



STEP AFRICA TRAVELS

9 DAYS VALUE ITINERARY KENYA SAFARI EXPERIENCE

Itinerary Highlights:

- 2 nights stay in Amboseli. Overnights at **Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge**.
- 2 nights stay in *Great Rift Valley* Featuring Lake Naivasha & Lake Nakuru. Visits to two unique areas of the Great Rift Valley: fresh and alkaline lakes of Naivasha & Nakuru. Overnights at Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge
- 4 nights stay in Masai Mara's Private Conservancy. Overnights at Speke's Camp.
- All game drives experienced inside the main Masai Mara Reserve with the added advantage of staying on private Maasai community owned land supporting and encouraging eco-tourism, sustainability, low tourist density safari and authentic experience.
- **Four scenic scheduled safari charter flights allowing time saving and convenient access to the wilderness.**
- Expert and highly experienced safari guide driving a camp/lodge 4x4 vehicle when flying into camps with an **option** to upgrade to a private vehicle to allow for maximum flexibility, independence and personalization especially during the Masai Mara-Serengeti Great Wildebeest Migration. The Rift Valley safari portion operated on a private custom-built safari van with an expert guide.
- **Option** to add an early morning hot air balloon safari over the Masai Mara plains.
- **Option** to add on an overnight in Nairobi, depending on your international flight arrival and rest time required.
- Ability to **customize** and add more days to the existing program in Kenya e.g. Lake Victoria relaxation experience, Mombasa, Malindi or Lamu beach vacation or Swahili cultural coastal experience.

ARRIVAL - DAY 1 & 2 - AMBOSELI

Upon arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, our airport guest relation's officer will personally meet all arriving guests. We will be standing outside the arrival section holding a signboard with your name on it. You are assisted with your luggage and transferred to the secondary airport, Wilson, where you will check in for your outbound flight to Kenya's wilderness parks and reserves.

Fly from Nairobi to **Amboseli** arriving at the airstrip where you will be met by your guide at the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro. The Amboseli outback is a majestic landscape on 392 square kilometers of protected wilderness. The park borders Tanzania and is situated at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak, and the melting snow flows into underground springs that feed the swamps and wetlands that dot the plains. These water sources attract animals of all sizes, the most sought-after being– the free-roaming elephants, but you may also see elands, waterbucks, grant's gazelles, warthogs, coke's hartebeests, zebras and other grazing herbivores. The abundance of large prey supports lions, leopards, civets, wildcats and other elusive hunters, as well as jackals, hyenas and other scavengers. Your guide will also help you locate and identify yellow and olive baboons and black-face velvet monkeys. A bird watching vacation in Amboseli Park gives you the chance to record your observations of commonly sighted grey-crowned cranes, superb starlings, beautiful sunbird, secretary bird and several more of the 425-feathered resident and migratory species. One of the best vantage points that will give you a true appreciation of the immense natural beauty of Amboseli is the Observation Hill, a perfect location for sundowners, and the stunning sunsets are not to missed by photographers. The proud Maasai people continue to live outside the park borders, following their ancient traditions and tending to their cherished cattle

Amboseli Accommodation

From the private veranda of your guest room at **Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge**, you look out across the twilight savannah plains to see herbivores like wildebeests, buffalos, zebras grazing peacefully yet on guard. The deluxe 92-room lodge is sited in a wonderful stand of acacia trees with the grandeur of Mount Kilimanjaro dominating the horizon. Melting snow from the summit feeds a network of underground springs that give life to an otherwise dry landscape. Marshes and swamps, such as the one that is situated near the lodge, serve as watering holes that attract elephants, hippos, buffalos, wildebeests and several other

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fauna. The guest rooms and suites feature locally-influenced decor that highlights the craftsmanship and traditions of the Maasai people. A ceiling fan, sleeping area with a dressing table, full bathroom and other amenities are exactly what you need for a very comfortable trip to Kenya's wild lands.

