

# 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, and a relaxing spa. 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 (1 night) www.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. (BLD)

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

#### Day 3 Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Enjoy a full day in OI Pejeta with both morning and evening game drives, stopping at the equator marker. In the afternoon, visit the local Rhino Project and Chimpanzee Sanctuary to learn how Kenya is in the forefront of the preservation of these endangered species. 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, your own choice of drinks and dinner with your friends as the sun sets over the plains. (BLD)

#### Day 4 Ol Pejeta Conservancy – Samburu National Reserve

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 Game Lodge is set on 10 acres of pristine riverine forest on the western bank of the Uaso Nyiro River in the Samburu National Reserve in northern Kenya. 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 Game Lodge (3 nights) <u>www.wildernesslodges.co.ke/samburu</u>

#### Day 5 Samburu National Reserve

Today you will experience both morning and evening game drives in this spectacular game preserve. Samburu National Reserve is located next to Buffalo Springs National Reserve on the edge of a vast and arid desert known as the Northern Frontier District, extending to the jade green waters of Lake Turkana. 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 table mountain, 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 and a visit to a local Samburu village. In the evening, enjoy a leisurely dinner and drinks with your friends.

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

After breakfast in camp, you will be transferred to the local airstrip for your flight through the Great Rift Valley to Masai Mara National Reserve. You will be met at the airstrip by your Guide and view game en route to Kichwa Tembo. Arrive in time for lunch, settle into your luxury tent, and prepare for the evening game drive. Known as Kenya's best loved safari camp, Kichwa Tembo is renowned for its team of Kenyan staff whose warm welcome, charming service and energy delight guests from all over the world. The camp offers a quintessential game viewing experience, with wide vistas of the Masai Mara or the Sabaringo River. Located where the riverine forest meets the sweeping plains in the path of the Great Migration, the camp provides an authentic dose of African wildlife, delivered with legendary Kenyan hospitality. Tents are laid out on immaculate grounds and set away from the main guest areas to afford additional privacy. Elephants and warthogs often feed outside the tents. (BLD)

Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp (4 nights) <u>andbeyond.com/our-lodges/africa/Kenya/masai-mara-national-park/andbeyond-kichwa-tembo-tented-camp</u>

#### 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. The Mara is part of a huge conservation area that includes Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Conservation Area in neighboring Tanzania. 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. (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 (Day Room)

### \$6,215 per person / sharing a room includes:

All accommodations, meals, activities as stated in the itinerary

Services of private drivers and guides,

In-country flights, Park entrance fees

(Gratuities not included for safari driver/guides, tent stewards, waitstaff, etc.)

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





"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