicles and on aircraft and should not be used. (Baggage and personal effects are at owner's risk throughout the tour and baggage insurance for members is strongly advised). **Luggage limit of one soft bag per person during travel in Kenya/Tanzania. Hard cases should be avoided as they cannot fit in safari vehicles.**
2. Baggage on Internal Scheduled Flights: if applicable
   Baggage allowance is 15 kg per person.
   Extra luggage will be charged each kilo basis subject to availability of space.
3. **Non A/C Vehicles are used for transfers in Nairobi and on Safari in Kenya & Tanzania**
4. Passport should be **valid at least 6 months** beyond period of stay.
5. It is the duty of the client to check visa requirements for the travel.
6. Check-in at the hotels are 14:00hours & check-out 10:00hours.

7. Missed or delayed flights can lead to changes in the itinerary and at client's expense, should the case arise.
8. We recommend travel insurance to be taken out to safeguard against any cancellations charges levied.
9. **BAN ON PLASTIC BAGS IN KENYA**
   This is to inform you that Kenya has enforced a ban on the use of plastic bags. All guests traveling into Kenya with duty free plastic bags shall be required to leave the bags at the entry points and seek alternative carrier bags. We request that you do not carry plastic bags whilst visiting Kenya as there are penalties for those caught with them. Kindly use cloth bags.

Why Choose HTT as Your Safari Partner

- HTT has over 30 years' experience in the tourism industry providing unrivalled quality and service to our clients with utmost dedication.

- We have highly professional staff who will treat you like royalty, from the moment you embark from your plane to your transfer to your hotel/lodge until your last day of safari.

- HTT offers well-planned, customized itineraries that stray off the beaten path. Our safaris are guaranteed to provide you with exceptional. From breathtaking vistas, thrilling game drives, epic sundowners to magical bush dinners under the starry African sky.

- To make your safari as memorable, enjoyable and comfortable as possible we do the following: -

    - Inspect all the lodges before we recommend it to you. We make sure they are in the best location within the park to ensure excellent game drives.

    - We also inspect each camp to ensure they are to the highest standards in terms of accommodation, food and amenities.