Overnight Accommodation: [Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge](#)

DAY 3 & 4 - GREAT RIFT VALLEY (FEATURING LAKE NAIVASHA & LAKE NAKURU)

Fly to Nairobi where you met by your guide and vehicle. Drive to the **Great Rift Valley** for late lunch or short stopover for your optional boating safari. Your visit will provide two unique ecosystems with two different experiences. Arriving at an elevation of 1890 meters is the serene freshwater **Lake Naivasha**, a superb oasis to include on your Kenya safari. Just beyond its shores are papyrus swamps, acacia woodlands, forests and unique geologic features that are remnants of the area's volcanic past. The lake is also a RAMSAR site, a designation that reflects the ecological importance of the wetlands around the lake. More than 450 distinct birdlife species have been identified, and the resident avi-fauna are joined by migratory species. Lake Naivasha is one of the primary drinking holes for buffalos, zebras, elands, impalas, waterbucks and other grazers, as well as a favorite place for hippos to cool themselves during the day.

Proceed to the **Lake Nakuru National Park** for a contrasting alkaline lake and ecological experience. The most prominent wildlife in the park includes 56 mammals and 450 bird species. Seasonally, see firsthand one to two million lesser and greater flamingos dip their curved bills into the warm, alkaline water of the lake to extract their favorite food – special algae that are found in abundance in this unique water outback. Explore beyond the lake, and you will find a world of forest dwellers, plains game and other creatures – large and small. The white and black rhinos, as well as the Rothschild's giraffes that you will see in the park have been rescued from the threat of poaching in other areas of Africa and also Kenya. Lake Nakuru's most sought-after and elusive predator is the leopard. Although plenty of luck and efforts are required to locate, these spotted carnivores are most often found lounging in the trees of the acacia forests that are set back from the shores of the lake. Your game drives will also take you into the woodlands where you may catch sight of the colobus and vervet monkeys. Enjoy watching these primates, but be careful not to stand under them as they are known to be quite messy eaters, a habit that helps propagate the forest trees and vegetation. Thomson's gazelles, impalas, Grant's gazelles, waterbucks, reedbucks, buffalos and hippos are just some of the other herbivores found in the park.

Keeping a constant watch over some of these prey animals are striped hyenas, lions, the rare wild cats, golden cats and other highly elusive predators.

Lake Nakuru Accommodation

Well-landscaped gardens make up the property that offers you tranquility with sweeping views of the lake and its most famous seasonal denizens, the lesser and greater flamingos. Spend time in the bar lounge or on the adjacent verandah next to it. You could also relax beside the curving swimming pool or watch as your kids play in the wading pool. Choose from one of the 62 lodge rooms that the Lake Nakuru Sopa offers value holidaymakers. 54 of the roundish cottages are furnished with two double beds each with mosquito nets for your protection while 6 of them have one double bed. The rooms are child-friendly, and the accommodation also offers 2 specially equipped rooms for physically challenged Step Africa Travels guests. The front of the hotel-like room has large windows with a seating arrangement beside them. You can also relax on your private veranda in comfortable deck chairs. The ensuite bathrooms include a tiled shower area, double basins and bidet along with the other unpretentious amenities typical of a no-frills establishment. The restaurant at the Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge is a spacious, welcoming space with a terrace. It also has a fireplace adding to its cozy ambience. You will be served adequate buffet meals cooked with ingredients sourced from local farms around Lake Naivasha. You could also order drinks from the bar with glass panoramic views of the reserve.

Overnight Accommodation: [Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge](#)

DAY 5 - 8 - MASAI MARA RESERVE

Fly to the heart of the **Masai Mara Reserve** arriving at the airstrip where your specialist Masai Mara safari guide will meet you on arrival. Offering superb plains scenery, unmatched safari activities and diverse wildlife, Masai Mara National Reserve is considered Kenya's best park and one of Africa's highest wildlife density region for predators. The reserve covers 583 square miles (1510 square kilometers) of outstanding wilderness in southwest Kenya. The location, wildlife, activities and comfortable moderate climate puts Mara at the top of the list, even for the most discerning Step Africa Travels traveler to Kenya. The Masai Mara is a critical part of the route used by wildebeests and zebras during the Great Migration that traverses the Masai Mara via the Serengeti National Park during late July through late October - approximately. Recognized as one of the most spectacular wildlife events on the planet, the migration is a continuous route that is followed by an over 1.5 million wildebeests and thousands of zebras, gazelles and elands. In their never-

