



Tour Number TTS0814 - 16
Tour Name Classic Kenya Safari
Validity 26/12/2023 to 15/12/2024
Arrival Nairobi
Departure Nairobi

Guaranteed Departures on SET DATES with a Minimum of 2persons

"From the foothills of the snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro to the vast, endless plains of the Masai Mara – this safari will definitely earn its place in your hearts and memories forever. Simply a Classic!"



Itinerary at a glance

Day	Location	Meal Plan	Activity
1	Sin-Bkk -Nbo	MOB	
2	Amboseli National Park	LDBB	P
3	Amboseli National Park	LDBB	EP
4	Lake Nakuru National Park	LDBB	P
5	Masai Mara Game Reserve	LDBB	P
6	Masai Mara Game Reserve	LDBB	EP
7	Nairobi		Trsf
8	Nbo-Bkk-Sin	MOB	

L-Lunch, D-Dinner, BB-Bed and breakfast, LDBB-Lunch, dinner, bed and breakfast, Trsf-Transfer, E-Early morning game drive, A-Morning game drive, P-Afternoon game drive, HDS-Half Day sightseeing, FDS-Full Day Sightseeing

Full Itinerary

Day 1 Singapore – Bangkok

Day 2 Bangkok – Nairobi Amboseli National Park

JAMBO - KARIBU!! You will be warmly met upon arrival at the airport with our traditional, unique & special welcome (bubbly, hot/cold towels and presentation of authentic safari hat and souvenirs). We depart south this morning for the Amboseli National Park at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. Arrive in time for lunch and later enjoy your first game drive in the under the great Mt. Kilimanjaro. Return to the lodge/camp for dinner.

Meals: LDBB

Amboseli Serena Lodge (****)

Day 3 Amboseli National Park

Enjoy an early morning game drive returning to the lodge for breakfast. Relax by the pool overlooking the majestic mountain. Lunch is followed by an afternoon game drive returning for dinner and overnight.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: You will have an opportunity to enjoy an optional Balloon Safari – **Amka!** (Wake up!) And take off at 6:00 a.m. to glide over the Amboseli Plains. The area takes on a whole new perspective. Land for an exquisite champagne breakfast.

Meals: LDBB

Amboseli Serena Lodge (****)

Day 4 Lake Nakuru National Park

After breakfast depart via Nairobi for Lake Nakuru National Park, en-route driving down the scenic Great Rift Valley with breath-taking views of Mt Longonot and Lake Naivasha while you proceed to Lake Nakuru to arrive for late lunch. Afternoon proceed on a game viewing drive circumventing Lake Nakuru. The lake is situated in the heart of the Rift Valley and is one Kenya's most famous soda lakes. A major feature of this park is the bird life and it is world renowned as the home for millions of Flamingos. A rhino sanctuary also provides the opportunity to see the greatly endangered black rhino. Return to the camp/lodge for dinner and overnight.

Meals: LDBB

Sarova Lionhill Lodge (****)



Day 5 Masai Mara Game Reserve

After breakfast depart for Kenya's famous game reserve. You start the day venturing through the Great Rift Valley travelling to the northern most extension of the Serengeti Plains and one of the richest wildlife Game Reserves, the Masai Mara. The Mara is home to the awesome black-manned lion, the elusive leopard, stately giraffes, vast herds of elephants, rhino, thundering herds of zebra, migrating wildebeest and numerous other plains game. You arrive at the camp/lodge for a late lunch. After lunch depart for an afternoon game-viewing drive. Enjoy dinner and overnight at the camp/lodge.

