

Guided Camping Tour

12 Days /11 Níghts "East Afríca" Kenia & Tanzania





This safari endeavors to combine the highlights of both Kenya and Tanzania. We concentrate on the internationally acclaimed Game Parks that are known to be "the home of the Discovery Channel". We will also visit lesserknown areas and will enjoy interaction with the local tribes, including the renowned Masai.

TOUR INFO:

Info:	guided Camping Tour
	from/to Nairobi
Language:	englisch
Length:	12 days / 11 nights
Participants:	max. 17
Age:	18 – 55 years
Price:	from 2.695,- EUR p.P.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Nairobi
- Mount Longonot
- Lake Naivasha
- Masai Mara National Park
- Serengeti National Park
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Masai Village
- Arusha

Summary:

Included in tour price:

- DURATION : 12 Days (2 nights Hotel, 9 nights camping)
- Meals as per itinerary
- Camping equipment
- Entrance fees
- English-speaking tour guide

Not included in tour price:

- Flights (please contact us if you need assistance with flights)
- Pre-/post accommodation (can be arranged)
- Travel insurances, Visa
- Sleeping bag (can be hired), Towel, Pillow
- Optional activities, Tips, personal expenses
- Softdrinks, alcoholic beverages

Optional Activities:

Hot Air Ballooning

Tour price:	
	January 2023 – December 2023
Per Person	2.695,- EUR

TOUR DETAILS:

DAY 1: NAIROBI

Our tour of East Africa starts in the Kenyan capital city of Nairobi. Guests arrive and meet at the hotel in the heart of this bustling city. For clients arriving early, there are a variety of optional tours and excursions on offer – these can be arranged on arrival at the hotel.

At 18h00 we conduct a pre-tour briefing before enjoying an own expense dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: La Mada Hotel

DAY 2: MASAI MARA	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
We dive straight into the adventure and head directly for Masai Mara National Reserve. To get there the road climbs up to the edge of the Great Rift Valley, affording magnificent views over the Africa of our imaginations. The Mara is famous for the annual mass migration of wildebeest and zebra, and is the scene of heartbreak for the young animals taken by the hundreds of crocodiles in the Mara River. But the sheer weight of numbers ensures most animals are lucky enough to escape.	
We arrive in the afternoon and spend the next two nights camping adjacent to the park. An accommodation upgrade is available every night of the tour, but this must be booked before departure to avoid disappointment.	
Meals: B L D Included Highlights/Activity: – Great Rift Valley	

DAY 3: MASAI MARA	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
We leave early for a full day of extensive game driving. The Mara is renowned for its abundance of plains game and the ever-present predators following the herds. We follow seasonal migrations when possible, our safari truck giving us an elevated view of the plains. We stop for a picnic lunch between game drives and only return to camp in the late afternoon, tired and hungry, ready for a hearty meal around the camp fire.	Cont one with the first

Meals: B L D

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Masai Mara National Reserve

– Mara River

- Full day game viewing experience

DAY 4 : MOUNT LONGONOT

Leaving The Mara, we track back to Mount Longonot National Park, with its dormant volcano. We temporarily abandon our vehicle as our guide leads us on a hike up to the crater rim, for a view of the jagged-edged caldera and the forest within. It's also a good spot for views of the Rift Valley. The volcano last erupted in the early 1900s but steam vents may still be visible, and on the way there is a variety of plains game to be seen while we walk. We will take a packed lunch along, for a picnic with a view.

Reunited with our safari truck, it's only a short drive to our camp-site on the shores of Lake Naivasha, where we set up camp for the next two nights.

Meals: B L D Included Highlights/Activity:

- Great Rift Valley
- Mount Longonot
- Hike in National Park
- Lake Naivasha

DAY 5 : LAKE NAIVASHA

This morning we drive the short distance to the famous Hell's Gate National Park, named by 19th century explorers for a natural cleft in the high basalt cliffs. The dramatic scenery here was the inspiration for the the movie "The Lion King", and it's a great place to walk, with the chance of seeing zebra, giraffe and buffalo amongst various species of antelope. The adventurous have the option to explore the park on a bicycle (local hire, own expense). Hot springs are a reminder of the volcanic activity below our feet, and nearby Olkaria Geothermal Power station takes advantage of this.

We head back to camp for lunch, and follow this with an afternoon boat cruise on Lake Naivasha, to get close to hippo and some of the 400 species of birds that the lake attracts.

A final highlight in a busy day is a visit to Elsamere, the former home of the original "lion whisperers", George and Joy Adamson, for high tea and to gain some insight into their fascinating lives.

