

### **Jewel of Africa Safari**



Day 1

### ARRIVE IN NAIROBI | HILTON GARDEN INN NAIROBI AIRPORT

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, our representative will meet you, transfer you to your hotel for check-in, and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

Day 2

## NAIROBI | LAKE NAIVASHA | LAKE NAKURU | NAKURU SOPA LODGE

Pick up from the hotel at 7 am and proceed to Lake Nakuru via Lake Naivasha for an optional hour boat ride(\$30 per person) for bird watching and hippo viewing.

Continue your journey to Lake Nakuru, arriving in time for lunch. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon game drive in the park. Lake Nakuru houses Kenya's first rhino sanctuary and a large population of white rhinoceros, one of the world's largest concentrations of black rhinoceros. The park features the picturesque Makalia Waterfalls. Also of interest is an area of 188 km around the lake fenced off as a sanctuary to protect Rothschild giraffes. Among predators are lions, leopards, and large pythons hiding in the dense woodlands, which may occasionally be seen crossing roads or dangling from trees. Other game include Thomson's and Grant gazelle, the long-eared leaf-nosed bat, colobus monkey, rock hyrax, hippo, and waterbuck; Impala, striped hyena, bat-eared fox, wildcat, reedbuck, and golden cat.

Day 3

LAKE NAKURU | MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE | ZEBRA PLAINS CAMP

Early departure today! The drive to the Maasai Mara is a long one, about 5-6 hours to the entrance of the Reserve. However, once you are there, you will see that the drive was well worth it.

Covering some 700 square kilometers, the Maasai Mara is the jewel in the crown of wildlife reserves. The concentration of game within the Reserve and the neighboring Group Ranches almost guarantees that you will see 4 of the big five on your first game drive! The Masai Mara, also known as Maasai Mara or The Mara, is named in honor of the Maasai people – the ancestral inhabitants of this area. The Mara is a part of the Greater Mara Ecosystem, which includes several group ranches. Depending on which camp you choose, we might plan a lunch en route or arrive on time for lunch. Enjoy an afternoon game drive.

Day 4

#### MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE | ZEBRA PLAINS CAMP

Spend the full day in Maasai Mara with early morning and afternoon game drives and lunch at the camp/lodge – alternatively, spend most of the day on a game drive with a packed lunch! During July/August, the annual Migration of Wildebeest takes place. This is the right time to spend two full days in the Mara.

Day 5

# MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE | ISEBANIA BORDER | IKOMA WILD CAMP

Breakfast at 6 am and then depart for the Serengeti Ikoma through the Isebania border. Arrive at the border during lunchtime. There will be a 30-minute process of organizing a visa for your entry to Tanzania. Meet your Tanzanian driver and start the game drive en route to Ikoma Wild Camp, located between Grumeti and Ikorongo game reserve northwest of Serengeti national park, Tanzania. The camp is close to fort Ikoma gate and Grumeti river, offering the breathtaking sights of the Serengeti savannah and all the wildlife it has to offer since the camp is located in the great migration corridor. Enjoy a night game drive in the Ikoma area.

Day 6

#### SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK | SERENGETI SAFARI LODGE

After brealkfast drive to Serengeti National Park, mostly exploring the wildlife. During the day, you will have picnic lunches in the park. Serengeti National Park's resident wildlife numbers are exceptionally highin the Wagakuria area, with prides of lions up to 30 strong. However, the area turns into a wildlife paradise from July to October. The key feature is the Mara River. It is not uncommon to see the herds cross the Mara River north on one day and then back south a few days later. Finding a crossingis very difficult and sometimes a matter of luck

Day 7

#### SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK | SERENGETI SAFARI LODGE

Spend another full day in Serengeti National Park, mostly exploring the wildlife. During these days, you will have picnic lunches in the park. Serengeti National Park's resident wildlife numbers are exceptionally high in the Wagakuria area, with prides of lions up to 30 strong.

Day 8

## SERENGETI | NGORONGORO CRATER | NGORONGORO SAFARI LODGE

After breakfast, have a game drive en route to Ngorongoro crater with a packed lunch. On the way, have an optional visit to Maasai Village. You will then drive to Ngorongoro Crater for a once-in-a-lifetime safari tour. The jewel in Ngorongoro's crown, this thick volcanic crater is the most significant unflooded and unbroken caldera in the world. Upon descending to the crater floor, you will visit Lake Magadi, a large but shallow alkaline lake in the southwestern corner. This is one of the crater's leading features.

Day 9

## NGORONGORO CRATER | LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK | AIRPORT

Early breakfast at the camp and depart for a half-day game viewing in Lake Manyara National Park with a picnic lunch. As you enter the national park, lush forests of acacia and mahogany trees begin to set the mood for what is waiting ahead. The game drive will go on till evening with a small break for you to eat your picnic lunch. Watch out for buffaloes, giraffes, impalas, baboons, and blue monkeys during the game-drive. Another spectacle of Lake Manyara National park is the treeclimbing lions. However, spotting them is a game of luck. In the right season, the shoreline turns pink with millions of flamingos flocking.Later, check out of the park and drive to Arusha for your drop-off at the airport for your Zanzibar beach adventure or departure home.



#### **Included in the price:**

- Full board (breakfast, lunch & dinner) accommodation while on safari
- Bush lunch in the Serengeti
- Transfers to and from the airport
- All game drives viewing in a custom-built 4×4 Safari Land Cruiser
- All park and entrance fees
- Transportation with 4×4 vehicles with viewing roofs
- A professional English-speaking driver/guide during the safari
- 24-Hour support during the safari from our office in Moshi
- Bottled water in safari vehicles.

#### **Excluded from the price:**

- Domestic or International flights
- Balloon excursion in Tanzania and Kenya
- Entry visa to Tanzania
- Travel and health insurance
- Gratuities to your guide, hotel staff, and porters
- Meals, drinks, and excursions not described in the itinerary.
- Any other items of a personal nature, laundry, telephone, and postage
- Maasai village tour & Olduvai
   Gorge Tour Domestic or
   International flights



- Ngorongoro Crater car supplement fee
- Current Government taxes and levies
- Travel and health insurance