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*Somak* HOLIDAYS  
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

The Safari Specialist  
Established 1968

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FIRST EDITION



Dear Guest,

The Swahili word safari means journey, originating from the Arabic word safar, and this year Somak Holidays are celebrating 50 years of safari expertise, a journey which has been family-run and built on traditional values. From our beginnings in Kenya, we have expanded in to a truly African organisation, setting the standard for holidays to East and Southern Africa, and as we build on this platform the future only gets brighter for our guests.

With that in mind, I am delighted to introduce our 2019-21 brochure. Whether you're honeymooning, celebrating an important anniversary, looking for a family expedition, touring as a large group, or adventuring solo, we have the recipe for your perfect African getaway. Alternatively, we can tailor-make itineraries shaped to your every requirement, which are cheaper and easier than ever, letting you construct your own African story.

An experienced team of passionate safari specialists is keen to share its expertise and construct your bespoke holiday for the best possible price. When you book with us we really look after you. Since its inception in 1968, Somak has been built on strong family values; it's this ethos that has underpinned Somak's support for numerous charities and projects, both Kenyan and international. Tusk, the Born Free Foundation, Loigero Primary School, and many more, including complimentary Amref cover for every East African booking with Somak. Please see page 9 for more details.

This brochure gives you just a taste of who we are and what we offer, so if you'd like more comprehensive information on anything featured, media content, or further itineraries, please take a look at our website, or contact your local travel agent.

My love affair with Africa has continued to flourish since I founded Somak in 1968 and I invite you to be part of it.

Happy Travelling!

Suresh Sofat, Chairman



*Celebrating 50 years of excellence*







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*Celebrating 50 years  
past, present and future*



Much has changed since Suresh Sofat founded Somak Travel in 1968. The way that we are prompted to organise travel and the method of researching how to achieve what we want from a travel experience has changed with the advancement of technology and all 'things Internet'. Not only has it changed how we communicate with our customers and potential customers but also with our suppliers – indeed very different now to when we first began.

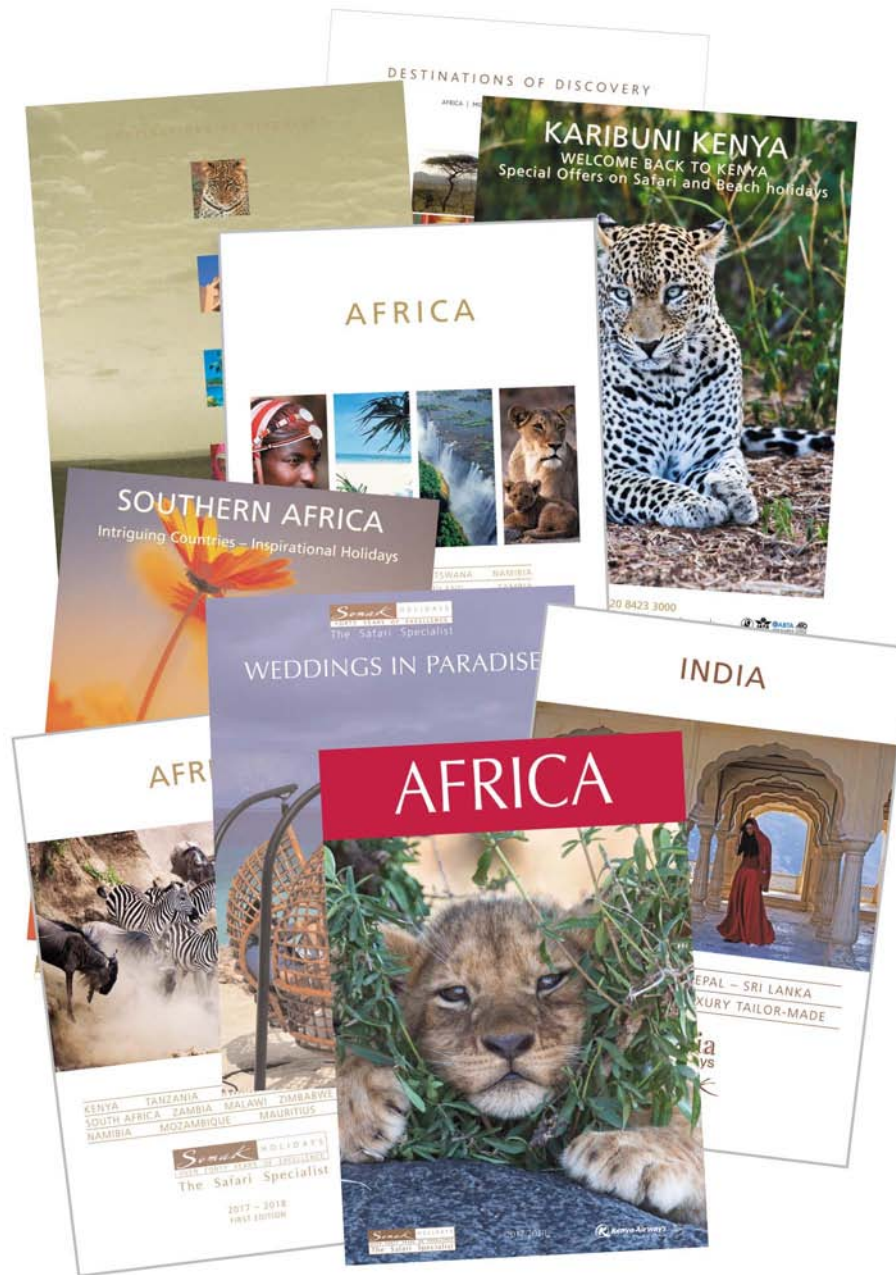
Our founder (and father), now in his 81st year and still very active in the business, has instilled the fundamentals of leadership, innovation and, most important of all, customer care in all of us. Inherently he has always preached that science and technology are engines of prosperity so innovation and progress is something that we continue to aspire to.

Our belief in these fundamentals means that we remain independent and yet still very competitive, resulting in Somak continuing to be the largest leisure travel company to Africa for many years. The Sri Lanka and India programmes, only one and two years old respectively, have, through those very same values, enabled us to grow rapidly, making us one of the leading companies organising leisure travel to those areas as well.



50 years is indeed a great achievement and we have got there through much hard work and huge sacrifices, but above all it has been fun. It is easy and, in fact, tempting, to dwell too much on one's own many successes during the past 50 years but in truth Somak is about the next 50 years.

As we've said earlier, much has changed in the last 50 years and we are certain that the pace of change during the next 50 years will be much greater. We are excited about the next 50 years; we are certain that truly understanding and putting into practice the fundamentals of leadership and innovation will result in excellent customer care and care for the environment.



Ash Sofat



Anil Sofat

# The Somak Group

Somak Holidays is part of the family-run Somak Group, with 50 years' experience in arranging holidays to Africa. Our teams in the UK and Africa are close knit, passionate and enjoy working together to ensure you enjoy a fantastic African holiday. Over the years, we've built up close relationships with our hotel and airline partners to ensure that each guest is well looked after. Our buying power is such that we can offer the very best value, not only on safari but also at a huge variety of coastal properties in Mombasa, Zanzibar and the Indian Ocean.



Top: Somak Safari Lounge  
Bottom: Somak Headquarters in Nairobi, Saonli and Emily from Somak London on Safari in Kenya

## United Kingdom

Our team in the UK share a love of African travel and have explored the continent extensively. As tailor-made travel experiences become less expensive and more accessible, their expertise and the company's African roots become ever more important in setting us apart. Ash Sofat, our Chief Executive Officer and Anil Sofat our Commercial Director are based in our UK office and lead a team of dedicated safari specialists.

## East Africa

Our chairman, Suresh Sofat, is based in Nairobi and works closely with all of Somak's teams, and maintains a passion for African travel and a keen desire to create truly memorable holidays in Africa. Our Nairobi team coordinates safaris to ensure every holiday runs smoothly, and our brilliant driver-guides are some of the best and most knowledgeable in Tanzania and Kenya. We're

constantly told by our guests that their driver-guides have made the safari truly special, and we ensure they benefit from our well maintained fleet of 4-wheel drive vehicles. The Somak Safari Lounge is located in Nairobi and was the first of its kind in East Africa, and is available to all Somak guests passing through Nairobi (time permitting), to use as a base where they can enjoy refreshments, an air-conditioned rest area, showers and also store luggage.

## Southern Africa

Our teams in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe are some of the most widely-trusted and respected destination management companies in Southern Africa, with a proud history of delivering excellent customer service. On the ground we have highly trained teams of tour guides, drivers and meet and greet personnel, who all contribute to providing a smooth running touring and safari experience.

# Somak Cares

We are a family-run company born in Kenya, and for the last 50 years our traditional values have defined our growth, our goals, and our sense of responsibility for the beautiful continent we share with our guests. Sustainability, long-term investment, and a proactive attitude toward conservation have been central to our 50-year story.

Somak's mission is to remain Africa's most respected safari experts, but we understand that's founded on so much more than just providing the best holidays. The African continent faces numerous social, economic and environmental challenges, and therefore so do we.

Our strict 'No Hunting Holidays' policy means our guests exclusively shoot the 'big 5' with a camera lens, respecting, not destroying Africa's wildlife. Our operations on the ground employ hundreds of local workers, boosting the regional economy. We're also partnered with a range of charities and community projects we're proud to support and work closely with.



**The Born Free Foundation** is committed to conservation, working to reduce human-wildlife conflict through projects such as lion-proofing bomas to protect and save the lives of both lions and livestock in Kenya.



**Tusk**, since 1990, has invested over £25,000,000 into a wide range of projects across education, conservation and development to link Africa's natural heritage with its cultures and people, alleviating poaching and habitat loss pressures on wildlife. We could not be more proud of our commitment to this goal.



**Amref Health Africa** builds African solutions to African problems. Funding and promoting better healthcare and healthcare infrastructure, Amref flying doctors cover is complimentary with every Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda Somak booking.



**The Loigero Primary School:** the beating heart of the local community in which Somak's sister company, Ashnil Hotels, built its Ashnil Mara property, has flourished ever since. Giving back to this community, particularly through education and investment in future generations, is something we see as our pleasure and responsibility.

**Ashnil Mara & the International Elephant Walk:** The entire Somak group are committed to ensuring that the only place we see ivory is on elephants.

## OUR MISSION & THE FUTURE

*We love sharing this truly special continent, reminding our guests of the immense beauty of a natural world we sometimes forget. However, it's no longer a world apart, and for so many travellers now, understanding the current and future relationship between humans and nature is an eye-opening experience as rewarding as the safari itself. Our African driver-guide team's resumé includes time with the Kenya Wildlife Service and the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife. Our properties include some of the continent's most sustainable and advanced lodges. We care about the long-term sustainability of Africa's natural riches, and we're committed to its future.*

# Every kind of Somak holiday

A safari is a unique experience, highlighting new cultures and wildlife. Whether you are travelling as a family, a couple on honeymoon, a solo adventurer, a large group, or for a special occasion, Somak Holidays will have the perfect itinerary for you.



## Honeymoon

A honeymoon is about leaving everything behind to spend the best weeks of your life with your loved one, and there's no better place for this adventure than the raw beauty of Africa.

Numerous lodges and hotels offer excellent honeymoon perks, from bride discounts to room upgrades, special dinners, and surprise hampers.



*"My husband and I are both big animal lovers, and it was an easy decision for us to go on safari for our honeymoon. We chose to go on safari first and then relax at a beach resort, so to us it was like having two holidays in one! We looked at a lot of different companies that offered safari; however, the itineraries that Somak offered were so much better and allowed us to*

*experience the different game reserves in Kenya. Somak offered an amazing choice of lodges as well as having the same guide, who was also our driver, throughout our stay. I couldn't recommend it highly enough, because we made memories that will last a lifetime. It was a holiday full of adventure and romance."*

**Mr & Mrs Bailey enjoyed our Cheetah Safari plus a Zanzibar Beach**

*See our blog 'African Safari Diaries: The Bailey's Luxury Safari Honeymoon in Kenya'*

## Family and multi-generational holiday

The awe with which children experience the world is truly inspiring, and few places in the world are more inspirational than the stunning game-studded African savannah. Across East and South Africa, many lodges and hotels cater for children. Whether it's fun and educational kids' clubs, arts and crafts lessons, childminding, or even the Saruni Samburu's Warrior Academy, they'll be well taken care of.

Another emerging trend in family holidays is that of cross-generational travel. Grandparents treating lucky grandchildren to a safari find that sharing an African adventure is a bonding experience like no other.

*"Somak holidays organised our family holiday to Tanzania and Dubai this summer. Everything was planned perfectly and worked like clockwork, which was extremely important to us, as we were travelling with our children. The hotels were great and the people exceptionally friendly and accommodating and we have had an experience we will never forget."*

**Family/multi-country trip – Natalie Marchant**

*See our blog: 'African Safari Diaries: Natalie's Terrific Tanzania Safari'*



## Solo travel

Travelling with other people can involve compromise, be it on when to leave, where to go, or what activities to choose. Solo travel is an escape from these constraints. Excellent single saver rates can be found at many lodges across the low season and sometimes during mid-shoulder season. What's more, you'll avoid the crowds and have the chance to immerse yourself in the cultures and experiences of a safari.



*"Travel solo with Somak. Be safe, be guided, be spoiled and never feel alone. Single travel at any age can be an adventure. Kenya is inviting, friendly, awe inspiring and the whole experience will leave you wanting more. Travel solo, travel happy, travel happily solo in safety with Somak."*

### Solo safari – Margaret Lamont

See our blog: 'African Safari Diaries: A chat with Margaret Lamont aka Samburumags'



## Special occasion

If you're looking to celebrate a special occasion in Africa, you will not be disappointed! There are many options available where you will be spoilt, just tell us what the occasion is and we will take care of it all. The warm African hospitality will live with you for a long time.

*"Kenya, where a special occasion becomes extra special. Celebrate in style with a Somak safari."*

### Special occasion safari – Steve Daly

See our blog: 'African Safari Diaries: Steve and Sandra's fourth celebratory safari in Kenya!'

## Group travel

Taking over entire camps/lodges is a favourite for group travel, be it a circle of friends or a work incentive. There are various options from Mombasa's idyllic coastline with the luxury of AfroChic Diani; or Lewa Safari Camp at the foot of the majestic Mount Kenya. We carefully organise routes to encompass several lodges or hotels whilst keeping the party as connected as possible. Moreover, there are often special discounts available for large bookings, which we pass on to our guests.

*"What a wonderful holiday we had! Not only were the hotels an excellent standard, with great food and polite, helpful staff, and it goes without saying, that Tanzania is one of the most beautiful countries I have ever visited, but I wanted also to make a special mention of our driver and guide."*

### 50th anniversary group booking – Jo



Elewana AfroChic Diani





ETHIOPIA

UGANDA

KENYA

TANZANIA

INDIAN OCEAN

Lake Turkana

South Turkana

Marsabit

Losai

• Eldoret

Samburu

Shaba

Laikipia

Buffalo Springs

• Kisumu

• Nanyuki

Meru

Lake Nakuru

▲ Mount Kenya

• Nyeri

Aberdares

Lake Naivasha

• Nairobi

Masai Mara

Tsavo East

• Lamu Island

Amboseli

▲ Mount Kilimanjaro

Tsavo West

• Malindi

• Mombasa

Shimba Hills

# Why Kenya?

From the vivid aquamarine shades of the Indian Ocean to the enchanting pink flamingo fringed lakes, Kenya is a startlingly beautiful land. It is also the safari capital of the world, offering an extensive array of national parks and reserves for you to have an unforgettable experience, whether it is seeing the big cats hunting in the Masai Mara or witnessing the dramatic view of a herd of elephants traversing the shadows of Mount Kilimanjaro in Amboseli National Park.

With 50 years' experience, our safaris are hand-picked by our specialists to give you the best experience Kenya has to offer.



## Best time to travel

Kenya is ideal to visit all year round.

January to March is generally the drier and hotter months while the short rainy seasons are between April to May and November to December.

The dry season offers a more prolific game viewing experience as it is when wildlife congregates around waterholes. The wet seasons are also a fantastic time to visit as you'll be more likely to see new-born animals.

A true wonder of the world, the annual wildebeest migration, happens between July and October.

## Types of accommodation

From lodges to tented accommodation, there is a vast range of hotel choices available from luxury to affordable. There is something to suit everyone.

## Top experiences

- ★ Hot-air balloon flight over the Masai Mara
- ★ The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and Giraffe Centre in Nairobi
- ★ Bush breakfast
- ★ Masai community visit
- ★ Sundowners

For more information see pages 16 and 17.

## The essentials

- ★ On safari, luggage to be in soft sided bags
- ★ For a flying safari the maximum luggage allowance is 15kg
- ★ For the best wildlife viewing opportunities, early starts are essential
- ★ Road journeys can be long and bumpy, but the best way to see the country as you pass the local villages
- ★ Tip your driver/guide at the end of your safari
- ★ We recommend combining a safari with a relaxing beach stay at the end

# Types of Safaris



## Scheduled set departure safaris

If you're flexible with your dates, our set departure safaris will be ideal for you, offering the best value prices. These are fixed itineraries, each one offering a unique and exciting experience in East Africa with our knowledgeable safari driver/guide. The safari will depart with a minimum of two people, so there's little chance of your tour being cancelled. They are shared with a small group of travellers in a Somak 4-wheel drive vehicle, with a maximum of six passengers in Kenya and Tanzania, all guaranteed a window seat and standing space through the roof hatch when game viewing.

## Beach and safari combinations

Why not combine a safari adventure with a relaxing beach stay. Many beach destinations are just a short flight from Africa's national parks, making them perfect to end your holiday on a relaxing note. For more details see pages 50 and 51.

## Tailor-made safaris

Creating bespoke safari holidays has been our passion for 50 years and we want to share our expertise with you. Whether you're a big game fanatic, a couple looking for both culture and romance, honeymooners wanting luxury in Africa's remotest locations, or you are looking for a first time, family-friendly safari, we can help tailor a safari to your interests, budget and needs.

## Flying safari

Kenya has an excellent light aircraft network, giving visitors the opportunity to cover great distances in a short period of time. By opting to fly rather than drive overland, you can get a bird's eye view of the national parks below. This will also reduce your travelling time, leaving more time for wildlife viewing or relaxing in your luxury accommodation.

## What's new

### The Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Madaraka Express

The SGR Madaraka Express is the fastest train in Kenya's history, operating at an average of 75 miles per hour, almost double the speed of the now-defunct Kenya-Uganda Railway, which was built in 1901 during the colonial era. It has shortened the travel time between Nairobi and Mombasa to less than five hours while road travel can take up to eight hours.

## Some useful Kiswahili words

Jambo	Hello
Habari	How are you
Mzuri Sana	Very good
Kwaheri	Goodbye
Asante Sana	Thank you
Hakuna Matata	No worries

# Kenyan Safari experiences

Safari experiences go way beyond the quintessential game drive in safari vehicles. It is all about creating special memories whilst enjoying the natural environment and beautiful surroundings that Kenya has to offer.

Here is a selection of our best safari experiences which can be incorporated as part of a bespoke tailor-made itinerary that our specialist consultants will be happy to create for you.

## Experiences in Nairobi

There is a wide range of enticing activities and attractions to enjoy in Nairobi, Kenya's capital; food, culture, wildlife and conservation. These include visiting The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust to see, and perhaps adopt, orphaned baby elephants, feeding the endangered Rothschild's giraffes at the Giraffe Centre, visiting the Karen Blixen Museum and much more. See page 18 and 19 for more details.

## Ballooning safari

A ballooning safari is an amazing and unique way to see the African savannah and wildlife grazing from above. The flight, which is approximately 1 hour, takes off in time for you to witness the African dawn and you will be able to enjoy a 'bubbly' bush breakfast. Balloon safaris can be booked whilst staying at any property in the Masai Mara, Kenya's well renowned game park.

## Boat safari in Naivasha

A boat ride on Lake Naivasha, one of the Great Rift Valley Lakes, is a great way to take in hippos and nesting cormorants, as well as enjoy the beautiful views. There is an opportunity to see the African fish eagle being fed, which is one of the most charismatic birds in Africa.

Another lovely activity is to walk along Crescent Island, which is an animal and bird sanctuary on the eastern side of Lake Naivasha that is home to a plethora of wildlife. Here you can see animals such as giraffes, zebras, impalas and gazelles grazing.

Both these activities can be incorporated as one, or each can be done as an individual experience.



David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust



Ballooning over the Masai Mara



Boat trip on Lake Naivasha



*Kalela Primary School, Voi*



*Ol Pejeta Rhino Sanctuary*



*Adventure Camping in Ol Kinyei*



*Elewana Loisaba Star Bed, Laikipia, Kenya*

**Private conservancy experiences**

If you choose to stay in a private conservancy, you will have an opportunity to visit local community projects, local schools, and here, as part of your accommodation additional experiences like sundowners, bush breakfast, picnic lunches, walking safari and quad biking may be included depending on which accommodation you choose.

For stays at selected properties in Lewa and Laikipia Conservancy, in the northern region of Kenya, there are additional safari experiences available. These include camel treks and a visit to Ngare Ndare Forest with its canopy walkway, or swimming in the waterfalls.

**Cultural visit to a local village**

Get a first-hand insight into Masai heritage and culture by visiting a Masai village. This is such an enriching experience as you will get to see how the locals live.

Occasionally there are opportunities available to visit a local school where you can see how friendly and happy the children are.

Our Somak employees Amanda and Tolly visited a local school in Tsavo National Park which was a wonderful experience where they were able to interact with the children as well as enjoy some lovely performances that the children surprised them with.

**The Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Ol Pejeta Rhino Sanctuary**

At the forefront of the Kenyan conservancy programme, Ol Pejeta 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.

You can visit the chimpanzee and rhino sanctuary at Ol Pejeta on our Serena Explorer Safari, more details of which can be found on page 37. Alternatively, we can incorporate this into a bespoke tailor-made safari itinerary for you.

**Adventure camping**

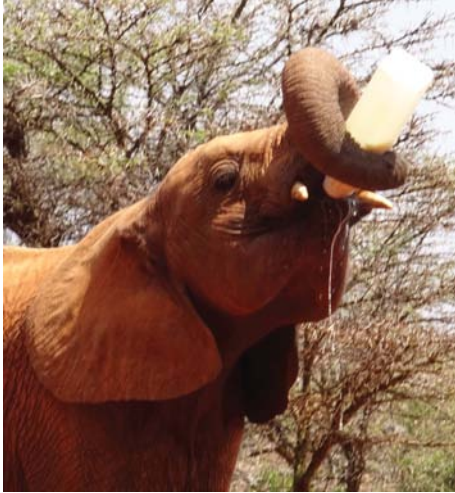
This camping safari has been designed to offer a high quality wildlife safari experience whilst enjoying the thrill of 'real camping' at a reasonable price. This experience is perfect for the discerning traveller and accommodation will involve staying in 2-man dome tents. Each tent has its own flush toilet and safari shower located behind the tent. This experience is available in private conservancies, either next to Amboseli National Park or the Masai Mara Game Reserve.

**'Star Beds' sleep beneath the stars**

Sleep beneath the stars on a four-poster 'star bed' that can be rolled out on to your balcony, and watch the Milky Way move across the African night sky at Loisaba, in northern Kenya. Imagine waking up to a beautiful sunrise and watching the wildlife graze across the savannah! For more details see page 48 and 49.

# Nairobi

A cosmopolitan capital, home of fabulous food and striking architecture, Nairobi is the city where wildlife and modernity meet, and is much more than a safari starting point. The city itself may be just over a century old, but is the human heart of the country – most markedly the Masai tribe – has a history that runs far deeper. Nairobi, also has the distinction of being the only capital city to have a National Park teeming with wildlife on its doorstep.



David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust



Giraffe Centre



Ocean Sole



Kazuri Beads



Carnivore Restaurant



Nyama Mama

## David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust

A must-visit is the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, a world-renowned elephant rescue centre where over 200 infant elephants have been hand-raised and rehabilitated into the wild. Feeding time is between 11am-12pm when you have the chance to meet some of the orphaned elephants, who you can choose to foster, as well as hear about each of their stories. From £35 per person

## Giraffe Centre & Karen Blixen Museum

A visit to the Giraffe Centre is highly recommended. Here you can feed the resident Rothschild's giraffe, as well as learn all about their conservation and admire the lively warthogs. The Karen Blixen Museum is the former African home of the Danish author Karen Blixen, famous for her book "Out of Africa" – enjoy a guided tour. From £50 per person

## Ocean Sole

Ocean Sole is a Kenyan recycling social enterprise that's creating amazing and unique pieces of art and fashion from discarded flip-flops and other plastic junk salvaged from piles of rubbish that wash up on Kenya's sandy beaches. It employs locals from low-income households. From £30 per person.

