

KS0401A – Through the Rift Valley

(SERENA)

Days of Operation – Monday

Duration – 4 Days

Vehicle – Safari Minibus (Scheduled)

Pick up Point	Nairobi Serena Hotel	0730h
Drop off Point	Intercontinental Hotel	1200h

Safari Briefing: Day 01 at 0700hrs approx.
 Departs on Day 01: 0730hrs approx.
 Returns on Day 04: 1200hrs approx. (flights to be booked 1530hrs onwards)

This is a short but extremely rewarding safari as it allows visitors to gain a firsthand experience of the Great Rift Valley and the vast game-rich plains of the Masai Mara. The Rift Valley lakes are famous for their abundance of flamingos and other waterfowl, while Masai Mara is home to the country's greatest concentration of wildlife.

Day 1 Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve

Clients to make own way to Nairobi Serena Hotel in Nairobi by 0700hrs for the safari briefing.

Travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the rift escarpment on the road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. On the way spot the charming chapel built at the foot of the escarpment. Pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the valley to Narok; continue your travels across acres of wheat and barley, before reaching the Masai Mara in time for lunch. Following lunch set off on your first game drive, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Mara Serena Safari Lodge on a full board basis.

Mara Serena Safari Lodge

A masterful interpretation of a traditional Masai village, Mara Serena Lodge seemingly floats on a sea of savannah. A beautiful pool looks out over the wide plains. The rooms are Masai-influenced in style yet extremely comfortable. The main dining room, where delicious meals are served, has three large domes and three small ones depicting Masai manyattas (villages). Occasionally an African al fresco barbecue is served by the pool overlooking the Mara plains. Fresh fruit juices and cocktails, wines, spirits or liqueurs are available at the bar until late in the evening. At Serena, the views are stunning. It is on this very terrain, stretching endlessly before the lodge, that the annual migrations take place. Millions of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle pass through on their way to and from their alternative feeding grounds in Tanzania.

Day 2 Masai Mara National Reserve

Following an early breakfast, depart on a morning game drive, returning to the camp mid-morning. After lunch, and perhaps a siesta, set off on another game drive and visit to the Masai Village, returning to the lodge as the sunsets. [It is possible to pre-book an optional early morning Balloon Safari](#)

Overnight at Mara Serena Lodge on a full board basis.

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Added value Mara Serena Hippo Pool Breakfast – (not available to clients doing a Balloon Safari – instead they will have a Bush breakfast as part of the Balloon Experience)

Crown your game viewing experience in the Mara with a “Bush Breakfast” by the Mara River Hippo Pools! One cannot resist the charming “Jambo” from the chefs and Masai warriors as they welcome you to our wonderfully set breakfast buffet of cold cuts, fruits, cereals and hot dishes with eggs made to your specifications as you wait. The hippos keep you company and only say “Kwaheri” (good bye) after you have had enough.

Day 3 Masai Mara – Lake Nakuru – Lake Elementaita

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast travel across the ‘breadbasket’ of Kenya, where acres of wheat and barley litter the landscape as you head north to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. Now travel across the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley, stop enroute for a picnic lunch. Keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mai -Mahiu, before arriving Lake Nakuru National Park for a game drive. The national park, known for its birdlife, offers a possibility to view flamingoes. It is also home to Black and White rhinos as well as the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. Late afternoon continue to your camp situated in Soysambu Conservancy.

Overnight at Lake Elementaita Serena Camp on a full board basis.

Day 4 Lake Elementaita - Nairobi

Following an early breakfast, and an escorted Bird walk, leave the Rift Valley behind and proceed to Nairobi. Once in the city, clients will be dropped off at the drop off point in the city center for ongoing travel arrangements.

Suggested Optional Nairobi Excursions on return to Nairobi ex- Safari

Lunch or Dinner at Carnivore

Out of Africa Excursion

Shopping trip to Utamaduni and Kazuri Bead Factory

Use of Pollmans Club Lounge

(Please refer to separate local excursion rate sheet for pricing and other Nairobi local excursions).

***Due to road and traffic conditions, in order to maintain the scheduled departure timings, it is recommended that clients arrive a day prior to the programme and book a pre-night. All clients must be at the pickup point in time for briefing. The safari will continue without clients that have not arrived by the departure time and additional costs incurred to arrange for the clients to meet up with the safari group, will need to be borne directly by client on the ground.

Extra transfer requests applicable as per below (min 2 pax):

Please refer to transfer document for list of hotels within or outside city center

Cost Includes

Meet and greet services

All transport and game drives on safari sector will be in a safari minibus with pop-up roof (maximum 7 passengers) with a Bi-lingual English speaking driver-guide on shared basis

Guaranteed window seat

Meals and accommodation as specified

All park fees and government taxes

½ litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

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Cost Excludes

Airport transfers
Visas and international flights
Airport taxes (clients pay direct)
Driver-guide gratuities
Drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage
Personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
Balloon Safari

Passenger Information

Passengers should bring only soft sided bags**
The tour is modular and combines with other tours so there may be need for clients to change vehicles on occasion

****Luggage**

Due to limited luggage space in vehicles, suitcases are unsuitable for scheduled road safaris. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel/sausage bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs and 65x46 cm.

Excess luggage can be handed over to the representative at time of briefing. It will be handed over to you on your return from safari. Additional costs may apply to pick up drop off luggage at specific points.