



Kenya Classic (Serena) (#11237)

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Overview

From the open plains of Masai Mara, the privacy of the Soysambu Conservancy located in the Rift Valley, and the swamps of Amboseli, this safari takes in three of the most picturesque regions in Kenya. It also provides the perfect opportunity to spot the Big-5 and to capture some diverse scenery.

Trip Highlights

Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve - Lake Nakuru – Lake Elementaita - Amboseli National Park

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 1: Arrive Nairobi



Upon arrival, clients will be met and transferred to the Nairobi Serena Hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Suggested Optional Nairobi Excursions for Early morning arrivals.

Sheldrick Wildlife Trust – Elephant and Rhino Orphanage

Out of Africa Excursion

(Rates for local excursion and other Nairobi local excursions available on request).

Nairobi Serena Hotel - The Serena group is renowned for offering excellent hotel facilities throughout East Africa, and the Nairobi Serena is no exception. A member of the Leading hotels of the World, the Nairobi Serena enjoys a location on the edge of the Central Park and the City Centre. Shaded by the glorious Jacaranda, Bougainvillea and Acacia trees and surrounded by lush, manicured gardens, the hotel provides a peaceful and luxurious retreat to travellers, business-people, and famous dignitaries in a bustling city.

Overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel in Deluxe room on a bed and breakfast basis.

Day 02

Day 2: Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, you travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the rift escarpment on the road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. On the way spot the charming chapel built at the foot of the escarpment. Pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the valley to Narok; continue your travels across acres of wheat and barley, before reaching the Masai Mara in time for lunch. Following lunch set off on your first game drive, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Mara Serena Safari Lodge - A masterful interpretation of a traditional Masai village, Mara Serena Lodge seemingly floats on a sea of savannah. A beautiful pool looks out over the wide plains. The rooms are Masai-influenced in style yet extremely comfortable. The main dining room, where delicious meals are served, has three large domes and three small ones depicting Maasai manyattas (villages). Occasionally an African al fresco barbecue is served by the pool overlooking the Mara plains. Fresh fruit juices and cocktails, wines, spirits or liqueurs are available at the bar until late in the evening. At Serena, the views are stunning. It is on this very terrain, stretching endlessly before the lodge, that the annual migrations take place. Millions of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle pass through on their way to and from their alternative feeding grounds in Tanzania.

Overnight at Mara Serena Safari Lodge in Lodge room on a full board basis.



Day 03

Day 3: Masai Mara National Reserve

Following an early breakfast, depart on a morning game drive, returning to the lodge mid-morning. After lunch, and perhaps a siesta, set off on another game drive and visit to the Masai Village, returning to the lodge as the sunsets. (It is possible to pre-book an optional early morning Balloon Safari at a supplementary cost)

Added value Mara Serena Hippo Pool Breakfast – (not available to clients doing a Balloon Safari – instead they will have a Bush breakfast as part of the Balloon Experience). Crown your game viewing experience in the Mara with a “Bush Breakfast” by the Mara River Hippo Pools! One cannot resist the charming “Jambo” from the chefs and Masai warriors as they welcome you to our wonderfully set breakfast buffet of cold cuts, fruits, cereals and hot dishes with eggs made to your specifications as you wait. The hippos keep you company and only say “Kwaheri” (good bye) after you have had enough.

Overnight at Mara Serena Safari Lodge in Lodge room on a full board basis.

Day 04

Day 4: Masai Mara – Lake Nakuru – Lake Elementaita

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast travel across the ‘breadbasket’ of Kenya, where acres of wheat and barley litter the landscape as you head north to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. Now travel across the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley, stop en route for a picnic lunch. Keep an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mai -Mahiu, before arriving Lake Nakuru National Park for a game drive. The national park, known for its birdlife, offers a possibility to view flamingoes. It is also home to Black and White rhinos as well as the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. Late afternoon, depart to your camp situated in Soysambu Conservancy.

Lake Elementaita Serena Camp is located on the Soysambu Conservancy, right on the shores of Lake Elementaita. Offering a blend of exclusivity and adventure, the new camp will comprise 25 luxury tents, a dining and lounge area, spa and swimming pool enjoying magnificent views of the Lake. Soysambu Conservancy is a wildlife sanctuary that offers uniqueness whilst boasting a broad range of wildlife and bird species, it is also home to the Rothschild giraffe and is East Africa’s only breeding ground for the Great White Pelican.

Overnight at Lake Elementaita Serena Camp in Deluxe Tent on a full board basis.

Day 05

Day 5: Lake Elementaita - Amboseli National Park



Following an early breakfast, leaving the Rift Valley behind, proceed to Nairobi for an early lunch (or picnic lunch dependent on road conditions) and continue south towards Amboseli, arriving at your lodge by late afternoon.

Added Value Lake Elementaita Serena Camp Bird walk

With over 450 bird species on the Soysambu conservancy, enjoy a bird walk led by an experienced resident naturalist.

Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge - Lying in the shadow of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli Serena is surrounded by a thick forest of acacia trees and exquisite gardens. Brightly decorated in an African motif, the lodge's 96 comfortable rooms emulate the architecture of a Maasai village with its manyattas or homes. In the late afternoons and evenings, relax on the beautiful lounge terrace adorned by gardens, pool and paths. From here, watch the nightly ritual of wildebeest, antelope, elephant and other animals coming into graze.

Overnight at Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge in standard on a full board basis.

Day 06

Day 6: Amboseli National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge in standard on a full board basis.