## Kazuri Beads

Kazuri, which means "small and beautiful" in Swahili, is the name of a wonderful workshop in the Karen area which you can visit. Each ceramic kazuri bead is handmade by the single mothers and otherwise disadvantaged women who work there. From £30 per person.

## Culinary Experiences

The restaurant scene in Nairobi is diverse with lots of fantastic restaurants to choose from. We can make recommendations based

on your preferences, below are two popular choices:

## Carnivore Restaurant

Considered to be 'Africa's Greatest Eating Experience', it is a fun and lively venue with a huge variety of charcoal-roasted meats as well as a selection of vegetarian dishes. An army of servers move from table to table carrying the Masai swords laden with different prime meats which they carve onto the sizzling, cast iron plates in front of each guest. A three course feast with tea/coffee for lunch or dinner costs from £50 per person.

## Nyama Mama

Often referred to as the ultimate Kenyan culinary experience, serving home-style, locally inspired cuisine with a modern twist. 3-course menu, with Kenya tea/coffee, for lunch from £45 per person, and dinner from £55 per person.

## Where to stay in Nairobi

Nairobi is a busy hub, with a wide range of hotels, from the luxurious to more affordable, spread throughout the city. The ones we would recommend are as follows:



Nairobi skyline from Nairobi National Park

### Nairobi National Park

Nairobi National Park is the location of the iconic Planet Earth shots of rhinos and giraffes against the backdrop of the Nairobi cityscape. This park was Kenya's first established park. It is a good option to start your safari holiday right from the time you arrive, and the properties we suggest offer more than just a stay.

#### Ololo Safari Lodge

Offers the warmth and comfort of a home with effortless style and personalised service. The lodge is situated right on the edge of the African wilderness, overlooking Nairobi National Park.

#### Nairobi Tented Camp

Nairobi Tented Camp is the first and only accommodation to be built within the confines of Nairobi National Park. The camp is built on environmentally conscious principles and has little impact on its surroundings.

#### What's included at Ololo Safari Lodge and Nairobi Tented Camp

- ★ Full board accommodation with selected drinks and evening sundowners
- ★ Game drive in Nairobi National Park
- ★ Visit to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (entrance fees payable locally)

#### Giraffe Manor

Next to the Giraffe Centre is the famous Giraffe Manor, an elegant and exclusive hotel, famous for its resident herd of giraffes who often peek their heads through the windows. NB: Being a small and popular choice, accommodation is limited. To avoid any disappointment we suggest you book well in advance.

### Airport Hotels

If you have an early morning flight we suggest hotels within the airport perimeter. Each hotel runs a shuttle service to and from the airport.

#### The Crowne Plaza

A very conveniently located hotel, with easy access to a variety of excursions, and makes a great base for a night before or after a safari. The hotel offers a host of facilities, including a heated swimming pool, a spa and a gym.

#### Four Points by Sheraton

This family-friendly Nairobi hotel has 2 restaurants, a full-service spa and an outdoor pool. Other amenities include 2 bars/lounges, a health club and a poolside bar.

### Other hotels

#### Tamarind Tree Hotel

In a terrific location with easy access to Nairobi city and its attractions, as well as Wilson Airport. The superb amenities, excellent service and the staff's genuine

willingness to fulfil all your requests will ensure that your stay here is a memorable and pleasant one.

#### Eka Hotel

Conveniently located on Mombasa Road, minutes away from the International Airport, 5km from Wilson Airport. It is a good stop for a night before or after a safari.

#### Ole-Sereni Hotel

Overlooking the famous Nairobi National Park, it combines the best aspects of a modern city hotel with a traditional game lodge. Guests can often see animals at the waterhole from the restaurant, bars and swimming pool area.

#### Nairobi Serena Hotel

Famed for its efficiency, service and hospitality, the Nairobi Serena Hotel is a member of 'The Leading Hotels of the World' and the flagship of the Serena Hotels' group of world-class properties. Set amongst extensive tropical gardens, the hotel enjoys one of the finest locations in the city.

#### Sarova Stanley Hotel

Since 1902, The Sarova Stanley has hosted some of the world's most recognisable names: acclaimed actors, authors, world leaders on royal and state visits to Kenya. With its enhanced old charm and historic features, The Sarova Stanley remains a significant landmark in the centre of Nairobi.

# Tsavo National Park

The National Parks of Tsavo East and Tsavo West together form one of Africa's largest wilderness reserves. Tsavo as a whole consists of 10 million acres of pure wilderness, incorporating savannah and hills and an extensive river system. The sheer scale of Tsavo gives the visitor a chance to really get away from it all, and to explore the wild in total solitude. On safari here you will see large herds of elephants, their hides often bright red with dust, as well as lions, buffaloes, elands and giraffes. Tsavo is a birdwatcher's paradise with numerous species of weavers, hornbills, sunbirds, rollers, and raptors commonly seen. Tsavo National Park is easily accessed from the coast at Mombasa. The nearest town is Voi, where you can experience the SGR Madaraka Express train.



Elephants opposite Ashnil Aruba in Tsavo East

## Tsavo East National Park

Tsavo East's vast expanse of open savannah offers the opportunity to see impressive herds of elephants and spot magnificent lions. Easily combinable with a beach stay in Mombasa.



### Ashnil Aruba

This lodge is in a superb location close to the Aruba Dam. Several watering holes nearby attract wildlife and spotting animals is easy because the park lies flat with savannah grassland. There are 46 rooms and 6 tents, all with a terrace. For more details see page 39.



### Satao Camp

Satao Camp is part of the 'The Out Of Africa Collection' which is a collection of chic eco luxury camps. Nestled amongst trees and surrounding a central waterhole, the semi-circular layout of the camp provides an excellent viewing point for all of the 20 en suite tents.



### Galdessa Camp

The camp, which has a relaxed feel, was designed to blend in with the environment, using earthy colours and natural woods throughout. The camp is located along the Galana River under fringed doum palms. There are 12 comfortable and spacious, thatched and semi tented en suite bungalows.



Tsavo West

## Tsavo West National Park

Tsavo West National Park is famous for the Mzima Springs and the Shetani lava flows. In addition the park has over 600 species of birds.



### Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge

This classic stone-built lodge was one of the first to be built in Tsavo National Park and overlooks its own waterhole, which is visited by a variety of wildlife. The lodge has a thatched central dining area, rock-built bar, and a viewing terrace. There are 56 en suite rooms with verandas, some overlooking the waterhole, some the Chyulu Hills.



### Finch Hattons Luxury Camp

Situated in a 35-acre concession on the southwest edge of Tsavo West National Park. The main restaurant offers a six course dinner in a setting of a bygone era of taste and elegance. A comfortable bar and lounge area creates an informal country house atmosphere.



### Lions Bluff Lodge (Lumo Conservancy)

Lions Bluff Lodge is suspended above an ancient elephant migratory corridor, with stunning panoramic views extending across the Lumo Community Wildlife Sanctuary and the Tsavo eco-system to Mount Kilimanjaro. There are three types of rooms which all have incredible views.

## Safari itineraries that feature Tsavo National Park:

### Tsavo Safari and Parks & Peaks Safari

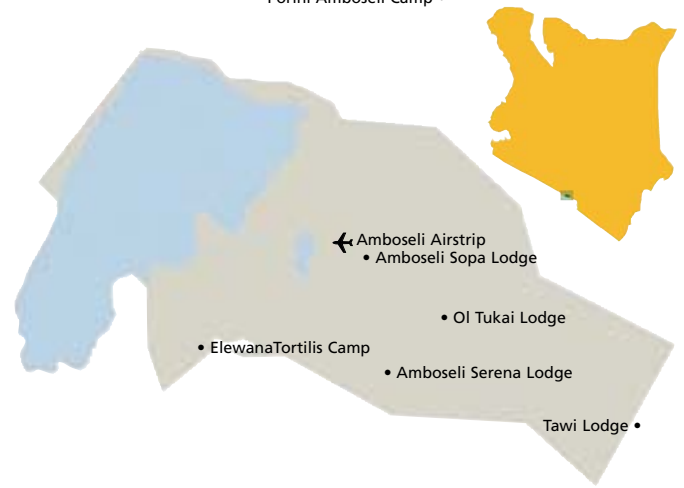
These safaris depart from the coastal town of Mombasa, offering a great opportunity for first time safari goers to combine a safari and beach holiday. For more details see page 78.



# Amboseli

Amboseli is one of the most popular destinations for safari-goers to Kenya due to its ease of access as well as it being home to an abundance of mammals and over 400 species of birds. It is best known for its unrivalled views of Mount Kilimanjaro and its huge herds of elephants that can be seen against the dramatic backdrop of the mountain. Although it is one of Kenya's smaller game parks, the flat and dusty landscape provides good opportunities to see a large variety of wildlife including buffaloes, lions, gazelles, cheetahs, wildebeest and zebras.

Porini Amboseli Camp •



## Elewana Tortilis Camp

The Elewana Tortilis Camp is a rustic, luxurious tented camp with 16 tents located on the edge of Amboseli, offering outstanding views of Mount Kilimanjaro. Game drives, guided bush walks, bush meals and sundowners are conducted both inside the park and within a private 30,000 acre game concession.



## Amboseli Serena Lodge

The lodge has a scenic location framed against the backdrop of the snow-capped peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro and surrounded by miles of rolling grasslands, patrolled by vast herds of elephants. At the heart of the lodge is a free-form swimming pool with 92 air-conditioned rooms to either side.



## Amboseli Sopa Lodge

This lodge is set in expansive gardens facing Mount Kilimanjaro. As it is built within a 190-acre area of Masai country, it is the perfect base from which to enjoy numerous pursuits. It has 83 well equipped rooms and there are plenty of activities available.



## Ol Tukai Lodge

This family friendly lodge with 80 well equipped en suite rooms is located at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro and blends perfectly into the African Savannah. It is in a marvellous spot for elephant watching.



## Tawi Lodge

With just 13 beautiful cottages, it is situated on a private conservancy of 6,000 acres, at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. The décor is inspired by African tradition and culture whilst delivering modern flair and guest comforts.



## Porini Amboseli Camp

This eco-friendly camp, located in the Selenkay Conservancy, is small and purposefully built on the lines of a traditional safari camp, offering the opportunity to get close to nature and away from the crowds. The number of guests is limited to a maximum of 20 to retain the unspoilt nature of the area and to minimise the environmental impacts.

## Popular safari itineraries that feature Amboseli:

### Parks and Peaks safari

This 3-night safari departs from the coastal town of Mombasa. It is an excellent opportunity for first time safari goers and combines a visit to Kenya's largest national park, Tsavo, and a visit to Amboseli, considered by Hemingway to be the very essence of Africa. For more details see page 78.

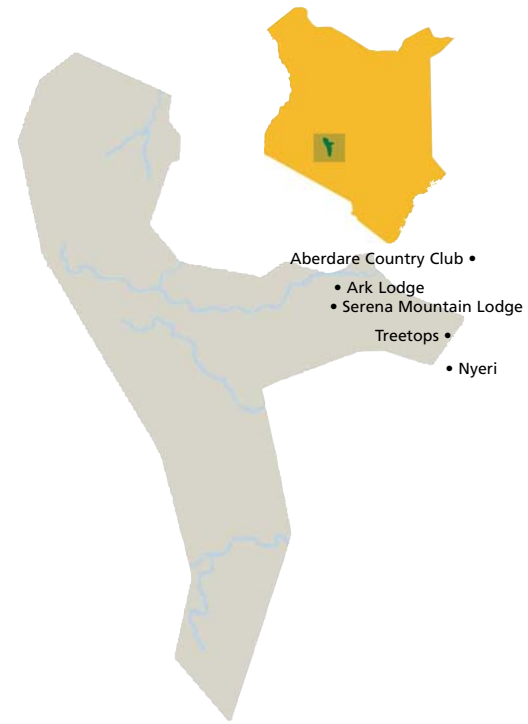
### The Kili Safari

This 5-night safari provides an exciting overview of Kenya and her wildlife. There are no age restrictions for children at the lodges, which makes this an ideal choice for families. For more details see page 33.

# Aberdare National Park

The picturesque Aberdare National Park is characterised by steep forested ravines and open moorland. It has amazing views of Mount Kenya and its nearest town is Nyeri. It is home to elephants, black rhinos, leopards, spotted hyenas, olive baboons, black and white colobus monkeys, buffalos, warthogs and bushbucks among others. Rare sightings include the giant forest hog, bongo, golden cat, serval cat, African wild cat, African civet cat and the blue duiker.

Treetop lodges are a popular option in the Aberdares. They all overlook watering holes where a variety of animals come to drink; so you can just sit back, relax and enjoy wildlife watching from the comfort of your lodge. We offer a variety of treetop lodges including Treetops, Ark Lodge and Serena Mountain Lodge. They all offer comfortable guest rooms and wonderful views. You can even have wake up calls in the night should a particular animal you wish to see visit the watering hole.



## Outspan/Treetops

The Outspan Hotel in Nyeri is a comfortable hotel set in well tended tropical gardens with manicured lawns and with breathtaking views of Mt Kenya. Lord Baden-Powell, the Scouts Movement founder spent his last years within the grounds of Outspan.

Treetops, in the heart of the Aberdare National Park is a tree-house lodge on stilts overlooking a waterhole, and is famous because this is, where Queen Elizabeth II visited as a princess and left as a queen.



## Aberdare Country Club/Ark Lodge

Nestled on the slopes of Mwega Hill, Aberdare Country Club has the charm of a private home combined with the comforts of a country inn.

The Ark, in the heart of the Aberdare National Park, overlooks a floodlit waterhole and salt lick, which attracts a host of wildlife. It is named after Noah's Ark.



## Serena Mountain Lodge

This lodge, part of the renowned Serena group, offers a matchless game viewing opportunity, whilst combining a glorious panorama of mountain vistas, The lodge's waterhole attracts a near constant stream of wildlife. There are 42 rooms furnished with indigenous wood and African art with a spacious verandah overlooking the waterhole.



## Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club

Set astride the equator, in over 100 acres of landscaped gardens with magnificent views of the majestic Mount Kenya, this luxury property provides a blend of comfort, relaxation and adventure. Leisure facilities include a heated outdoor pool, horse riding and a 9-hole golf course.

## Safari itineraries featuring Aberdare National Park:

### Cheetah Safari

A traditional and our most popular seven-night safari visiting Samburu, followed by the Rift Valley Lakes and the magnificent Masai Mara. For more details see page 32.

### Thorn Tree

A short four-night safari including the famous game viewing lodge, Treetops, then onto Lakes Nakuru and Naivasha, with final stop the world-famous Masai Mara. For more details see page 34.

### Acacia Tree Safari

A five-night safari visiting a contrasting trio of parks, the Aberdares, relaxing time at the serene Lake Naivasha and the final three nights in the world-famous Masai Mara. For more details see page 35.

# Great Rift Valley Lakes

The main lakes of Kenya's Great Rift Valley include Lake Nakuru, Lake Naivasha, Lake Magadi and Lake Victoria. The area is a birdwatcher's paradise with a plethora of bird species.

Lake Nakuru National Park is a fenced area, which provides a sanctuary to one of the largest populations of rhinos in Kenya, as well as Rothschild's giraffes, leopards and lions. The alkaline lake often attracts flamingos, pelicans, cormorants and terns.

Over 240 species of birds have been recorded in and around the freshwater Lake Naivasha. The best time for bird watching is from October to March when the migrant birds from Europe inhabit the area.

## Lake Naivasha

Lake Naivasha is one of only two freshwater lakes in Kenya's Rift Valley. Surrounded by thick papyrus and forests of yellow acacia trees, it is a haven for many animals including giraffes, buffaloes, colobus monkeys and hippos. It is a lovely relaxed destination where you can easily spend 2 nights enjoying various experiences, such as walking, or a boat ride, or a walk on Crescent Island. See pages 16 and 17 for more details.

Hells Gate National Park is close by, lying south of Lake Naivasha and named after a narrow breach in the cliffs, once a tributary of a lake which flowed into the Rift Valley.

For the more adventurous, you can climb the nearby Mt Longonot, an extinct volcano.



### Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge

The lodge is set in beautiful grounds with acacia trees surrounding the lake which is host to a variety of game including giraffes, buffaloes and the elusive black faced colobus monkey. In and around the lake, many hippos can be seen wallowing in the water or grazing within the lodge grounds. There are 84 rooms in 2-storey rondavels.



### Lake Naivasha Country Club

The hotel offers a wonderful mix of tranquillity in serene surroundings. Lake Naivasha is the focus of activity, but the abundant bird life and several activities in the area mean there is never a shortage of things to do. There are 47 rooms and 3 suites with en suite bathrooms.



### Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge

The beautiful green vegetation around the Naivasha Simba Lodge, along with the lake experience, makes it an excellent rest stop while on safari in Kenya. There are 70 superior en suite guest rooms.



### Olerai House

Olerai House is an enchanting country home with just 6 en suite rooms on a beautiful farm in Africa, nestled under yellow acacia trees and purple jacarandas. It is fanned by a cool breeze from the shores of Lake Naivasha and is watched over in the far distance by the extinct volcano of Mount Longonot.



### Chui Lodge & Kiangazi House

These two properties are very small and intimate and are superbly situated to take advantage of the magnificent Rift Valley and its Lakes. Chui Lodge has 8 rooms and Kiangazi has 7 rooms, all beautifully appointed.

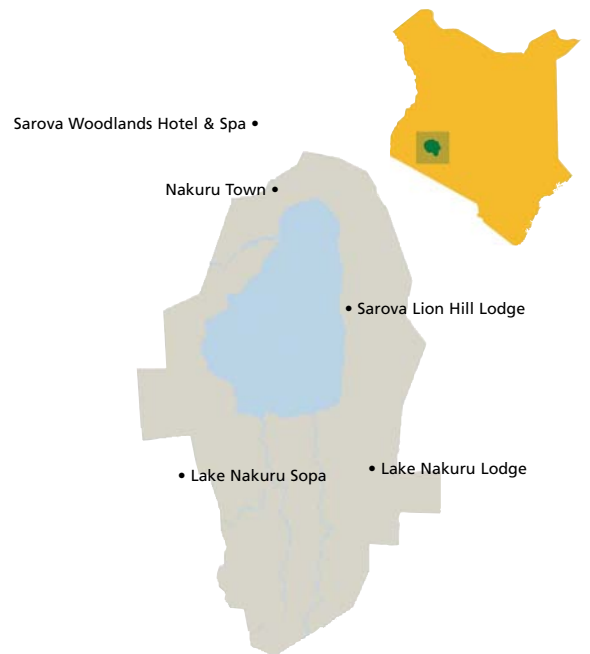


### Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp

Situated on the banks of Lake Elmenteita, this small and exclusive Serena Camp blends upper class elegance with modern luxury. There are 20 luxury, tastefully furnished, en suite tents with views of Lake Elmenteita. There are a range of activities to choose from locally or simply relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

# Lake Nakuru National Park

Lake Nakuru National Park is mainly a wooded and bushy grassland with a wide ecological diversity and characteristic habitat that range from the lake waters to the escarpment and ridges. A multitude of animals and birds can be found in Lake Nakuru National Park, including white and black rhinos and the rare Rothschild's giraffes. The nearest flourishing town is Nakuru and from here you can take a day trip to Lake Bogoria.



## Lake Nakuru Lodge

The Lake Nakuru Lodge provides quality and service and a perfect relaxing getaway. There are 95 rooms and 2 suites that are wonderfully stylish with rustic African furniture to complement the park's safari experience and at the same time offer a warm and cosy ambience.



## Sarova Lion Hill Game Lodge

Beautifully landscaped with natural foliage and a startling variety of flowers, the lodge offers luxurious accommodation complemented by delicious cuisine and nightly dances. There are 64 chalets and 3 suites with en suite bathrooms and verandahs.



## Sarova Woodlands Hotel and Spa

The hotel is conveniently located off the main Nairobi-Nakuru highway just outside of Nakuru town. There are 147 well-equipped rooms and suites.



## Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge

The lodge overlooks Lake Nakuru and its surrounding National Park, one that is a paradise for bird watchers and wildlife lovers alike. There are 60 rooms on offer.



## Safari itineraries featuring Great Rift Valley Lakes:

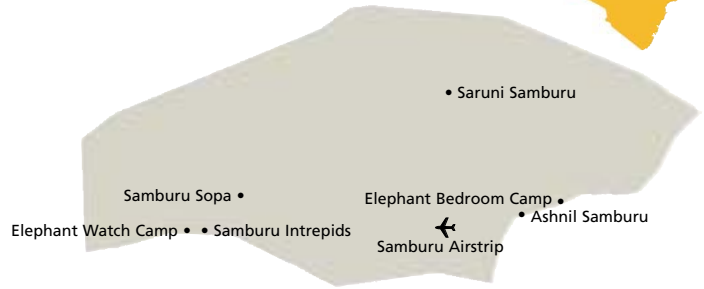
All of our suggested Kenya safaris, offer a stop at one of the Great Rift Valley Lakes. It is a must visit region as part of a longer safari itinerary.

For more on our safari details see pages 32 to 37.



# Samburu National Reserve

Samburu National Reserve is one of the lesser-known parks, but is nevertheless teeming with wildlife and very popular with our travellers. It's unusual in that the landscape is a mixture of dry desert, and lush forests and savannahs where the Ewaso Nyiro River carves its way through the region. The pockets of lush savannahs are the perfect place for game viewing, where there is no shortage of sightings of the big 3 cats – lions, cheetahs and leopards.



## Ashnil Samburu Camp

In a perfect position on the river bank south of Ewaso Nyiro River, in Buffalo Springs Game Reserve, Samburu; a stay here gives you unrivalled access to game viewing. The camp is home to just 30 luxury tents carefully spread throughout the lush ground. For more details see page 39.



## Elephant Bedroom Camp

Surrounded by doum palms and other beautiful indigenous trees and shrubs, sits this small and exclusive camp, furnished in rustic African style while offering all the comforts expected of a luxury camp. There are 12 tents with en suite bathroom and large verandah.



## Saruni Samburu

A beautiful, small luxury property surrounded by 95,000 hectares of private wildlife conservancy, and perched on top of a spectacular viewpoint. There are 6 spacious villas and two large infinity pools overlooking a waterhole. For more details see pages 46 and 47.



## Elephant Watch Camp

Elephant Watch is a luxury, eco-friendly camp, offering a superb wildlife experience based on its long links to elephant conservation. All the buildings, including the 6 luxury en suite bedrooms, are made from old fallen trees, solar-hardened earth plaster and sustainably-harvested palm thatch.



## Samburu Intrepids

Samburu Intrepids, situated on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River is a luxury tented camp. There are 28 modern en suite tents. For more details see page 38.



## Samburu Sopa Lodge

The lodge is built on high ground offering panoramic views of the vastness of the Samburu shrub land and the hills beyond. There are 30 spacious well appointed cottages (60 rooms).

## Popular safari itineraries that feature Samburu:

### Cheetah Safari

A traditional and our most popular seven-night safari visits Samburu, home to unique wildlife, followed by the Rift Valley Lakes. The final destination is the Masai Mara where vast numbers of plains game and spectacular big cats abide. For more details see page 32.



# Lewa, Laikipia & Ol Pejeta

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is a thriving conservancy nestled at the foothills of Mount Kenya, and is home to some of Africa's most endangered species, along with a plethora of other wildlife including elephants, giraffes, buffaloes and big cats. The nearest town is Nanyuki and both the chimpanzee and rhino sanctuary is close by. Aside from game drives, there are many different activities you can participate in, such as horse riding, quad biking, fly camping and walking.

Laikipia is a beautiful and remote region between Mount Kenya and Samburu. Covering a wide range of landscapes including high altitude plateaus, low forested valleys and deep rocky river gorges, the area has become a sanctuary for elephants, lions, leopards, buffaloes and a wealth of plains game. The safari lodges in Laikipia are among the most luxurious in Kenya, and the involvement of local Samburu and Masai communities in tourism allows visitors a rare opportunity to meet local people in an authentic environment.

Ol Pejeta Conservancy is a 90,000 acre wildlife conservancy situated on the foothills on Mount Kenya with nearest town Nanyuki. It houses a rhino sanctuary and is the only place in Kenya to see the chimpanzees, rescued from the black market, in a sanctuary established to rehabilitate them.



## Sweetwaters Serena Camp

Located in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, against the spectacular backdrop of the magnificent Mount Kenya. It is a sheltered oasis with 56 luxuriously appointed tents designed to offer a charming blend of under-canvas ambiance and uncompromising luxury.



## Ol Pejeta House

Set in a private game reserve, this private house still retains the bygone tradition of Kenya's famous farmhouse hospitality. The house is furnished with original and unique paintings and artefacts, and overlooks tropical gardens and a waterhole. There are 6 luxurious rooms with an en suite bath overlooking extensive tropical gardens.