Meals: B L D Included Highlights/Activity:

- Guided hike in Hells Gate National Park
- Lake Naivasha boat cruise
- Elsamere







Breakfast, Lunch,

Dinner

DAY 6: ARUSHA

Today we head for Tanzania and the town of Arusha, passing through the outskirts of Nairobi on our way south. Crossing the border, we catch glimpses of Mt Kilimanjaro through the clouds, and skirt the base of Mt Meru, Africa's 5th highest mountain. Known as the Tanzania's "safari capital", Arusha is a busy cross-roads of safari operators and travellers from all over the world. It is also the seat of the East African Community and important regional diplomatic hub.

Meals: B L (Dinner Own Expense) Included Highlights/Activity: – Scenic drive

– Tanzania

DAY 7: SERENGETI

Our Tanzanian safari begins as we enter Serengeti National Park. The road climbs the flanks of Ngorongoro before descending to the flat plains of the Serengeti, the golden grassland dotted with flat-topped acacias. This is quintessential Africa, the scene of an annual migration when the grasslands turn black with the bodies of wildebeest. The game is abundant in every season and the predators that stalk the herds are never far behind. We will camp two nights on the Serengeti plain, spending our days game driving, living in one of nature's greatest scenes, the nights around a camp fire with a star-studded sky overhead.

Meals: B L D Included Highlights/Activity:

- Serengeti National Park
- Extensive game viewing experience

DAY 8: SERENGETI

Rising before the sun for coffee around the camp fire, we leave for a full day of exploring the park as the day breaks. We have all day for game viewing as our guide explains the behaviour and habits of the animals we encounter. We stop regularly for comfort breaks, and have a picnic lunch in the wilds. Returning to our camp as the sun sets, we relax around the fire, swapping stories and photographs as the crew prepare a delicious meal.

Meals: B L D Included Highlights/Activity: – Serengeti National Park – Full day game drive



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DAY 9: NGORONGORO

At dawn we leave for our final game drive on the plains, returning mid morning to strike camp and have brunch. We then drive back up the steep slopes of Ngorongoro to the top of this extinct volcano. On the way it's a little strange to see the Masai tribesmen herding their cattle amongst the wildlife, still living their customary lifestyle as they have for cen Simba Camp, perched on the edge of th caldera.

Meals: B L D Included Highlights/Activity:

- Game drive in Serengeti
- Masai Tribal People
- Ngorongoro Crater

DAY 10: NGORONGORO - MASAI VILLAGE

At first light we board 4×4 safari vehicles to make the daring descent into the crater, a route too steep and precipitous for our safari truck. Here we explore the the crater, a marvel of nature with its steep forested walls, fertile grass plains, lake, salt pan and fever tree forest. It is a microcosm of the continent's great safari destinations, with the possibility of seeing many of Africa's mammals all in one place, including the rare Black Rhino. We take the steep route out of the crater to return to Simba Camp for lunch, exiting the park in the early afternoon and descending the escarpment to our camp for the night, in a village amongst the Masai people.

This afternoon we will tour the village with a Masai guide and hear about their way of life, their culture and how they fit into the modern world.

Meals: B L D Included Highlights/Activity: - 4×4 Safari inside the Ngorongoro Crater Masai Encounter

DAY 11: ARUSHA

We awake to the bustling noise of village life, and after breakfast we make our way back to Arusha. We have lunch in town and then spend the afternoon exploring the markets and curio shopping for those presents to take home to family and friends. Tonight we will enjoy an own expense meal at a local restaurant to celebrate our safari and our final night together.

Meals: B (Lunch and Dinner own expense) Included Highlights/Activity: – Arusha

– Local markets

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DAY 12: TRANSFER TO NAIROBI

After breakfast, we set off to complete the circle back to Nairobi. (On occasion we may use the shuttle bus to transfer clients.) This road travels through some spectacular scenery, and on a clear day we have a second chance to see mighty Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. En-route to Nairobi city, the transfer will pass via the airport to facilitate those who are flying out today. Everyone staying on in Nairobi, or continuing their travels, will be taken into the city centre.

Meals: B (Lunch own expense)

The day by day descriptions published are intended as a rough guideline only. Adventure travel by nature is unpredictable, weather patterns, game migrations, road conditions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

Safari Truck

Please note:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To best enjoy this tour it should be approached with an open and flexible mind. Road or weather conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances, may necessitate changes to the itinerary and clients should be prepared for this. A sleeping bag, towel and pillow are required for this tour.

Please ensure that you are in possession of valid travel documents for all the countries - (Kenya and Tanzania) - That you will visit.

Please note that clients will now require an E-Visa to enter Kenya. This e-visa needs to be purchased online prior to travelling to Kenya.

All travellers need to produce a printed copy of the e-visa at check-in. E-visas can be applied for via http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html (Mobile-friendly website)





Breakfast

If you have any queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us. Although we will endeavor to assist, we do not accept any liability or obligation for your travel documents. Please ensure that you have proof of further travel arrangements if you do not have a Kenyan- passport, permanent residency permit, work permit or study permit. Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the end of your tour.

