

The Great Migration Safari in Style 13 Nights



Summary

This East Africa safari will allow you to stay in the best boutique camps and luxury safari lodges. Experience six nights in the heart of the Great Migration, three in the Serengeti and three in the Masai Mara. Discover Africa's astounding diversity with A&K's expert driver-guides in our own custom-made vehicles. Enrich your journey with a private visit to Amboseli Elephant Research Project Meet a Masaai elder for an insight into the nomadic tribal culture and traditions.

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Overview

Interest: Group – Family
Level of Comfort: 3/5
Minimum # of passengers: 2
Maximum # of passengers: non

Information about the destination

Currency: Kenyan ShillingLanguage: SwahiliDialing Code: 254

• Recommended vaccines: Malaria, Prophylaxis with Lariam, Malarone, or doxycycline vaccines are recommended for all areas except Nairobi and the highlands

• Banks & currency exchange: Currency can be exchanged at major banks& exchange offices

Day 1: Nairobi, Kenya



A member of the A&K team will meet you as you arrive in Nairobi and drive you to the historic Fairmont Norfolk Hotel in central Nairobi.

Day 2: Amboseli National Park

Drive to Amboseli National Park at the base of snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest freestanding mountain in the world at 5,895 metres. As you set out on your first game drive, keep your eyes peeled for wildlife; Amboseli is famous for its large herds of elephant and is home to all the big cats (lion, leopard and cheetah), giraffe and zebra, hyena and several varieties of plains game. Back at camp in the evening, there is a welcome dinner, an opportunity to meet your fellow travellers.

Day 3: Amboseli National Park

A full day on safari; in between morning and late-afternoon game drives, visit the Amboseli Elephant Research Project to learn about elephant family structure, social behaviour, life cycle and habits.

Day 4: Tarangire National Park

Set off in the morning for the Tanzanian border and on to Tarangire National Park, where you'll be staying at Sanctuary Swala, a luxurious camp with large tents built on platforms under a canopy of umbrella acacia trees, overlooking the Gurusi flood plain. Tarangire's wide panoramas of beautiful baobab-punctuated stretch in every direction, fed and nurtured by the Tarangire River and populated by an abundance of big game, including lion, leopard, elephant and buffalo, plus giraffe, zebra and numerous species of antelope. Its dusty red landscape also hosts a large bird population and lesser game through the groundwater forest.

Day 5: Tarangire National Park

Spend morning and afternoon game drives exploring Tarangire, looking out for wildlife with the spectacular rust-hued Great Rift Valley providing the backdrop. Between drives, you may like to take a cooking demonstration and tasting of local delicacies such as ugali, makande and kahumari. As dusk falls on your afternoon game drive, the nocturnal animals wake up, opening up the possibility of spotting more species—leopards tend to hunt after dark so this is the best time to see one, unless you've been lucky enough to see one during the day, most likely to be asleep in a sausage tree. You might also see African wildcat, genets, servals or civets, which are all active by night. Specialised spotlighting illuminates the path in front, catching the glint of an eye—and once spotted, it's amazing how quickly your eyes adjust to night time vision.

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater

Travelling overland across the Rift Valley towards the Ngorongoro Crater, stop en route in the town of Mto wa Mbuo to experience its colourful, lively market. Arrive at Gibb's Farm, situated on the forested slopes of the Ngorongoro Conservation area, on the outermost side of the crater. Established as a coffee farm in the 1920s, Gibb's Farm is now a charming boutique lodge, growing its own organic vegetables used to supply the kitchens. It is a tranquil setting for afternoon tea followed by time to relax or walk around the beautiful grounds.

Day 7: Ngorongoro Crater

Set out for a full-day game's viewing in the Ngorongoro crater, a 609 metre caldera that is a natural amphitheatre for an incredible concentration of wildlife including the highly endangered black rhino, and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. Before returning to Gibb's Farm, there is the opportunity to visit a Maasai village where you will be introduced to an elder who will provide an insight into nomadic tribal culture and traditions of the Maasai.

Days 8, 10: Serengeti National Park

Set off on a drive to the Serengeti National Park, stopping en route at Olduvai Gorge, one of the world's most important paleoanthropological sites in the world, the place where the earliest hominid fossils, dating back 1.75 million years, were found by Louis and Mary Leakey in 1959. A private guide will show you around this UNESCO listed site and museum. Continue towards the Serengeti, a vast savannah landscape dotted with rocky outcrops (kopje), much beloved by lion. The Serengeti is a destination for the Great Migration, the constant movement of hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra between the Serengeti in the south to the Masai Mara in the north, in search of grass and water as the seasons





change, predators following in their wake. Over the next two days of safari, you are likely to witness all sorts of amazing wildlife sightings on morning and afternoon game drives.

Day 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Fly to the Masai Mara via Arusha and Nairobi. After settling into your luxurious riverside camp located on the bank of the mighty Mara River, immerse yourself in the landscape and its wildlife during an afternoon game drive, following the Mara River to see basking crocodiles, wallowing hippos and mischievous monkeys. The Mara, the northern extension of the Serengeti, is famous for vast numbers of plains game and big cat predators, especially its large prides of lion. There are over 500 species of birds to be spotted, including bateleur eagles, fish eagles, secretary birds, lilac-breasted rollers and tiny malachite kingfishers. Join fellow travellers for cocktails, followed by dinner made from ingredients many of which are grown in the camp's gardens.

Days 12, 13: Masai Mara Game Reserve

Spend two full days exploring the open savannah, woodlands and tree-fringed rivers of the Masai Mara, where patience is often rewarded with amazing sightings. Game viewing is never dull in the Mara, especially when the dramatic annual Great Migration unfolds. If you are incredibly lucky, you may even witness a spectacular, if traumatic, river crossing where the stream of wildebeest crash through the Mara River to reach fresh grass on the other side, while crocodiles lie in wait. Amid the stunning scenery, you may also see Maasai tribesmen and the younger men, known as Moran, traverse the plains to herd their goats and cattle.

Day 14: Depart Nairobi

Fly back to Nairobi and spend the afternoon relaxing at the Fairmont Norfolk where you have access to a day room. In the evening, you will be driven to the airport for your flight home.

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