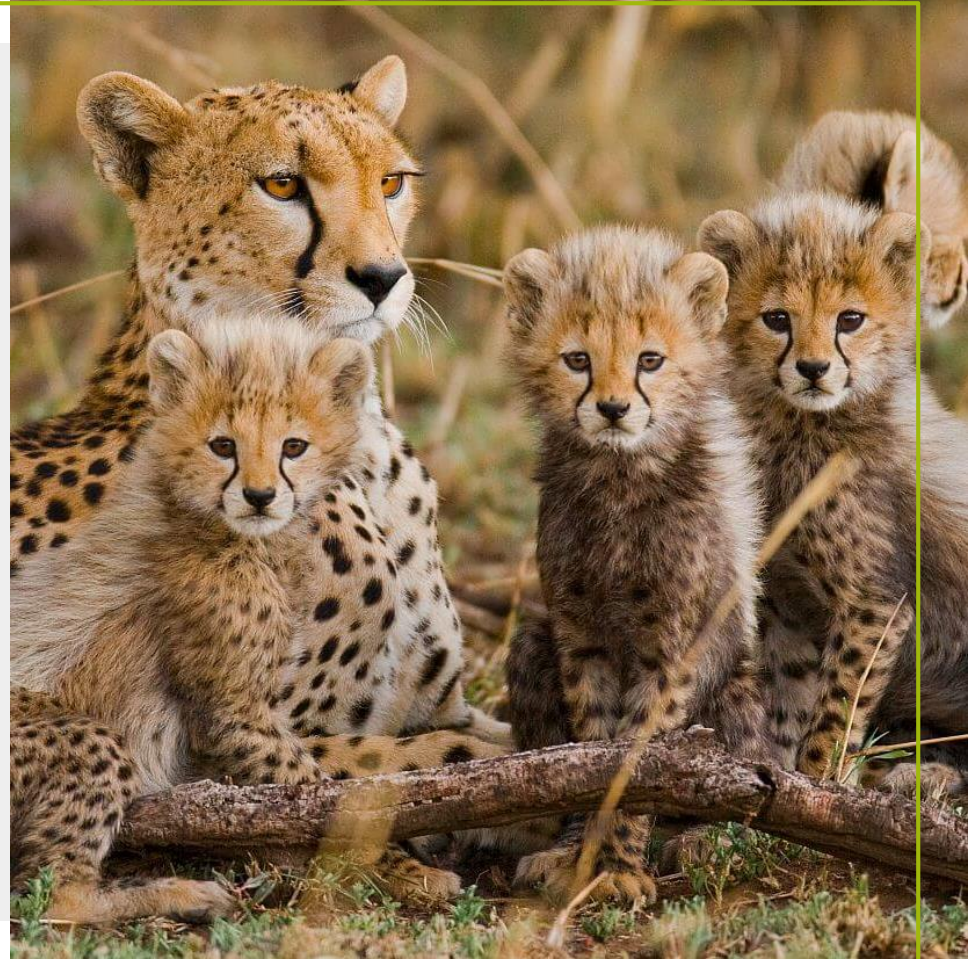


Kenya Country Guide

The adventure starts here...



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Kenya

Unforgettable wildlife, varied and glorious scenery and fabulous tropical beaches, all in one country.

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The Needs to Know

*Different types of Camps, & Safari
Budget ranges for Kenya*

Kenya

Masai Mara • Amboseli & Tsavo • Laikipia

Nairobi • Great Rift Valley Lakes • Lake Victoria

Meru National Park • Kenya Beaches

Samburu & Matthews Range



Key Attributes

- *Wildebeest migration through the Masai Mara – one of the most unique African safari experiences*
- *Varied array of Game Reserves & conservation areas*
- *Easiest destination to combine 'bush and beach'*
- *Superb game-viewing, white sandy beaches & warm tropical ocean*
- *Offers wildlife tours, safari lodges & beach hotels for all budgets*

Important Tips

- *Peak Season: July to October*
- *Some camps close in April to mid-May (long rains)*
- *Situated on the equator, so the climate is warm and pleasant when game-viewing is at its best*
- *Choose between fly-in safaris, road safaris or a mix of the two*



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“Africa has her mysteries and even a wise man cannot understand them. But a wise man respects them.”