## Borana Lodge

Rustic yet luxurious, this family-run lodge is set on a vast, wildlife-rich, working cattle ranch on the edge of Laikipia Plateau, with panoramic views of Mount Kenya. There are 6 large, tastefully furnished thatched cottage rooms with a bath, fireplace and verandah.



## Porini Rhino Camp

This small, intimate safari eco-camp is located within the Ol Pejeta Conservancy and is home to a variety of animals including the 'big 5'. With only seven spacious and comfortable tents it is designed to have minimum impact on the environment. Additional activities include night and day safari game drives, escorted walks and sundowners.

## Safari itinerary featuring Ol Pejeta Conservancy:

### Serena Explorer Safari

A six-night safari with two nights at the Sweetwater Serena in Ol Pejeta, followed by the tranquil location of Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp and the final three nights at Mara Serena, which commands spectacular views over the Masai Mara plains. For more details see page 37.



# Masai Mara & Private Conservancies

## Masai Mara Ecosystem

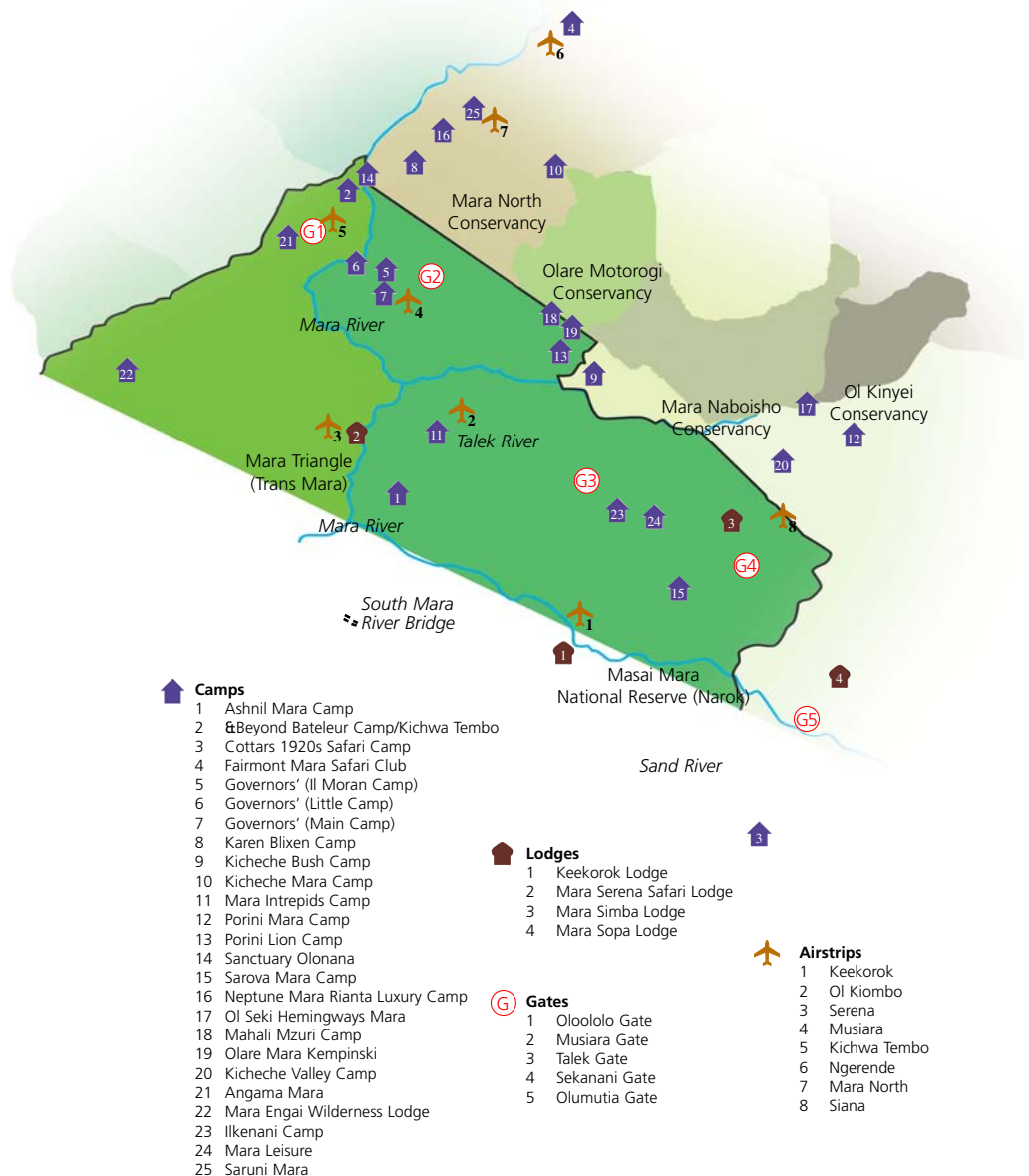
The Masai Mara is one of the most popular safari destinations in Kenya and is named after the Masai people that inhabit the region and the Mara River which snakes through the reserve. It is home to an abundance of wildlife including the 'big 5'.

The Masai Mara also plays host to the incredible spectacle of the annual wildebeest migration. The area has an amazing concentration of wildlife, particularly when the migratory wildebeest and zebras are grazing on the lush plains from July to October.

Wildlife wanders freely between the national reserve and the private conservancies, with each area offering a different safari experience.

## The Masai Mara National Reserve

The Reserve, which borders Tanzania, is the key place to view the world-famous wildebeest migration, and has an amazing concentration of wildlife. The Mara River, which runs north to south through the reserve, separates the west area of the reserve known as the Mara Triangle, from the east. As these two areas are separate, they are administered differently, and park fees may be required for each if you choose to visit them both.



- Camps**
- 1 Ashnil Mara Camp
- 2 Beyond Bateleur Camp/Kichwa Tembo
- 3 Cottars 1920s Safari Camp
- 4 Fairmont Mara Safari Club
- 5 Governors' (Il Moran Camp)
- 6 Governors' (Little Camp)
- 7 Governors' (Main Camp)
- 8 Karen Blixen Camp
- 9 Kicheche Bush Camp
- 10 Kicheche Mara Camp
- 11 Mara Intrepids Camp
- 12 Porini Mara Camp
- 13 Porini Lion Camp
- 14 Sanctuary Olonana
- 15 Sarova Mara Camp
- 16 Neptune Mara Rianta Luxury Camp
- 17 Ol Seki Hemingways Mara
- 18 Mahali Mzuri Camp
- 19 Olare Mara Kempinski
- 20 Kicheche Valley Camp
- 21 Angama Mara
- 22 Mara Engai Wilderness Lodge
- 23 Ilkenani Camp
- 24 Mara Leisure
- 25 Saruni Mara

- Lodges**
- 1 Keekorok Lodge
- 2 Mara Serena Safari Lodge
- 3 Mara Simba Lodge
- 4 Mara Sopa Lodge

- Gates**
- 1 Oloololo Gate
- 2 Musiara Gate
- 3 Talek Gate
- 4 Sekanani Gate
- 5 Olumutia Gate

- Airstrips**
- 1 Keekorok
- 2 Ol Kiombo
- 3 Serena
- 4 Musiara
- 5 Kichwa Tembo
- 6 Ngerende
- 7 Mara North
- 8 Siana



## Private Conservancies

Surrounding the Masai Mara National Reserve are a number of private conservancies of varying sizes owned by Masai communities. Conservancies are managed privately for the purpose of conservation, and a safari in a conservancy offers a more exclusive experience.

Due to the limited number of vehicles per game drive, it is possible to experience the African wilderness without encountering a huge number of other vehicles. There are also limitations on the number of guests who can stay within some of the conservancies.

Many safari experiences are available in the private conservancies which all contribute to having an unrivalled safari experience. Visitors that stay in the conservancy can also enter the Masai Mara National Reserve, where a park fee will apply.



We offer accommodation in the following private conservancies:

**Mara North Conservancy**

This conservancy borders part of the Masai Mara National Reserve. It is a beautiful wilderness area with rich vegetation and an open savannah. The conservancy is run in partnership between camps and the Masai landowners, who live in the area with their homesteads and livestock.

**Ol Kinyei Conservancy**

This is one of the most beautiful areas with its open savannah plains, riverine forests, springs, streams and rivers. There are spectacular views across the Masai Mara from here.

**Mara Naboisho Conservancy**

This conservancy adjacent to the Masai Mara National Reserve has a high concentration of wildlife. It is a ground-breaking project of tourism which benefits both conservation and the local community.

**Olare Motorogi Conservancy**

This conservancy offers a high quality safari experience as the number of vehicles is limited to camps located within the conservancy. The conservancy is owned by the local Masai community who directly benefit from visitors.

**Benefits of staying in private conservancies**

- ★ Safaris in the conservancies offer a more exclusive wildlife experience.
- ★ Activities within conservancies are not limited to day game drives, as some conservancies include night drives and guided bush walks which are part of your safari experience.
- ★ With the camps staffed by the local community, guests have a unique opportunity to interact with them and learn about their culture.
- ★ You are directly helping conservation and the local community.

We recommend a stay in the Masai Mara National Reserve and twinning it with a stay in one of the private conservancies. Call us and we will tailor your ideal package.

# Flying within Kenya

Kenya has an excellent light aircraft network, giving visitors the opportunity to cover great distances in a short period of time, thus ensuring maximum time in your favourite game park.

This diverse network, with daily departures, serves all the major safari parks making it very easy to visit more than one game park. Flying to the Masai Mara is one of the most popular routes offering double daily flights. Beach destinations are also easily accessed, following your safari. Any excess luggage can be stored, free of charge, at the airline terminal.



## Safari Routes

- ➔ Masai Mara  
(including most of the private conservancies)
- ➔ Samburu
- ➔ Amboseli
- ➔ Lewa Downs
- ➔ Loisaba
- ➔ Nanyuki
- ➔ Tsavo West

*Important Note:  
Luggage allowance is 15 kgs per person in soft bags.  
Flights may make several stops en route.*

If scheduled service do not meet your requirement, private charter may be the solution. It is easy to arrange and not very expensive.

## Beach Routes

- ➔ Diani, South coast  
Mombasa
- ➔ Lamu Island
- ➔ Spice Island of Zanzibar

*Important Note:  
Luggage allowance is 20 kgs  
per person in soft bags.*



## Luxury Flying Masai Mara Safari plus Diani beach extension

**Day 1**  
Fly to Nairobi.

**Day 2**  
Internal light aircraft from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Masai Mara. Spend four nights at Neptune Mara Rianta Luxury Camp.

**Day 5**  
Internal light aircraft flight back to Nairobi Wilson Airport and connect for onward flight to Diani. Spend five nights at Neptune Palm Beach Boutique Resort & Spa on all inclusive basis.

**Day 10**  
Fly home.

Price: £2415, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park/conservancy fees.

## Luxury Flying Samburu and Masai Mara plus Zanzibar beach extension

**Day 1**  
Fly to Nairobi.

**Day 2**  
Internal light aircraft flight from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Samburu. Spend three nights at Elephant Bedroom Camp.

**Day 5**  
Internal light aircraft flight to Masai Mara, may be via Nairobi. Spend three nights at Mara Engai Wilderness Lodge.

**Day 8**  
Internal light aircraft flight back to Nairobi Wilson Airport and connect for onward flight to Zanzibar. Spend five nights at Breezes Beach Club and Spa.

**Day 10**  
Fly home.

Price: £3325, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park/conservancy fees.





### Mahali Mzuri

This member of Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Limited Edition collection takes camping to a whole new level of sophistication. Located in the private Olare Motorogi Conservancy, Mahali Mzuri delivers all that you would expect from a first-class hotel; luxury, elegance, superb service, gourmet meals and outstanding attention to detail. Each of the 12 luxury tented suites has a beautiful wooden deck.



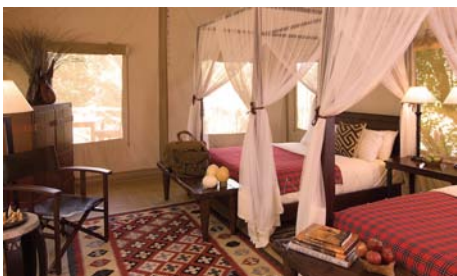
### Angama Mara

Located high above the floor of Africa's Great Rift Valley, Angama Mara overlooks Kenya's Masai Mara. Here you can be as active or as relaxed as you wish – early morning balloon flights over the Mara, escorted walking safaris, game drives, visits to neighbouring Masai villages or just sit in one of the rocking chairs on your tent's deck and watch the wildlife pass by. The two camps consist of just 15 tents each, which are superbly decorated.



### Sanctuary Olonana

This elegant and exclusive, rebuilt safari resort has an enviable position right on the banks of the Mara River, over which thousands of wildebeest cross during the annual migration. The 14,130 sq m glass-sided river-view suites have en suite bathroom with shower and a spacious wooden veranda overlooking the river. Three suites have an extra bedroom, ideal for families.



### Fairmont Mara Safari Club

The camp is positioned on the banks of an ox-bow bend in the Mara River, in the Mara North Conservancy. All 50 tents have a view of the hippo and crocodile-filled river. The lodge is surrounded by well-cultivated gardens dotted with indigenous trees.



### Neptune Mara Rianta Luxury Camp

Neptune Mara Rianta is a luxury tented camp, nestled in the heart of the Mara North Conservancy. The 20 luxury tents overlook the Mara River, which is teeming with large groups of hippos. Savour delicious alfresco lunches and evening barbecues around the pool and enjoy Masai dancing and talks on the Masai culture.



### Mara Engai Wilderness Lodge

Overlooking the Masai Mara, the lodge is on the edge of the Mara Triangle – this area is divided from the rest of the Masai Mara by the Mara River, rich in wildlife and home to all members of the 'big 5'. The 20 large tented suites are elevated and have viewing decks to take advantage of the scenery, and are well spaced out to provide privacy.

# Cheetah Safari

Group departure every Sunday – accompanied by a safari driver–guide

From: £1885

2 nights Aberdares – 2 nights Samburu – 1 night Lake Naivasha – 2 nights Masai Mara



Cheetahs in the Masai Mara

## A popular 7-night safari showcasing the best that Kenya has to offer.

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Day 2 Aberdares

Transfer to the Somak Safari Lounge to freshen up and store any additional luggage. Depart for the Aberdares (180 km). Lunch, afternoon at leisure. Overnight: Aberdare Country Club

### Days 3–4 Samburu

Drive north across the equator to the Samburu National Reserve (190 km). Lunch at your accommodation, your base for the next 2 nights, followed by a late afternoon game drive. Next day morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Ashnil Samburu Camp

### Day 5 Aberdares

Continue to the Aberdares (240 km). Afternoon is spent viewing the animals as they come to the waterhole. Overnight: Serena Mountain Lodge

### Day 6 Lake Nakuru/Lake Naivasha

Descend into the Great Rift Valley, to Lake Nakuru Lodge (240 km) with a game drive in the Park. Lunch, then drive to Lake Naivasha (80 km). Overnight: Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge

### Days 7–8 Masai Mara

Depart for the world-famous Masai Mara (270 km). Lunch at your camp, your base for the next 2 nights, followed by an afternoon game drive. The next day, spend a full day in the Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Ashnil Mara Camp

### Day 9 Depart

Return to Nairobi by road (300 km), or fly from the Masai Mara to Nairobi (optional extra). Lunch at Somak Safari Lounge. Return to the UK.

### Where Next?

Maybe relax by the beach after your thrilling safari, or choose even more adventure. See pages 50–51 for exciting ideas to add-on to your safari.

### Highlights

- ★ Visit two favourite Kenyan parks: Samburu and Masai Mara
- ★ Superb accommodation in prime locations
- ★ Free afternoon nature walk at Aberdares (weather permitting)
- ★ Visit Lake Nakuru National Park for potential rhino sightings

### What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver–guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 7 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 7 dinners
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

### Add to your experience

- Day 2 Aberdares: Upgrade to a deluxe room from £46 per person per night
- Free afternoon nature walk led by a local guide (weather permitting)
- Day 8 Masai Mara: Masai Village visit from £38 per person OR a balloon flight over the Masai Mara from £275 per person, inclusive of a bush breakfast (a truly exhilarating experience)



# Kili Safari

Group departure every Saturday – accompanied by a safari driver–guide  
2 nights Amboseli – 1 night Lake Naivasha – 2 nights Masai Mara

From: £1485



Mount Kilimanjaro

## A superb introduction to the splendours of Kenya.

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Days 2–3 Amboseli

Transfer to the Somak Safari Lounge to freshen up and store any additional luggage. Depart for the Amboseli National Park (250 km). Enjoy an afternoon game drive. The next day, spend a full day in Amboseli with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Amboseli Sopa Lodge

### Day 3 Lake Naivasha

Depart for Great Rift Valley Lake to Lake Naivasha (350 km). Afternoon at leisure. Overnight: Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge

### Days 4–5 Masai Mara

Travel to the Masai Mara Game Reserve (270 km). Enjoy your first game drive in the open Mara plains. Next day, a full day in the Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Mara Sopa Lodge

### Day 6 Depart

Return to Nairobi by road (300 km), or fly from the Masai Mara to Nairobi (optional extra). Lunch at Somak Safari Lounge. Return to the UK.

### Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

### Highlights

- ★ Visit Amboseli National Park with Mt Kilimanjaro as its backdrop
- ★ Soak in the beautiful scenery of Lake Naivasha
- ★ Safari game drives in the magnificent Masai Mara
- ★ Family friendly accommodation

### What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

### Add to your experience

- Day 3 Boat ride on Lake Naivasha from £35 per person
- Day 5 Balloon flight over the Masai Mara from £275 per person  
Masai Village visit from £35 per person



# Thorn Tree Safari

Group departure every Monday – accompanied by a safari driver–guide

1 night Aberdares – 1 night Lake Naivasha – 2 nights Masai Mara

From: £1355



Hippos in the Masai Mara

## Highlights

- ★ Overnight at famous Treetops in Aberdare National Park
- ★ Visit Lake Nakuru National Park to see rhinos
- ★ Enjoy the beautiful serene Lake Naivasha
- ★ Game rich Masai Mara

## What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

## Add to your experience

- Day 3 Boat ride on Lake Naivasha from £35 per person
- Day 5 Balloon flight over the Masai Mara from £275 per person  
Masai Village visit from £35 per person

**This 4-night safari offers a wonderful combination of mountain scenery and plains dotted with game.**

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Day 2 Aberdares

Transfer to the Somak Safari Lounge to freshen up and store any additional luggage. Depart for the Aberdares (180 km). Lunch followed by afternoon at leisure as you relax on the deck and watch the animals coming to the waterhole. Overnight: Treetops

### Day 3 Lake Nakuru – Lake Naivasha

Drive to Lake Nakuru (180 km). Enjoy a game drive in Lake Nakuru National Park. Afternoon continue your safari to Lake Naivasha (80 km), where over 450 species of birds have been recorded. Overnight: Lake Naivasha Country Club

### Days 4–5 Masai Mara

Drive to the magnificent Masai Mara (270 km). Lunch is followed by an afternoon game drive. Next day, enjoy a full day in the Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives and time spent at leisure. Overnight: Keekorok Lodge

### Day 6 Depart

Return to Nairobi by road (300 km), or fly from the Masai Mara to Nairobi (optional extra). Lunch at the Somak Safari Lounge. Return to the UK.



## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.



Bird in a thorn tree

# Acacia Tree Safari

Group departure every Wednesday – accompanied by a safari driver–guide

1 night Aberdares – 1 night Lake Naivasha – 3 nights Masai Mara

From: £1475



Acacia tree in the Masai Mara

**This 5-night safari visits a contrasting trio of parks, the Aberdares, Lake Naivasha and finally three nights in the world-famous Masai Mara. Included is a boat ride experience on Lake Naivasha.**

## Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

## Day 2 Aberdares

Transfer to the Somak Safari Lounge to freshen up and store any additional luggage. Depart for the Aberdares (180 km). Lunch, at the Aberdare Country Club and continue to the Ark. The afternoon is at leisure as you relax on the deck overlooking the waterhole. Overnight: The Ark

## Day 3 Lake Naivasha

Drive to Lake Naivasha (220 km) where over 450 species of birds have been recorded. In the afternoon enjoy a boat ride on the lake. Overnight: Lake Naivasha Country Club

## Day 4 Masai Mara

Drive to the Masai Mara (270 km), home to countless animal species including the 'big 5' and a multitude of plains game. Afternoon game drive. Overnight: Mara Leisure Camp

## Days 5–6 Masai Mara

Enjoy two further full days in the Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Mara Leisure Camp

## Day 7 Depart

Return to Nairobi by road (330 km), or fly from the Masai Mara to Nairobi (optional extra). Lunch at the Somak Safari Lounge. Return to the UK



## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

## Highlights

- ★ Overnight at a tree lodge in the Aberdare National Park
- ★ Enjoy the beautiful serene Lake Naivasha
- ★ A boat ride on the lake
- ★ Magnificent game rich Masai Mara

## What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver–guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ Boat ride on Lake Naivasha
- ★ 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

## Add to your experience

- Day 3 Boat ride on Lake Naivasha (included in the package)
- Days 5/6 Balloon flight over the Masai Mara from £275 per person
- Masai Village visit from £35 per person

# Sarova Safari

Daily Departure – accompanied by a safari driver–guide

2 nights Nakuru – 3 nights Masai Mara

From: £1960



The chase is on in the Masai Mara

## A delightful 5-night safari exploring the lakes and savannah plains.

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Day 2 Lake Nakuru

Transfer to the Somak Safari Lounge to freshen up and store any additional luggage. Depart for the scenic Rift Valley and to Lake Nakuru National Park (220 km). Afternoon game drive. Overnight: Sarova Lion Hill Game Lodge

### Day 3 Nakuru

Morning game drive, depart for Lake Bogoria, a saline alkaline lake. At times the pink flamingos are found here in large

numbers. Hot springs and geysers are a feature of the area. Lunch at a local restaurant. Return to Nakuru. Overnight: Sarova Woodlands Hotel & Spa, Nakuru

### Day 4 Masai Mara

Drive to the Masai Mara (325 km), home to countless animal species including the 'big 5' and a multitude of plains game. Afternoon game drive. Overnight: Sarova Mara Game Camp

### Days 5–6 Masai Mara

Enjoy two further full days in the Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Sarova Mara Game Camp

### Day 7 Depart

Return to Nairobi by road (335 km), or fly from the Masai Mara to Nairobi (optional extra). Lunch at the Somak Safari Lounge. Return to the UK.

## Highlights

- ★ Rift Valley Lakes of Nakuru and Bogoria for fabulous birdlife
- ★ Hot springs at Bogoria
- ★ World-famous Masai Mara

## What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver–guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

## Add to your experience

- Days 5/6 Balloon flight over the Masai Mara from £275 per person
- Masai Village visit from £35 per person



## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

# Serena Explorer Safari

From: £1990

Daily Departure – accompanied by a safari driver–guide

2 nights Ol Pejeta Conservancy – 1 night Lake Elmenteita – 3 nights Masai Mara



Horsing at Lake Elmenteita

**This exciting safari offers some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities in Kenya.**

## Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

## Day 2 Sweetwaters

Transfer to the Somak Safari Lounge to freshen up and store any additional luggage. Depart for the Ol Pejeta Conservancy. (220 km). Afternoon game drive in the conservancy. Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp

## Day 3 Sweetwaters

Morning and afternoon game drives with visits to the Chimp and Rhino sanctuary. Overnight: Sweetwaters Serena Camp

## Day 4 Lake Elmenteita

Drive to Lake Elmenteita, a bird-lovers paradise (265 km). Afternoon leisure time, maybe a swim in the pool or a relaxing massage. Overnight: Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp

## Day 5 Masai Mara

Continue safari and to the world-famous Masai Mara (360 km). In the afternoon enjoy an exciting game drive in this game-filled park. Overnight: Mara Serena Lodge

## Days 6–7 Masai Mara

Two full days in the magnificent Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives and time spent at leisure. Overnight: Mara Serena Lodge

## Day 8 Depart

Return to Nairobi by road (330 km), or fly from the Masai Mara to Nairobi (optional extra). Lunch at the Somak Safari Lounge. Return to the UK.

## Highlights

- ★ Accommodation in award-winning Serena properties
- ★ Visit to the Chimp and Rhino Sanctuary
- ★ Serene surroundings of Lake Elmenteita
- ★ World-famous Masai Mara

## What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver–guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

## Add to your experience

Day 3 Visit to the Chimp and Rhino Sanctuary at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, included in the safari.