Meals: LDBB

Sarova Mara Camp (****)

Day 6 Masai Mara Game Reserve

Enjoy an early morning breakfast and a full morning's game viewing drive to return for lunch. Experience the friendly atmosphere where the Masai community lives in harmony with wild game. After lunch visit a traditional Masai Manyatta (off the beaten track) and experience the culture of this world famous community. The Masai still live as they did for centuries - Interact with these nomadic people and experience their way of life as you learn about their customs and traditions. Continue with the afternoon game viewing as you return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: Today's adventure begins just before dawn. Flames from the hot air balloon burners light the darkness as the crew inflate their craft. The first, pink tongues of sunlight flicker across the skies and the hot air balloon fills then rises. Suspended in a basket beneath the rainbow-coloured canopy, you're off for a game-viewing adventure with an entirely different perspective. Apart from the occasional hiss of the burners, a lion's roar, elephants crashing through the bush, baboons perched in the tips of the trees startled and screeching to see something above them, the flight above the Masai Mara plains is magically silent. At the end of the flight, the passengers are treated to a champagne breakfast in the bush, complete with flowers. China and crystal are set out on the table that is placed under a convenient acacia tree. The finishing touch to the flight is a game drive back to the camp, and the possibility of seeing the same pride of lions, or herd of elephants that had been viewed while ballooning. A flight certificate is issued on completion of the balloon safari. Back at Camp/lodge enjoy a sumptuous lunch and a well deserved rest.

Meals: LDBB

Sarova Mara Camp (****)

Day 7 Nairobi – Bangkok

This morning we enjoy our breakfast then check-out. Unbelievable but true, our good bush moments have come to an end. We bid farewell to our wonderful lodge manager and his team then depart back to Nairobi. Not empty handed though. With us are photographs – a capture of the special moments we have had on this tour to immortalize the experience. Our guide driver will drop you at the Jomo Kenyatta International airport for your onward flight.

Day 8 Bangkok – Sin

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PACKAGE INCLUDES

1. Return air tickets on Kenya Airways Economy class
Please book class KQ 'T' class.
2. Arrival transfer from/ to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
3. Met in our unique style with wet towels and 'bubbly'
4. Complimentary Authentic Branded Safari Hat and safari essentials pack
5. Use of Twiga Tours 4x4 Safari Land Cruiser on safari
6. Unlimited supply of bottled, drinking water in the vehicle while on safari
7. Unlimited mileage on game viewing drives.
8. Services of a Professional **ENGLISH** Speaking guide-driver
9. Accommodation and meals as specified in the itinerary - **BB in Nairobi and FB while on Safari**
10. All game drives as specified in the itinerary
11. Park Entry Tickets to Amboseli National Park, Lake Nakuru National Park, and the **FAMOUS** Masai Mara Game Reserve
12. Visit to a local school in Masai Mara (a project supported by the Manji Foundation).
13. Unlimited bottled water supplied in your safari vehicle during your game drives, transfers etc
14. Farewell cocktail and dinner party with the Manji Family at their family home (time permitting)

PACKAGE EXCLUDES

1. Airport taxes & surcharges
2. Visa Fees
3. Travel Insurance - we strongly recommend that comprehensive travel insurance be purchased for the duration of your journey to protect against any missed or delayed flights, illnesses etc that may cause cancellation of your travel plans.
4. Tips to hotel staff, gratuities to Driver/Guide etc
5. Recommended at USD5 to USD10 per person per day, portorage at USD2
6. All Personal Expenses such as Drinks, Laundry, Telephone
7. Any services not mentioned above.

Booking Terms and Conditions:

50% deposit is required at the time of booking.
The balance should be sent at least 40 days prior to tour commencement.

Cancellation and No show charges:

Reservations that are cancelled, reduced in length of stay or reduced in numbers (hereinafter collectively called a CANCELLATION) are subject to Cancellation and No Show fees if cancelled within 30 days of the arrival date:

30 days to 22 days prior to arrival: 25%
21 days to 15 days prior to arrival: 30%
14 days to 07 days prior to arrival: 50%
06 days to 03 days prior to arrival: 65%
02 days to 01 days prior to arrival: 80%
No Show: 100%

Vehicles we use on Safari

Specially designed 4x4wd Safari Land cruiser

Custom designed safari land cruiser with pop up roof for maximum game viewing. All vehicles equipped with long range two way HF radios linked to our main offices, cool boxes and fridges, reference guide books & **UNLIMITED** bottled water.