— *Miriam Makeba*

(South African singer and civil rights activist)

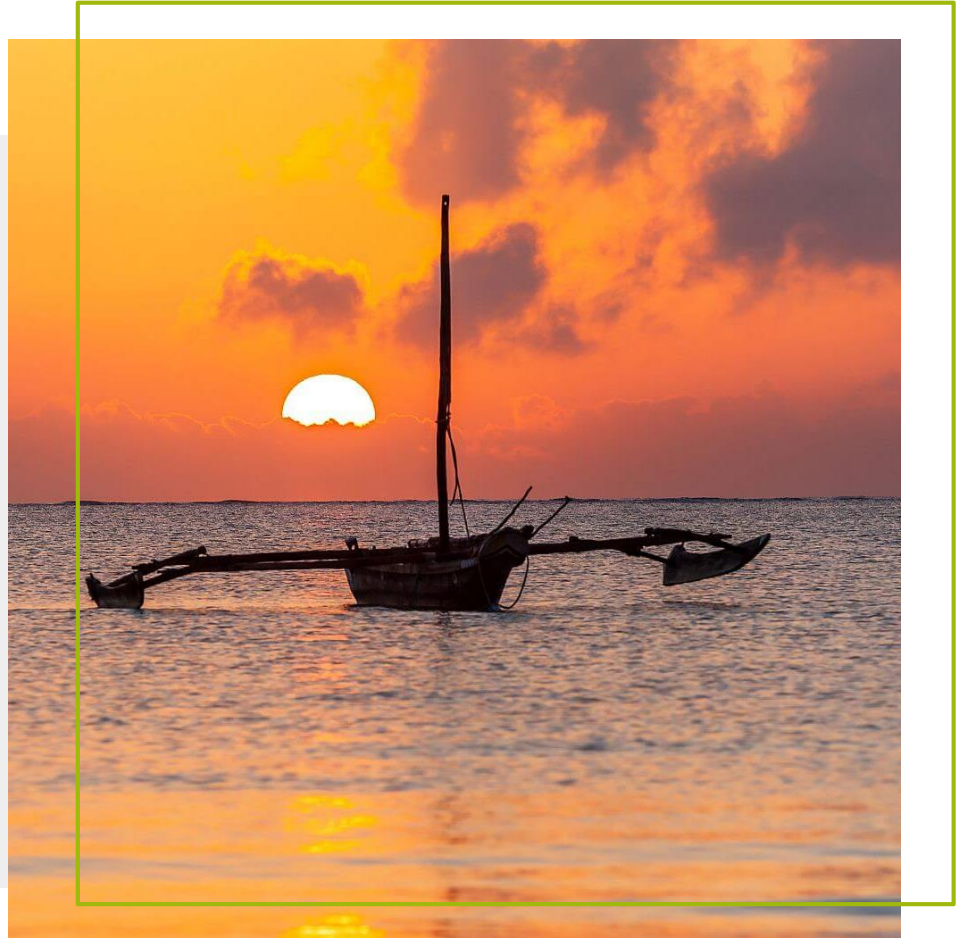


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2) Kenya's USPs

Kenya is arguably the classic safari destination in Africa. There is nowhere to compare with Kenya for its diversity of landscapes, eco-systems and wildlife.

Afterwards you can soak up the sun at one of the many beautiful beaches along the Kenyan coast.



Top Reasons to Visit



Top Wildlife Destination

Close enough to travel by road: Maasai Mara, Amboseli, Great Rift Valley & parts of Laikipia

Kenyan Coast

White powdery beaches, colourful marine life & unique Swahili culture

Take a walk with the Samburu

Experience the wisdom of the Samburu & Masai tribes as they continue their ancient traditions

Explore Lamu Island

Historic & evocative island where Swahili traditions & customs preserved

Experience the Masai Mara

Experience the quintessential safari landscape, big cats & migrating herds

Walking Safaris

Matthews Mtns and Samburu setting for epic and contrasting walking safaris

Iconic Kilimanjaro views

Enjoy vast elephant herds against breath-taking backdrop

Wildlife Ranches

Experience the varied game activities on one of Kenya's safari ranches in Laikipia