Days 6/7 Balloon flight over the Masai Mara from £375 per person  
Masai Village visit from £35 per person



## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

# Heritage Hotels

Popular for its award-winning luxurious properties, Heritage Hotels is one of the leading hotel chains in Kenya with properties located in the Masai Mara, Samburu National Reserve, the Great Rift Valley and Mombasa. The hotels and resorts are split into three main brands; Voyager camps and resorts, Intrepids camps and Explorer camps. They have an 'Adventurer's Club', which is perfect for children accompanying their parents on a safari, as this family programme provides a fun and exciting opportunity for the kids to learn about the wild.

## Luxury Flying Samburu & Masai Mara plus Mombasa beach extension

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Day 2

Internal light aircraft from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Samburu. Three nights at Samburu Intrepids.

### Day 5

Internal light aircraft flight to Masai Mara. Three nights at Mara Intrepids.

### Day 8

Internal light aircraft back to Nairobi Wilson Airport and connect for flight to Mombasa. Five nights at Voyager Beach Resort.

### Day 13

Fly home.

Price: £2975, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees.



Samburu



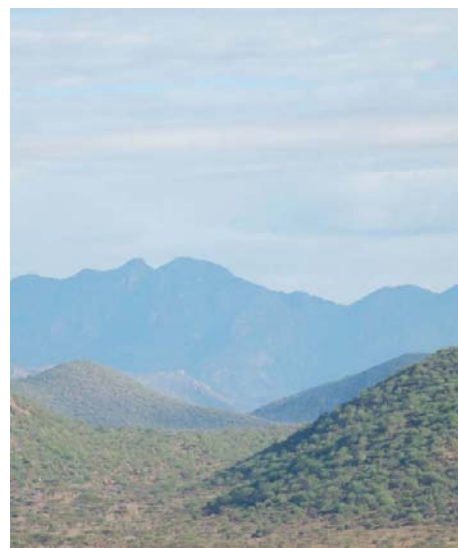
### Samburu Intrepids

Samburu Intrepids, situated on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River is a luxury tented camp. There are 27 modern en suite tents and 2 family units (two tents with adjoining living area), making it ideal for families or group of friends.



### Mara Intrepids

Sitting above a sweeping bend in the Talek River, at the convergence of the Masai Mara's four game viewing areas, the camp enjoys one of the most spectacular locations in the world's best-known wilderness. There are 30 elegant tents spread over a large riverside site with modern en suite bathrooms with hot showers as well as two family units.



Samburu



### Mara Explorer

This exclusive camp is the ultimate wilderness retreat. Situated in the heart of the reserve, the camp enjoys prime views of the spectacular wildebeest migration between July and October, and some of the world's most rewarding big cat sightings during the remainder of the year. There are 10 tents with luxurious bathrooms and outdoor claw-foot bathtubs.



### Voyager Beach Resort

Situated on the white sands of Nyali Beach in North Mombasa, this nautically themed resort is surrounded by lush tropical gardens offering an array of exciting family activities. It is a large resort with 234 cabins, each with a private balcony, air-conditioning, satellite TV and free Wi fi.

### What's included at safari properties

- ★ All meals
- ★ Game drives in 4 x 4 vehicle

### What's included at Voyager Beach Resort

- ★ All meals and snacks from 10.00am to 6.00pm
- ★ Selected alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- ★ Animation activities and evening entertainment

# Ashnil Hotels

The Ashnil Hotels Group has three luxury lodges and camps located in some of the best game viewing locations in Kenya's world-famous National Parks and Reserves. Each property has its own unique feel, unparalleled levels of comfort, service and most importantly offers amazing opportunities to view the local wildlife, culture and landscapes.

## Luxury Flying Samburu & Masai Mara Safari

**Day 1:** Fly to Nairobi.

**Day 2:** Internal light aircraft flight from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Samburu. Spend three nights at Ashnil Samburu Camp.

**Day 5:** Internal light aircraft flight to Masai Mara, may be via Nairobi. Spend three nights at Ashnil Mara Camp.

**Day 8:** Internal light aircraft flight back to Nairobi Wilson Airport. Fly back home.

Price: £2610, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees.

## Tsavo Ashnil Safari & Mombasa Beach

**Day 1:** Fly to Mombasa.

**Day 2:** 2 nights at Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa.

**Day 4:** Enjoy 2 nights safari to Ashnil Aruba Lodge.

**Day 6:** Return to Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa for a further 3 nights stay.

**Day 9:** Fly back home.

Price: £1265, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals basis as per hotel and all park fees. The safari is based on set departure day.



Ashnil 4x4 Landcruiser

## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.



## Ashnil Samburu Camp

In a perfect position on the riverbank, this camp is a wonderful choice for your stay in Kenya. Set south of Ewaso Nyiro River, in Buffalo Springs Game Reserve, Samburu with unrivalled access to game viewing. The camp is home to just 30 luxury tents, carefully spread throughout the lush grounds.

### What's included:

- ★ All meals
- ★ Game drives in 4x4 vehicle

## Ashnil Mara Camp

The Ashnil Mara Camp is positioned at the confluence of the Mara and Olkeju rivers in the Masai Mara National Reserve. There are 50 luxury tents alongside the riverbank. This is an unrivalled position for wildlife spotting, and is close to the action during the annual wildebeest migration. Families are well catered for with a family tent.

Ashnil Mara places importance on the local community and supports the Loigero Primary School, which is located close to the entry gate of the Masai Mara and serves the Masai community of Talek.

**Added value offer:** Stay for 3 consecutive nights and receive a FREE Hippo Pool Breakfast (subject to weather).

### What's included:

- ★ All meals
- ★ Game drives in 4x4 vehicle



## Ashnil Aruba Lodge

Located just a couple of hours from the coast at Mombasa, and close to Aruba Dam, this lodge has several watering holes nearby attracting wildlife. There are 46 rooms and 6 tents, all well appointed with a terrace. A variety of rooms cater for every traveller including families and disabled visitors.

### What's included:

- ★ All meals
- ★ Game drives in a microbus

# Hemingways Collection

The Hemingways Collection is a group of 5 star luxury hotels in Kenya, offering exceptional service. The properties include Hemingways Nairobi, Ol Seki Hemingways and Hemingways Watamu. The Hemingways Collection offers a wonderful combination of luxury safari and beach accommodation.

## Luxury Flying Safari and beach combination

Very easy to organise, a flying safari cuts travelling time between parks and allows more time to enjoy the wonders that Kenya has to offer.

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Day 2 Nairobi

Met and transferred to Hemingways Nairobi.

### Days 3-5 Masai Mara

Internal light aircraft flight from Nairobi, Wilson Airport to Masai Mara. Met by a representative from Hemingways Ol Seki Mara and transferred to your accommodation for 3 nights, enjoy game activities and relax at the Hemingways Ol Seki Mara. This is flexible to suit your requirements and you can also spend more time in the Masai Mara.

### Days 6-10 Malindi

Internal light aircraft flight back to Nairobi Wilson Airport. Onward flight to Mombasa or Malindi (we will advise you the best route at time of booking, depending on the schedules at that time). Enjoy time at leisure at the Hemingways Watamu. This is flexible to suit your requirements.

### Day 11 Return

Return to the UK.

Price: £2589 inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and conservancy fees.



## Hemingways Ol Seki Mara

Perched on a rocky escarpment with far-reaching views over the acacia-dotted Mara plains, this intimate tented camp is located in the private Naboisho Conservancy – a secluded wilderness which borders the Masai Mara. It is named after the Ol Seki tree, known in English as the sandpaper tree – a Masai symbol of peace. In the local Masai language, Ol Seki means “blessed”. There are 10 exclusive luxury tents with 270° panoramic views of the Mara plains.

A family tent is also available sleeping 4 adults or 2 adults and 3 children, includes private game drive vehicle and a private chef, making it a home away from home experience in the African bush.

### What's included:

- ★ All meals and drinks including alcoholic beverages (excludes premium brands)
- ★ 2 shared game drives per full day and 1 shared night game drive in the Naboisho Conservancy
- ★ 1 shared bush breakfast (weather permitting)
- ★ Game drives to the Masai Mara Reserve, available to pre-book (charges apply)



### Hemingways Watamu

An iconic tropical paradise on the Kenyan coast sitting right in the middle of the pristine Watamu Marine National Park with its idyllic white sand beach and turquoise waters. The exceptional personal service and sincere charm of this established hotel has come to represent Kenyan coastal luxury to so many travellers for close to 30 years. The hotel has just undergone a major 2 year renovation and has reclaimed its place among Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

**What's included:**

- ★ Breakfast (other meal option available)
- ★ Use of a gym and tennis courts



### Hemingways Nairobi

A luxury boutique hotel, with just 45 suites, situated in the quiet, leafy residential suburb of Karen. It has spectacular views of the Ngong Hills and is close to Nairobi National Park, Karen Blixen Museum and the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. It is part of the 'Small Luxury Hotels of the World'.

**What's included:**

- ★ Deluxe room (room upgrades available)
- ★ Express check-in and check out
- ★ Butler valet service
- ★ Complimentary newspaper
- ★ Gym, sauna, steam room and outdoor pool

### Offers for Hemingways Ol Seki Mara

We have wonderful offers available, ranging from free nights to bride staying free. Call us and we will tailor your ideal package with the offer that best suits your requirements.

- ★ Pay for 2 nights and get 3rd night free all year round except July and August
- ★ Pay for 3 nights and get 4th night free all year round
- ★ Honeymoon Offer: bride stays free – Valid all year except July, August & September and Christmas peak dates

*Please note that the offers are not combinable and conservancy fee applies for the free nights*



# Governors' Camp Collection

Governors' Camps, set in some of the most beautiful parts of Kenya, offer an old-fashioned pace of life, with the best of 21st century comfort, in the heart of some of East Africa's prime wildlife areas.

Service is personal, attentive and friendly. A Governors' Safari will introduce you to the thrilling pleasures of some of the world's most magnificent wildlife spectacles, pampered in luxury, but in tune with the simple rhythms of life.

## Suggested Itinerary

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Day 2

Travel by road to Naivasha. 2 nights at Loldia House with game drive to Lake Nakuru National Park.

### Day 4

Fly from Loldia, Naivasha to Masai Mara. 3 nights at any chosen Governors' Camp property.

### Day 7

Flight back to Nairobi. Fly home.

Price: £2495, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees.



Game drive in the Masai Mara

## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.



### Main Governors' Camp

The setting is magical. So much so that almost a century ago it was reserved, exclusively, for Kenya's colonial Governors and their royal visitors. The camp is nestled along the winding banks of the Mara River. There are 37 en suite tents with a private verandah, including family tents.



### Little Governors' Camp

Intimate in character, this camp is built around a small watering hole that is teeming with birds and wildlife. The camp is reached by boat and offers an exquisite, romantic setting which has serenity all of its own. There are 17 tents with en suite bathroom with shower and private verandah.



### Governors' Il Moran Camp

This camp, with its added touches make it top of the range safari accommodation for those who are seeking that extra bit of luxury. The camp, which is hidden under ancient trees, deep in the forest, has the atmosphere of an original hunting lodge. There are 10 spacious tents with stunning beds, en suite bathrooms with lovely big showers, and a Victorian bath and an extended verandah.



### Loldia House, Naivasha

Built around a courtyard, its main archway frames a stunning view of the dormant volcano Mount Longonot. There are 11 rooms with en suite bathrooms with shower. A double room in the top cottage features an outside bathroom.

### What's included at Main Governors' and Little Governors' Camp

- ★ All meals
- ★ Two extended game drives per full day in customised 4x4 vehicle
- ★ Local Masai Village visit (entrance fees payable locally)
- ★ Visit local school and other community/conservation projects that Governors' support

### What's included at Governors' Il Moran Camp

- ★ Same as Main & Little Governors' plus soft drinks, beer, house wine and laundry

### What's included at Loldia House, Naivasha

- ★ All meals
- ★ Transfers to Lake Nakuru or Hell's Gate National Park (park fees payable)
- ★ Visit to a local flower farm

# &Beyond Kenya

&Beyond offers stunning lodges and luxurious camps across Africa in Tanzania, Botswana, Kenya, Namibia and South Africa. &Beyond gives a huge amount back to the local community and African conservation. During your stay you'll have the chance to become part of one or many of the &Beyond projects. Children are well catered for with the WILDchild programme.

## Flying Masai Mara Safari plus Diani Beach

**Day 1**  
Fly to Nairobi.

**Day 2**  
Internal light aircraft flight from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Masai Mara. Four nights at &Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp.

**Day 5**  
Internal light aircraft flight back to Nairobi Wilson Airport and connect for onward flight to Diani. Spend five nights at AfroChic Diani.

**Day 10**  
Fly home.

Price: £2845, inclusive of all flights including a free flight to the Masai Mara, transfers, meals and all park fees.



Game drive in the Masai Mara

### Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.



### &Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp

This superior safari lodge overlooks the plains of the Masai Mara and lies directly in the path of the annual migration of wildebeest and zebra. Relax in the candlelit bar in the evening before enjoying delicious Pan-African cuisine served alfresco or in the main dining area. There are 40 tents with en suite bathrooms, including family tents.



### &Beyond Bateleur Camp

Set on the fringes of a riverine forest, overlooking the vast, game-filled plains of the Mara, this luxurious tented camp offers world-class style in the African bush. A private butler will serve delicious Pan-African cuisine in the dining area, on the verandah or in a romantic setting under the stars. Bush breakfasts, sundowners and candlelit dinners offer an unforgettable experience of the African bush. There are 18 tents, 9 in each intimate camp with a shower and a private deck.

### What's included at Main &Beyond Kichwa Tembo and &Beyond Bateleur Camp

- ★ All meals
- ★ Selected drinks
- ★ Laundry
- ★ Two game drives per full day in customised 4x4 vehicle



### Offers at &Beyond Kenya

We have wonderful offers available ranging from free flights to bride staying at half price. Call us and we will tailor your ideal package with the offer that best suits your requirements.

#### Free return flights from Nairobi to Masai Mara

Stay for 4 nights at &Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp or 3 nights at &Beyond Bateleur Camp and receive FREE internal flights from Nairobi Wilson to Masai Mara. Valid all year except June to October and Christmas/New Year peak dates.

#### Honeymoon offer (valid at both properties)

Bride receives 50% reduction on accommodation rate, year round.

Please note that the offers are not combinable and are subject to change.



Elewana AfroChic Diani

# Kicheche Camps

Kicheche Camps' bush hideaways are located in Kenya's finest conservancies in the Masai Mara and Laikipia. Staying in a bush camp doesn't mean compromising on comfort; the food and service are first class, as are the warmth and expertise of the Kicheche staff, making your safari an unforgettable experience.

## Flying Safari to Laikipia and Masai Mara

**Day 1:** Fly to Nairobi.

**Day 2:** Internal light aircraft flight to Nanyuki. 3 nights at Kicheche Laikipia.

**Day 5:** Fly Nanyuki to Masai Mara. 3 nights at any Kicheche Camp property.

**Day 8:** Fly back to Nairobi. Fly home.

Price: £3720, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all conservancy fees.

## Flying Safari to 2 Mara conservancies & Zanzibar Beach

**Day 1:** Fly to Nairobi.

**Day 2:** Internal light aircraft flight to Masai Mara. 3 nights at Kicheche Mara Camp.

**Day 5:** Game drive transfer to Kicheche Bush Camp for 3 nights.

**Day 8:** Internal light aircraft flight to Nairobi Wilson Airport and connect for onward flight to Zanzibar. Spend 4 nights at Diamonds Gemma Dell'Est.

**Day 12:** Fly home.

Price: £4530, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all conservancy fees.



*Thompson's gazelle & silver-backed jackal in the Masai Mara*

## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.



## Kicheche Bush Camp – Olare Motogori Conservancy

A classic, luxury camp set in a conservancy bordering the Masai Mara Reserve. It is intimate and unfenced, so game wander freely past. There are 6 tents which look out over grassy plains.



## Kicheche Mara Camp – Mara North Conservancy

This bush hideaway is at the heart of the African wilderness. There are 8 spacious tents with en suite facilities, verandah and hammocks. There is a range of children's activities. Family tents are also available.



## Kicheche Valley – Naboisho Conservancy

A luxury tented camp comprising 6 tents located on platforms amongst the trees and rocky outcrops. The strict controls on bed and vehicle numbers ensure a high quality wilderness experience. Family tents available.

Why not stay 2 or 3 nights at each of the Mara conservancy properties for a varied experience?

From 01 July to 31 October, for every three night stay at any of the Masai Mara properties, get one visit to the Masai Mara National Reserve included. For any additional visits and for any other dates, charges apply.

## Kicheche Laikipia – Ol Pejeta Conservancy

This high quality eco-camp, situated in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, with just 6 en suite tents overlooks a small waterhole. A range of children's activities are available and family tents are also available.

### What's included:

- \* All meals, including picnics (bush breakfast only at Kicheche Valley)
- \* Selected drinks
- \* Shared game drives, maximum 4 per vehicle or maximum 6 if a group
- \* Shared night game drive only at Kicheche Valley & Kicheche Laikipia
- \* Escorted game walks
- \* Kicheche Laikipia includes Ngare Ndare forest visit and canopy walk (to be pre-booked), canoeing and mountain biking
- \* Children's activities at Kicheche Mara Camp & Kicheche Laikipia, include tracking skills, bow & arrow, beading, fire making, spear throwing, camp discovery walks.





Walk from Kicheche Bush Camp

### Additional experiences available from Kicheche Camp:

#### **Kicheche Mara Camp: Visit Mara Elephant Project**

A visit here will give you an overview of the project and staff will explain more about the GPS satellite tracking system in place, as well as the drones and collaring. Advance booking recommended and a donation of \$100 per person payable locally. (Based on minimum 2 guests, children under 12 free).

#### **Kicheche Mara Camp: Community Discovery Trip**

Visit the local Aitong trading centre, a school, a clinic and the Mara Discovery & Empowerment Centre (MDC) which is a combination of tourism, conservation, environmental education and community

based micro enterprises for an insight into the lives of the local community. This visit is usually made after lunch and followed by an afternoon game drive.

#### **Kicheche Bush Camp: Maa Trust**

A wonderful opportunity for guests to interact with Masai women, watch and learn about their bead-work and learn more about the Trust's programmes championing sustainable community development. Only 10 minutes away, this visit can be made as part of your safari activity.

#### **All Mara camps: Fly Camping**

Take an escorted game walk and stay overnight in a private mobile campsite. Next

morning walk back to camp (vehicle transfers are also available). Overnight set-up is a lightweight fly-camp, staffed by a cook and a camp assistant. Must be pre-booked and an additional supplement of £60 per person applies, based on minimum 2 guests. Age restriction applies.

#### **Kicheche Laikipia: Ngare Ndare Forest visit**

Enjoy a full day with a guided walk to the beautiful Ngare Ndare Forest – bird watching, canopy walk and a picnic lunch. Complimentary excursion which must be pre-booked.

### Offers Valid for all Kicheche properties

We have wonderful offers ranging from free nights to bride staying at half price. Call us and we will tailor your ideal package with the offer that best suits your requirements.

- ★ Free night Offer: Valid all year round  
6 nights for the price of 5 nights based on a combination of stays at the Kicheche Laikipia and any of the Kicheche Mara Conservancy properties. The free night offer is based at Kicheche Laikipia and conservancy fee applies.
- ★ Honeymoon Offer at Kicheche Valley only: The Bride receives a 50% reduction on the accommodation rate year round, except for August and September when the reduction is 25%. Conservancy fee applies.

Please note that the offers are not combinable.



# Saruni Lodges

Saruni is a collection of unique and intimate lodges found in Kenya's most beautiful, private wildlife conservancies, that offer the ultimate luxurious experience. Saruni is committed to conservation and the local communities, and are involved in several local projects and initiatives which guests can contribute to. Saruni Lodges are child-friendly and families are well catered for in family villas.

## Luxury flying to Samburu with rhino tracking and Masai Mara

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Days 2-5

Internal light aircraft flight from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Samburu. Two nights at Saruni Samburu followed by two nights at Saruni Rhino for the rhino tracking.

### Days 6-8

Internal light aircraft flight to Masai Mara. Three nights at Saruni Mara or Saruni Wild.

### Day 9

Internal light aircraft flight back to Nairobi, Wilson Airport. Fly back home.

Price: £4550, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all conservancy fees.



Rhino tracking



### Saruni Samburu

A beautiful, small property surrounded by 95,000 hectares of private wildlife conservancy, and perched on top of a spectacular viewpoint. The 6 spacious villas and two large infinity pools overlook a waterhole where the famous Samburu elephants, leopards, reticulated giraffes, oryx and Grevy's zebras gather to drink.



### Saruni Rhino

Saruni Rhino, located in Sera Community Conservancy, Northern Kenya, is a 3-cottage 'banda' camp that offers one of the first rhino tracking experiences in East Africa. This is an amazing walking safari affording a unique and thrilling experience while actively contributing to rhino conservation.



### Saruni Mara – Mara North Conservancy

Saruni Mara is a deluxe and intimate lodge tucked away in a secluded valley in the private Mara North Conservancy, a prime and private game-viewing area which borders the Masai Mara National Reserve, the most famous wildlife park in Africa. There are 5 elegant cottages and 2 villas

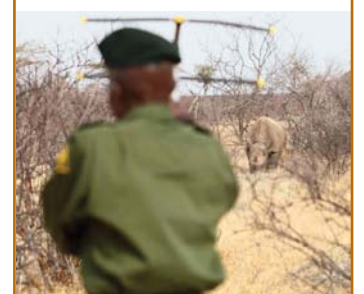


### Saruni Wild

Saruni Wild, located on the border between two private conservancies, Lemek Conservancy and Mara North Conservancy, is an elegantly and comfortably furnished tented camp. Owned and managed by Saruni in the Masai Mara, this is a very small, just 3 tents, intimate and private camp which offers all the comforts you would expect from Saruni.

### What's included at the Saruni properties:

- ★ All meals
- ★ Soft drinks, house wines, beers & select non-luxury spirits
- ★ Limited laundry
- ★ Shared day and night game drives in 4x4 vehicle and guided bush walks
- ★ Bush meals, sundowner and picnic excursions
- ★ One complimentary back and neck massage (30 min) per room per stay (not valid at Saruni Rhino)
- ★ One rhino tracking session per day (valid only at Saruni Rhino)
- ★ One complimentary visit to the Masai Mara National Reserve for every 3 nights booked at Saruni Mara or Saruni Wild





Saruni Samburu

### Offers at Saruni properties

We have wonderful offers available ranging from a free night to bride staying at half price. Call us and we will tailor your ideal package with the offer that best suits your requirements. All offers are valid for all Saruni properties, except Saruni Rhino.

- ★ Free night Offer: Valid all year round  
6 nights for the price of 5 nights based on a combination of stay at Saruni Samburu and Saruni Mara or Saruni Wild. Conservancy fee applies.  
Pay for 3 nights and get the 4th night FREE (valid all year round, except March to May and November). Conservancy fee applies.
- ★ Honeymoon Offer: Bride receives 50% reduction on accommodation rate (valid all year round, except March to May and November). Conservancy fee applies and based on minimum stay requirement of 4 nights.

*Please note that the offers are not combinable and subject to change*

### Community/Conservation

There are several ways that guests can get involved or contribute towards the various local projects and initiatives that Saruni is committed to.

- ★ 80% of Saruni's staff are employed from the local communities; by visiting Saruni you are directly supporting responsible community-based tourism.
- ★ 'Pack for a Purpose' initiative is where you can use any space in your luggage to "pack" items that are needed by local schools and communities. When you take your selected supplies you can drop them at your accommodation knowing they will be delivered directly to the project, or in some cases you can deliver them yourself and see those that will benefit from your generosity.
- ★ When staying at either Saruni Samburu or Saruni Rhino, if time allows, guests can visit the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary which is 2 hours away. A visit here directly supports the wildlife conservation of elephants and other animals being taken care of. Charges apply.



Game drive in the Masai Mara



Reteti Elephant Sanctuary

# Elewana Collection Kenya

Each camp, lodge and hotel in the luxury Elewana Collection has a fantastic location in both Kenya and Tanzania's best-known parks and reserves, as well as offering superb beach experiences in Zanzibar and the Kenyan coast. It is the perfect choice for a seamless safari and beach holiday. For Elewana Tanzania see pages 74 and 75 for further details.

## Luxury Elewana Masai Mara plus Diani Beach

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Days 2-5 Masai Mara

Internal light aircraft flight from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Masai Mara. Four nights at Elewana Sand River Mara.

### Days 6-10 Diani Beach

Internal light aircraft flight back to Nairobi Wilson Airport and connect for onward flight to Diani. Five nights at Elewana AfroChic Diani.

### Day 11

Fly home.

Price: £3660, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees.



