

SAFARI KAMILI (Kenya & Tanzania) 13 DAYS

DESCRIPTION

SAFARI KAMILI, the **IDEAL** journey through East Africa, a combined two-country route that explores the great reserves and parks in this continent. The blended essence of **Kenya** and **Tanzania**, following in the footsteps of the **Great Migration** from the **Masai Mara** in Kenya to the **Serengeti**, our way into Tanzania.

On the way, it turns towards **Lake Natron**, the famous reddish lake crammed with flamingos. Then, route goes back to Kenya, to **Amboseli Park**, located at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro. This is a route that brings together fauna, flora, ethnic groups, an important ethnographic wealth and a landscape worthy of the classic *Memories of Africa*.

All this with an **expert local** English-speaking driver/guide.

ITINERARY

- 01 International Flight into Kenya
- 02 Jomo Kenyatta Airport – Nairobi
- 03 Nairobi – Masai Mara Reserve
- 04 Masai Mara Reserve
- 05 Masai Mara Reserve – Serengeti, Ikoma Area
- 06 Serengeti National Park
- 07 Serengeti National Park – Shifting Sands – Olduvai Gorge – Karatu
- 08 Ngorongoro Crater
- 09 Karatu – Lake Manyara Park – Lake Natron
- 10 Lake Natron
- 11 Lake Natron – Amboseli Park
- 12 Amboseli Park
- 13 Amboseli Park – Nairobi – Departure

Departure dates: all year round.

DETAILED ROUTE

01 INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT INTO KENYA: International flight into **Kenya**. Overnight on board.

02 JOMO KENYATTA AIRPORT – NAIROBI: We will land in Kenya, specifically at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. After completing the entry procedures to the country and collecting our luggage, we will meet our guide, who will be waiting for us with a sign and our names on it.

We'll be taken to the hotel in the city of **Nairobi** so that we can get ready for the next day's safari.

After 4o Hotel — BB (Bed & Breakfast): <https://after4ohotel.com>

03 NAIROBI – MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE: We will begin this great adventure across Africa. Our first destination will be the amazing reserve of **Masai Mara**. As we advance, we will drive through the **Rift Valley**, where we can see several local communities from the vehicle. We will enter this spectacular icon of nature, for many the best animal reserve in the world. **Hundreds of thousands of animals**, basically herbivores with all the plethora of predators and scavengers, roam freely its rounded hills and large meadows, attracted by its magnificent pastures and permanent waters.

Serengeti is part of the **Masai Mara ecosystem**, where the Great Migration takes place every year and wildebeests, zebras and gazelles among others, follow their instincts.

Olmoran Tented Camp — FB (Full Board): <http://olmorantentedcamp.com>

04 MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE: Full day in the **Masai Mara**, one of the most important natural reserves in the world. It takes the name of the tribe that lives here, the Masai, and the **Mara River** that crosses it. With more than 1,500 square kilometers of surface in the great Rift Valley, Masai Mara is specially formed by savannah and is distinguished by its famous population of lions and by having the so-called Big Five: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino.

We will be able to visit different areas such as **Paradise Plains, Meta Plains** and **Burrungant Plains**, and we will continue exploring the reserve until we reach the Mara River, where we can see the famous "**Mara River Crossing**". Our guide will be watching out for the vultures in the sky, that signal that tells about the presence of predators eating recent preys.

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05 MASAI MARA RESERVE – SERENGETI, IKOMA AREA + NIGHT SAFARI:

Early in the morning, we will

head to the park par excellence in northern **Tanzania**, the **Serengeti**. We will cross the border between Kenya and Tanzania and do the necessary paperwork to follow the route. Lunch en route and in the afternoon, we will reach the area of **Fort Ikoma**.

This area is outside the park but near the north entrance called Ikoma. Upon arrival, we will make ourselves comfortable so that later on in the afternoon we can enjoy an unforgettable experience with a night safari across the plains of the Ikoma and the Serengeti ecosystem. We'll be able to observe the nocturnal animals of the area.

Ikoma Safari Camp — FB (Full Board): <http://www.ikomasafaricamp.com/home.html>

06 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK:

The oldest and most famous of Tanzania's and Africa's national parks represents the essence of the safari experience par excellence. With **large savanna plains** and forests where millions of herbivores graze, the Serengeti is home to the most significant specimens of Africa all year round: **giraffes, elephants and rhinos**.