KENYA WILDLIFE

WILDLIFE YOU CAN POSSIBLY SEE

Abundant



Elephant



Hippo



Cape Buffalo



Zebra



Giraffe



Impala



Various
Birdlife



Wildebeest



Crocodile



Baboon



Mongoose

Occasional



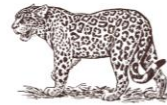
Rhino



Aardvark



Meerkat



Leopard



Honey Badger

Common



Lion



Flamingo



Ostrich



Gazelle



Marabou Stork



Jackal



Hyena



Onyx



Vulture



Eland



Cheetah



Warthog

Rare



Wild
Dog

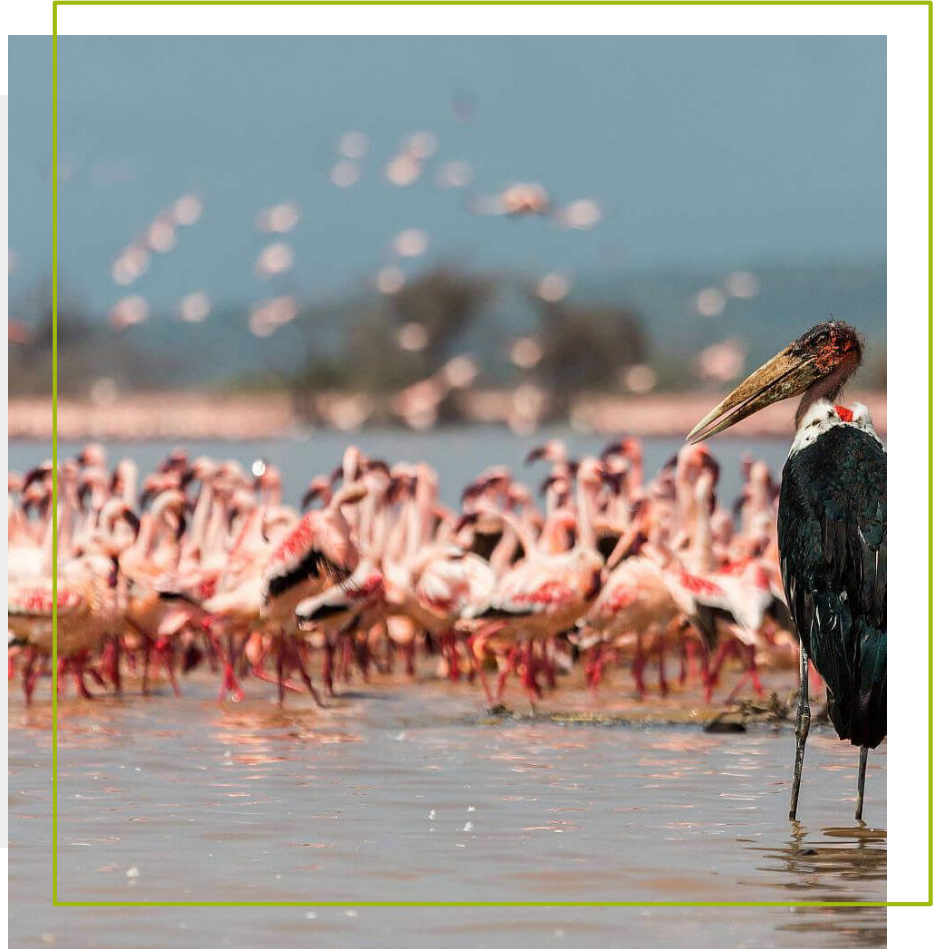


Fish Eagle

Note that
wildlife sightings
are not
guaranteed.

3) Best Time to Visit

The best time to visit Kenya is from July to October when the country is at its driest. This coincides with the migration river crossings. However, all Parks offer amazing wildlife sightings at this time as the grasses and bush are at their least dense (and water sources are scarce).





Best Time to Travel

Dec-March

Shoulder Season:

Great time to visit as fairly dry & fewer people

Return crossings can be seen in the north of the Serengeti (Nov), but unpredictable

Lots of newborn animals

Great for Birding

Photographers dream

Note: Short Rains in November (also lower prices)

April-June

Long Rains:

This is a period of heavy rain, so we would advise against safari travel, except perhaps mid to end May

Prices are keen!

Late May to June is less busy than July-Sept

July-Oct

Peak Season:

Experience herds in their hundreds crossing Mara River from now until Sept

Best wildlife viewing

Highest prices

Combine busier Mara with lesser visited Parks (which also have best game-viewing at this time.)