Lewa game drive



### Elewana Loisaba Tented Camp, Loisaba Conservancy

Elewana Loisaba Tented Camp is perched on the edge of an escarpment with panoramic views across the Laikipia plains to Mt Kenya. There are 12 spacious tents.



### Elewana Loisaba Star Beds, Loisaba Conservancy

Poised on a kopje, the Elewana Loisaba Star Beds command sweeping views over an undulating valley and a permanent waterhole. Handcrafted four-poster beds sit on raised wooden platforms jutting out from a thatched-roof accommodation and are rolled out each night for guests to enjoy a memorable sleep under the endless African sky. Three double rooms and one family room.



### Elewana Lewa Safari Camp, Lewa Conservancy

This beautiful camp is in a stunning location with outstanding game viewing. There are 11 safari tents with a thatched roof, verandah and a full en suite bathroom, including 2 family tents.



### Elewana Sand River Mara, Masai Mara Game Reserve

The fixtures and furnishings of this beautiful camp contribute to the feeling of exclusivity reminiscent of tented camps of the 1920s. It is an ideal destination at any time of the year, for those wishing to enjoy exceptional game viewing. There are 16 tents.



Elephant Pepper Camp



Tortillis Camp dining area



Elsa's Kopje lounge area



Elephant Pepper camp fire



Tortillis Private House pool



Elsa's Kopje cottage

### Elewana Elephant Pepper Camp, Mara North Conservancy

The camp lies on the beautiful northern edge of the Masai Mara. There are 8 en suite tents. The camp also offers 2 large honeymoon tents which can comfortably fit 2 extra beds making them suitable for families.

### Elewana Tortillis Camp, Amboseli, Kitirua Conservancy

The Elewana Tortillis Camp is a rustic luxurious tented camp located on the edge of Amboseli, offering outstanding views of Mount Kilimanjaro. 16 tents, 1 family tent and a private house are available.

### Elewana Elsa's Kopje, Meru National Park

Elsa's Kopje was made famous by the film 'Born Free' and George Adamson's lions. The lodge is invisible as you approach the kopje. Each of the 10 individually built luxurious cottages have a 'room with a view'.

If you would like to combine a beach option with your safari, Elewana has a villa-style property, Elewana AfroChic Diani, which blends in with the natural beauty of its surroundings. For more details see page 82.

### Elewana SkySafari

Travel between each destination in style and comfort in Elewana's Cessna Grand Caravan light aircraft with just nine executive club class seats. This is an all-inclusive experience with guaranteed departures, every other day.

There are 2 itineraries available in Kenya:

### Kenya Classic

**Day 1:** Fly to Nairobi.

**Day 2:** Overnight at Nairobi Hemingways.

**Day 3:** Elewana flight to Amboseli. 2 nights Elewana Tortillis Camp.

**Day 5:** Elewana flight to Meru. 2 nights Elewana Elsa's Kopje.

**Day 7:** Elewana flight to Masai Mara. 2 nights Elewana Sand River Mara.

**Day 9:** Elewana flight to Nairobi and fly back home.

Price: £4750, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees.

### Kenya Connoisseur

**Day 1:** Fly to Nairobi.

**Day 2:** Overnight at Nairobi Hemingways.

**Day 3:** Elewana flight to Meru. 2 nights Elewana Elsa's Kopje.

**Day 5:** Elewana flight to Loisaba. 2 nights Elewana Loisaba Tented Camp (option to spend one night at Loisaba Star Beds).

**Day 7:** Elewana flight to Masai Mara. 2 nights Elewana Sand River Mara.

**Day 9:** Elewana flight to Nairobi and fly back home.

Price: £4875, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees.

### What's included

- ★ All meals and selected drinks (excludes premium brands)
- ★ Shared safari game drives in 4x4 vehicle
- ★ Guided walking safari (not included at Sand River Mara or Elsa's Kopje)
- ★ Sundowners
- ★ Bush breakfast
- ★ Laundry



Elewana Cessna Grand Caravan

# Where Next?

Once you travel to East Africa for your safari adventure, a plethora of possibilities opens up. Simple flight connections mean that some of the world's greatest attractions are at your fingertips, and the prices are pleasantly surprising. Get creative, cross borders, and put together your dream holiday. Here is a selection of the most popular add-ons for before or after your safari adventure.



## Ancient Ethiopia

Steeped in history, and home to a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Ethiopia is a destination to explore. Addis Ababa, the capital, is a modern city with a diverse population. One of the most important sites is Lalibela, with its rock-hewn churches from the 12th-13th century. See pages 98 and 99 for our recommended itineraries.

With daily flights on Ethiopian Airlines, it is very easy to combine a short visit with an excursion to the area you wish to visit, and continue your African adventure to Kenya, Tanzania or Southern Africa.



## Nairobi, capital of Kenya

Nairobi City has so much to offer, so why not consider spending a few more days here to experience some of the exciting experiences available – like feeding giraffes or a visit to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, where you can adopt an elephant. For further details see pages 18 and 19.



## Vibrant Cape Town

Cape Town is renowned for being one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Situated at the base of Table Mountain, it is the capital city of the Western Cape. A stay in Cape Town promises history, natural beauty and the excitement of a cosmopolitan lifestyle. For a lively experience, visit the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront with a wide variety of shops, restaurants and craft markets.

With easy flight connections from any of the safaris, it is a very simple combination.

For further details please see pages 106 to 109.



## The mighty Victoria Falls

You may hear the Falls for miles around, but seeing them – however you choose to do so - is an unforgettable experience. 'The Smoke that Thunders', as the Falls are known locally, are one of the world's greatest natural attractions and a playground for adventurers.

A more and more popular add-on with easy flight connections. For further details please see pages 134 to 136.

## Indian Ocean Beach Extension

With early starts and the safari adrenaline, why not unwind and extend to the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, with a choice of beaches on the Kenyan coast of Mombasa, the exotic Spice Island of Zanzibar or the idyllic islands of Seychelles and Mauritius?



### Mombasa and surrounding beaches

Mombasa is the largest city on the Kenyan coast and combines city excitement with beach relaxation. The coastal area features nearly 500 kilometres of tranquil white beach. The nearby beaches of Malindi, Watamu and Lamu are a popular relaxation spot.



### Spice Island of Zanzibar

Zanzibar boasts some of the best beaches in the world, with coconut palms and powder soft coral sands washed by shimmering clear seas. A must visit is the old city and cultural heart of Zanzibar, Stone Town, a place of winding alleys, bustling bazaars, mosques and grand Arab houses. A stay on the secluded island of Pemba is easily accessible, a perfect haven for honeymooners.



### Seychelles

The glorious islands of the Seychelles, most definitely “Unique by a Thousand Miles” are scattered in the Indian Ocean, some 1000 miles off Africa’s east coast. These gleaming pearls of paradise provide spectacular lush tropical scenery combined with superb white sand beaches and beautiful, deserted hidden coves and bays.



### Mauritius

Mauritius is the epitome of Indian Ocean paradise. If lazing on a white sand beach and soaking up the sun is your style, then Mauritius is the ideal place. The Island is surprisingly large with a host of hidden treasures, from the cosmopolitan mix of people that inhabit the capital of Port Louis, to the natural beauty of the interior, with its peaks, waterfalls and unique wildlife.



### Middle East

With major airlines like Emirates, Qatar Airways and Etihad Airways, flying into the continent of Africa, it is very easy to make a stopover in Dubai, Muscat or Abu Dhabi at the beginning or the end of an African adventure or a combination of the two.





UGANDA

KENYA

RWANDA

Lake Victoria

Serengeti

▲ Mount Kilimanjaro

BURUNDI

Ngorongoro

• Arusha

Lake Manyara

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TANZANIA

Pemba

Mahale

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Zanzibar

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INDIAN OCEAN

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# Why Tanzania?

Tanzania, located in East Africa, offers a diverse range of landscapes to explore and wildlife to see, ranging from pretty pink flamingos in Lake Manyara, to magnificent elephants in the Ngorongoro Crater and not forgetting the greatest spectacle on earth – the great migration in the Serengeti. Mount Kilimanjaro, with its wonderful views from its snow-capped peaks, is located in Tanzania, as well as an array of stunning beaches, and colourful coral reefs across Zanzibar. The parks of Southern Tanzania offer more of a wilderness experience and are for the more adventurous.



*Wildlife in the Serengeti*

## Best time to travel

Tanzania is ideal to visit all year-round. The best times to see an abundance of wildlife is during the dry season from late June to October. The chance of seeing the wildebeest migration in the Serengeti is during June and July and the time to see the wildebeest calving is late January to February.

## Types of accommodation

From lodges to luxury tented accommodation, there are a vast range of hotels available from the luxury to the affordable. There is something to suit everyone. An incredible experience is mobile camping in the Serengeti, which is a fantastic way to follow the wildebeest migration.

## Top experiences

- ★ Hot-air balloon flight over the Serengeti
- ★ Visit the Ngorongoro Crater
- ★ Olduvai Gorge – a site in Tanzania that holds the earliest evidence of the existence of human ancestors
- ★ The vast open savannah plains of the Serengeti

For more information see pages 56 and 57.

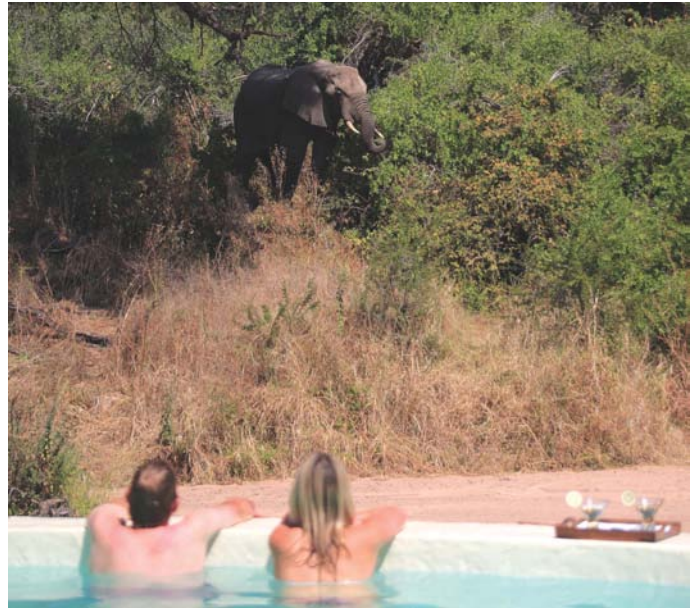
## The essentials

- ★ On safari, luggage should ideally be in soft-sided bags.
- ★ For a flying safari the maximum luggage allowance is 15kg.
- ★ For the best wildlife viewing, early starts are essential.
- ★ Road journeys can be long and bumpy, but the best way to see the country as you pass the local villages.
- ★ Tip your driver-guide at the end of your safari.
- ★ We recommend combining a safari with a relaxing beach stay at the end.

# Types of Safaris



Tanzania drivers and vehicles



Jongomero Camp

## Scheduled set departure safaris

If you're flexible with your dates, our set departure safaris will be ideal for you, offering the best value prices. These are fixed itineraries, each one offering a unique and exciting experience in East Africa with our knowledgeable safari driver-guide. The safari will depart with a minimum of two people, so there's little chance of your tour being cancelled. They are shared with a small group of travellers in a Somak 4-wheel drive vehicle, with a maximum of six passengers in Kenya and Tanzania, all guaranteed a window seat and standing space through the roof hatch when game viewing.

## Beach and safari combinations

Why not combine a safari adventures with a relaxing beach stay. Many beach destinations are just a short flight from Africa's national parks making them perfect to end your holiday on a relaxing note. For more details see pages 50 and 51.



Rock Restaurant, Zanzibar

## Tailor-made safaris

Creating bespoke safari holidays has been our passion for 50 years and we want to share our expertise with you. Whether you're a big game fanatic, a couple looking for both culture and romance, honeymooners wanting luxury in Africa's remotest locations or you are looking for a first time, family-friendly safari, we can help tailor a safari to your interests, budget and needs.

## Flying safari

Tanzania offers an excellent light aircraft network, giving visitors the opportunity to cover great distances in a short period of time. This will also reduce your travelling time leaving more time for wildlife viewing or relaxing in your luxury accommodation.

## Some useful Kiswahili words

Mambo	How are you?
Poa	Fine
Kwaheri	Goodbye
Asante	Thank you
Hakuna Matata	No worries

# Tanzania Safari experiences

Create special memories whilst enjoying the natural environment and beautiful surroundings that Tanzania offers.

Here is a selection of our best activities and experiences in Tanzania that we can incorporate as part of a bespoke tailor-made safari itinerary, to give your trip that extra dimension.



Lake Manyara

## Arusha city tour

On this trip get an idea of day-to-day life in one of the most colourful cities of Tanzania. You will have the opportunity to visit a school, church, local market and have a drink in a local pub. This is an interesting experience and well worth doing.

**Full day: from £95 per person, includes a local lunch**

**Half day: from £68 per person, excludes lunch**

## Lake Duluti walk – Arusha

Enjoy a beautiful walk under the canopy of the Lake Duluti forest on the shores of the lake with amazing views of both forest and water birds. An experienced guide will assist in identifying all the lesser known birds and trees. The walk last for approximately 2 hours.

**From: £35 per person**

## Canoeing Lake Manyara (Manyara National Park)

Lake Manyara is home to an incredible array of bird life, including thousands of pink-hued flamingos. You can get close to giraffes, elephants, buffalos and other animals grazing on the shoreline from the comfort of your vessel whilst on a canoe safari. A stable 2 person fibre glass canoe is used.

**From: £110 per person, includes park fees**



Arusha

### **Biking at Mto Wa Mbu village**

Enjoy a 2-hour mountain bike ride through the farming village of Mto Wa Mbu and visit local farms, schools, a church, milling machine and a local bar to enjoy the sights and sounds of this vibrant village. Merida and Titan mountain bikes and helmets are provided. From Manyara.

**From: £35 per person**



### **Treetop walkway in Lake Manyara**

Experience nature like never before! Manyara Treetop Walkway is a sky-high adventure through the beautiful forest of Lake Manyara. Walk among the treetops and experience untouched nature and wildlife from a unique perspective. This 370m air-walk starts with a short board-walk that gradually rises from ground level up through the canopy of the forest. You walk over a series of suspension bridges with thick netting on the sides, and reach a height of 18m off the ground. Each of the bridges end on a viewing deck situated around tree trunks. A great outdoor activity for nature lovers and adventure seekers.

**From: £48 per person**

### **Cultural visit to a local village – Serengeti**

An enriching experience visiting a local Masai village to see how the locals live and manage with what little they have.

**From: £45 per person**



### **Serengeti & Tarangire Balloon**

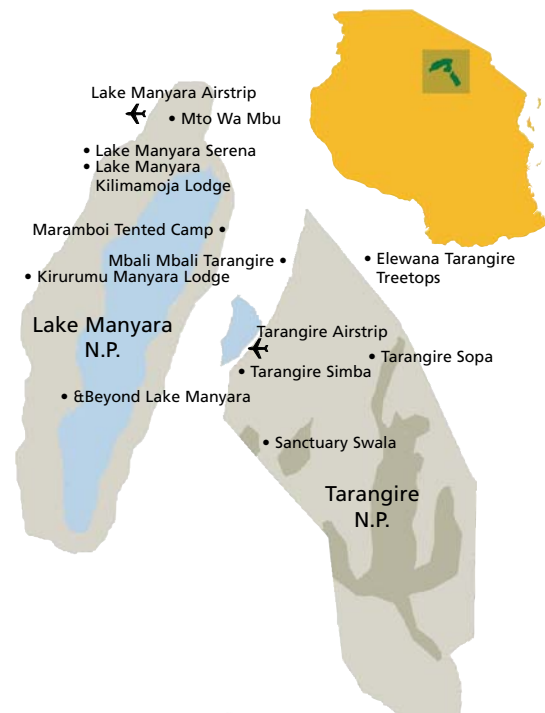
A hot-air balloon ride allows you to experience Serengeti or Tarangire National Park from a completely new perspective and is the perfect safari vehicle, letting you glide silently across the African plains. You can do this as part of a recommended experience in our various safari itineraries. After your balloon safari you will enjoy a sumptuous bush breakfast.

**From: £410 per person**

# Lake Manyara & Tarangire National Parks

Beneath the cliffs of the Manyara escarpment, this park offers a tapestry of woodland, grassland and swamps. In contrast are the grassy floodplains and alkaline lake where thousands of pink flamingos are found. Another reason to visit Lake Manyara National Park are the famous tree-climbing lions.

In Tarangire, immense baobabs, acacias and mixed woodland punctuate the plains, whilst the Tarangire River and shrinking lagoons attract a variety of wildlife including wildebeest, zebras, elephants, elands and oryx. The park also boasts a rich birdlife, including a variety of raptors.



## Mbali Mbali Tarangire River Camp

Located near the main entrance to the Park, the camp offers 20 luxury tents. Dinners are served by candlelight in the thatch and timber elevated dining area, with dramatic views across the plains.



## Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Hidden among the kopjes, lies Tarangire Sopa Lodge, surrounded by ancient baobab trees. There are 75 spacious rooms with a lounge and a mini bar.



## Maramboi Tented Camp

An ideal place from where to experience and explore the Tarangire and Manyara ecosystem. 20 strikingly spacious tents stylishly designed and perched along the Rift Valley, provides an amazing natural welcome to an area of extraordinary rich wildlife.



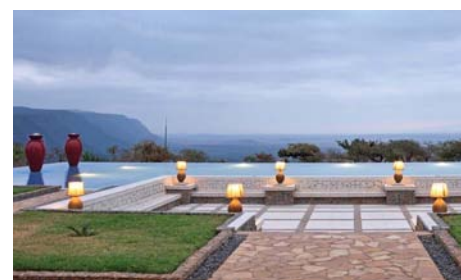
## Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

This lodge is in a spectacular setting on the edge of the Mto Wa Mbu escarpment overlooking the Great Rift Valley and Lake Manyara. The 67 circular, closely-thatched rooms were inspired by the traditional Masai 'boma' style of construction.



## Kirurumu Manyara Lodge

A comfortable tented lodge with 27 slightly raised tented rooms, 2 honeymoon suites and 2 family cottages built with eco tourism in mind, as well as ensuring the comfort of guests.



## Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge

Nestled on the rim of the Great Rift Valley with stunning views over Lake Manyara, the lodge is set in lush green gardens. There are 48 suites all tastefully decorated.

### Safari itineraries that feature Lake Manyara National Park or the Tarangire National Park:

All our suggested Tanzania safaris, based on group departure or daily tailor-made safari, offer a stay at one of these parks.

For more details see pages 66 to 69.



# Ngorongoro Conservation Area

The Ngorongoro, one of Africa's World Heritage sites, is a natural wonder and a world-class attraction for visitors to Tanzania. The collapsed volcano has created a crater, known as a caldera, and is the main reason for visiting the area. The crater floor offers superb game viewing with wildebeest, zebras, buffaloes, gazelles, elephants, rhinos and Africa's big cats. Accommodation can be found on the ridge of the crater, or in and around the Karatu area.



## Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge

Set in 50 acres of bush land located a few steps from the Game Reserve Gate. The 20 luxury suites in individual cottages have open fireplaces and large private viewing terraces.



## Gibbs Farm

An old colonial farmhouse, built by German settlers in 1929. There are 17 cottages and 1 family cottage with en suite bathrooms set amongst the gardens.



## Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

Perched on the jagged rim of the crater, camouflaged in river-stone the Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge is a triumph of ecological and architectural fusion. There are 75 deluxe rooms.



## Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Built on the rim offering magnificent views over the crater floor. There are 97 suites with glass sliding doors.



## Ngorongoro Farm House

Stylish and sophisticated, yet refreshingly simple, Ngorongoro Farm House provides an original safari experience. There are 52 chalet style rooms. You can enjoy a coffee farm walk here.



## Kirurumu Ngorongoro Camp

This is the only camp on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. It is a luxury mobile camp with stunning views overlooking the Ngorongoro Crater. There are 10 customised safari tents.

### Safari itineraries that feature Ngorongoro Conservation Area:

All of our suggested Tanzania safaris, based on group departure or daily tailor-made safari, include a stay at the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, as it is a must visit region on any Tanzania safari itinerary. For more details see pages 66 to 69.



# Serengeti National Park

The word 'Serengeti' is derived from a Masai word meaning 'endless plains', a fitting title for Tanzania's most famous National Park. The Serengeti can be visited independently on a fly-in safari or as featured in our road safari circuit itineraries. The park is stunning with endless savannah plains, acacia trees and rocky kopjes.



## The Annual Wildebeest Migration

The wildebeest migration takes place over Tanzania's Serengeti National Park and across into Kenya's Masai Mara. These parks are part of the same ecosystem divided by a man-made border.

During the annual migration more than a million wildebeest, accompanied by fewer zebras undertake the treacherous journey across the Serengeti plains to the Masai Mara. The large population of lions, cheetahs and leopards are permanent residents and feast on them when their paths cross.

There are various options of accommodation, from exclusive mobile camps that move along with the migration, designed to place guests as close to the Great Migration as possible, to permanent lodging around the vast Serengeti National Park. Central Serengeti is an ideal location at the heart of the national park, as it is relatively easy to visit the areas of the park from here.

Although the exact timings and route can change each year, the migration follows a similar path, mainly determined by the rainfall.

- Gates**
- 1 Bolongonja
  - 2 Ndabaka
  - 3 Ikoma
  - 4 Naabi
  - 5 Nduu
  - 6 Loduare
- Airstrips**
- 1 Kogatende
  - 2 Lobo
  - 3 Grumeti
  - 4 Seronera
  - 5 Nduu

- Camps**
- 1 Singita Sabora Tented Camp
  - 2 Serengeti Migration Camp
  - 3 Beyond Klein's Camp
  - 4 Kati Kati Camp
  - 5 Ikoma Safari Camp
  - 6 Olakira Camp (Dec to Mar)
  - 7 Olakira Camp (Jun to Nov)
  - 8 Lemala Ewanjan Tented Camp
  - 9 Beyond Grumeti Serengeti Camp
  - 10 Kirawira Tented Camp
  - 11 Mbalageti Serengeti
  - 12 Mbuzi Mawe Tented Camp
  - 13 Sanctuary Kusini Camp
  - 14 Lemala Ngorongoro
  - 15 Lake Masek Tented Camp
  - 16 Serengeti Pioneer Camp
  - 17 Kubu Kubu Tented Camp
- Lodges**
- 1 Lobo Wildlife Lodge
  - 2 Four Seasons Serengeti Safari Lodge
  - 3 Singita Sasakwa Lodge
  - 4 Faru Faru Lodge
  - 5 Serengeti Simba Lodge
  - 6 Seronera Wildlife Lodge
  - 7 Soroi Serengeti Lodge
  - 8 Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
  - 9 Serengeti Sopa Lodge
  - 10 Nduu Safari Lodge
  - 11 Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge
  - 12 Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge
  - 13 Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge
  - 14 Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge
  - 15 Neptune Ngorongoro Lodge
  - 16 Tloma Lodge



**January–March: Southern Serengeti**

This area, most commonly known as the Ndutu region is witness to the calving season, when the wildebeest calves are born. It is one of the most popular times to visit this region. During these months it is best to choose a camp or lodge in the southern plains of the Serengeti or the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Towards the end, as the rain recedes, the wildebeest and zebras with their young begin their migratory journey.

**April–May: Western Serengeti**

The migration begins as the herds move towards the west. The Western Serengeti stretches as far as Lake Victoria. The migratory wildebeest and zebras are confronted by the crocodile infested Grumeti River.

**June–July: Serengeti/Masai Mara**

The herds begin to move further north and often the migration splits with two routes forming, one passing west to Lake Victoria and another passing north through the Northern Lobo area of the Serengeti. The crocodile-infested Mara River is where the action happens when the migratory wildebeest cross in to the Masai Mara in Kenya. Please note a crossing is unpredictable as the timing and duration varies widely each year.

**August–October: Masai Mara**

The migration is usually dispersed across the plains of Kenya's Masai Mara.

**November–December: Serengeti**

The wildebeest follow the rain towards the Tanzanian border and disperse on the southern plains of the Serengeti.

# Flying within Tanzania

Tanzania is split into Northern Tanzania, which is popular for safaris, as well as Southern Tanzania, where largely untouched landscapes offer a more remote safari experience. As the distances can be vast, many prefer to fly within Tanzania.

Tanzania has an excellent light aircraft network, a fly-in safari saves you time moving between destinations quickly and efficiently, so that you can see and do more on your safari. You also gain an aerial overview of the landscapes that you will be exploring on the ground.

This diverse network has daily departures and serves all the major safari parks, making it very easy to visit more than one game park. Flying to the Serengeti is one of the most popular routes.