Known for the annual migrations of wildebeests and other herbivores, where millions of animals travel nearly 1,000 kilometers in search of fresh pastures starring in a unique spectacle of wildlife, Serengeti is the must-visit place in Tanzania. One of the scenes that awaits is that of hippos and **Nile crocodiles** in one of the large ponds in this park. One of these natural pools, known as the **Retina Hippo Pool** and located 10 kilometers from Seronera, is one of the best places to see these fascinating animals. We'll have picnic food in the middle of the savanna, so as not to lose a second of the sensations while being part of a safari in capital letters.

Burudika Serengeti Tented Camp — FB (Full Board): <http://www.burudikalodges.com/serengeti-tented-camp>

07 SERENGETI PARK – SHIFTING SANDS – OLDUVAI GORGE – KARATU:

En route from the camp, we continue our safari while we head to the **Ngorongoro Conservation Area**. We will make a fascinating stop on our way to Olduvai and witness an interesting event: the shifting sands. These **shifting sands** form a large volcanic ash dune that appears completely out of place in the middle of the grassy plains.

Constantly in motion, the dune moves slowly across the landscape at the mercy of the winds. Thanks to a phenomenon as intriguing as it is fascinating, these crescent-shaped dunes appear when the presence of dust on the ground is important. Thanks to the wind, the movement effect comes to life. Coming together around a rock, the volcanic ash clumps together to form what appears to be a small sand dune.

Our journey continues and this time, we'll come to a historical place called the **Olduvai Gorge**. The Masai word for this place is Oldupai and it comes from an abundant and local fleshy plant called "Sansevieriaehrenbergii." This

archaeological site is in the impressive Rift Valley. In 1960, the couple formed by two paleo-anthropologists named Louis and Mary Leakey made a stunning discovery in the gorge: **the first fossil from the first species of genus Homo, which is approximately 2 million years old.** For this reason, the ravines that form the Olduvai Gorge are also known as "Cradle of Humanity". In 2017 and thanks to the European Union, the Olduvai Gorge Museum was inaugurated. Today, it exhibits a large number of fossils more than 1 million years old. This is a place worth spending some time at.

After these visits, we'll drive towards the town of **Karatu** to spend the night. This town borders the Ngorongoro Area and is located above the great Rift Valley.

Tanzanice Farm & Guesthouse — FB (Full Board): <http://www.tanzanice.net/>

08 NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA: At sunrise, we will be ready to enter the **Ngorongoro Crater**, one of the largest volcanic calderas in the world. Formed after a gigantic explosion in the volcano, we can appreciate the caldera as a gigantic hole with walls over 600 meters high filled with forests.

Inside the 20-kilometer in diameter caldera, nature has created a peculiar universe of ecosystems with forests, lakes and savannas so it can be home to a population of **around 25,000 animals of different species.** This safari brings the opportunity to see the so-called **Big Five.**

Here, in the middle of this paradise, we'll stop and have a picnic lunch by a beautiful lagoon. We will continue seeking wildlife in the interior of the crater and in the afternoon, we will go back to our accommodation to rest and spend the night.

Tanzanice Farm & Guesthouse — FB (Full Board): <http://www.tanzanice.net/>

09 KARATU – LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK – LAKE NATRON: Today we go to another park. After breakfast, we will enter the **Lake Manyara National Park.** It is a natural space that includes everything, from dense jungles to savannahs, including the wetlands of the lake that bears his name.

This is the safari that will deliver the rare opportunity to see the famous climbing lions. It is also an ideal place to see, especially between December and March, large colonies of flamingos. Their plumage creates an optical effect that translates into a pink line on the horizon.

As if that was not enough, the Lake Manyara National Park is home to baboons, zebras, giraffes and up to 380 different species of birds. At the agreed time, we will leave the park behind and move to the volcanic lands of **Lake Natron.** On the way, we will cross several local communities, not losing sight of the sacred mountain Mount Oldoinyo Lengai. The Masai regard it as an ethnic pilgrimage center and they come here to ask for rain for their crops and sometimes, other personal demand they may have.