4) Destinations

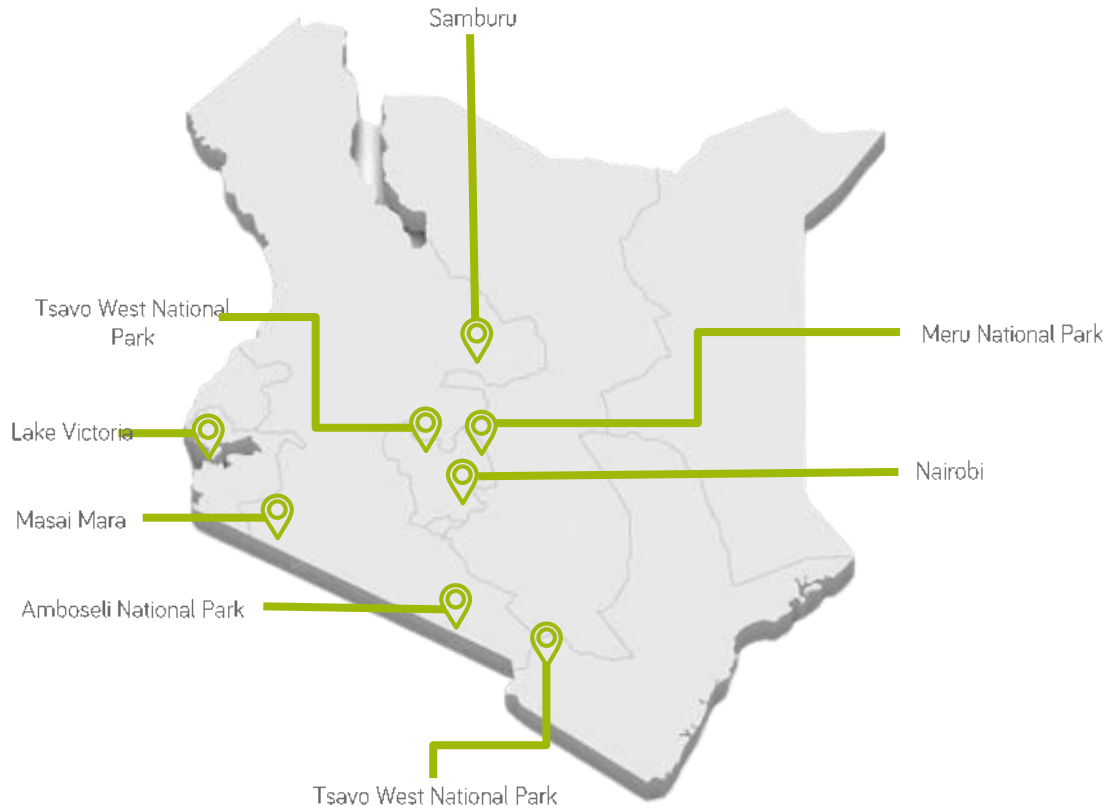
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Nairobi • Great Rift Valley Lakes • Lake Victoria

Meru National Park • Kenya Beaches

Samburu & Matthews Range





Key Parks of Kenya

- *Masai Mara*
- *Amboseli*
- *Tsavo*
- *Laikipia*
- *Samburu & Matthews Range*
- *Meru National Park*

Plus:

- *Great Rift Valley Lakes*
- *Kenya Beaches*
- *Lake Victoria*



Masai Mara

- *Home to the Great Migration from July to October*
- *Mara River crossing presents difficulties for the migrating herds, making it an unforgettable experience*
- *Offer Big 5 with lion & other big cat populations*
- *Superb game-viewing offered all year round - Huge diversity of resident game in the Mara, even when the migratory herds have left*
- *Hot Air Balloon flights are a famous highlight*
- *The Mara is home to one of the great fighting tribes of Africa, the Maasai, whose culture is both fascinating and truly unique*

Masai Mara



Angama Mara



Little Governors Camp



Porini Lion Camp

- *Two separate, intimate camps*
- *Set on edge of Great Rift valley with private access to the Mara*
- *Wide range of safari activities*
- *Unique facilities incl photographic studio, gym, art gallery, craft workshop*
- *Romantic luxury lodge*
- *Combines modern touches with colonial elegance*
- *Prime location close to the Mara River, for wildebeest crossings*
- *Close to hot air ballooning site*
- *Comfortable Bush Camp in Olare Motorogi Conservancy*
- *Only 10 luxury tented rooms*
- *Best of both worlds: walking & night drives in conservancy with access to Masai Mara Reserve*
- *Genuine Wilderness Experience*

Uber-Deluxe Lodge

Luxury Lodge

Premier Lodge

Amboseli & Tsavo

- *See the famous Amboseli elephant herds with the backdrop of snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro*
- *Best place from which to view Africa's highest freestanding mountain (at 5985m, 19,340ft)*
- *One of the most popular game parks in Kenya - only one hour flight from Nairobi*
- *Game is abundant and wildlife eat the grasses so low that it's easy to spot them*
- *Amboseli's water source supports some 1500 elephants*
- *Marshland is home to vast number of bird species*



Amboseli & Tsavo



[Ol Donyo Camp](#)



[Tortilis Camp](#)



[Porini Amboseli Camp](#)

