

# Day 1: Nairobi

Arrive Nairobi Airport today where you will be met & transferred to your accommodation. Rest of day free.

Accommodation: Wildebeest Eco Camp or similar – 1 night

Day 2: Nakuru (B,L,D)

This morning, you will be driven to Nakuru where your accommodation is in self-contained cottages nestled within sprawling gardens. You might like to join the afternoon guided farm walk and visit the Kenana knitters project or just relax in your cottage.

Accommodation: Kembu Farm Cottages or similar 2 nights

Day 3: Lake Nakuru (B,L,D)

Today we enter Lake Nakuru National Park and spend the day game driving. This small park is packed with wildlife and a soda lake with over 400 species of birdlife - an ornithologist's paradise. It is also home to both the black and white rhino, and where some scenes from the movie "Out of Africa" were filmed.

Day 4: Masai Mara (B,L,D)

Today's journey takes us into the heart of the Masai Mara. En route, the landscape transforms as herds of goats and cows, tended by vigilant Maasai owners, meander across vast plains, stirring up clouds of dust. We pause to visit a Maasai village, where we'll engage with locals and gain insight into their customs and semi-nomadic way of life. In the afternoon, we reach our camp and settle in. This distinctive camp features luxury tents, each providing a tranquil, private vista of the surrounding scenery, ensuring a truly unique experience.

Accommodation: Sekenani Camp – permanent tent with ensuite or similar 2 nights

Day 5: Masai Mara (B,L,D)

Our day is dedicated to wildlife! We'll head off early in 4WDs and traverse the park past herds of zebra, wildebeest, antelope, and towers of giraffe. With luck on our side, we may spot The Big 5 (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo & rhino). The Masai Mara is quite simply, one of the greatest wildlife attractions in the world and at this time of year, the great migration should be in full swing.

#### Day 6: Lake Naivasha (B,L,D)

This afternoon we arrive at Lake Naivasha and take a boat ride on the lake viewing hippos, fish eagles and birdlife before arriving at Elsamere, the former home of the late Joy & George Adamson. Joy became world famous for her pioneering conservation work and relationship with the lioness Elsa, as told in her bestselling book and subsequent film, Born Free. After a video presentation on the life of the Adamson's, enjoy a delicious afternoon tea in the gardens.

Accommodation: Camp Carnellys or similar

Day 7: Nairobi (B,L)

Today we journey through the Rift Valley and up the escarpment where we stop for photo opportunities, before continuing to Nairobi, Kenya's capital. Tonight, you might like to eat in the famous Carnivores Restaurant which is located in the grounds of our hotel.

Accommodation: Tamarind Tree Hotel or similar (2 nights)

Day 8: Nairobi (B

Free day to kick-back, catch up on your washing, emails, shopping etc. There is a good choice of restaurants and bars close-by, plus a modern supermarket where you can stock up on personal supplies. Option to visit the nearby elephant orphanage at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (must be pre-booked in advance – own cost).

Day 9: Arusha (B,L,D)

Today is an easy drive into Tanzania via the Namanga border. We arrive mid-afternoon and you have the rest of day free to relax or explore Arusha.

Accommodation: Pazuri Inn or Planet Lodge, Arusha

Day 10: Serengeti (B,L,D)

Early this morning, we'll be transferred to Arusha Airport for a scenic one-hour flight into the iconic Serengeti National Park. Upon arrival, we'll be picked up in 4WD vehicles and spend the day game-driving through this UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is brimming with wildlife, including lions, leopards, cheetahs, and around 500 bird species across nearly 15,000 square kilometers. The vast plains are dotted with trees and kopjes, where majestic lions reign over their territory. Around midday, we'll stop for a picnic hamper lunch, before continuing our afternoon safari, exploring the savannah in search of more wildlife. We'll overnight within the Serengeti at an exclusive safari campsite, nestled among towering acacia trees, offering stylish ensuite tents and delicious hearty meals for a true African adventure.

Accommodation: Golden Safari Camp or similar – permanent tent with ensuite

## Day 11: Serengeti – Ngorongoro – Karatu

(B,L,D)

Wake up the sounds of wildlife and savour a freshly brewed coffee as the sun rises over the plains. After breakfast, depart for Ngorongoro Crater – nestled in this colossal volcanic caldera a plethora of wildlife thrives, from elusive black rhinos to prowling hyenas, jackals, and the world's most concentrated lion population. Spend the rest of the day game driving with a picnic lunch within the Crater. Tonight, you will be staying in a boutique little resort on the outskirts of Karatu.