Added Value Amboseli Tree Planting

“Plant a tree for Africa and invest in the Earth’s future”

Day 07

Day 7: Amboseli – Nairobi

Following an early breakfast, catch your last views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro as you depart Amboseli. From here turn north across the beautiful and seemingly never ending Athi Plains, arriving in Kenya's bustling capital city of Nairobi by mid-day. Once in the city, clients will be dropped off at the airport or a city centre hotel for ongoing travel arrangements. End of our services.

Suggested Optional Nairobi Excursions on return to Nairobi ex- Safari

Lunch or Dinner at Carnivore

Out of Africa Excursion

Shopping Trips

(Rates for local excursion and other Nairobi local excursions available on request).



Inclusions

- Landside meet and greet services
- Transfers as specified
- Transport for safari sector in 4x4 vehicles on a Private basis with maximum 7 passengers per vehicle
- Guaranteed window seats
- Services of experienced bilingual English-speaking driver-guides (languages including Spanish, French, German and Italian are available on request and subject to availability)
- Game drives and activities as specified in the itinerary (added values are on shared basis)
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes (except Zanzibar Infrastructure Tax where applicable)
- Filtered water will be provided in **safari vehicles.**
- **Travellers should bring reusable water bottles**
- Internal flights (if applicable) as specified in the itinerary inclusive of all airport taxes.

Exclusions

- International and regional flights (except where specified)
- Airport taxes except on tickets we issue
- Passport and visa fees
- Zanzibar Infrastructure Tax (where applicable)
- Hot air balloon safaris
- Driver-guide gratuities
- Dining rooms tips and portorage
- Personal travel, baggage, and medical insurance
- Drinks, Laundry, Telephone bills and any items of a personal nature (except where specified).

Note

Hotels Envisaged OR Similar

Nairobi - Nairobi Serena Hotel in Deluxe room

Masai Mara National Reserve - Mara Serena Safari Lodge in Lodge room

Lake Elementaita - Lake Elementaita Serena Camp in Deluxe Tent

Amboseli National Park - Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge in standard room



Christmas Supplement: AUD 100-00 per person per night from 24 Dec 2024 to 01 Jan 2025 inclusive.

Easter Supplement: AUD 100-00 per person per night from 29 Mar 2024 to 01 April 2024 inclusive.

Cost of Extra Night in Masai Mara National Reserve – Mara Serena Safari Lodge, Lake Elementaita incl. game drive in Nakuru – Lake Elementaita Serena Camp and Amboseli National Park – Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge available on request.

***Park and Reserve fees used in these rates are based on current information. Should there be increases in park and/or Reserve fees, these will be passed along for all existing and future bookings.**

Extra transfer requests applicable as per below:

Clients booking a pre-night in Nairobi at the same base hotel, NO additional arrival transfer will be charged

On return from safari, drop off at Airport or a city centre hotel is included

Clients requiring a SEPARATE evening or later departure transfer once the safari returns will be charged transfer cost as per transfer document.

Child and Triple Sharing rate available on request.

Extra transfer available on request.

Arrival Information

Earliest check-in at the arrival hotel is 14h00. Travellers arriving on early morning flights are urged to book a pre-night at the arrival hotel (at an additional cost) to avoid delays in accessing the hotel rooms on arrival.

Departure Information

This safari returns to Nairobi at 1330 hrs.

Travellers departing from JKI Airport on a domestic or international flight should book a flight departing later than 1630 hrs.

Travellers with a long layover before their departure flight should consider booking a day room (at an additional cost) to refresh and repack before their international journey.

IMPORTANT Luggage Information

Travellers should only bring soft sided bags on safari. Luggage space in safari vehicles is limited. These bags should measure no more than the following: Height 66 centimetres Length 42 centimetres Width 28 centimetres. Soft sided bags with wheels are permitted.

If travelling on internal flights during your safari, luggage allowances are strictly enforced to 15 kilograms per person including carry-on bags.

If arriving and departing from the same city, bags can be stored in our offices for a one-time fee of AUD 89.00 (per booking, not per bag or per person) to transfer and store the bags and reconnect them with the travellers for departure.



Additional remarks

We may have to re-route the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.

Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you for existing and new bookings.

Flight times mentioned for internal flights are based on published schedules but are subject to change depending on the airline's load factors and airstrips visited.

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Departure Period

26 Jun, 2024 to 30 Sep, 2024

2-3 pax

AUD 7,815 P P twin share

AUD 9,186 P P single

AVAILABLE

4-5 pax

AUD 6,784 P P twin share

AUD 8,154 P P single

AVAILABLE

6 plus

AUD 6,416 P P twin share

AUD 7,787 P P single

AVAILABLE

01 Oct, 2024 to 31 Oct, 2024

2-3 pax

AUD 7,647 P P twin share

AUD 8,999 P P single

AVAILABLE

4-5 pax

AUD 6,615 P P twin share

AUD 7,967 P P single

AVAILABLE

6 plus

AUD 6,246 P P twin share

AUD 7,598 P P single

AVAILABLE

01 Nov, 2024 to 15 Dec, 2024

2-3 pax

AUD 8,473 P P twin share

AUD 7,701 P P single

AVAILABLE

4-5 pax

AUD 5,635 P P twin share

AUD 6,669 P P single

AVAILABLE

6 plus

AUD 5,268 P P twin share

AUD 6,302 P P single

AVAILABLE



16 Dec, 2024 to 01 Jan,
2025

2-3 pax

AUD 7,647 P P twin share

AUD 9,043 P P single

AVAILABLE

4-5 pax

AUD 6,615 P P twin share

AUD 8,012 P P single

AVAILABLE

6 plus

AUD 6,246 P P twin share

AUD 7,642 P P single

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