## Safari Routes

### Northern Tanzania

- ➔ Various regions within the Serengeti National Park
- ➔ Manyara
- ➔ Tarangire

### Southern Tanzania

- ➔ Selous
- ➔ Mikumi
- ➔ Ruaha
- ➔ Katavi
- ➔ Mahale

### Beach Routes

- ➔ Spice Island of Zanzibar
- ➔ Island of Pemba
- ➔ Ras Kutani

Flights may operate via Arusha, Kilimanjaro or Dar es Salaam.

*Important note: Luggage allowance is 15 kgs per person in soft bags. Flights may make several stops en route.*

If scheduled service do not meet your requirement, private charter may be the solution. It is easy to arrange and not very expensive.



## Flying Serengeti Safari plus Zanzibar beach extension

### Day 1

Fly to Kilimanjaro.

### Day 2

Internal light aircraft flight to Serengeti.

Four nights at Four Seasons Serengeti Safari Lodge.

### Day 6

Internal light aircraft flight to Zanzibar. Five nights at Breezes Beach Club Resort & Spa.

### Day 11

Fly home.

Price: £4200, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees.





### Four Seasons Serengeti Safari Lodge

Perched on a series of elevated platforms and walkways, this luxury lodge overlooks the surrounding landscape and the adjacent waterhole where animals come to drink. There are 77 rooms, suites and villas – all of which are well appointed. Personal service and a very family friendly atmosphere are guaranteed.



### Mbali Mbali Soroi Serengeti

Mbali Mbali Soroi Serengeti is set high on a plateau with panoramic views over the vast plains of Musabi in the western corridor. The architecture, design and modern décor of the 25 thatched chalets make this lodge unique. To ensure a low carbon footprint, this eco-friendly lodge uses solar hot water geysers, inverters with batteries and organic room amenities.



### Serena Serengeti Safari Lodge

Inspired by a traditional African village, the lodge is rich in local atmosphere. The 66 bedrooms are housed in individual thatched huts which are furnished with authentic African furniture and handicrafts, with balconies overlooking the expanse of the Serengeti.



### Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Looking out over the seemingly endless Serengeti plains, this hillside lodge is a tranquil oasis set in thousands of square kilometres of the national park. There are 69 rooms and 4 suites with sitting area and balcony overlooking the bush.



### Ndutu Safari Lodge

Overlooking Lake Ndutu in attractive acacia woodland surrounded by the short grass plains of the south eastern Serengeti, the lodge is at the very centre of the famous wildebeest migration, accompanied by thousands of gazelles, zebras and many predators. There are 34 en suite cottages.



### Kirurumu Serengeti Camp

A luxury mobile camp, moved seasonally to take best advantage of the vast Serengeti. A small and intimate camp with just 7 customised tents.

# Southern Tanzania



## Selous Game Reserve

Selous is Africa's largest protected wildlife reserve. Due to its remote location, and because it is mostly accessible only by small aircraft, the Selous Game Reserve has remained one of the untouched gems of Tanzania's national parks and game reserves.

## Ruaha National Park

Ruaha National Park is a remote bastion of spectacular wilderness, undisturbed wildlife, and breathtaking scenery. For the intrepid bush lover and the avid safari explorer, a trip to Ruaha is uniquely rewarding.



Selous Game Reserve



Mahale National Park

## Katavi National Park

Katavi National Park, one of Tanzania's most westerly parks is remote in the extreme, and with relatively few visitors a year, it is the ultimate in off the beaten track safari destinations – a perfect place for an authentic safari experience. Two enormous plains dominate the park, surrounded by varied woodlands.

## Mahale Mountain National Park

Mahale provides unparalleled opportunities to witness wild groups of chimpanzees in an exceptional natural environment. This vast stretch of tropical forested national park sits alongside the fresh waters of Lake Tanganyika, which also offers snorkelling and fishing.



Ruaha National Park



### Selous Riverside Safari Camp

Hidden amongst dense forest and on the banks of the Rufiji River, Selous Riverside Safari Camp is greeted by the most breathtaking view as dawn rises and a whole new adventure begins. There are 10 large tented chalets all with commanding views of the river.



### Siwandu

Siwandu offers exclusive safari accommodation in the heart of the magnificent Selous Game Reserve. Raised on wooden platforms and well spaced for privacy, each of the 10 spacious, en suite, thatched octagonal tents has delightful views of Lake Nzerakera.



### Selous Serena Camp

A tented camp set along indigenous forest, offering an exclusive and beautiful retreat. 12 luxury tents offering elegant furnishings, a king-sized bed and a walk in shower.



### Jongomero, Ruaha

Offering a unique experience in direct contact with nature, the camp is located at the heart of Ruaha National Park. The 8 spacious, welcoming suites with thatched rooves are furnished comfortably and elegantly.



### Mbali Mbali Katavi

Located in the centre of Katavi National Park, on an elevated point overlooking the vast Katisunga Plains, offering 11 safari tents.



### Mbali Mbali Mahale

Set deep in the heart of the African interior on a stretch of secluded golden beach, Mbali Mbali Mahale is the perfect blend of comfort and luxury in a romantic setting with 9 beach tents. From here guests can go on a chimpanzee trek.

# Serena Serengeti Safari

Group departure every Sunday – accompanied by a safari driver–guide

From: £2280

1 night Arusha – 1 night Manyara – 2 nights Serengeti – 2 nights Ngorongoro



Hippos in the Serengeti

**An extraordinary journey through contrasting landscapes with excellent game viewing opportunities.**

## Day 1

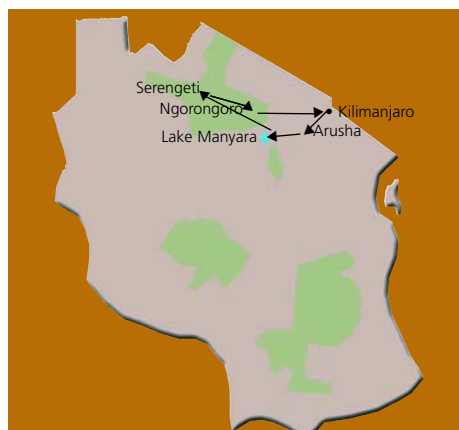
Fly to Kilimanjaro.

## Day 2 Arusha

Transfer to Arusha Serena Hotel (approximately 45 minutes), a haven of calm and serenity away from the hustle and bustle of Arusha. Overnight: Arusha Serena Hotel Resort & Spa

## Day 3 Lake Manyara

Depart for Lake Manyara National Park, famous for its tree-climbing lions (150 km). Your lodge commands panoramic views across the floor of the Great Rift Valley. Afternoon enjoy a game drive in the Park. Overnight: Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge



## Days 4–5 Serengeti

Drive to the world-famous Serengeti National Park with game viewing en route (235 km). Enjoy your first afternoon game drive in the open Serengeti plains. Next day, full day in the Serengeti with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

## Days 6–7 Ngorongoro

Drive to the Ngorongoro Crater via Olduvai Gorge (200 km). Lunch at your lodge which is perched on the jagged rim of the Crater. Afternoon is at leisure. Next day drive down into the crater for a full day of game viewing with a picnic lunch. Visit a local Masai village (time permitting). Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

## Day 8 Depart

Return to Arusha (200 km). Lunch at a local restaurant. Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.



Canoeing on Lake Manyara

## Highlights

- ★ Renowned Serena properties at fantastic locations
- ★ Three varied national parks
- ★ Superb Ngorongoro accommodation on the crater rim

## What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

## Add to your experience

- Day 5 Balloon flight over the Serengeti from £410 per person

# Best of Tanganyika Safari

Group departure every Monday – accompanied by a safari driver–guide

From: £2220

1 night Tarangire – 2 nights Serengeti – 2 nights Karatu, Ngorongoro



Ngorongoro Crater

**A short safari with game viewing in some of the most popular safari destinations.**

## Day 1

Fly to Kilimanjaro.

## Day 2 Tarangire National Park

Meet your guide and depart for Tarangire National Park (approximately 215 kms). Afternoon game drive in the Tarangire National Park. Overnight: Maramboi Tented Camp

## Day 3 Ngorongoro

Depart for Karatu (approximately 120 km). En route game drive at Lake Manyara National Park before proceeding to Karatu. Within the hotel grounds enjoy an afternoon walk around the vegetable and coffee farm. Overnight: Ngorongoro Farm House

## Days 4–5 Serengeti

Depart for Serengeti National Park, through the Ngorongoro Highlands and via the Olduvai Museum (approximately 165 km). Enjoy your first afternoon game drive in the open Serengeti plains. Next day, full day in the Serengeti with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Serengeti Kati Kati Tented Camp, Central Serengeti

## Day 6 Ngorongoro

Depart for the Ngorongoro Crater with picnic lunch (approximately 165 km). Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater to view game on the vast grasslands of the crater floor. Overnight: Ngorongoro Farm House

## Day 7 Depart

After breakfast, drive to Arusha (approximately 155 km). Lunch at a local restaurant. Fly back home.



Tarangire National Park



## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

## Highlights

- ★ Game drives in all 4 game parks of Northern Tanzania
- ★ Day 3: Afternoon coffee farm walk in Karatu, Ngorongoro
- ★ Day 6: Picnic lunch on Ngorongoro crater floor

## What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

## Add to your experience

- Day 5 Balloon flight over the Serengeti from £410 per person

# Tanzania Wellworth Collection

Experience an awe-inspiring treasure of luxury collection of lodges and camps with the Wellworth Collection in sought after popular parks of Northern Tanzania.



## Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge

Nestled on the rim of the Great Rift Valley, with stunning views over to Lake Manyara. The luxury lodge is set in lush green gardens, alive with birds. There are 48 suites and 2 luxury 2-bedroom villas.



## Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge

A delightful colonial lodge situated on a picturesque hill with spectacular views of Oldeani Mountain and the Ngorongoro Crater rim. The lodge is elevated with 360 degree views that extend all the way to Lake Eyasi and Lake Manyara. All 50 suites and the Livingstone Suite enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding area.



## Ole Serai Luxury Camp, Moru Kopjes

This Luxury Camp is ideally located within the Central Seronera area of the famous Serengeti National Park in the vicinity of the Moru Kopjes and Lake Magadi. The 20 tent camp is tastefully decorated with all the amenities one would expect of a luxury camp.



## Ole Serai Luxury Camp, Turner Springs

This Camp is located right in the heart of central Serengeti. The unique designs of the 20 tents offer 180 degree clear views from the bed, creating a feeling of being out in the open, whilst still providing a sense of privacy, security and comfort.



### What's included?

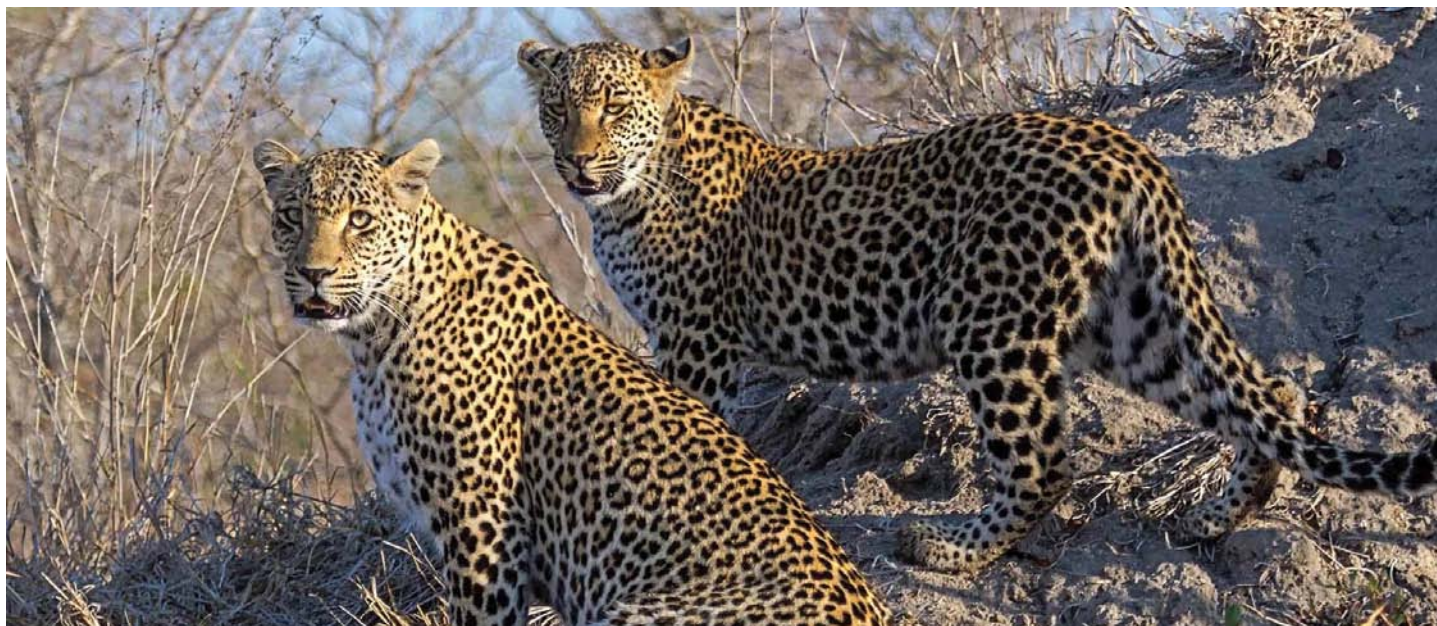
- ★ All meals
- ★ Safari game drives

# Classic Tanzania Safari

Group departure every Tuesday – accompanied by a safari driver–guide

From: £2225

1 night Manyara – 2 nights Serengeti – 2 nights Ngorongoro



Cheetahs in the Serengeti

## Popular safari circuit with stunning accommodation.

### Day 1

Fly to Kilimanjaro.

### Day 2 Lake Manyara

Met and commence safari. Depart for Lake Manyara National Park, famous for its tree-climbing lions (150 km). Afternoon enjoy game drive in the Park. Overnight: Lake Manyara Kilimamoja

### Days 3–4 Serengeti

Drive to the world-famous Serengeti National Park with game viewing en route (235 km). Enjoy your first afternoon game drive in the open Serengeti plains. Next day, full day in the Serengeti with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Ole Serai Luxury Camp

### Days 5–6 Ngorongoro

Drive to the Ngorongoro Crater via Olduvai Gorge (200 km). Afternoon is at leisure. Next day drive down into the crater for a full day of game viewing with a picnic lunch. Visit a local Masai village (time permitting). Overnight : Ngorongoro Oldeani

### Day 7 Depart

Return to Arusha (200 km). Lunch at a local restaurant. Fly back home.

### Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

### Highlights

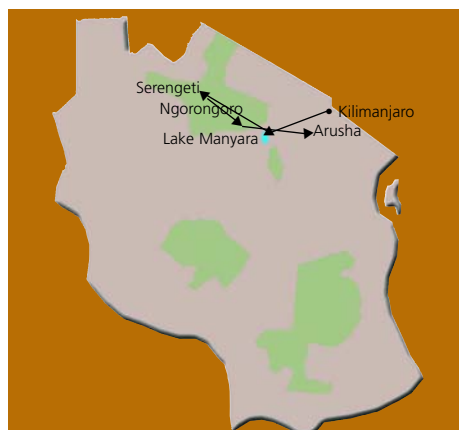
- ★ Luxury accommodation
- ★ Three varied national parks

### What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 5 dinners
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

### Add to your experience

- Day 4 Balloon flight over the Serengeti from £410 per person



# Simba Serengeti Safari

Daily Departure – accompanied by a safari driver–guide

From: £2380

1 night Tarangire – 2 nights Serengeti – 2 nights Karatu, Ngorongoro



Marabou Stork in Tarangire National Park

## A delightful 5-night safari offering spectacular wildlife opportunities.

### Day 1

Fly to Kilimanjaro.

### Day 2 Tarangire National Park

Meet your guide and depart for Tarangire National Park (approximately 215 km).

Enjoy a late afternoon game drive in Tarangire National Park. Overnight: Tarangire Simba Lodge

### Day 3 Karatu, Ngorongoro

Depart for Lake Manyara National Park where you will enjoy game viewing and a picnic lunch. Afternoon travel to Karatu. (Approximately 120 km). Overnight: Karatu Simba Lodge

### Days 4–5 Serengeti

Depart for Serengeti National Park, through the Ngorongoro Highlands and via the Olduvai Museum (approximately 165 kms). Enjoy your first afternoon game drive in the open Serengeti plains. Next day, full day in the Serengeti with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Serengeti Simba Lodge

### Day 6 Karatu, Ngorongoro

After breakfast, depart for the Ngorongoro Crater with picnic lunch (approximately 165 km). Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater to view game on the vast grasslands of the crater floor. Overnight: Karatu Simba Lodge

### Day 7 Depart

After breakfast, drive to Arusha (approximately 155 kms). Lunch at a local restaurant. Fly back home.



### Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

### Highlights

- ★ Game drives in all 4 game parks of Northern Tanzania
- ★ Accommodation in stunning locations
- ★ Picnic lunch on Ngorongoro crater floor

### What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 dinners
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

### Add to your experience

- Day 5 Balloon flight over the Serengeti from £410 per person

# Sopa Serengeti Safari

Daily Departure – accompanied by a safari driver–guide  
2 nights Ngorongoro – 3 nights Serengeti – 1 night Tarangire

From: £2910



Spotted hyena in the Serengeti National Park

**A 6-night safari in breathtaking locations which offer spectacular wildlife.**

## Day 1

Fly to Kilimanjaro.

## Day 2 Ngorongoro

Meet your guide and depart for Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight: Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

## Day 3 Ngorongoro

After breakfast, descend into the crater for game viewing. Return to your accommodation for late lunch. Rest of the afternoon at leisure to enjoy the spectacular views of the crater below. Overnight: Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

## Days 4–6 Serengeti National Park

Depart for Serengeti National Park, via the Olduvai Museum. Enjoy your first afternoon game drive in the open Serengeti plains. Next two full days in the Serengeti with morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight: Serengeti Sopa Lodge.

## Day 7 Tarangire

Depart for the Tarangire National Park. Afternoon game drive in the park. Overnight: Tarangire Sopa Lodge

## Day 8 Depart

After breakfast, drive to Arusha. Lunch at a local restaurant. Fly back home.

## Highlights

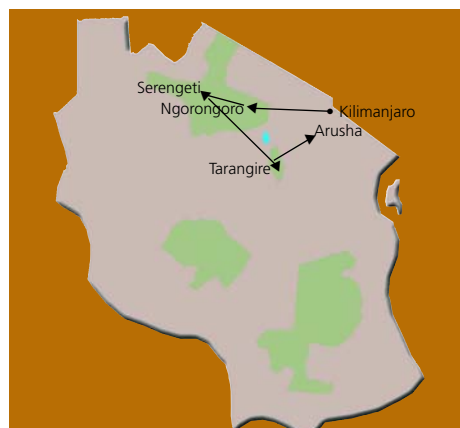
- ★ Good quality Sopa accommodation
- ★ Family rooms available
- ★ Superb Ngorongoro accommodation on the crater rim

## What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout (other languages available)
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 6 dinners
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ AMREF flying doctor

## Add to your experience

- Day 5 or 6 Balloon flight over the Serengeti from £410 per person



## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

# Lemala Camps

An authentic collection of intimate tented camps, classic lodges and refined villas in Arusha, Tarangire, Ngorongoro and the Serengeti, offering a wonderful safari experience. All properties are located in prime wildlife areas, providing a superior level of comfort, style and service while respecting the natural environment. Children are welcome.

## Luxury Flying Package to Northern Serengeti plus Zanzibar beach

**Day 1:** Fly to Kilimanjaro.

**Day 2:** Internal light aircraft to Serengeti. 4 nights at Lemala Kuria Hills.

**Day 6:** Internal light aircraft flight to Zanzibar. 4 nights at Baraza Beach Resort.

**Day 10:** Fly back home.

Price: £4560, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees.



Lemala Cubs



Lemala Ewanjan



Lemala Kuria Hills Lodge



Lemala Kili Villas

## Accommodation

**Lemala Kuria Hills Tented Lodge** is located close to the Mara River in the northern region of the Serengeti, offering excellent game viewing in this remote region. There are 15 suites.

**Lemala Nanyukie Tented Lodge** the newest addition to the luxury portfolio of Lemala, has 15 tents and is situated on the eastern side of the Serengeti National Park.

**Lemala Mara & Ndotu Tented Camps** have 12 and 9 tents respectively. They are authentic mobile tented camps in two different locations, offering guests the best locations to see the wildebeest migration. Mara Camp is set up in Northern Serengeti between July to October and the Ndotu Camp is set up in Southern Serengeti between December to March.

**Lemala Ewanjan Tented Camp** is a permanent camp in Central Serengeti in the Seronera region, with 12 tents.

**Lemala Ngorongoro Tented Camp** is close to the crater rim offering a quick and easy drive down to the crater floor. There are just 9 tents.

**Lemala Mpingo Ridge Lodge** is perched on an escarpment offering spectacular views across the perennial Tarangire River and the valley below. It has 15 tents.

**Lemala Kili Villas** is a perfect place to start or end a safari in Tanzania, located on a private wildlife estate just outside of Arusha.

## What's included

- ★ All meals (except at Kili Villas which is on bed and breakfast)
- ★ House wines and spirits, local beers, soft drinks, juices and water (not valid at Kili Villas)
- ★ Laundry and wi-fi
- ★ Two shared safari game drives per full day

## Offers at Lemala Camps

We will tailor your ideal package with the offer that best suits you. All offers are valid all year round, except July and August.

- ★ Free Night Offer: Valid all year round except July and August: 4 nights for the price of 3 nights
- ★ Honeymoon Offer: Bride receives 50% reduction on room rate and groom receives the first night free, based on a minimum of 5 nights at Lemala properties. In addition to this, receive 1 honeymoon surprise during your stay, sparkling wine on arrival, and a fabulous honeymoon gift on the last day.

*Please note that the offers are not combinable and subject to change*

# Sanctuary Retreats Tanzania

Sanctuary Retreats is a portfolio of luxury safari lodges and camps in East and Southern Africa, offering small, exclusive and private properties in landscapes of breathtaking beauty, blended sustainably into their environment.

## Luxury Tanzania Road Safari

**Day 1:** Fly to Kilimanjaro.

**Day 2:** Commence your tailor-made safari. 2 nights Sanctuary Swala.

**Day 4:** 3 nights at the Sanctuary Kichakani Serengeti Camp.

**Day 7:** 2 nights at Sanctuary Ngorongoro Crater Camp.

**Day 9:** Fly back home.

Price: £3940, inclusive of all flights, safari by exclusive 4x4 vehicle, all meals and park fees.



Sanctuary Game Drive

### What's included at the Sanctuary properties:

- ★ All meals
- ★ Non-alcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverages (excludes premium brands)
- ★ Laundry service
- ★ Two shared safari game drives per full day



### Sanctuary Kusini

A refurbished, permanent tented camp in the remote Southern Serengeti with 12 luxury spacious tents built around a spectacular rocky outcrop with elevated, wraparound views and on the path of the wildebeest migration in the calving season from mid-December to March.



### Sanctuary Kichakani Serengeti Camp

A new luxury mobile tented camp set in three locations across the Serengeti for guests to experience the annual wildebeest migration cycle. The camps offers 10 tents and feature tent butlers and authentic hot water bucket showers.



### Sanctuary Swala

Located on a secluded part of the less traversed Tarangire National Park with 12 luxurious refurbished canvas pavilions and a gin cocktail bar, shaded by acacia and baobab trees and all with views of the waterhole.



### Sanctuary Ngorongoro Crater Camp

Located in the rim valley of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, this exclusive camp offers 10 luxury private en suite traditional safari tents. It is close to the access into the crater with spectacular views of the crater rim valley surrounds.

# Elewana Tanzania Collection

Each camp, lodge and hotel in the Elewana Collection has a fantastic location, both in Kenya and Tanzania's best-known parks and reserves, as well as offering superb beach experiences in Zanzibar and the Kenyan coast. It is the perfect choice for a seamless safari-and-beach holiday. For further details on Elewana Kenya Collection see pages 48 and 49.

## Luxury Elewana Road Safari

**Day 1:** Fly to Kilimanjaro.

**Day 2:** 1 night at Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge.

**Day 3:** Commence your tailor-made safari. 2 nights Elewana Tarangire Treetops.

**Day 5:** 3 nights at either Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp or Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp.

**Day 8:** 2 nights at Elewana Manor at Ngorongoro.

**Day 10:** 1 night at Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge.

**Day 11:** Fly back home.

Price: £4850, inclusive of all flights, safari by exclusive 4x4 vehicle, all meals and park fees.

## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.