- Kenya's first Relais & Chateaux lodge perched on a ridge
 - Blend of contemporary & unique rustic architecture
 - Outstanding array of activities: game drives, hiking, riding, mountain biking, walking & cultural visits
- Superb location with iconic views of Mt Kilimanjaro
 - Game drives, walks with Masai guides, bush meals and visits to masai homesteads
 - Luxurious & spacious tented rooms
- Intimate & charming traditional safari camp but better bathrooms
 - In Selenkay concession so mix of private game drives with visits into Amboseli

Luxury, in Chyulu Hills

Luxury/Premier Lodge

Premier/ Bushcamp





Laikipia

- *One of most rewarding safari areas to visit in Kenya*
- *Richly scenic region with a wide diversity of game*
- *Its game-viewing is probably only topped by the Masai Mara, but it has the distinct advantage of being off the main wildlife circuit*
- *One of the largest elephant populations in East Africa & also one of the best places to see wild dog*
- *Laikipia has over 50% of Kenya's heavily endangered white and black rhino population*
- *Series of wildlife conservancies, privately owned ranches and bush homes; not just one National Park*

Laikipia



Loisaba Tented Camp



Ol Malo Lodge



Ol Pejeta Bush Camp

- Enormous 56,000 acre private game conservancy
- Loisaba Star Beds
- Array of safari activities from game drives, to walking, riding, fishing, camel-riding, biking and visits to Samburu villages
- Privately owned safari wildlife ranch in northern Laikipia
- Comfortable owner-run bush camp in game-rich Ol Pejeta
- Superb guiding
- Good chance to spot Black rhino
- Traditional bush camp ambience

Luxury

Premier

Comfortable



Samburu Game Reserve

- *Arid, craggy terrain with Doum palms tracing the river lines*
- *See 'dry area' wildlife that you won't easily see elsewhere - the rare reticulated giraffe, gerenuk, Somali ostrich, Grevy's zebra and Beisa oryx*
- *Leopards love this park because of its rocky terrain and steep ravines*
- *Fascinating Samburu Culture with excellent Samburu wildlife guides*
- *The birdlife is among the most spectacular in the world, with over 400 species recorded, mostly near the river*



Samburu & Matthews Range



Sasaab Lodge



Saruni Samburu



Samburu Intrepids Tented Camp

- Boasts spectacular views over Samburu to Mount Kenya
- Contemporary North African design to combat the heat.
- Interaction with the Samburu people
- One of few camps with a spa

Luxury Lodge

- Stunning mountain top setting overlooking the Samburu
- Architecture mirrors this vast and pure part of Africa
- Guiding by Samburu warriors
- Bush walks, dinners, game drives & cultural interaction with Samburu

Luxury Wilderness Lodge

- Well-priced riverside lodge within Samburu National Park
- Family-friendly with 28 luxury tents
- Range of activities incl game drives, bush meals, visits to Samburu villages & even seasonal rafting on the Ewaso Nyiro river

Comfortable



Kenyan Beaches



- *Kenya coastline offers a great mix of stunning white beaches, colourful marine life and the unique Swahili culture*
- *Great diving and snorkelling around a coral reef*
- *Beautiful beaches south and just north of Mombasa incl famous Diani Beach is just an hour's drive south*
- *International-standard beach resorts lie on idyllic tropical beaches esp at Malindi, 2 hours north of Mombasa)*
- *For a quieter option visit Watamu Bay*
- *Lamu Island, off northern Kenya, is a long-term favourite where Swahili traditions and customs have been preserved*



Kenyan Beaches



AfroChic Diani



Kinondo Kwetu



Waterlovers Beach Resort

- *Exclusive & intimate boutique hotel with only 10 rooms*
- *Great setting on Diani beach*
- *Friendly & attentive staff*
- *Home away from home on a private beach south of Diani*
- *Offers luxury of space, peace, freedom and tranquility*
- *Rustic chic rooms*
- *Quaint and well-priced beach resort*
- *Suites & self-contained 4-bedroom villa*

