

# CLASSIC KENYA SAFARI

June 20 - 30, 2022\*

## Day 1 Nairobi

Arrive Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport where you will be met by a Custom Safaris representative and a private driver for transfer to your hotel, The Boma. A luxury hotel, The Boma has deluxe guest rooms, international restaurants, a relaxing spa, and a heated rooftop pool. Guests are part of a circle of humanitarian values and social responsibility with a portion of the hotel's profits going to the Kenya Red Cross Society's Humanitarian activities.

The Boma Nairobi (1 night) theboma.co.ke/en/bnk.html

# Day 2 Nairobi – Ol Pejeta Conservancy

After breakfast in the hotel, begin your safari with a full morning drive through farming regions and tribal towns on the way to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, arriving in time for lunch. After lunch, settle in to your premium tent with ensuite bathroom and a close-up view of the animals' watering hole from your front porch. Rest up for the evening game drive. Located on the equator and the plains of Mount Kenya, Sweetwaters Camp is situated at the center of the 110,000-acre Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Host to all the members of the "Big Five" (elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo, and leopard), Ol Pejeta is at the forefront of the Kenyan conservancy program. The conservancy boasts the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa, hosts the only chimpanzee sanctuary in Kenya, and shelters large numbers of rare and endangered species.

Sweetwaters Serena Camp (2 nights) serenahotels.com/serenasweetwaters/en/default.html

# Day 3 Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Enjoy a full day of game drives in Ol Pejeta. As the largest black rhino sanctuary in Kenya, the conservancy is at the forefront of the present conservation schedule and runs a number of tracking and monitoring projects. The conservancy is also working towards contributing an additional 75,000 acres of prime black rhino habitat towards the national conservation project. At the end of a rewarding game-viewing day, relax on your front porch and watch the animals come from far and wide to drink at the watering hole in your front yard. In the evening, enjoy your own choice of drinks and dinner with friends as the sun sets over the plains. (BLD)

# Day 4 Ol Pejeta Conservancy – Samburu National Reserve (3 nights)

After breakfast in camp, you will transfer to the Nanyuki airstrip for a short flight north to the Samburu National Reserve. Arrive in time for lunch, settle in to your River Room with a front porch on the river, and relax before the evening game drive. Samburu Intrepids is located on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River in the Samburu National Reserve in northern Kenya. The camp looks out over riverbanks where herds of elephant and zebra come to drink. The Reserve is true wilderness, and home to varieties of animals and birds rarely seen in other parts of the country. The sunbaked landscape is breathtaking with surrounding mountains shimmering on the horizon as temperatures rise. Large herds of elephant are seen along the river's banks favored by crocodiles, along with sightings of lion, cheetah, and leopard. (BLD)

Samburu Intrepids Camp (3 nights) <a href="https://heritage-eastafrica.com/samburuintrepids/hotel-overview.html">heritage-eastafrica.com/samburuintrepids/hotel-overview.html</a>

# Day 5 Samburu National Reserve

Today you will experience a full day game drive in this spectacular game preserve, one of Africa's last true wilderness areas. The absence of fences makes it one of the few places left that allows free movement of wildlife across a vast red landscape dominated by acacia-grassland. The landscape features dry riverbeds and boulders rising out of thorn scrub. In the dramatic background are distant hills and the Samburu tribe's sacred red tablemountain, Lololokwi. The area is home to a variety of wildlife species found only north of the Equator, including the endangered Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, and Somali ostrich. Herds of elephant bathe on the banks of the Uaso Nyiro River. (BLD)

## Day 6 Samburu National Reserve

Enjoy another full day of game drives. At the end of the day, relax and refresh in your spacious thatched-roof tent. Feel the river breeze from your porch with stunning views of the river and wildlife. In the evening, enjoy a leisurely dinner and drinks with your traveling companions. (BLD)

#### Day 7 Samburu National Reserve – Masai Mara

After breakfast in camp, you will be transferred to the local airstrip for your flight over the Great Rift Valley to Masai Mara National Reserve. You will be met at the airstrip by your driver/guide, view game en route to Little Governor's Camp, and arrive in time for lunch. The Camp is approached by boat across the Mara River, followed by an escorted walk through the riverine forest. Vehicles are left on the far riverbank; the camp is therefore quiet and undisturbed. Little Governors' Camp has just 17 luxury ensuite tents, each with wooden decks and large verandahs tucked around a large watering hole that teems with birds and wildlife. Guests may need to make way for elephants, which sometimes visit the camp at lunchtime. Little Governors' Camp has just been awarded a Silver Eco-Rating from Eco Tourism Kenya for environmental practices both in camp and with neighboring communities. (Daily laundry service is included in your stay.) (BLD) Little Governor's Camp (4 nights) governorscamp.com/safari-camps/little-governors-camp/

#### Day 8 Masai Mara

Today you will experience a full day Masai Mara National Reserve adventure. Masai Mara is one of the richest and most diverse wildlife areas in the world. The Reserve is home to a vast number of resident wildlife, as well as the annual Great Migration. Wildebeest and zebra join elephant, hippo, buffalo, giraffe, lion, and cheetah in the Mara. Rare and endangered black rhino can be found in the dense bush thickets. The Mara River is known for its enormous crocodiles, which lay in wait for the wildebeest and zebra during the migration. Over 450 birds add to the Mara's incredible natural diversity. With no fences or barriers, wildlife can move freely throughout this area, constantly recreating an ageless natural cycle. (BLD)

#### Day 9 Masai Mara

Continue your safari with your expert driver/guide for another full day Masai Mara adventure, enjoying a full-day game drive and picnic lunch. On this day, you also have the option of a sunrise hot air balloon excursion (\$450), a chance to observe the animals' early morning behavior from a new perspective – in a hot air balloon high above the Mara. (BLD)

#### Day 10 Masai Mara

Savor your last full day on the spectacular Mara with game drives and a visit to a traditional Masai village. Your Masai hosts will proudly show you their homes and village school and tell you about their customs and daily life. You will be invited to visit their outdoor market and bargain for handmade crafts. (BLD)

# Day 11 Masai Mara – Nairobi – Home (or add an extra night in Nairobi and travel to Zanzibar the following day)

After breakfast in the Camp, transfer to the airstrip for your morning flight to Nairobi Wilson Airport. Your private driver will pick you up at the airport to take you to The Boma Hotel. Most international flights depart late in the evening so you will have a private room for the day to freshen up, repack, rest, have a spa treatment, or dine in one of the hotel's restaurants. In the evening, your private driver will take you to the Jomo Kenyatta Airport for your flight home. (B) The Boma Nairobi (Day room) theboma.co.ke/en/bnk.html

# \$6,580 per person / sharing a room includes:

All accommodations and meals stated in the itinerary Services of private driver/guides, In-country flights, Park entrance fees

Not Included: Round trip airfare to/from USA; Travel Insurance; Visa fee; gratuities for safari driver/guides, tent stewards, camp staff

\*Dates, itinerary, accommodations and prices are subject to change.





"Africa changes you forever, like nowhere on earth. Once you have been, you will never be the same. How do you begin to describe its magic? How can you explain the fascination of this vast continent whose oldest roads are elephant paths?" ~ Brian Jackman