

‘EPIC KENYA & TANZANIA SAFARI TOUR’

PROPOSED 2025 ITINERARY

19 Night / 20 Day Tour

January 26 - February 14, 2025



SUN JAN 26 - ARRIVAL NAIROBI (Avg. High 26C, Low 11C)

NB:// Departure from Canada Sat Jan 25/25 or earlier. Late Arrival on Jan 26th and Transfer to hotel. We highly recommend arriving one or two days earlier if possible – extra nights at the hotel can be arranged and included on your invoice.

Overnight at **Fairview Hotel Nairobi** <https://clhg.com/hotels/901/Fairview-Hotel-Nairobi>

MON JAN 27 – FREE DAY NAIROBI (Avg. High 26C, Low 11C)

This day is built in to help with jet lag and in the event of any airline delays. Enjoy the pool and beautiful grounds of this historic hotel. Tonight, we will enjoy a Welcome Reception adjacent to the pool area. A great way to get to know your fellow travellers!

Overnight at **Fairview Hotel Nairobi** (*Breakfast*)

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TUE JAN 28 - NAIROBI CITY TOUR (Avg. High 26C, Low 11C)

Today will be spent with a memorable visit to the Sheldrick Trust Elephant Sanctuary & Rescue Centre and the Giraffe Centre.

Overnight at **Fairview Hotel Nairobi** (*Breakfast*)

WED JAN 29 – OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY (Avg. High 18C, Low 8C)

After an early breakfast, we will leave Nairobi and drive to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, <https://www.olpejetaconservancy.org>, where there's so much to see, all set against a backdrop of high-altitude savannah and distant hills. It's an important sanctuary for black and white rhinos, is home to the Big Five, and has easy-to-spot populations of elephant, giraffe, buffalo, zebra, lion, cheetah and hyena as well. You'll also find the last two remaining northern white rhinos left on earth, a rescue center for chimpanzees, and a bird list with over 500 different species.

Overnight at Sweetwaters Serena Camp (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*)

<https://www.serenahotels.com/sweetwaters>



THUR JAN 30 - ABERDARE (Avg. High 18C, Low 8C)

After an early breakfast, we will leave the Ol Pejeta Conservancy and drive to the Aberdare Country Club, a Kenyan heritage property, where we can relax by the pool, enjoy an afternoon walk with the giraffes or just around the golf course!

Overnight at **Aberdare Country Club** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*)

<https://aberdarecountryclub.com>

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FRI JAN 31 - LAKE NAIVASHA ELSAMERE CONSERVATION TRUST

(Avg. High 27C, Low 8C)

Following breakfast, we will drive to Lake Naivasha via Lake Nakuru, famous for large flocks of flamingos.

Elsamere, once a holiday home and later a retirement home for the Adamson's, remains a unique destination. At Elsamere re-kindle the memories of "Born free" by watching the documentary, The Joy Adamson Story. www.elsamere.com

Overnight at **Elsamere** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*).

SAT FEB 01 - LAKE NAIVASHA ELSAMERE CONSERVATION TRUST

(Avg. High 27C, Low 8C)

This fresh water lake is a home to a variety of wildlife including 400 bird species. Enjoy a boat ride to view the resident hippos, or a walk to Crescent island wildlife sanctuary.



Overnight at **Elsamere** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*).

SUN FEB 02 - MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

(Avg. High 28C, Low 12C)

Today, we drive to the famous Masai-Mara game reserve. This spectacular game sanctuary is renowned for the 'great wildebeest migration' in September. It is perhaps the only area remaining in the world to see the wildlife in the same abundance as existed years ago. Arriving in time for lunch and relaxation, followed by an evening game drive.

Overnight at **Sarova Mara Game Lodge or Pride Inn Mara Camp Lodge or Equivalent** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*) <https://www.sarovahotels.com/maracamp-masai-mara/rooms-suites/mara-deluxe-tent.html>; <https://www.prideinn.co.ke/safari-in-masai-mara/prideinn-mara-camp/accommodation/>

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MON FEB 03 - MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE (Avg. High 28C, Low 12C)

This day is spent exploring this expansive park. Whether it is your first time on safari or a returning client, Masai Mara will not disappoint.

Options – Hot Air Balloon Ride (additional cost), relax by the pool, or on your private terrace overlooking the Mara River and listening to the hippos!

Overnight at **Sarova Mara Game Lodge or Pride Inn Mara Camp Lodge or Equivalent** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*)

TUE FEB 04 - MASAI MARA TO AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK (Avg. High 26C, Low 11C)

Today we will head for Amboseli National Park, famous for its elephants and iconic view of Mt. Kilimanjaro. We are planning to fly from the Masai Mara to Amboseli to avoid the 8 hour drive. Arriving in the afternoon we will check-in to our accommodation.

Overnight at **Serena Safari Lodge Amboseli or equivalent** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*)

<https://www.serenahotels.com/amboseli>

WED FEB 05 – AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK (Avg. High 28C, Low 15C)

Today will be an exciting exploring this beautiful park with its large herds of elephants (it hosts the largest number of African Elephants in all of Kenya!)

Overnight at **Serena Safari Lodge Amboseli or equivalent** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*)

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THUR FEB 06 – AMBOSELI TO LAKE MANYARA, TANZANIA (Avg. High 28C, Low 15C)

An early start towards Namanga and the Kenya / Tanzania border. We will do our best to get through as quickly as possible to arrive at Lake Manyara by mid-afternoon. A refreshing plunge in their infinity pool will wash away the heat of the day!