Accommodation Information

Amboseli Sopa Lodge

At the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro, is the Amboseli Sopa Lodge, set on 200 acres of land not far from where Ernest Hemingway lived whilst writing his novel, "The Snows of Kilimanjaro."

Amboseli National Park is home to the Masai, over 400 species of breeding birds, and teems with rare and wonderful wildlife. The rustic luxury of Amboseli Sopa lodge makes it the perfect rendezvous for the adventurer wishing to conquer the snowcapped peaks of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Amboseli Sopa Lodge consists of 18 deluxe rooms, 20 double rooms and 9 single rooms. Each room has its own private verandah and full bathroom. The restaurant serves a multi-ethnic combination of European, African and Asian dishes, all made with fresh produce. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style. Dinner is a four-course meal and picnic lunch boxes are available for guests traveling or on safari during the day.



Amboseli Serena Lodge

In the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro surrounded by Acacia trees and a natural spring, lies Amboseli Serena Lodge. Around the lodge roams the big game that has made East Africa legendary. This is also an excellent area for bird viewing. The lodge overlooks a saltlick and a floodlit waterhole where you will encounter some interesting game sights.

Dinner can be enjoyed in the open-air dining room with a selection from international menus, buffets and barbecues. The full service bar is located next to the dining room, while another serves the pool area.

Influenced by native Masai architecture, the lodge is in perfect harmony with its environment. Guest rooms are decorated with African art and murals painted by a local African artist. Amboseli Serena Lodge offers 96 guest rooms, all with en suite bath and shower. Enjoy the comforts and the beautiful setting as well as the activities and facilities that are offered, such as Masai performances and guided nature walks.



Tortilis Camp

Lying on the edge of Amboseli National Park, Tortilis camp is located in a hillside setting and is home to 17 private luxury tents, each with en suite bathrooms that offer steaming showers and modern toilets. Tortilis Camp is a blend of rustic style and modern comfort designed to make your stay very comfortable. The tents are all large and spacious with King Size beds. The camp is renowned for its delicious home-style cuisine, high standards of service and views of the sunset over Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru.

Home to over a thousand elephants, herds of wildebeest, lions and over 300 species of birds, Amboseli is an exciting and diverse game viewing destination. Tortilis Camp offers a wide range of activities ranging from early morning and late afternoon game drives, horseback riding to guided game walks led by a Masai expert outside the game park. Alternatively you can laze around the pool with a cocktail and enjoy the sounds of the wild.



Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge

Located on a range of hills that form the western limits of Africa's Great Rift Valley, the lodge offers spectacular views over the vastness of Africa. It also overlooks Lake Nakuru and its surrounding National Park, one that is a paradise for bird watchers and wildlife lovers alike.

The new lodge has 54 Twin/Doubles, 6 Single and 2 Wheelchair Rooms. The lounge, bar and dining room have extensive outdoor but sheltered terraces. The infinity-view swimming pool overlooks the lake and has its own bar.



Sarova Lion hill Lodge

Situated in the heart of the Rift Valley, Lake Nakuru is one of Kenya's most famous soda lakes. A major feature of this park is the birdlife, particularly the thousands of flamingos. A rhino sanctuary also provides the opportunity to see the greatly endangered black rhino.

Sarova Lion Hill overlooks the lake, offering a unique vantage point. Each of the 64 superbly appointed chalets has a separate lounge and secluded veranda with views over the lake and the distant hills. They offer a private toilet and shower, mosquito nets and electricity.

The lodge restaurant and bar open onto a large viewing deck with panoramic views. The lodge also has a swimming pool, sauna, laundry service, curio and gift shop, conference facilities and a medical clinic. Game drives in four wheel drive vehicles are offered and each night, guests are treated to a performance of traditional dance.



