

NAME: EAST AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

LENGTH: 11 DAYS

CATEGORY: PRIVATE DEPARTURE

COMFORT: DELUXE

PLACES/PARKS: Nairobi, Masai Mara, Lake Victoria, Serengeti NP, Ngorongoro, Lake Manyara, Arusha



Day 1 – Arrive NBO TBA, meet and transfer to accommodation for overnight. TAMARIND TREE HOTEL (No meals)

Day 2 – After breakfast, a 4-5hr drive through agricultural country to Masai Mara Game Reserve to enter for afternoon game driving. The Mara Game Reserve is largely plains and the open grasslands are habitat to rich and varied wildlife such as lion, leopard, cheetah, buffalo, zebra, giraffe, crocodile etc. There are also several species of birds such as vultures, herons, shrikes, etc. The annual migration of millions of wildebeest and antelope from July to September is a spectacle never to be missed by any visitor to the Mara. Continue to lodge for overnight. ZEBRA PLAINS MARA CAMP (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 3 - We spend all day on game drives in the Mara. Early start recommended. We'll have our picnic lunch on the banks of the Mara river as we watch hippos. We return to the lodge for dinner and overnight. ZEBRA PLAINS MARA CAMP (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 – After breakfast, early transfer to the Sirare/Isebania border post to meet with your Tanzanian guide and vehicle. Listen to your Tanzanian itinerary briefing and then continue onto Speke Bay for overnight, a small gulf in the famous Lake Victoria. SPEKE BAY LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5 – Early morning traditional canoe experience on the way - and then the Serengeti is calling! Drive directly to the Serengeti and enter into the western corridor for game driving the rolling grasslands and Grumti river line into central areas for overnight. Criss-crossed with forested riverine valleys, the Serengeti plays home to millions of Africa's large mammals, making this one of the world's most famous wildlife destinations. Continue to our special camp for overnight, location is seasonal as we follow the wildebeest migration movements. It is also a perfect location to partake in the breath-taking Serengeti Balloon Safari (additional costs apply). NASIKIA MOBILE MIGRATION CAMP (Dec-Mar, Aug-Sept) or NAONA MORU CAMP (Apr-Jul, Oct-Nov)

Day 6 – We take part in an early morning game drive before returning for lunch and resting. In the afternoon, we set off to see the nocturnal animals beginning their night's work. It is also a perfect location to partake in the breath-taking Serengeti Balloon Safari (additional costs apply). NASIKIA MOBILE MIGRATION CAMP (Dec-Mar, Aug-Sep) or NAONA MORU CAMP (Apr-Jul, Oct-Nov) (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7 – Game drive out of the Serengeti, and pass through Olduvai Gorge and a view of the archaeological sites (and visit the museum) where early human tools and fossils have been found. Continue through to the conservation area and onto Ngorongoro Crater rim for overnight. LIONS PAW CAMP (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 8 – Ngorongoro is a collapsed volcano – an incredible natural amphitheatre, 25km across and teeming with all of the African big game. Morning descent into the crater for spectacular scenery and game viewing in what has been described as the eighth wonder of the natural world. In the later afternoon, we zig zag out of the rim and onto the Rift Valley escarpment for overnight in chalet rooms.
MANDHARI LODGE (Breakfat, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 9 - Leisurely walking safari through farms and villages trade village of Mto wa Mbu. You can discover the farming, irrigation and cattle husbandry techniques, visit houses. And then continue to enjoy a traditional lunch prepared and served by the local women’s co-op. There is also traditional wood-fired brick making, local musicians and you can generally gain a deeper understanding of the lifestyle of the people who live and work here. Return to lodge for overnight.
MANDHARI LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 10 - Game-drive around Lake Manyara National Park. This park is famed for the bird life round the soda lake - flamingos in particular, and is home to unusual tree-climbing lions. It is also has a large elephant population. In the mid-afternoon, we transfer into the Maasai Heartlands to a village located in the wildlife corridor in between Tarangire and Lake Manyara. We enjoy a packed lunch just as we enter the village and are met by the villagers who offer us to freely explore this authentic village. Your visit supports the building of their school here. Return to Arusha for overnight. We can also stop at Traders walk and Shanga workshop if time allows.
ARUSHA PLANET LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 11 – Pick up and transfer to airport for: Depart JRO TBA
(Breakfast)