Serengeti game drive



## Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge

Arusha Coffee Lodge lies cradled in the endless acres of Tanzania's largest coffee plantation. This exclusive boutique lodge has been designed around the farm's original plantation home, radiating the warmth and invitation of a bygone era. There are 30 Plantation rooms with split level lounge areas and a private sun terrace.



## Elewana Tarangire Treetops

Elewana Tarangire Treetops sits in a private game reserve bordering the Tarangire National Park. The 'tree-house' room boasts one of the largest bedrooms found in any camp or lodge in east Africa. The 20 elevated tree-house rooms offer views across the Tarangire plains from the private balcony.



## Elewana Manor at Ngorongoro

Located adjacent to the famous Ngorongoro Conservation Area, within a 1500-acre Arabica coffee estate, the Manor is reminiscent of an elegant up-country farm home in Cape Dutch-style architecture. With 9 luxurious cottages (18 suites) and a family cottage, all beautifully designed.



Bush breakfast at Serengeti Pioneer Camp



### Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp

The camp offers 20 luxury tents that have been carefully placed to provide privacy and blend into nature's architecture, overlooking the Grumeti River and its resident hippos. Surrounded by a verandah deck with a capacious 45 square metre internal floor space, each guest tent is a private sanctuary.



### Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp

Serengeti Pioneer Camp is located in South Central Serengeti with panoramic views overlooking Moru Kopjes, Lake Magadi and endless plains. The 12 tents and one 2 bedroom family tent are luxuriously designed.

If you would like to combine a beach option with your safari, Elewana feature a boutique adults only hotel in Zanzibar, the Elewana Kilindi, for more details see page 87.

### Elewana SkySafari

Travel between each destination in style and comfort in Elewana's Cessna Grand Caravan light aircraft with just nine executive club class seats. This is an all-inclusive experience with guaranteed departures, every other day.

### SkySafari Tanzania Classic

**Day 1:** Fly to Kilimanjaro.

**Day 2:** Overnight at Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge.

**Day 3:** Elewana flight to Tarangire. 2 nights Elewana Tarangire Treetops.

**Day 5:** Elewana flight to Manyara. 2 nights Elewana Manor at Ngorongoro.

**Day 7:** Elewana flight to Serengeti. 2 nights at either Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp or Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp

**Day 9:** Elewana flight to Arusha/Kilimanjaro and fly back home.

Price: £5600, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees and additional extras

### What's included?

- ✦ All meals and selected drinks (excludes premium brands)
- ✦ Shared safari game drives in 4x4 vehicle
- ✦ Sundowners
- ✦ Bush breakfast
- ✦ Laundry



Elewana Cessna Grand Caravan

# &Beyond Tanzania

&Beyond properties are some of the best in Africa, offering style, comfort, luxury, superb facilities and service beyond expectations. &Beyond gives a huge amount back to the local community and closely supports African conservation. During your stay you'll have the chance to become part of one or many of the &Beyond projects. Children are well catered for with the WILDchild programme.

## Tanzania Flying Safari

**Day 1:** Fly to Kilimanjaro.

**Day 2:** 1 night at Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge.

**Day 3:** Internal light aircraft to Manyara. 2 nights at &Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge.

**Day 5:** Internal light aircraft to Serengeti. 3 nights at either &Beyond Grumeti or Klein's Camp.

**Day 8:** Internal light aircraft back to Manyara. 2 nights at &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge.

**Day 10:** Internal light aircraft flight back to Arusha. Fly home.

Price: £6750, inclusive of all flights, transfers, meals and all park fees.



Serengeti Game Drive

## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.



## &Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge

&Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge offers intimate luxury at its finest. The lodge is a sophisticated blend of intimacy and romance, offering privacy and exclusivity in cool, leafy surrounds. 9 magnificent tree-house suites including 1 family suite all tastefully decorated.

## &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge

Situated on the rim of the crater, &Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge is without doubt one of the most architecturally spectacular safari lodges in Africa, with commanding views of this natural wonder. The lodge is divided into three intimate camps with a total of 30 stilted suites that come with private butlers.



## &Beyond Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp

Situated in the remote Western corridor of the Serengeti National Park, offering exclusive game viewing. Flanked by two hillsides, this blissful camp nestles beneath tall riverine trees on the banks of an oxbow tributary of the Grumeti River. The camp has 10 tented suites including 1 family suite overlooking a hippo pool.



Sundowners at Klein's Camp



### &Beyond Klein's Camp

Klein's Camp enjoys a fabulous location set on the edge of the Kuka Hills, commanding breathtaking views of the valley through which hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra migrate. Situated on a concession that borders both the Serengeti and the Masai Mara National Park it offers 10 cottages and 1 family suite.



### &Beyond Serengeti Under Canvas

The ultimate in luxury camping, carefully positioned for close proximity to the wildlife herds of the Great Migration. A semi-permanent camp that moves location between the Grumeti and the Ndutu area. With only nine tents including 1 family tent nestled at each private campsite, enjoy the indulgence of complete comfort combined with the authenticity of nights spent in the African bush.



### &Beyond Mnemba Island, off the coast of Zanzibar

The pristine white beaches of Mnemba, surrounded by the deep blue ocean, combine to make this intimate island getaway your own private tropical paradise. Enjoy bare feet luxury and lazy days of relaxation. The island has 12 bandas of which 2 can be converted to a family banda.

### Offers at &Beyond properties

We have wonderful offers available ranging from bride staying at reduced rate to free internal safari flights. Offers are valid year round. Call us and we will tailor your ideal package with the offer that best suits your requirements.

- ★ Honeymoon Offer: Bride receives 50% reduction on accommodation rate, valid within 6 months of marriage date.
- ★ Fly me Around Kenya & Tanzania: Stay 7 nights at a combination of &Beyond Bateleur Camp, Kenya and any of the &Beyond Tanzania safari properties and receive free internal flights between the parks.

*Please note that the offers are not combinable and can be withdrawn at any time.*

### What's included?

- ★ All meals
- ★ Selected drinks
- ★ Laundry
- ★ Two game drives per full day in customised 4x4 vehicle, except at Ngorongoro and Mnemba Island





# Kenyan Coast

Mombasa, the largest city on the Kenyan coast combines city excitement with beach relaxation. The coastal area features nearly 500 kilometres of tranquil white beaches, golden sand dunes, warm aqua water and idyllic secluded islands. Mombasa is a historic city with an old town and Fort Jesus, now a national monument and museum. It is the second largest city in Kenya, located on an island separated from the mainland by the Likoni Channel to the south, the Makupa Causeway to the west and Nyali Bridge and Mtwapa Bridge to the north.

Just a few hours north of Mombasa is Malindi which offers complete relaxation and world-class scuba diving. Watamu, like Malindi, is a small beach village with a few small shops. The beaches are one of the main attractions and the coral reefs offer some of the best diving in Kenya.

Further north is the Lamu Archipelago, a small group of islands, each offering a peaceful retreat with endless beaches and crystal clear waters, and a way of life reminiscent of a bygone era.

If you've got a few days to spare why not add the excitement of a safari to your idyllic beach break. Experience a short exhilarating safari to spot some wildlife.

Map locations are approximate and are not intended to be definitive.



## Tsavo Safari

Group departure every Friday – accompanied by a safari driver-guide

2 nights Tsavo East

**An introduction to one of the world's largest game sanctuaries, famous for huge numbers of elephants and spectacular herds of buffalo which roam across this open savannah.**

### Friday Tsavo East

Depart from your hotel in Mombasa and drive to Tsavo East National Park, arriving for lunch (170 km). Afternoon game drive. Overnight: Ashnil Aruba Lodge. (l,d)

### Saturday Tsavo East

Morning and afternoon game drive with time spent at leisure. Overnight: Ashnil Aruba Lodge. (b,l,d)

### Sunday Mombasa

Morning game drive followed by breakfast. Depart for Mombasa arriving early afternoon. (b)



## Parks & Peaks Safari

Group departure every Monday – accompanied by a safari driver-guide

1 night Tsavo West – 1 night Amboseli – 1 night Tsavo East

**An excellent opportunity to combine a visit to Kenya's largest national park, Tsavo, with Amboseli.**

### Monday Tsavo West

Depart from your hotel in Mombasa and drive to Tsavo West National Park (310-360 km depending on your hotel location). Lunch, late afternoon game drive which usually includes a visit to Mzima Springs. Overnight: Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge. (l,d)

### Tuesday Amboseli

After an early breakfast drive 220 km to Amboseli. Afternoon game drive. Overnight: Amboseli Serena Lodge. (b,l,d)

### Wednesday Tsavo East

Morning followed by breakfast, drive to Tsavo East National Park. Lunch at Ashnil Aruba Lodge, a late afternoon game drive. Overnight: Ashnil Aruba Lodge. (b,l,d)

### Thursday Mombasa

Morning game drive followed by breakfast, drive back to your beach hotel in Mombasa. (b)

A selection of our recommended hotels. Please see our website for a whole host of other accommodation.

### **Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa**

This award-winning resort in an unrivalled location on the north coast, is spread over 22 acres on one of the island's finest stretches of beach. There is a wide range of facilities for guests to enjoy at this large and impressive resort including 5 pools, restaurants and bars and a disco. It is perfect for families or those seeking a romantic break. There are 340 rooms and 2 suites.



### **Voyager Beach Resort**

Situated on the white sands of Nyali Beach in North Mombasa, this nautically themed resort is surrounded by lush tropical gardens offering an array of exciting family activities. It is a large resort with 234 cabins, each with a private balcony, air-conditioning, satellite TV and free wi fi.

### **Travellers Beach/Club**

A fun-filled popular family resort located on Bamburi Beach on the north coast of Mombasa. The hotel offers half board and all inclusive meal plans. Facilities include 3 restaurants, 2 bars, an outdoor disco, regular traditional African shows, live music and local cabarets.



### **Neptune Beach Resort**

Neptune Beach Resort is a quaint, 78 room property, only a 15-minute drive from Mombasa's Old Town. Located on the silver sands of Bamburi Beach, it offers numerous hidden lounging spots furnished with couches and reading chairs where guests can relax and enjoy their privacy. Due to its large reception and hallways, this property maintains an open-air feel and is a home away from home.

### Serena Beach Hotel & Spa

Located on the north coast of Mombasa, the hotel is designed to resemble a 13th century Swahili town, complete with winding lanes, carved balconies and fountains, this charismatic property's grounds are centred around a swimming pool with a thatched 'swim-up' bar. There is a choice of 3 restaurants, 2 bars, a lounge and an ice cream parlour, plus regular evening entertainment. There are 154 rooms and 10 suites.



Neptune Village

### Neptune Paradise, Neptune Village & Neptune Palm Boutique

Neptune Hotels offer three properties on the South Coast of Mombasa. The Neptune Palm Beach Boutique Resort & Spa occupies a prime beachfront site on Diani Beach. With a similar location to Palm Beach, the Neptune Paradise Beach Resort & Spa is very family-friendly with plenty of amenities and activities available. Neptune Village Beach Resort & Spa provides comfortable accommodation and a good range of facilities. It is a great value all inclusive hotels on Diani Beach.

### Southern Palms

Located on the dazzling white sands of Diani Beach on Mombasa's south coast, this impressive superior hotel is perfect for a relaxing beach holiday. With fantastic facilities such as 2 large swimming pools, a variety of restaurants, a children's club, fitness room, and a range of sports and water sports on offer, it is the perfect resort for families and couples. There are 296 rooms and 2 suites.



### Baobab Beach Resort

This large family-friendly resort is situated on Diani Beach, Mombasa's south coast, encompasses 3 separate properties, Kole Kole, Maridadi and Baobab, all of which share the numerous leisure facilities. There is a wide selection of restaurants, bars and lounges. Leisure facilities include a 3-tier swimming pool in the Maridadi Wing and the main pool at Baobab. An amphitheatre hosts live evening entertainment as well as a late night disco. There is a total of 317 rooms and 6 suites.

### **Pinewood Beach Resort & Spa**

A deluxe boutique hotel set in a lush forest landscape, on the pristine beaches of the south coast of Mombasa, offering guests a variety of things to do in a relaxed atmosphere. Dining options include a main restaurant, a beach restaurant, a grill and bistro as well as 3 bars. There are 21 suites with a personal chef, plus there are 38 rooms. A range of water sports available.



### **The Sands at Nomad**

This luxurious hotel is located on Mombasa's sun-drenched south coast, a tasteful and unique fusion of hand-carved polished mahogany, soaring sail work, classic Venetian 'stucco' and traditional Swahili architecture. Facilities include a swimming pool and four open-air massage huts for those seeking a pampering treatment. Golfers will be pleased to find an 18-hole golf course nearby, whilst water sports enthusiasts have a choice of facilities available. A variety of room types consist of 18 rooms, 7 cottages and 12 suites.

### **Elewana AfroChic Diani**

The stunning villa-style AfroChic Diani, part of the Elewana Collection, is a magical oasis of luxury located on one of Kenya's best beaches. AfroChic blends in with the natural beauty of its surroundings, offering fine dining options and a range of relaxing spa treatments. There are 10 beautiful en suite rooms. The friendly, attentive staff provide impeccable service, with a smile.



### **Almanara Luxury Boutique Hotel & Villas**

This luxurious boutique hotel is set in an unrivalled position on Diani Beach. Accommodation includes 7 opulent villas as well as the main hotel which is adults only and has 3 rooms and 2 suites. The villas come with personal chef, butler and maid service. Activities include water sports, golf, yoga, high-end spa treatments, sand-island excursions, shark spotting and snorkelling.

### Diamonds Dream of Africa

Diamonds Dream of Africa, a member of the 'Small Luxury Hotels of the World,' is set in pretty gardens, steps away from the Indian Ocean on the northern shores of Malindi, close to the centre of town. The hotel is designed in an Indo-Arab style with arches and turreted roofs adorning its coral pink façades. It has 35 suites, 2 restaurants, 2 bars, a pool, a spa and a gym.



### Turtle Bay

A well-established popular all inclusive hotel, set in ten acres of tropical gardens in Watamu. The hotel has 3 restaurants and 3 bars, 1 with regular evening entertainment, and waiter service around the pool and beach. An ideal family resort with 145 guest rooms.

### The Ocean Spa Lodge

The Ocean Spa Lodge is an idyllic hideaway, blissfully set on a pristine private beach on Kenya's South Coast, and is the ultimate barefoot luxury experience. This prestigious property is on a deserted beachfront, away from the crowds, a 1000 sq m infinity pool, a spa, 6 luxury villas housing 14 private suites. A truly exceptional and 'beyond luxury' feeling.



### Manda Bay

Located on the idyllic unspoilt island of Manda, part of the Lamu archipelago, Manda Bay offers exclusive relaxation and luxurious pampering for its guests in a picture perfect setting. Rich in marine life, Manda Bay is ideal for snorkelling and spotting dolphins and turtles. The lodge's personal approach to its guests makes Manda Bay a great choice for couples or families alike. There are 22 cottages.

# Zanzibar

Zanzibar boasts pristine, sun-drenched beaches with stunning backdrops and calm waters. It is the quintessential tropical island; in fact when Dr Livingstone first set foot on Zanzibar he imagined he was "in paradise".

Perfect for an idyllic retreat, with its world-class beaches and popular diving spots, it is easy to visit Zanzibar and do nothing but embrace the beach culture, but there is also plenty to see and do on the island.

Zanzibar is also known as "The Spice Island", with spice tours, cooking classes and dining experiences to excite any foodie. Quaint fishing villages and historic Stone Town are popular haunts for those looking to learn about the island's culture.

When visiting Zanzibar, we strongly recommend you spend a few nights in Stone Town before heading to your beach hotel. Stone Town is picturesque during the day, inviting relaxed strolls through the winding streets. At night the town comes to life, with popular street food stalls at the Forodhani Square, a favourite being 'Zanzibari Mix'.

Pemba Island is part of Tanzania's Zanzibar Archipelago, off the coast of East Africa. The Pemba Channel, with its coral reefs and abundant marine life, separates the island from mainland Tanzania.



Tour of Stone Town



Safari Blue



Tour of Prison Island

**Below are a few of our best selling Zanzibar experiences, all of which are based from Stone Town hotels, prices vary from beach hotels.**

## Tour of Stone Town

Begin with a visit to Zanzibar's colourful market, alive with the buzz and smell of locals bartering fresh vegetables and baskets of tropical fruit. Continue to the site of a cathedral built in 1874, a potent time in Zanzibar's history. It stands on the site of a former slave market with the high altar standing on the exact position of the whipping post. From here visit the residence of the late Sultan of Zanzibar, Tip Tip House, the Old Fort, People's Palace, the House of Wonders, full of intrigue from days of long ago. The tour ends with a stroll down the narrow streets of the old Stone Town, the heart of Zanzibar's chequered history.

**From: £20 per person**

## Full Day Safari Blue

'Safari Blue' is a full-day excursion using locally made traditional sailing dhows of between 8 to 10 metres in length, carrying up to 22 passengers plus crew. The excursion starts at the fishing village of Fumba, where you will board the dhows and set off to explore the bay in search of dolphins, stopping on a sandbank for some snorkelling. Lunch is a traditional Zanzibari meal served with cold drinks. Return by late afternoon.

**From: £110 per person**

## Tour of Prison Island

A trip to Prison Island in a small wooden motorized boat is a must when visiting Zanzibar. The island was once used for the detention of recalcitrant slaves but is now watched over by giant tortoises, some over 100 years old. The beach is superb and the crystal clear sea excellent for swimming, snorkelling, fishing and diving; a perfect way to relax.

**From: £20 per person**

### Serena Inn

Idyllically situated on the seafront of ancient Stone Town, the Zanzibar Serena Inn offers a cool retreat from the tropical heat and bustle of one of Africa's most ancient and enchanting towns. A member of the prestigious 'Small Luxury Hotels of the World', the inn has been designed in traditional Swahili style and has ethnic elegance and Arabic opulence. There are 55 beautiful guest rooms.



### Tembo House

An impressive white stone building in the heart of Stone Town, right beside the picturesque seafront. Formerly the American Consulate in Zanzibar, the building has served many purposes in its long history. It provides 36 comfortable rooms in an ideal location. Please note that the hotel does not serve alcoholic drinks.

### The Royal Zanzibar Beach Resort

Situated in Nungwi, in the northwest region of Zanzibar, this attractive resort is located on one of Zanzibar's stunning unspoilt beaches. It offers a friendly and lively atmosphere and the area is home to some excellent diving sites. There are 100 guest rooms.



### Ocean Paradise Resort & Spa

This unique and enchanting resort, reflecting the traditional styles and charm of Zanzibar, is situated on the northeast coast of the island. Designed in traditional African roundhouse style, the hotel has 98 rooms and is set in 6.5 hectares of serene and colourful gardens, leading to a white sandy beach and turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean.



### **Zuri Zanzibar**

Something very different and new has arrived in Zanzibar. Overlooking the azure waters of the Indian Ocean on Zanzibar's only nontidal beach, Zuri Zanzibar is designed with an African feel and environmentally-friendly architecture. There is a mix of bungalows, suites and villas. Zuri offers three very different and individual restaurants and four lovely bars, plus everything from yoga, spa and wellness, a stunning swimming pool and beach, to spice gardens, an outdoor 'wild fitness' gym area and library, a water sports centre and spectacular sunsets.

### **Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa**

Carefully and tastefully decorated in a Zanzibari style with a wide range of facilities, the Bluebay is a great resort with a fine beach. Set in 30 acres of tropical gardens in Kiwengwa on the east coast of Zanzibar. Bluebay has 112 rooms and offers a multitude of leisure and sports facilities for all the family as well as a relaxing spa.



### **Diamonds Mapenzi Beach**

An all inclusive deluxe hotel set on the east coast of Zanzibar, Diamonds Mapenzi Beach blends with the natural environment of the surrounding landscape, in an area of 4 hectares with a long white sandy beach, and a tropical garden of palms and colourful bougainvillea. There are 57 rooms and 30 beach villas.

### **Neptune Pwani Beach Resort & Spa**

This spacious and friendly 154-roomed resort is located on the eastern coast of Zanzibar near Pwani Mchangani. It has been meticulously created in traditional Zanzibar style, using the best in local design, interiors and furnishings. A host of facilities include 6 restaurants and 3 bars.



### Diamonds La Gemma Dell'Est

This luxury 138 room hotel is set in the midst of exotic and colourful tropical gardens with stunning views of the Indian Ocean on the northwest shores of Zanzibar. Facilities include a range of restaurants and bars plus evening entertainment. For a spot of pampering there is a fabulous spa.



### Dream of Zanzibar

Dream of Zanzibar, situated in Kiwengwa, on the northeast coast of Zanzibar, is both exotic and modern. Its design and architecture hints at both African and Arabic influences. It is a popular choice for family or a special occasion holiday or a honeymoon. There are 157 rooms and the resort offers a large selection of facilities including 9 restaurants and bars.

### Riu Palace Zanzibar

Formerly the Hideaway of Nungwi Beach Resort & Spa, now a luxury all inclusive adult only hotel, with 87 rooms, located on the northwest coast of Zanzibar in Nungwi. This elegant resort delivers luxury, comfort and relaxation in stunning surroundings beside the beautiful Indian Ocean and surrounded by charming gardens.



### Elewana Kilindi Zanzibar

This boutique hotel has 15 pavilion suites and is set on a magnificent beach, on a perfect romantic island getaway, offering stunning accommodation and breathtaking views. The villas are spread across 34 acres of lush tropical gardens with views across the sparkling warm waters of the Indian Ocean. It is an adults only hotel.

### Fundu Lagoon

A relaxed boutique hotel situated on a remote and beautiful beach in Pemba offering barefoot luxury. An ideal relaxing holiday reached by a boat transfer from mainland Pemba. There are 18 tented safari style bungalows with beach or hillside views. Children under 12 years not permitted.



### The Residence Zanzibar

A luxury all villa property set in 32 hectares of tropical gardens, fringed by a pristine mile-long beach. With enchanting elegance inspired by the island's African, Omani and European heritage, all 66 villas are luxuriously appointed and have a private plunge swimming pool. An ideal holiday for families or an idyllic honeymoon.

### The Zanzibar Collection

The Zanzibar Collection consists of four luxury award-winning properties. The luxurious Baraza Resort & Spa has a blend of Arabic, Indian and Swahili architecture and beautiful décor set in tropical gardens along a white sandy beach. The Palms Hotel, with just six villas, delivers all the luxurious comforts expected of a 5-star hotel, with personalized service in a romantic setting. Breezes Beach Club & Spa with its attention to detail, warm hospitality, spa and water club, create a charming, relaxed atmosphere. Zawadi Hotel with only nine villas, is the ideal beach getaway offering a spectacular view over the Indian Ocean.



Baraza Resort & Spa



Breezes Beach Club & Spa



Zawadi Hotel



The Palms Resort

# Mauritius and Seychelles

As well as the islands of Mombasa and Zanzibar, most of the itineraries can easily be extended to the beautiful islands of Mauritius and Seychelles. Here is just a selection of the many hotels available.

## Constance Ephelia, Seychelles

Situated on two of the most beautiful beaches on the island of Mahé, overlooking the marine national park of Port Launay, Constance Ephelia enjoys a unique location set within 120 hectares of land with luxuriant and rare vegetation. All suites and villas are spacious and contemporary surrounded by lush landscape and scintillating lagoons.



## Paradise Sun, Seychelles

A luxurious property set in idyllic surroundings with traditional French Creole style chalets and offering a wide range of activities. The hotel is situated on the beautiful Cote D'Or beach at Anse Volbert on Praslin Island in the Seychelles.

## Zilwa Attitude, Mauritius

A chic, luxury all inclusive hotel with a Creole name, Zilwa means "island". The hotel is situated on the north coast of Mauritius Island near to the fishing village of Grand Gaube. The design is of typical island home accommodation, offering thatched roofs and plush bedrooms along the golden beach.



## Heritage Awali Golf & Spa Resort, Mauritius

A stylish and sophisticated resort combining classical charm with contemporary chic, popular with couples and families. Beautifully situated on the beach, against a mountain backdrop in Bel Ombre on the south coast of Mauritius.



# Uganda

Uganda is where the East African savannah meets the West African jungle. In this uniquely lush country you can see lions prowling the open plains in the morning, and track chimpanzees and mountain gorillas through the rainforest undergrowth the same afternoon.

## Queen Elizabeth National Park

Named after her Majesty The Queen of England, it is Uganda's most popular and most scenic game reserve. It stretches from the crater-dotted foothills of the Ruwenzori range in the north, along the shores of Lake Edward to the remote Ishasha River in the south, incorporating a wide variety of habitats that range from savannah and wetlands and lowland forest.

## Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Bwindi Impenetrable National Park is best known for gorilla tracking. The park lies on the edge of the Rift Valley and is covered in one of the oldest and most biologically diverse rainforests.