Luxury

Premier Barefoot Luxury

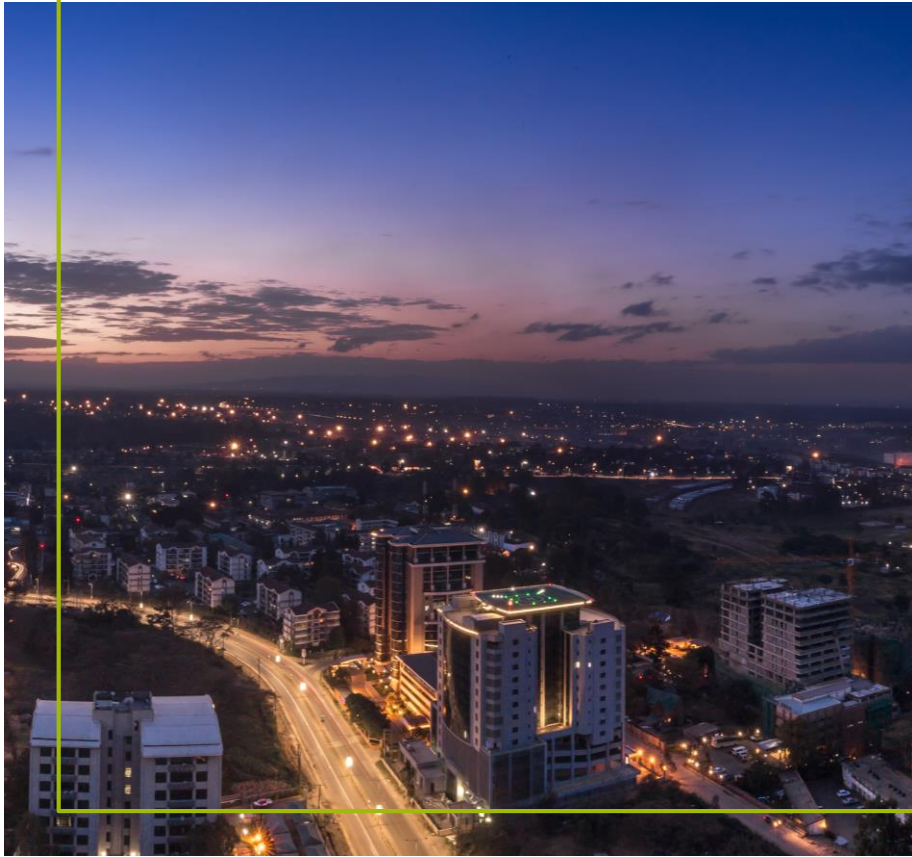
Comfortable

Meru National Park

- *Original home of 'Elsa', the orphaned lioness made famous by the Adamson film 'Born Free'*
- *Unspoilt wilderness away from the madding Mara crowds*
- *Enjoy a game drive of several hours without seeing another vehicle*
- *Game-viewing is still plentiful*
- *Known for its migrating elephant herds*
- *Diversity of habitats offers regular sightings of hippo, giraffe, lion, elephant and rhino within a rhino sanctuary*
- *Impressive birdlife with 280 recorded species*



Nairobi



- *Starting point for most Kenya safaris*
- *“Up close and personal” encounter at the Daphne Sheldrick’s Elephant Orphanage*
- *Choice of good hotels or even tented wildlife camp In Nairobi National Park*
- *Shop for souvenirs in one of the craft markets, or look for upscale leather goods in the boutiques*
- *Visit Karen Blixen’s house museum, best known for her novel Out of Africa*
- *Or the Giraffe Centre, where you can hand-feed these elegant African icons*
- *Tea & coffee plantations lie within an hour’s drive*

Other Kenyan Destinations



Great Rift Valley Lakes

- Beautiful lakes filled with grunting hippos, cool crocodiles and the air pink with flamingos
- Active and semi-active volcanoes and hot springs
- Soda Lakes of Kenya are a highlight for birding and game-viewing, as well as boating and fishing
- Picnic at Crescent Island
- Spectacular canyon, hot springs and abundant wildlife at Hell's Gate

Matthews Mountain Range

- Visit the remote Matthews Mountain Range north of Samburu for a walking safari experience par excellence
- Easy to combine with Samburu Game Reserve (short onward flight)