Overnight at **Serena Safari Lodge Lake Manyara or equivalent (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)** <https://www.serenahotels.com/lake-manyara>

FRI FEB 07 – LAKE MANYARA TO NGORONGORO CRATER

Following breakfast we will enjoy an optional morning game drive in Lake Manyara National Park. In the early afternoon we will drive the short distance to the Ngorongoro Conservation Reserve and a panoramic view of this amazing caldera. Afternoon check-in to the Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge, overlooking the crater rim.

Overnight at **Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)** <https://www.serenahotels.com/ngorongoro/accommodation> Chosen for its prime location on the crater rim!

SAT FEB 08 – NGORONGORO TO NDUTU – SERENGETI SOUTH (Avg. High 28C, Low 15C)

Today will be an early start for a game drive into the crater with a picnic breakfast on the crater floor.

Early afternoon we head west on our safari adventure in the Ndutu area of the Ngorongoro Conservation Reserve, stopping enroute for a picnic lunch.

In Ndutu we will witness one of nature’s greatest miracles: Life. This area forms part of the annual migratory route of hundreds of thousands of wildebeest, zebra, antelopes and their predators and Dec to March is the annual calving season.

Overnight at **Lake Masek Tented Lodge or Equivalent (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)** <https://sites.google.com/view/lake-masek-tented-lodge/>

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SUN FEB 09 - NDUTU – SERENGETI SOUTH (Avg. High 28C, Low 15C)

This day will be spent exploring the expansive Serengeti National Park. A full day of game viewing.

If you prefer you may wish to enjoy the camp to relax, read a book, or take a nap.

Overnight at **Lake Masek Tented Lodge or Equivalent** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*)



MON FEB 10 – NDUTU TO - CENTRAL SERENGETI

(Avg. High 28C, Low 15C)

Today we will move camps to the Central Serengeti continuing to explore the expansive Serengeti National Park.

Overnight at **Mbali Mbali Soroi Serengeti or Equivalent** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*)

[https://ibrochure.mbalimbali.com/iBrochure/en/Home/24053/mbali mbali soroi serengeti](https://ibrochure.mbalimbali.com/iBrochure/en/Home/24053/mbali_mbali_soroi_serengeti)

TUE FEB 11 – CENTRAL SERENGETI (Avg. High 28C, Low 15C)

Another glorious day to be spent exploring the expansive Serengeti National Park. A full day of game viewing.

Overnight at **Mbali Mbali Soroi Serengeti or Equivalent** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*)

<https://www.mbalimbali.com/#lodges>

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WED FEB 12 - CENTRAL SERENGETI TO NGORONGORO FARM HOUSE

Leaving Serengeti National Park early in the morning, we will retrace our route back to the Ngorongoro Conservation area staying at the fabulous Ngorongoro Farm House

Overnight at **Ngorongoro Farm House** (*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*)

<https://twctanzania.com/ngorongoro-highlands/ngorongoro-farm-house/>

THUR FEB 13 - NGORONGORO FARM HOUSE TO ARUSHA

Today we will return to Arusha allowing time to stop at the amazing African Galeria, Shanga Beads, and the Cultural Centre.

You may want to extend your vacation and make the glorious journey to Zanzibar with its fabulous white sand beaches and the amazing UNESCO World Heritage Site of Stone Town and its labyrinth chaotic alleyways, ornately carved hardwood doors and terracotta roofs. We would be happy to design a tour for you!

Overnight at **Mount Meru Hotel or Equivalent** (*Breakfast*)

<https://www.mountmeruhotel.co.tz/>

FRI FEB 14 – ARUSHA AND HOME

Today it is time to say farewell to this incredible part of the world. Flights are late evening, we will be departing to the airport around 5pm

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Included in the Safari

- Return Group Transfer from Nairobi International Airport to hotel upon arrival in Kenya *(if you arrive outside of the group arrival, a transfer can be arranged at an additional cost)*
- Group Transfer from Arusha to Kilimanjaro airport upon departure *(if you depart outside of the group departure, a transfer can be arranged at an additional cost)*
- 3 Nights at the Fairview Nairobi Hotel
- 3 Breakfasts in Nairobi
- Welcome Reception on Monday Jan 27, 2025
- City Tour in Nairobi on Tuesday Jan 28, 2025 including entrance fees
- 15 Nights Full Board accommodation in the above mentioned (or equivalent) Lodges/Camps
- 15 Breakfast / 15 Lunches / 15 Dinners
- 1 Night Mount Meru Hotel including Breakfast
- Services of professional English speaking drivers/guides, as well as *Lois Tomlinson from Natural Trekking & John Kariuki, Kenyan trekking/safari guide from Authentic Safaris*
- Transportation in custom designed safari jeeps with pop up roofs for game viewing. 4 x 4 Toyota Land Cruisers
- 1 litre of bottled mineral water per person daily in safari vehicle.
- All park and conservation / reserve fees
- AMREF Air Ambulance Service <https://flydoc.org/air-ambulance/>
- Tips for Local Guides (\$220US per person) & Safari Drivers (\$180US per person)

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NOT INCLUDED

- International air fares – (~\$2000 - \$2500 CAD)
- Air fare from Masai Mara to Amboseli (~\$350 - 450 US)
- Travel Cancellation & Medical Insurance (highly recommended)
- Kenyan Visa (*approximately \$50US*). *We will assist you with booking online*
- Tanzania Visa (*approximately \$50US*) *We will assist you with booking online*
- Medical & Immunization shots
- All items of personal nature e.g. Drinks, tips, laundry, telephone calls etc.
- Any activities and meals not mentioned
- Optional activities and excursions
 - o Masai Cultural Village Tour (*\$20 - 40PP USD*)
 - o Masai Mara Balloon Safari with Bush Breakfast (*~\$599PP USD*)
- Additional airport transfers (*if you arrive or depart outside of the group arrival, a transfer can be arranged at an additional cost*)