Mbweha Camp

Tucked away in the spectacular vastness of The Great Rift Valley on a private 6400 acre Congreve Conservancy, Mbweha Camp is nestled up against the southern border of Lake Nakuru National Park with beautiful views of the Eburu and Mau Ranges.

Ten cottages built of lava stone and thatched makuti roof add glamour and style to its contemporary African ambience with clever use of indigenous artefacts, fabric and modern cooking pots. Every cottage, styled individually, is surrounded by Candelabra Euphorbia, yellow barked Acacia and other indigenous trees that provide a relaxed atmosphere as you listen to the African night sounds of a lion roar or the laughter of the hyena in the distance. Bush walks, night game drives, sun-downer or bush breakfast and hot air ballooning over the spectacular Great Rift Valley and the lakes below are additional activities that you can enjoy and enhance your stay in truly remarkable and authentic African setting.



Mara Sopa Lodge

Set in the Oloolaimutia valley the lodge blends in perfectly with its surrounding hillside landscape. The accent here is on the Masai people and the fabulous wealth of wildlife, birdlife, and natural flora to be found in the fabled Masai Mara Game Reserve

We have earned a well-deserved reputation for the friendliness and care offered to our guests by our management and staff. This is one of the most important aspects of the style and service offered by each and every SOPA destination

The lodge has 200 beds by way of 77 rooms, 12 suites and 1 Presidential suite, all of which are 'rondavel' style and have en-suite bathroom facilities which provide shaving sockets and hairdryers. Every room and suite has a private, elevated veranda with splendid views across the valley and on which guests can relax, sunbathe and watch resident birds and wildlife. Mini-bars are also available in each room

The lodge has direct-dial telephone facilities as well as satellite television and video options. Lodge generators provide 240volts, 50 cycles 24 hours a day. Our water supply comes from nearby springs but guests are advised not to drink from the taps. Instead, filtered water is provided in flasks in every room and bottled water is available for sale. We welcome kids of all ages and can provide both special meals at convenient times and baby sitters on request. Our Guest Shop stocks a wide selection of curios, gift items, clothing, film and toiletries. The lodge has a freeform, fresh-water pool which offers spectacular views over the valley. We can supply both petrol and diesel fuels and can carry out most minor repairs.



Sarova Mara Camp

Situated just outside Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve, which is indisputably the richest game sanctuary in Kenya. The great expanse of plains set against the distant hills provides a unique backdrop from which to enjoy the magnificent wildlife. The area is world-renowned for its annual wildebeest migration from the Serengeti in Tanzania.

The camp is set on an elevation surrounded by two streams and hidden amidst wide gardens with manicured lawns and exotic flowers. Facilities include a dining area that has internal and external seating and two bars, one internal with a fireplace and the other near the poolside. There is a swimming pool and curio shop. There are three tents which can be used to seat up to 300 conference delegates.

The camp consists of 75 tents, of which three are permanent triple rooms. All rooms have 24-hour electricity and a private en suite bathroom with a shower and hot and cold running water. Game drives are done in a four-wheel drive vehicle, and bush dining and sundowners are offered. Evening entertainment includes two resident guitarists who play by the fireside and traditional Masai dancers. Balloon safaris can be arranged at an additional cost.



Tipilikwani Luxury Tented Camp

As the maxim goes: Location! Location! Location! Set on the banks of the Talek River and overlooking the Mara plains, Tipilikwani Camp has one of the most spectacular views available. Set in the middle of what is considered the greatest wildlife reserve in Africa, Maasai Mara is home to one of the modern wonders of the world; the wildebeest migration as well as home to the Big Five. Enjoy an alfresco breakfast by the Talek River or a cold refreshing drink over a spectacular sunset or experience fine dining by candlelight all overlooked by carefully trained attentive staff. During the day, search for lions, cheetah, elephant, leopard, black rhino, giraffe, zebra, hippo and over 500 resident bird species including larks, sunbirds and the Lilac-Breasted Roller This is the Tipilikwani Experience.



