

TRIP ITINERARY

Through the Rift Valley

Kenya



This short but extremely rewarding safari allows visitors to gain a first hand 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. With 3 departures a week and choice of tented camps or permanent lodges for accommodation, this scheduled small group trip is guaranteed for a minimum of 2 clients

Pick up Point: Nairobi Airport

Drop off Point: Hotel/airport

Start, day 1: Sunday, Tuesday, Saturday

Safari Briefing, day 2: 0700hrs approx.

Departs on day 2: 0730hrs approx.

Returns on day 5: 13:30hrs approx. (flights to be booked 16.30hrs onwards)

Day 1

Upon arrival into Nairobi, clients will be met and transferred to their hotel where you will spend the night on a bed and breakfast basis (Check in time 14:00). Depending on time of arrival clients may choose to add an optional excursion.

Day 2

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, approx. 07:30, you 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. Dinner and overnight Mara camp or lodge
Drive time approx.: 3-5.5 hours, dependent on accommodation

Day 3

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 for your dinner and overnight

Day 4

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, keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mai -Mahiu, before arriving at

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Lake Nakuru around midday. Once in the park/conservancy, view game en route to the lodge. Following lunch and a siesta, there is an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets. 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. Dinner and overnight Lake Nakuru or Elementaita

Drive time approx: 3-5 hours, dependent on accommodation

Day 5

Following an early breakfast, continue to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride. Leaving the Rift Valley behind, proceed to Nairobi, arriving late morning. Once in the city, clients will be dropped off at the drop off point in the city centre for ongoing travel arrangements at approximately 13:30.

Drive time approx: 3 hours

| Day | 'A' Sunday | 'B' Sunday | 'C' Tuesday | 'D' Saturday | 'E' Tuesday |
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| 1 | Nairobi Serena Hotel | Eka Hotel | Ole Sereni Hotel | Hilton Garden Inn Hotel | Moevenpick Hotel & Residencies |
| 2 | Mara Serena Lodge | Keekorok Lodge | Mara Sopa Lodge | Mara Sentrim Camp | Mara Maisha Camp |
| 3 | Mara Serena Lodge | Keekorok Lodge | Mara Sopa Lodge | Mara Sentrim Camp | Mara Maisha Camp |
| 4 | Lake Elementaita Serena Camp | Nakuru Lodge | Nakuru Sopa Lodge | Elementaita Sentrim Camp | Flamingo Hill Tented Camp |

Included: Meet and greet services, airport transfers in safari minibus or mini coach on shared basis, all transport and game drives on safari sector will be in a 4 x 4 with pop-up roof (maximum 6 passengers) with an English / Bilingual (French, German, Italian or Spanish) speaking driver-guide on shared basis, guaranteed window seat, meals and accommodation as specified, all park fees and government taxes, filtered water in the vehicles (clients to bring own refillable bottles)

Excluded: Visa's, airport taxes, gratuities, drinks and other activities not included in the package price, seasonal supplements

NB: Any scheduled departure can be booked as a private safari and/or combined with other services. Should we not be able to confirm the exact itinerary, we will always try to offer alternatives to the request including changes of routing or similar accommodation. Drive times are approximate based on point to point location, not accounting for game viewing stops en route