Telephone numbers: High Commission of Tanzania in Pretoria is: (+27) 12 342 4393 High Commission of Kenya in Pretoria is: (+27) 12 362 2249 Or visit: Kenya Tourism at www.tourism.go.ke Tanzania Tourism at www.tanzaniatouristboard.com

Make two photocopies of valuable documents such as your passport, tickets and visas. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home.

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Upon arrival in any respective country we operate in, you will be able to find a Bureau de Change OR ATM Facilities at the airport or in the Town/City the tour is departing from. It is advised to bring any major world currency (US Dollar, Euro or British Pounds) in small denominations and not dated older than 2009. It is advised to get a small amount of local currency upon arrival just to get around until your tour starts.

On Tour: Please be advised that our guides will inform and show you the best places to exchange any Major World Currency with the best possible exchange rates either before your tour starts or during the course of the tour. Our guides will brief you exactly on where to exchange and roughly how much you will need to exchange after discussing possible optional activities, own expense meals or possible curio stops. Drifters trucks have safe-keeping facilities for extra cash/flight tickets/passport.

The preferred currencies are as follows:

• US Dollar - in small Denominations (\$10,20 or 50) and dated 2009 or later

• Euro – In small Denominations (€5, 10 or 20)

Credit cards are not favored in most parts of East Africa so please ensure you will have enough cash to buy good and possible gratuities.

INSURANCE

It is compulsory that all passengers make arrangements for adequate travel insurance to financially safeguard against unforeseen circumstances. If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact us. Drifters do not accept responsibility for any loss, injury, damage, accident, fatality, delay or inconvenience experienced whilst on tour. You will be required to complete and sign a full indemnity prior to your tour departure.

Your insurance should include all the countries and territories that your tour will pass through. You must ensure that you have sufficient cover for medical and evacuation costs, and should base this on advice from your insurer. A minimum benefit of USD 60 000.00 is recommended for evacuation from any area in which Drifters operates in Africa to South Africa, with further benefits for medical costs in South Africa, and for possible repatriation to your home country. Please note that you will be required to furnish details of your travel insurance to Drifters before you will be allowed to travel with us. Please ensure that these details are completely and accurately recorded in order to facilitate a claim should this be necessary.

Seasonal precautions against malaria are advisable. A small daypack is advisable. The recommended currency for this tour is the US Dollar, and notes in small denominations should be brought along for expenses not included. Our price includes transport - Nairobi to Nairobi, accommodation, entry fees,

park fees, permits, group equipment, professional guides, and most meals. Drinks, bottled water, curio's, tips, taxes, visas, and optional excursions are for the client's own expense.

Before departure, clients will be required to enter into an agreement pertaining to our booking conditions and general information. Clients are required to have their own comprehensive personal travel insurance.

DEPARTURE POINT

The 12 Day Kenya / Tanzania Tour starts from the Hotel La Mada at 18h00 on the first day and ends back at the city centre or Hotel La Mada in the afternoon, at around 15h00. Please confirm should you need pre or post tour accommodation at the Hotel La Mada.

Please note that we strongly advise against flying out on the day that the tour ends. Drifters will not be held responsible for missed flights on this day. We generally travel long distances and late arrivals are common.

Hotel La Mada Thika Road, Nairobi. Tel (+254-20) 856 1041 or 856 1598. Nairobi Town Please note that clients are advised to bring their own sleeping bags as we do not hire them out.

ACCOMMODATION ON TOUR

Please note that linen will be provided at Hotel La Mada, BUT you will need a sleeping bag and pillow for the rest of the tour.

Batteries can be charged from a 220 volt source pre tour departure and every day on the truck while the truck is driving from a 12 V inverter.

Currency exchange opportunities on tour: Arrival at Nairobi Airport, Day 6

Limited Laundry facilities: Hotel La Mada (Essential washing only)

Internet facilities: Locally in Nairobi

ON SAFARI

All our tours require participation from all group members. This entails assisting with the food preparation, washing of dishes, keeping the truck clean and the setting up the camp.

Please keep in mind that flexibility and an open mind will greatly contribute to an enjoyable safari.

We are travelling in developing countries therefore please do not expect the punctuality you have come to expect in first world countries. Things do not always run according to plan, however we do endeavor to run according to the itinerary as best as possible.

Departure Dates 2023:

Start Date	End Date		
		13/08/2023	24/08/2023
26/02/2023	09/03/2023	27/08/2023	07/09/2023
12/03/2023	23/03/2023	10/09/2023	21/09/2023
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18/06/2023	29/06/2023	17/12/2023	28/12/2023
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16/07/2023	27/07/2023	31/12/2023	11/01/2024
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