Location and park information

Amboseli National Park

Amboseli is a fairly small national park of 390 sq kms situated south of Nairobi, bordering Tanzania. One of the most popular safari parks in Kenya, it provides excellent wildlife viewing throughout the year, stunning landscapes and a good selection of lodges and camps. However, what really sets it apart from other national parks is the spectacular backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro – the highest mountain in Africa.

Most of the cat species, including leopard, lion, cheetah and caracal, are present in the park and the open plains provide good chances of sightings. Amboseli is also famous for its large herds of buffalo and especially elephants. Bull elephants here have some of the largest tusks ever recorded and have been the subject of ground breaking work by renowned naturalist Cynthia Moss over the past twenty years.

Amboseli is south east of Nairobi. It can be reached by air, which takes 1 hour from Nairobi's Wilson airport, or by road which takes about 3½ hours.

Lake Nakuru National Park

Lake Nakuru National Park covers 188 sq kms and is dominated by the shallow waters of the lake at its centre. The lake itself is about 62 sq km and the birdlife is superb, with over 450 species recorded. Lake Nakuru is especially famous for its concentrations of greater and lesser flamingos and pelicans, which at certain times of year number in the millions.

The landscape surrounding the lake is a picturesque combination of savannah, marshes and woodland which supports a good variety of wildlife. Tree climbing lions, buffalo, waterbuck, Burchell's zebra, hippo, baboons, impala and Rothschild's giraffe can all be seen, and Nakuru is recognised as one of the best places in the country for daytime leopard sightings. The national park is also one of Kenya's premier rhino sanctuaries, with good numbers of breeding white and black rhino.

Lake Nakuru national park is 2 hours drive north of Nairobi, and is accessible using 2-wheel-drive vehicles. A leisurely drive around the lake takes about 3 hours.

Masai Mara Game Reserve

Probably the most famous of the reserves, the Masai Mara, in Kenya's south western corner, boasts an astonishing amount of game. Unfenced, the Mara is bounded in the east by the Ngama Hills and in the west by the Oloololo or Siria Escarpment. Gazelle, wildebeest and zebra graze in large numbers and where prey is found so are predators. Not only is this a great place in which to find game, but the wide greeny-gold savannahs spotted with thorn trees make it ideal for photography. The Mara, as it is known in Kenya, is ravishingly beautiful and also offers long, undisturbed views and utterly dramatic panoramas. The weather really means something here. The sun may beat down unforgivingly, huge clouds in fabulous shapes may sweep across the widest of skies, the wind ripples the grasses as though they are stroked by a giant hand. The landscape is stunning.

The famously black-manned Mara lions are possibly the stars of the Mara show, but cheetah, elephant, kongoni, topi, Thompson's gazelle, waterbuck, hyena, and primates are all here too. As with the rest of Kenya, the birding is good. There is no settlement within the reserve however; the Mara is in theory owned by the Maasai, pastoralists and, in earlier times, renowned lion-killers. Lodges and hotels offer the opportunity to buy their beadwork, checked cloths and copies of their spears. It is said that if lions scent approaching Maasai on the breeze they move swiftly in the opposite direction.

Famously, the Mara is the northerly end of the Great Migration, that great primeval surge of wildebeest, zebra and antelope that sweeps in from Tanzania's Serengeti to Kenya's Masai Mara as the Tanzanian grass starts to fail. They are tracked by the large predators that pick off the weak, the stragglers and the young. The great herds, nearing their destination by July, mass along the Mara River pushing, shoving and fantastically noisy, just waiting for the first animal to cross so that they can all follow, lemming-like, on the final leg of the journey. However, crocodiles lie in wait, sluggishly cruising the waters, fully prepared for their best meal of the year. Many fail in the life-and-death struggle - drowned, eaten by the crocodiles or, made careless or weak by their stressful swim, brought down by lions. The Masai Mara is terrible yet wonderful, and not to be missed.