Lengai Safari Camp — FB (Full Board): <http://www.lengaisafarilodge.com/>

10 LAKE NATRON – FULL DAY: Breakfast in the camp and visit to a **Masai village**, an ethnic group formed by shepherds and proud warriors with a traditional way of life. They will be happy to teach us their culture, customs and daily routine.

We will later drive up to the shore of Lake Natron and its characteristic reddish color. This lake attracts countless flamingos from Lake Manyara to lay their eggs here. We can also visit a hot water spring. As we approach, we'll make a stop at the archaeological site called "EngareSero Footprints." This site was recently reported for the first time by National Geographic and has a sample of some of the earliest known hominid tracks. We can still see them thanks to the weather conditions of the area and the help of volcanic eruptions in the region.

At noon, lunch and rest in the camp. Later on, we'll be on our way to the **Ngarasero waterfall** where, if we wish, we can **swim in the natural pool** of water that falls from **Mount Oldoinyo Lengai**.

Back to the camp to spend the night.

Lengai Safari Camp — FB (Full Board): <http://www.lengaisafarilodge.com/>

11 LAKE NATRON – AMBOSELI PARK: We will be leaving the region of Lake Natron behind and incredible views of this huge presence of water in the heart of the Rift Valley. The continuously rising road will take us back to the Namanga border between Tanzania and Kenya. Arrangements for border crossing and new vehicle and guide. Once we are ready to officially enter **Kenya**, we'll head to **Mount Kilimanjaro** as this is where we'll find the amazing **Amboseli National Park**. Upon arrival in the afternoon, we'll engage in a new safari in the park in search of animals. This area is famous for the largest elephants. At sunset, we'll drive towards our accommodation to rest and spend the night.

Kibo Safari Camp — FB (Full Board): <https://kibosafaricamp.com/>

12 AMBOSELI – FULL DAY: Stunning views of the highest peak in Africa: Mount Kilimanjaro. Full day in **Amboseli**, where morning and afternoon safaris will give us the chance to see huge herds of elephants, lions, buffalos and other wonderful examples of wildlife. In the afternoon, we'll find the viewpoint so that we can contemplate the wonderful views of Kilimanjaro.

At sunset, we'll go back to camp in order to rest and spend the night.

Kibo Safari Camp — FB (Full Board): <https://kibosafaricamp.com/>

13 AMBOSELI PARK – NAIROBI – DEPARTURE: After breakfast, we'll get our luggage as it's time to leave. We'll drive to **Nairobi** and at the agreed time, we'll go to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to take our departure flight.

END OF OUR SERVICES

*ASK FOR A FREE QUOTATION.

ACCOMMODATION:	NAIROBI:	After 40 Hotel or similar.
	MASAI MARA:	Olmoran Tented Camp or similar.
	SERENGETI 1:	Ikoma Safari Camp or similar.
	SERENGETI 2:	Burudika Tented Camp or similar.
	KARATU:	Tanzanice Farm & Guesthouse or similar.
	LAKE NATRON:	Lengai Safari Lodge or similar.
	AMBOSELI:	Kibo Safari Camp or similar.

NOTE: The accommodations offered will be guaranteed once the reservation is confirmed by the client. If the accommodations are not available, they will be exchanged for others with similar characteristics. Such change could increase or decrease the price, so the client will be informed.

INCLUDED SERVICES: All transfers to and from the airport; full board during the safari, except drinks at hotels; BB at the hotel in Nairobi; park fees for all national parks mentioned; all safaris as described in the itinerary in private; 4x4 Van transportation in Kenya; 4x4 vehicles, Land Cruiser or Land Rover in Tanzania; professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout the safari; bottled water during the safari (unlimited); night safari in the Serengeti, Ikoma area; visit: Shift Sands in Ngorongoro; visit: Olduvai Gorge in Ngorongoro; cultural and social visits: Lake Natron area; visit: Lake Natron; visit: Ngaresero waterfalls in the Natron area; electric fridge in the 4x4 vehicles to cool drinks; socket for cell phone and camera in the 4x4 vehicles.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED: International and national flights; any services not specified as Included; any time of visa (\$50 per person and country); any type of activity not mentioned in the itinerary; drinks of any type at hotels except when specified; tips and personal extras; travel insurance; transportation expenses in case of emergency, personal first-aid kit; drinks of any type at hotels except when specified.