Other Kenyan Destinations Cont'd



Lake Victoria

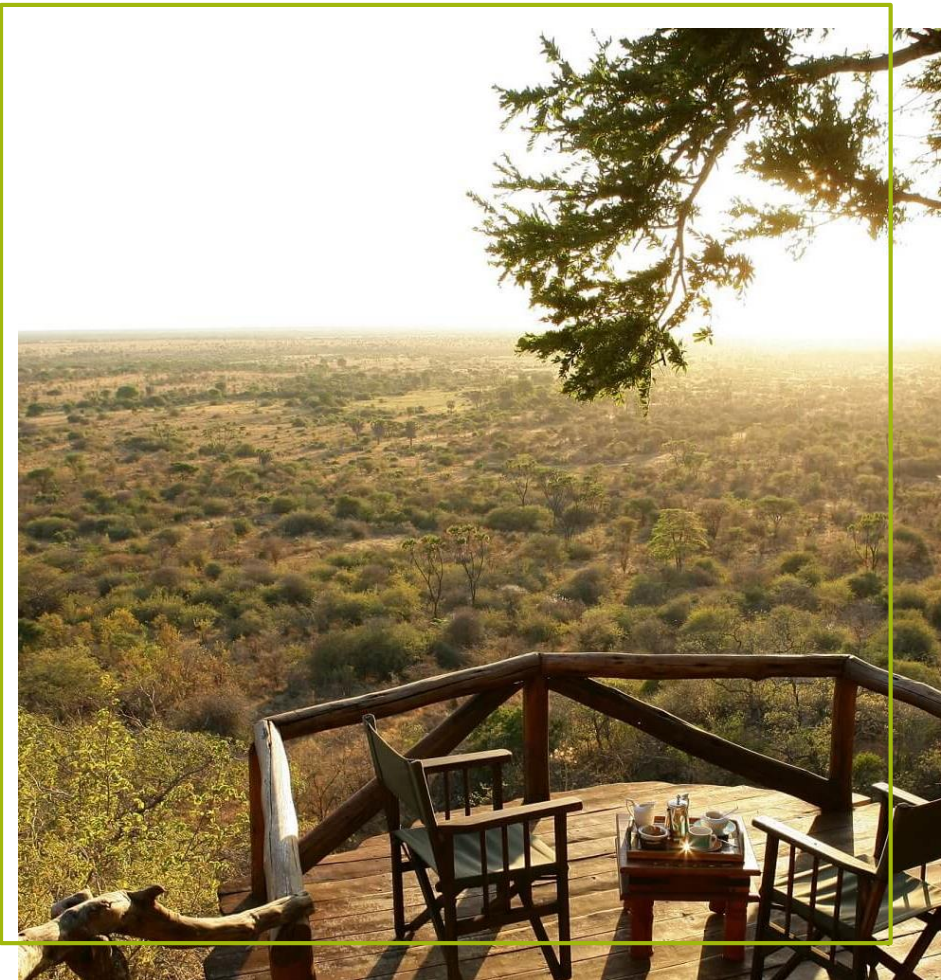
- *World's 2nd largest freshwater lake*
- *Source of the River Nile*
- *Islands and lakeshore lined with banana groves & sleepy villages*
- *Great contrast with a safari*
- *Activities incl walking, swimming, birding & fishing*

Tsavo

- *Tsavo East and West offer great scenery, wildlife and dense forested bush*
- *Ideally visit in dry season when bush dies back*
- *Can combine with Amboseli or even with the Kenya coast*

5) Sample Safaris





First Time Visitors

Most people likes to see the following

- *Masai Mara National Park*
- *Amboseli*
- *Great Rift Valley*
- *Laikipia, Ol Pejeta or Samburu if time permits*

You can easily add on the Kenyan Coast for some R&R afterwards

Sample Kenya Safaris



Saruni Experience Fly-in Safari



Elewana Sky Safari in Kenya



Porini Safari & Diani Beach

Fly-in Safari to Masai Mara & Samburu. It combines two wonderful camps, chosen for their style, originality and location. It combines a relaxing pace with spectacular lodges, world-class game-viewing and interesting Samburu culture.

7 nights

The 9 night Elewana Sky Safari in Kenya includes a visit to three of the most popular wildlife areas and you stay in first class hotels and safari lodges. Travel is in a dedicated Elewana executive light aircraft, straight into the closest private airstrip.

9 (or 7) nights

Porini Safari and Diani Beach is a classic 12 night Kenya bush and beach safari. You move between game parks by scheduled flights over a week and concluding with 5 nights relaxing at Diani beach on the Indian Ocean.

12 nights



Specialist or Short Itineraries

Merely some starting ideas. Your clients are all unique so each safari is tailored to their needs



Governors Rift Valley & Mara



Out of Africa Air Safari



Ancient Northern Walking Safaris

Luxury fly-in safari from Nairobi to Lake Naivasha and the Masai Mara. With 2 nights at Loldia House and then 3 nights at Little Governors Camp in Maasai Mara.

5 nights

The 7 night Out of Africa Air Safari is probably the best value fly-in safari offers the luxury of a high-end private flying safari without compromising on any of the niceties..

