Itinerary

12 Day Kenya & Masai Mara Small Group Safari

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

DAY 1: Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

Upon your arrival at Nairobi International Airport, you'll be met by a tour representative and transferred to your hotel for the night. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

NOTE: Hotel check in is usually from 2pm onwards and early check-in may not always be available. If you arrive before check in you are welcome to use the hotel facilities prior to check in.

MEALS: Nil

OVERNIGHT: Royal Tulip Hotel

DAY 2: Nairobi ~ Samburu Game Reserve

You'll be picked up from your Nairobi hotel at 7:00 am and travel by road towards Kenya's northern border, arriving in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive. With its sun-drenched savannahs and the beautiful Uaso Nyiro River winding through, Samburu is both wild and strikingly scenic. This protected region is home to unique wildlife found only north of the equator, including the reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, and Beisa oryx.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Samburu Intrepid Camp

DAY 3: Samburu Game Reserve full day

Start your day in the heart of the wilderness, taking in the views of the river from the porch of your tent with a steaming cup of coffee in hand as the golden light of dawn breaks through the trees. Head out early to search for elephants, lions, leopards, and cheetahs roaming the grasslands and acacia-dotted plains of the reserve—before the morning dew has even lifted. The rest of your day is a perfect balance of exploring the wild and relaxing in the comfort of your tented accommodation.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Samburu Intrepid Camp

DAY 4: Samburu ~ Olpejeta Conservancy

After breakfast, you'll depart for Ol Pejeta Conservancy, arriving in time to check in and enjoy lunch. After a short rest, head out on an afternoon game drive that runs through until sunset, before returning to your camp for the evening. Ol Pejeta is home to an incredible diversity of wildlife, including the iconic Big Five—elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, and both black and white rhinos. You'll also have the chance to spot Grevy's zebra, Jackson's hartebeest, cheetahs, and visit East Africa's only chimpanzee sanctuary.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Serena Sweetwaters Camp

DAY 5: Olpejeta ~ Lake Nakuru National Park

After breakfast, you'll set off with a game drive en route to Thompson Falls, where you'll stop briefly to take in the scenic beauty. From there, continue on to Lake Nakuru, arriving in time for check-in and lunch. After a short rest, head out on an afternoon game drive that continues until sunset. Lake Nakuru National Park is home to an array of wildlife including the endangered Rothschild giraffe, black and white rhino, eland, lion, leopard, and over 400 species of birds. The park also offers remarkable ecological diversity, with landscapes ranging from the lake itself to the surrounding escarpment and picturesque peaks, all set within wooded and bushy grassland.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Egret Savanna Camp

DAY 6: Lake Nakuru ~ Maasai Mara National Reserve

After breakfast, you'll depart for the Masai Mara—a scenic drive that takes around 4 to 5½ hours. You'll arrive in the Masai Mara shortly after midday and head straight to your lodge or camp for check-in and lunch. In the afternoon, set off on a game drive through Kenya's premier wildlife sanctuary. Home to over 450 recorded species, the Masai Mara offers incredible opportunities for wildlife viewing year-round. If you're travelling between July and September, you may witness the spectacular migration of wildebeest and zebra as they cross from the Serengeti, brave the Mara River, and settle in the reserve. Even outside migration season, the region teems with resident flora and fauna waiting to be discovered.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mara Simba Lodge

DAY 7: Maasai Mara National Reserve full day

After breakfast, your driver-guide will pick you up for a full-day game drive through the Masai Mara, complete with packed lunch boxes. As you explore the reserve, take in the stunning scenery of rolling hills and sweeping savannah grasslands. The extensive network of roads and tracks allows for close-up wildlife encounters, giving you the best chance to spot a variety of animals in their natural habitat. You'll stop for a picnic lunch along the banks of the Mara River—a truly memorable experience.

The Masai Mara is Kenya's most visited game reserve, known for its breathtaking open plains, winding rivers, lush marshes, and scattered forests. Covering 650 square kilometres, it boasts one of the highest

concentrations of wildlife in Africa.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Mara Simba Lodge

OPTIONAL EXCURSION: Maasai Cultural Village

If you're interested, a visit to a traditional Maasai cultural village can be arranged on request for an additional **USD $15, payable in cash.**

DAY 8: Maasai Mara ~ Lake Naivasha

After an early breakfast, you'll depart for Lake Naivasha, arriving in time for lunch. In the afternoon, head out to explore the lake with a scenic boat ride across to Crescent Island. Here, you'll enjoy some fantastic birdwatching and a peaceful walking safari among the local wildlife—including impalas, zebras, giraffes, horses, and wildebeest. Most of these animals are naturally shy and will keep their distance as long as they don't feel threatened, making for a safe and memorable encounter. As the sun sets, you'll return to your lodge to relax and enjoy dinner.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge

DAY 9: Lake Naivasha ~ Amboseli National Park

After an early breakfast, you'll depart for Amboseli, arriving in time for check-in and lunch. After a short rest, you'll head out on an afternoon game drive that continues until sunset. Afterwards, return to your camp to freshen up before dinner.

Amboseli National Park is one of Kenya's most iconic destinations, famous for its large herds of elephants with impressive tusks and the breathtaking backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro's snow-capped peak. During your game drive, you'll have the chance to spot a wide variety of wildlife including elephants, lions, buffalo, zebras, leopards, warthogs, elands, hartebeests, and many others.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Kibo Safari Camp

DAY 10: Amboseli National Park full day

After breakfast, you'll leave your lodge or camp with a packed lunch and set off for a full day of game viewing in Amboseli National Park. Enjoy both morning and afternoon game drives, where you'll have the chance to see an incredible variety of wildlife including elephants, lions, zebras, wildebeest, giraffes, hippos, and more.

You'll also take in the breathtaking views of Mount Kilimanjaro as you explore the park. Around midday, stop at one of the designated picnic sites to enjoy your lunch in the heart of the wilderness. Afterwards, continue your game drive through different areas of the park before returning to your camp for a well-earned rest.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Kibo Safari Camp

DAY 11: Amboseli National Park ~ Nairobi

You'll rise early this morning for a game drive starting around 6:30 am, giving you 2 to 3 hours to explore different areas of the park in the cool, active hours of the day. Afterwards, return to your lodge or camp for breakfast, then check out and begin your journey back to Nairobi. Upon arrival, you'll check in to your hotel for your final night. The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Royal Tulip Hotel

DAY 12: End of Tour ~ Depart Nairobi

After breakfast and check-out, you'll be transferred to the airport in time for your return flight home. We hope you've had a memorable experience with Holiday2Africa and look forward to welcoming you on another adventure soon!

MEALS: Breakfast