ending pursuit for the finest grazing and watering grounds, the gnu relocate on an almost constant basis. The perseverance of these wildebeests is demonstrated in their ability to mate while on the move, and many cows are pregnant during part of the migration. Additionally, even the youngest wildebeest calves are expected to keep up with the herd. Standing and walking within minutes are critical to its survival. Additionally, the Masai Mara offers year-round game viewing. The reserve and surrounding conservancies offer diverse resident species experiences during your safari excursions. You will frequently see impalas, topis, giraffes, elephants, zebras, buffalos, warthogs and other grazing herbivores. With so many prey animals, Masai Mara is a veritable bonanza for large predators, such as lions, cheetahs, leopards, crocodiles and other stealthy, powerful hunters. The abundance of terrestrial animals is enhanced by the presence of more than 450-winged species, including 57 birds of prey.

Masai Mara Private Conservancy Accommodation

A secluded grassy-bushy in the between the Mara North Conservancy with the adjoining Olare Motorogi Conservancy, dotted with verdant trees, at a short distance from the Olare Orok River, is the location of the Speke's Camp. A small collection of canvas tents, the campsite occupies a tract of land leased from the Maasai and operates on eco-friendly principles in accordance with their deep reverence for nature. The camp is semi-permanent in nature which means that there are no fixed structures and if needed the camp can be easily dismantled and moved to a new location without leaving behind a permanent trace. Speke's Camp only has 8 guest tents, each located in an individual copse of trees so you can have seclusion while enjoying your stay during your trip in Kenya. Some of the tents have a double bed while others are furnished with either single twin beds or two queen size beds in a family tent. A wooden safety chest and collapsible closet are perfect for unpacking while the seating area on the outdoor patio allows you to spend quiet afternoons just reveling in the serenity of the pristine wilderness around you. Solar panels generate the power to light the lamps hung from the ceiling of your tent, and the en-suite bathroom at the back comes with twin vanity basins and sectioned off shower cubicle for warm, bucket showers.

Overnight Accommodation: [Speke's Camp](#)

DAY 9 - DEPARTURE DAY - AIRPORT TRANSFER OR CONTINUE ON AN OPTIONAL SAFARI EXTENSION

Breakfast. Morning activity. Thereafter, transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival, connect to your international flight back home or continue on with an extension safari, tour or beach trip within Kenya.

COST OF VALUE TIER 3 - KENYA SAFARI

Step Africa Travels recommends you plan and book your Kenya safari at least 5 to 7 months prior to your arrival. Safari accommodations are almost fully booked all year round due to limited rooming capacity and high demand.

Please contact us to customize your safari and request prices based on your travel preference.

**Price guide is per person sharing a double or twin room. Single room and holiday season supplements may apply for certain travel months and accommodations.*

MONTH OF TRAVEL	VALUE EXPERIENCE
January (After Holidays)	\$4610
February	\$4610
March	\$4610
April	\$4470
May	\$4470
June	\$4470
July	\$4830
August	\$4830
September	\$4830
October	\$4830
November	\$4610
December (Before Holiday Season)	\$4610
December (During Holiday Season)	\$4750

What Is Included:

- Knowledgeable program expertise, pre-planning resource guidance along with firsthand experience.
- Professional safari guiding services. All guides are native experts in African wildlife, game driving, culture and history, many of whom speak other European languages.
- Accommodation in a standard double or twin room - sharing.
- Full board meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast) when staying the night during the safari.
- Internal airlines as indicated.
- Game viewing activities are included with your overnight stay.
- Arrival and departure meet, greet and transfer services as in the itinerary.
- All park and reserve entry fees, airstrip transfers, VAT, government levies, service charges and hotel taxes for the services booked.
- Step Africa Travels office and cellular emergency contact details.

What Is Not Included:

Other services, tours, activities, drinks and meals that are outside the included offerings, personal expenses such travelers' insurance, medical evacuation, communication charges, gratuities - tips, visas, airport specific passenger charges, international airfares, that are extra and NOT part of the included itinerary.