Accommodation: Kudu Lodge or similar

Day 12: Arusha (B,L,D)

After breakfast, we depart for Arusha where we'll visit the Shanga Foundation. Established with the mission of offering locals with disabilities an opportunity to master a craft and sustain themselves economically, you'll be impressed by the exceptional quality of the unique products, all meticulously handmade from recycled materials. Free time to watch the artists at work as well as having lunch in the restaurant. Later, arrive at our accommodation. For those seeking to acquire a rare Tanzanite gem, we recommend you attend the gem information session at our hotel, before making your purchase.

Accommodation: Mt Meru Hotel or similar

#### Day 13: Arusha - Marangu

(B,L,D)

Today we drive through colourful towns and past richly cultivated pastures to the town of Marangu. The Marangu Hotel began its history as a farmhouse built in the early 1900s and is a family-owned business, with a long history and deep connection to Kilimanjaro. On a clear day

you have magnificent views of the snow-capped mountain from the Hotel's gardens. Free afternoon to relax by the pool, or in the garden bar which is a great place to catch up with other travellers who are about to trek Kili or have just come off the mountain. Accommodation: Marangu Hotel or similar 2 nights

Day 14: Marangu (B,L,D)

Today, you'll delve into the rich culture of the Chagga people, an indigenous Bantu-speaking community, who are the third largest ethnic group in Tanzania. With a local guide, meander through villages, lush banana and coffee plantations, and uncover the intricate network of caves once utilized by the Chagga for sheltering both themselves and their livestock from Maasai raids. Indulge in freshly picked coffee beans, expertly roasted, and brewed for a flavoursome experience. Your exploration might lead you to a stunning waterfall, inviting you for a refreshing swim at your leisure.

## Day 15: Stone Town, Zanzibar

(B)

Early this morning, we depart for Kilimanjaro Airport and take a short domestic flight to Zanzibar. Little has changed in the last 200 years in Stone Town. A labyrinthine of winding alleys, bustling bazaars, mosques, and grand Arab houses whose original owners vied with each other over the extravagance of their dwellings. This one-upmanship is particularly reflected in the brass-studded, carved, wooden doors. Later find yourself a rooftop bar or sit on the beach to watch the sun sink into the sea and cast a warm glow over the city.

Accommodation: Forodhani Park Hotel or similar

#### Day 16: Spice Tour - Nungwi

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Fragrant cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, pepper and many other spices brought the Sultans of Oman and the beginnings of the infamous slave trade to Zanzibar. Our half day tour will wow you with the sheer number of spices produced and their incredible value for many ailments. Later this afternoon we drive to Nungwi Beach at the northern end of the island.

Accommodation: Z Hotel or similar (3 nights)

# Days 17/18: Nungwi, Zanzibar

(B)

Two free days to relax and unwind on Nungwi Beach. Diving, fishing and sailing on a Dhow are just some of the optional activities you can do here. At the end of the day there are plenty of bars to enjoy a sunset cocktail and a variety of beachside restaurants to dine in.

#### **Day 19: Stone Town, Zanzibar**

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Today, we return to Stone Town. Free afternoon - perhaps some last-minute shopping or a boat tour across to Prison Island which offers intriguing historical insights and the chance to encounter magnificent giant tortoises up close. Tonight, we'll meet for our final meal as a group and toast our remarkable adventure.

Accommodation: Forodhani Park Hotel or similar

## Day 20: Departure day

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Your adventure with The Safari Company ends this morning. Check out of hotel after breakfast. Transfer to Zanzibar Airport available any time today.

## **2026 DEPARTURES**

19 Jun – 08 Jul 31 Jul - 19 Aug 23 Oct – 11 Nov

# **PRICE**

NZ\$11,700 per person twin share NZ\$1,800 single supplement Prices subject to change until confirmed and paid in full.

## **INCLUSIONS**

- 19 nights accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Sightseeing as indicated
- Services of experienced driver/guide plus camp/cook assistant
- Fully equipped safari vehicle, with camping / cooking equipment
- All road tolls, vehicle taxes, National Park entry fees
- Airport transfers (day 1 & day 20 only)
- Domestic flight Kilimanjaro Zanzibar

## **EXCLUSIONS**

- International airfares
- Travel Insurance
- Entry Visa to all countries
- Items of a personal nature (eq. drinks, souvenirs)
- Any other optional activities you choose to take yourself
- Tipping