7 nights

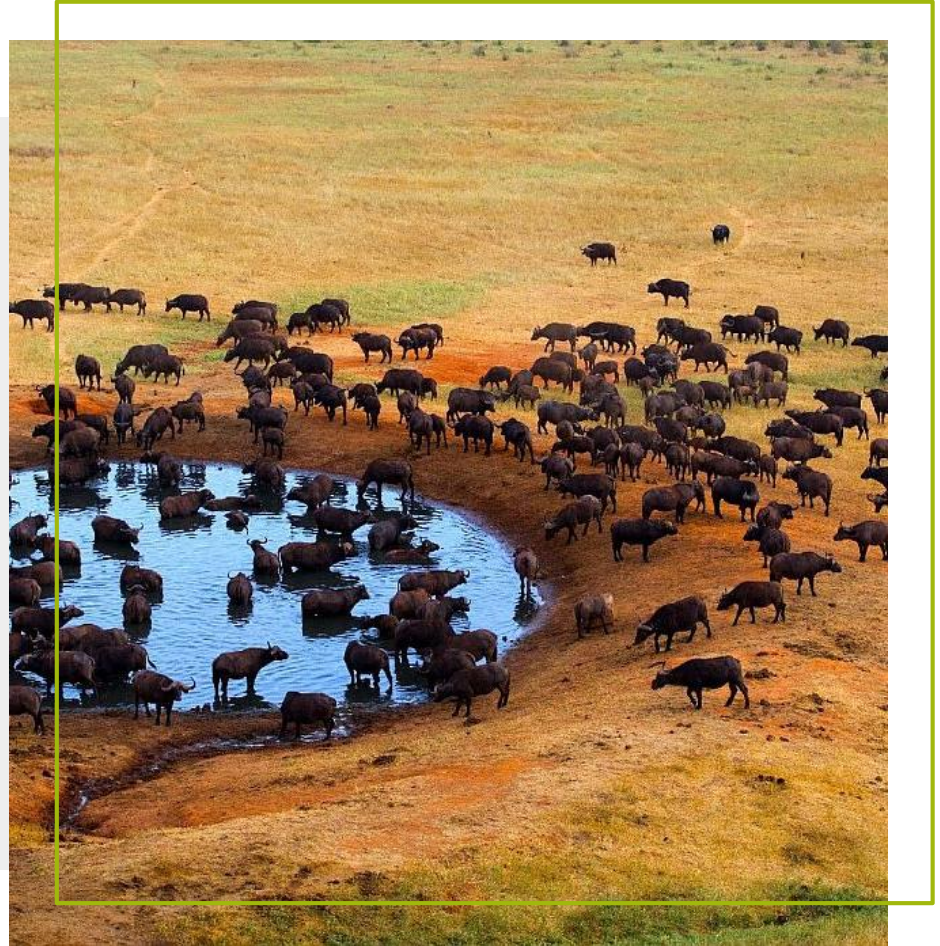
This is the classic northern Tanzania safari visiting the four main game reserves of Lake Manyara, the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater and ending with Tarangire National Park.

9 nights



6) Need to Know

- *Types of Accommodation*
- *Safari Costs*



Kenya

Accommodation



Safari Hotels & Lodges

Safari lodges in Tanzania are permanent structures that offer all the bells & whistles you'd expect from a hotel, but smaller & more intimate to ensure a more personal safari experience. The smaller and more exclusive properties are of course more costly.

Tented Camps

Tented camps aim to provide all the comforts of a lodge while giving guests a smaller, intimate, yet luxurious safari experience. These camps consist of large, walk in, canvas tents set up on permanent frames. They will include en-suite bathrooms and often small plunges pools or a main swimming pool.

Beach Options

A stay at one of the many Beach hotels or resorts offers an alluring mix of beautiful white beaches, palm groves and turquoise water. All mixed with a rich trading history and culture. From luxurious villas and resorts, to more modest beach hotels, all budgets are catered for. It's the perfect end off a Kenya safari.



Typical Per Night Safari Costs in Kenya (per person sharing)

	Shoulder Season (Jan –Mar, June)	Long/ Short Rains (April-May, Nov)	Peak (June/July-Sept)
Moderate or Scheduled Safaris	\$550-\$675	\$500-\$575	\$600-\$725
Mid-range – Mix of Drive/Fly Safaris	\$750-\$1,000	\$650-\$950	\$850-\$1,250
Deluxe Camps & Fly-in Safaris	\$1,100-\$1,950	\$1,050-\$1,500	\$1,350-\$2,550

Note: This typical per night price includes road transfers, any flights, park fees and transfers

General Info



Population

53 million

Population Density

94 people per sq km (USA is 35, UK is 280)

Capital

Nairobi

Getting there

Direct and one-stop flights from overseas to Nairobi

Safari Season

June/July to October, and also December to mid-March

Official Language

Swahili & English

Thank you!

Spectacular by Nature, Personal by Design

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