Nairobi

It is impossible to believe that just over 100 years ago the only visitors to the area which is now Nairobi were the Maasai tribe, who used to water their cattle at a "boggy waterhole". They called it Enkare Nyarobi – literally 'the place of cold water'. In the dying years of the 19th century as the Uganda railway forged its way through Kenya, the area became a railhead for the assault on the eastern wall of the escarpment. Because of the swampy surroundings, the railway workers camps rapidly turned into a shanty town, inhabited by rats which brought the plague, and it is doubtful if anyone could envisage that one day this would become the 'City in the Sun'

Between the 1903 and 1908 potential settlers arrived in Kenya responding to the promise of cheap agricultural land (which did not strictly belong to the government to give away) and many wealthy sportsmen arrived to hunt the game. Hotels sprang up to cater for the visitors and the base for the valuable tourist industry was laid during those early years.

In 1950 Nairobi became a City by Royal Charter, the streets ablaze with flowering trees and shrubs and to this day the flowering jacaranda trees in the later months of the year are one of Nairobi's great attractions.

Nairobi is now a city of around 3 million people and the heart of the commerce and industry for the whole of East Africa. Over

the years the city has developed with modern infrastructure, the expected high rise buildings, tourist hotels and many places of entertainment. Additionally Nairobi has a near perfect climate, lying 144 km south of the equator at an altitude of 5451ft (1662m) and 494 km from the shores of the Indian Ocean. The city has maintained its cosmopolitan ambience which is apparent, not only in the different races and communities who work in and around the city, but also in the architecture and variety of religious buildings, churches, temples, mosques, synagogues.

The range of attractions and places to visit are amazing. A typical day could perhaps start with a tour of the city, including visits to the excellent Railway Museum with its records of the history of the railway (which is also the history of the country). Here visitors may see the carriage from which an unfortunate Superintendent for the Railway was dragged by a man-eating lion in the year 1900.

The National Museum of Kenya has fine exhibits of East African fauna, birds, fish and reptiles as well as collection of cultural merit. An organised tour may also include visits to the City Hall and Law Courts, the bazaars and the markets with their colourful displays of locally grown fruit and flowers as well as handicrafts and many different centres of worship, including the spectacular Jamia Mosque. A visit should be paid to the Memorial Park, created in memory of the many victims of the inhumane bombing of the American Embassy and nearby buildings on 7 August 1998. This is the only city in the world which has a National Park on its doorstep, and within a short drive visitors enter completely a different world – the Nairobi National Park. Lion, cheetah, buffalo and rhino as well as more common plains game like gazelles, zebra, ostrich and giraffe live within the park.

Many will have heard of the film 'Out of Africa' which starred Meryl Streep as Karen Blixen and Robert Redford as her lover, Denys Finch Hatton. The well developed suburb of Karen takes its name from the author, and any visit to this area should include a visit to her old home set 'in Africa, at the foot of the Ngong Hills'.

A short distance away, the Giraffe Centre, where the history of the endangered Rothschild Giraffe (which include the famous "Daisy Rothschild") can be studied and the descendants of the family can be fed, will also appeal.

A morning visit can be paid to the famous Daphne Sheldrake orphans, tiny elephant, rhino and occasionally a kudu which have been rescued from the wilds and are brought up until they are capable of returning to the bush.

Within the environs of Nairobi there are several excellent golf courses (one running alongside the main highway opposite the city centre); a proliferation of social clubs offering facilities for cricket, tennis, field hockey, squash, rugby and swimming and a popular race course set alongside the indigenous forest.

The unique and popular Carnivore spit roast complex on the edge of the game park offers game meat as a speciality, in addition to the more normal roasts expected by dedicated meat-eaters.

As a 'Safari capital' of East Africa, Nairobi has more than enough to entertain any visitor for several days, either before of after their planned safari.