## Kibale National Park

Kibale National Park is one of the most beautiful and varying tracts of tropical forest in the whole of Uganda. It is home to 13 species of primate including the chimpanzees. The park's highest point is at 1590m above sea level.

## Lake Mburo National Park

It is the smallest of Uganda's national parks, but nevertheless has plenty to offer. Together with 13 other lakes in the area, Lake Mburo forms part of the wetland system linked by a swamp, hosting many wildlife species.



*Bwindi Impenetrable Forest*

# Rwanda

Rwanda is known as the 'land of a thousand hills' and is one of the smallest and most beautiful countries in East Africa. Its main attraction is a gorilla safari, a 'must' for any wildlife enthusiast.



*Golden Monkey in Parc Nacional des Volcans*

## Parc National des Volcans

This park, with its densely forested Virunga Volcanoes, is the definitive place to track the rare and captivating mountain gorilla. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful areas in Africa; the majestic landscape is the backdrop to some of the most unique wildlife encounters nature offers.

## Nyungwe Forest National Park

Nestled in the southeast corner of Rwanda, this wonderful mountainous area is home to an impressive 13 primate species. It's covered with lush virgin rainforest and it's here that you can find the source of the world's longest river, the Nile.

## Lake Kivu

The largest of numerous freshwater lakes in Rwanda. The lake's sandy shores are bordered by steep sided hills, making for stunning scenery – a perfect place to relax after gorilla trekking.

# Uganda Gorilla Trekking

1 night Entebbe – 2 nights Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

From: £2415



Gorilla family

**A fly-in adventure to trek the gorillas of Uganda. We recommend booking this itinerary as part of a longer African adventure combining various multi-country itineraries. Speak to our specialist to create that perfect itinerary.**

## Day 1

Fly to Entebbe.

the lifestyle of the gorillas. Overnight: Engagi Lodge (upgrades available).

## Day 2 Entebbe

Transferred to your accommodation. Walk to the Botanical Gardens, through Entebbe town or to a nearby fishing village, time allowing. Overnight: Boma Guest House

## Day 5 Depart

Flight back to Entebbe. Fly back home.

## Day 3 Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Fly to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Afternoon choose between a community walk, or a forest walk to the Munyaga Waterfalls. Early to bed for gorilla trekking the next day! Overnight: Engagi Lodge (upgrades available).

## Day 4 Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

### GORILLA TREKKING.

This morning you will get up early and proceed for gorilla trekking. Trekking the mountain gorilla is one of the most exciting wildlife experiences on earth. The trek will take between 2 and 6 hours, but is well worth the effort and is led by an experienced ranger who will tell you interesting facts about flora and fauna and

## Where Next?

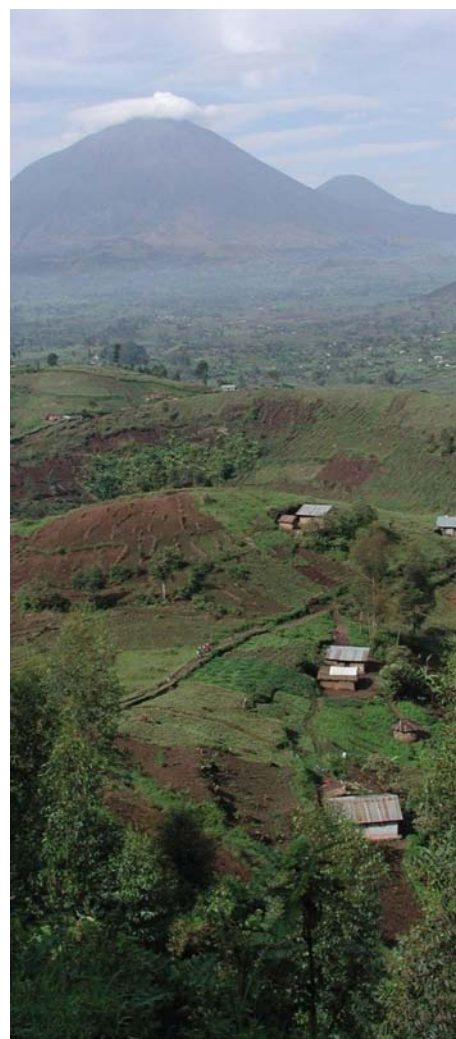
Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

### Highlights

- ★ Walk around Entebbe
- ★ Gorillas
- ★ Beautiful scenery

### What's included

- ★ Day 3: community walk or a forest walk
- ★ Day 4: gorilla trekking inclusive of permit
- ★ 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- ★ All flights
- ★ All transfers
- ★ AMREF Flying Doctors



Virungas Volcanoes in background

# All in One Uganda

## Daily Departure

1 night Entebbe – 2 nights Murchison Falls National Park – 1 night Kibale National Park – 2 nights Queen Elizabeth National Park – 1 night Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – 1 night Lake Bunyonyi – 1 night Lake Mburo National Park

From: £3575



Lake Bunyonyi

## Highlights

- ★ Visit Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary
- ★ Chimps and Gorillas
- ★ Beautiful scenery

## What's included

- ★ Day 3: Walking safari at the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary
- ★ Day 4: Boat ride up the Nile
- ★ Day 6: Chimp trekking
- ★ Day 7: Boat ride on Kazinga Channel
- ★ Day 9: Gorilla Trekking
- ★ Day 11: Nature walk at Lake Mburo National Park
- ★ Safari game drives in Uganda's National Parks
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ All flights & transfers
- ★ Transportation in 4x4 vehicles
- ★ 9 breakfast, 9 lunches, 8 dinners
- ★ AMREF Flying Doctors

**A 9-night itinerary showcasing the beauty of Uganda, with game drives, boat rides and trekking.**

### Day 1

Fly to Entebbe.

### Day 2 Entebbe

Transferred to your accommodation. Overnight: Boma Guest House

### Day 3 Murchison Falls National Park

Depart and proceed to Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary, enjoy a walking safari to the Southern White Rhinos that have been re-introduced in Uganda. Onward to the legendary Murchison Falls National Park, Uganda's biggest National Park. Overnight: Murchison River Lodge

### Day 4 Murchison Falls National Park

Enjoy a full day here with a morning game drive and in the afternoon a boat ride up the Nile, to Murchison Falls, enjoying the spectacular scenery by hiking to the top of the Falls where the Nile squeezes through a 7 metre gap and at the bottom you will see huge Nile crocodiles. Overnight: Murchison River Lodge

### Day 5 Kibale National Park

Depart for Kibale National Park via Fort Portal, en route passing many tea

plantations. Overnight: Kibale Forest Camp/Isunga Lodge

### Day 6 Queen Elizabeth National Park

Morning chimp tracking and enjoy a wonderful forest experience. Later depart for Queen Elizabeth National Park with game viewing en route. Overnight: Marafiki Safari Lodge/Kasenyi Safari Camp

### Day 7 Queen Elizabeth National Park

Enjoy a full day here with a morning game drive and in the afternoon a boat ride on the Kazinga Channel. Overnight: Marafiki Safari Lodge/Kasenyi Safari Camp

### Day 8 Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Depart for Bwindi National Park, on the way enjoy a game drive in the Ishasha Sector where the tree climbing lions are found, then continue to the home of the mountain gorillas. Overnight: Gorilla Mist Camp

### Day 9 Lake Bunyonyi

GORILLA TREKKING.

This morning you will get up early and proceed for gorilla trekking. Trekking the

mountain gorilla is one of the most exciting wildlife experiences on earth. The trek will take between 2 and 6 hours, but is well worth the effort and is led by an experienced ranger who will tell you interesting facts about flora and fauna and the lifestyle of the gorillas. Later drive to Lake Bunyonyi. Overnight: Birds Nest Resort

### Day 10 Lake Mburo National Park

Depart for Lake Mburo National Park with game drive here. Overnight: Rwakobo Rock

### Day 11 Depart

Enjoy a morning guided nature walk and game drive. Later return to Entebbe. Fly back home.

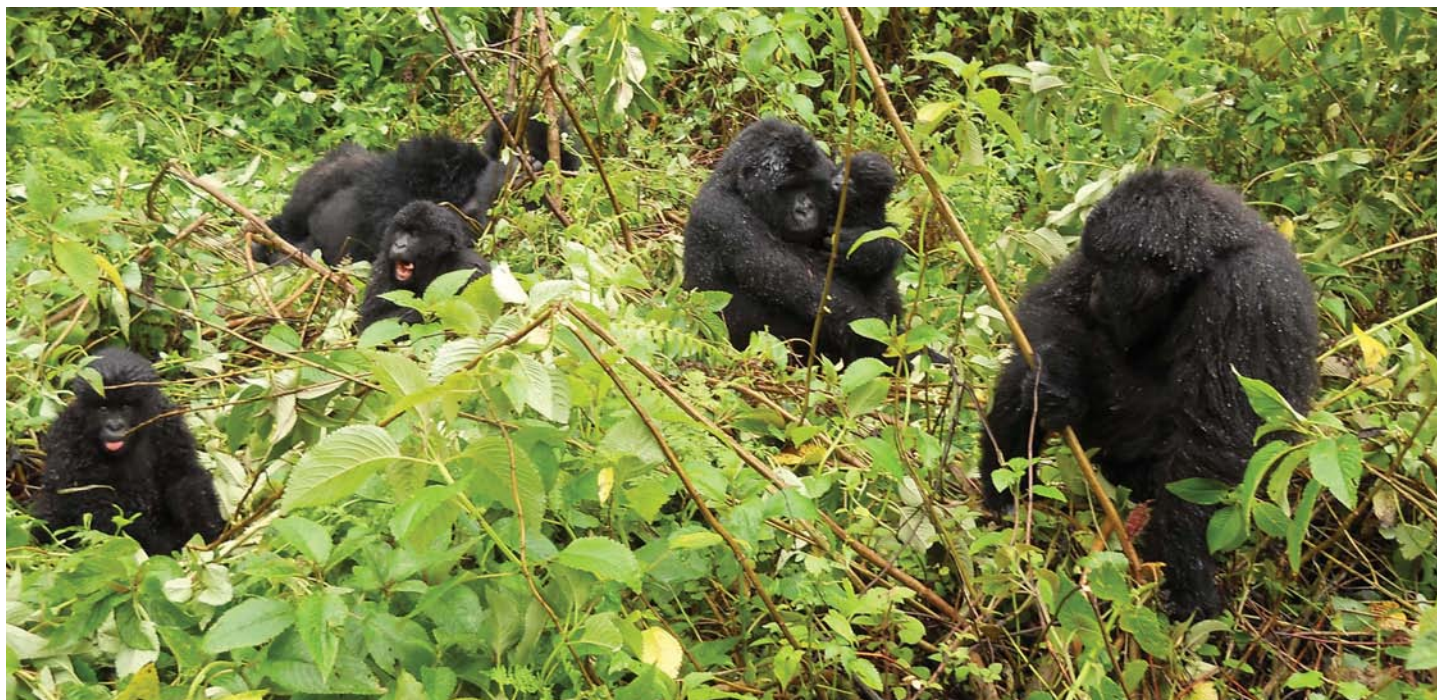
## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

# Rwanda Gorilla Trekking

2 nights Volcanoes National Park – 1 night Kigali

From: £2940



Gorilla family

**A short adventure to trek the mountain gorillas of Rwanda. We recommend booking this itinerary as part of a longer African adventure combining various multi-country itineraries. Speak to our specialist to create that perfect itinerary.**

## Day 1

Fly to Kigali.

## Day 2 Volcanoes National Park

Transferred to Volcanoes National Park. The journey goes through the beautiful terraced hillsides that show much of Rwanda's landscape, gradually climbing to the base of the awesome Virunga volcanoes, sometimes with as many as five peaks visible. Overnight: Mt. Gorilla View Lodge

## Day 3 Volcanoes National Park

### GORILLA TREKKING

Drive to Ruhengeri for the highlight of your trip, visiting the mountain gorillas of our planet in Volcanoes National Park, led by an experienced ranger guide who will tell you interesting facts about the mountain gorillas. In the afternoon you may walk to Ruhengeri town and the market. Overnight: Mt. Gorilla View Lodge

## Day 4 Kigali

Return to Kigali. Visit the Genocide Museum and enjoy a city tour. Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel

## Day 5 Depart

Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.

## Highlights

- ★ Mountain gorillas
- ★ Beautiful scenery
- ★ Visit Kigali genocide museum

## What's included

- ★ Day 3: Gorilla Trekking inclusive of permit
- ★ 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- ★ Transportation in 4x4 vehicle
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ AMREF Flying Doctors



Local boys

# Classic Rwanda

Daily Departure

From: £3935

2 nights Nyungwe Forest National Park – 1 night Lake Kivu – 2 nights Volcanoes National Park



Lake Kivu

## Visiting the highlights that Rwanda offers.

### Day 1

Fly to Kigali.

### Day 2 Nyungwe Forest National Park

Transferred to Nyungwe Forest National Park. Overnight: Nyungwe Top View Lodge

### Day 3 Nyungwe Forest National Park

Full day here with morning chimpanzee trekking and afternoon enjoy a canopy walk, an opportunity to view a variety of bird species. Overnight: Nyungwe Top View

### Day 4 Lake Kivu

Depart for Gisenyi and to Lake Kivu. Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Kivu and later take a walk through the fashionable lakeside resort, time allowing you will visit the fishing village and learn about the way of life. Overnight: Lake Kivu Serena Hotel

### Day 5 Volcanoes National Park

Morning leisure time at Lake Kivu. Later depart for Parc National des Volcans enjoying the beautiful terraced hillsides that show much of Rwanda's landscape, gradually climbing to the base of the

awesome Virunga volcanoes, sometimes with as many as five peaks visible. Overnight: Mt. Gorilla View Lodge

### Day 6 Volcanoes National Park

#### GORILLA TREKKING

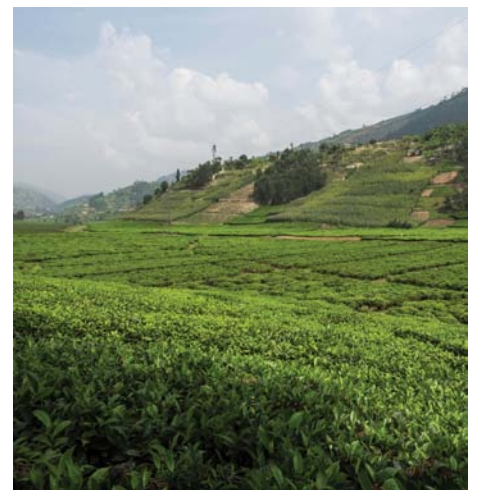
Drive to Ruhengeri for the highlight of your trip, visiting the mountain gorillas of our planet in Volcanoes National Park, led by an experienced ranger guide who will tell you interesting facts about the mountain gorillas. In the afternoon you may walk to Ruhengeri town and the market. Overnight: Mt. Gorilla View Lodge

### Day 7 Depart

Depart for Kigali. Visit the genocide museum and a short city tour of the capital city. Fly back home.

### Where Next?

Extend your stay, with various options on offer. See pages 50 and 51 for more details.



Local landscape

### Highlights

- ★ Chimps and gorillas
- ★ Beautiful scenery

### What's included

- ★ Day 3: Chimp trekking and canopy walk
- ★ Day 4: Boat ride on Lake Kivu
- ★ Day 6: Gorilla Trekking
- ★ 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ Transportation in 4x4 vehicle
- ★ AMREF Flying Doctors



# Ethiopia

Ethiopia is the hidden gem of Africa. It is a land of rich culture treasures and dramatic landscapes that are home to some incredibly captivating people and wildlife.

## Addis Ababa

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, boasts many attractions including the National Museum, the Holy Trinity Cathedral and Mount Entoto. Its throbbing streets and diverse population bring the Ethiopian capital alive. A visit to the merkato, the largest open-air market in Africa, makes for an enchanting visit.



## Northern regions of Ethiopia

### Bahir Dar, Lake Tana and Blue Nile

Bahir Dar a modern city located on the shores of Lake Tana, the largest lake in Ethiopia and the source of the Blue Nile, the world's longest river.

### Lalibela

Considered to be a wonder of the World, Lalibela is referred to as the "African Jerusalem" for its rock hewn churches that were built in the 12th century.

### Axum

The ancient royal capital of the earliest Ethiopian Kingdom is renowned for its ancient multi-storeyed carved granite obelisks and remains.

### Gondar

Gondar was the first capital of the Abyssinian Empire, founded by Emperor Fasilidas in the 17th century and is famous for its medieval castles and churches.

### The Simien Mountains

The Simien Mountains are Ethiopia's most popular hiking place, graced by exceptional botanical phenomena. The mountains are famous for being home to endemic mammals: the Walia ibex, the Gelada baboon and the Ethiopian wolf.



Lalibela



Bale Mountains

## Southern regions of Ethiopia

### Arba Minch

Arba Minch is at the foothills of the Rift Valley Escarpment overlooking Lake Abaya and Lake Chamo.

### Omo Valley

Famed for its cultural traditions and tribal diversity this remote corner of Ethiopia is home to some of the many cultural communities. These fascinating tribes decorate themselves lavishly and the colourful dress and beautification customs highlight their uniqueness.

### The Bale Mountains

The Bale Mountains National Park is known for its wildlife. Explore the deep gorges, alpine lakes and waterfalls, and here you can find the endemic Mountain nyala, the Menelik bushbuck and the Ethiopian wolf.



Hamar Tribe, Omo Valley

# Historic North Tour

## Daily Departure

1 night Addis Ababa – 2 nights Bahir Dar – 2 nights Simien Mountains – 1 night Gondar – 2 nights Lalibela – 1 night Axum – 1 night Addis Ababa

From: £3850



Lalibela

## Highlights

- ★ The Blue Nile Falls
- ★ Visit ancient monasteries and UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ★ Hike at Simien Mountains National Park
- ★ Farewell Ethiopian dinner

## What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking guide
- ★ Boat ride on Lake Tana
- ★ Mule ride
- ★ All flights
- ★ 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners
- ★ All transfers included

**The northern historical attractions of Ethiopia, covering the country's most important cultural and natural sights.**

### Day 1

Fly to Addis Ababa.

### Day 2 Addis Ababa

Transferred to your hotel. Overnight: Sapphire Hotel

### Day 3 Bahir Dar

Fly from Addis to Bahir Dar. Visit the famous Blue Nile Falls and the Bahir Dar market. Overnight: Avanti Blue Nile Hotel

### Day 4 Bahir Dar

Morning enjoy a boat trip on Ethiopia's largest body of water, Lake Tana (3,600 sq km) to visit the monasteries of Ura Kidane Mihret and Azwa Marian. Afternoon, at leisure. Overnight: Avanti Blue Nile Hotel

### Day 5 Simien Mountains

Drive to Simien Mountains National Park. The park (180 sq km) boasts varied flora with 3 marked botanical areas. Overnight: Simien Lodge

### Day 6 Simien Mountains National Park

Spend the day at the park searching for the Gelada baboon, enjoy stunning mountain scenery. Overnight: Simien Lodge

### Day 7 Gondar

Drive to Gondar – the 17th century capital of Ethiopia. Afternoon, visit the Imperial Castle Compound of Gondar (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the 'Bath of Emperor Fasilades', the church of Quskuam Mariam (17th century AD), the residence of Empress Mentewab, and the church of Debre Birhan Sellassie. Overnight: Goha Hotel

### Day 8 Lalibela

Fly to Lalibela, home of the 12th century handcarved rock churches of King Lalibela (1181–1221). Afternoon visit the first group of churches of Lalibela. Overnight: Maribela Hotel

### Day 9 Lalibela

Morning, mule-back ride to the hilltop semimonolithic church of Asheten Mariam (13th century AD). Afternoon, visit the second and the third group of churches of Lalibela. Overnight: Maribela Hotel

### Day 10 Axum

Fly to Axum. Tour the Archeological Museum of Axum and the Cathedral of St. Mary of Zion. Afternoon, visit the famous 'Stele field', the ruin palace & tomb of King

Kaleb & King Gebre Meskel and the residence of the legendary Queen of Sheba. Overnight: Sabeen Hotel

### Day 11 Addis Ababa

Fly to Addis Ababa. Afternoon tour includes the National Archaeological Museum, Merkato – the largest open-air market in Africa, and Mount Entoto for its panoramic view of Addis Ababa. Overnight: Sapphire Hotel

### Day 12 Depart

Morning visit Melka Kunture Archaeological Site and Tiya Stelae. A farewell Ethiopian dinner. Fly back home.



Blue Nile Falls

# South and Tribes

Daily Departure

From: £3400

1 night Addis Ababa – 1 night Jinka – 2 nights Turmi – 1 night Arba Minch – 1 night Awassa – 2 nights Bale Mountains – 1 night Langano



Mursi Tribe, Omo Valley

## A nature, wildlife, and authentic cultural experience in Southern Ethiopia.

### Day 1

Fly to Addis Ababa.

### Day 2 Addis Ababa

Transferred to your hotel. Overnight: Sapphire Hotel

### Day 3 Jinka

Fly to Jinka, visit the Omo Valley Cultural Museum. Overnight: Eco Omo Lodge

### Day 4 Turmi

Drive to Mursi Village to see the Mursi tribe, whose women have their lower lips slit and circular clay discs inserted. Proceed to Mago National Park, for a game drive in the afternoon. Overnight: Buska Lodge

### Day 5 Day Trip to Murulle

Morning excursion to Murulle, the village of the Karo people. Afternoon visit the village of the Hamar people around Turmi. Overnight: Buska Lodge

### Day 6 Arba Minch

Drive to Arba Minch. Overnight: Paradise Lodge

### Day 7 Awassa

Boat trip on Lake Chamo. Drive to Lake Awassa and enjoy the sunset over its waters. Overnight: Haile Resort

### Day 8 Bale Mountains

After breakfast, drive to Dinsho, the headquarters of Bale Mountains National Park, for a hike to spot the endemic mountain nyala, Menelik's bushbuck and the common mammals like warthog, reed buck, gray duiker. Afternoon to Gessay to spot more mammals and birds. Overnight: Wabi Shebelle Hotel

### Day 9 Bale Mountains

Early departure to ascend the Bale massif onto the Sanetti Plateau to see the Ethiopian or Simien wolf. Visit the escarpment of this elevated plateau to peer down, through the clouds, at the vast Harenna Forest below. Afternoon return to Goba. Overnight: Wabi Shebelle Hotel

### Day 10 Langano

Depart for Shashamane and then on to Langano, one of the Rift Valley Lakes. Time at leisure. Overnight: Sabana Beach Resort

### Day 11 Depart

Back to Addis Ababa. A farewell Ethiopian dinner. Fly back home.

### Where Next?

Maybe relax by the beach after thrilling safari days, or choose even more adventure? See pages 50–51 for exciting ideas to add-on to your safari.

### Highlights

- ★ Omo Valley Cultural Museum
- ★ Visit the Mursi tribe and the village
- ★ Bale Mountains

### What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking guide
- ★ Boat trip on Lake Chamo
- ★ All flights
- ★ Transport based in 4x4 vehicle
- ★ 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners
- ★ All transfers included

### Add to your experience

Days 8-9 Upgrade to Bale Mountain Lodge from £350 per person





# Why South Africa?

South Africa is often referred to as a “World in One Country”, and you will be amazed by how many activities you can pack in during your stay, although you will find that whatever duration you choose, it probably won’t be long enough.

Wildlife enthusiasts will love the “big 5” safaris and the seasonal whale watching opportunities, while culture vultures, and those looking for the ultimate

in cuisine, will find plenty to do and enjoy in and around Cape Town and the Winelands.

The Garden Route, Panorama Route and Peninsula Route all offer superb views of the intensely beautiful natural landscape.

Take a trip to the Battlefields to learn about the history of the Anglo-Boer Wars and then move on to Durban or Sun City.



Cape Point

## Best time to travel

South Africa is ideal to visit all year-round. November to March is generally the drier and hotter months in the Western Cape, including Cape Town, the Winelands and the Garden Route. Choose June to September if you want to explore all that Durban and KwaZulu-Natal have to offer.

## Types of accommodation

From safari lodges and luxury tents to city centre hotels, apartments and guest houses, there is a vast range of accommodation available from the utmost luxury to the easily affordable. There is always something to suit everyone.

## Top experiences

- ★ Cape Town, including Table Mountain, Robben Island, as well as penguin sanctuary at Boulders Bay and Cape Point
- ★ The Winelands
- ★ The Garden Route
- ★ Whale watching around Hermanus (August to November)
- ★ A safari in Kruger National Park, the Eastern Cape or one of the other private reserves
- ★ Luxury trains between Pretoria and Cape Town
- ★ The Battlefields
- ★ Durban and KwaZulu-Natal

# Types of Holiday



Durban



Cape Town

## Self-drive

Self-drive tours are easy to do in South Africa, allowing you the chance to take in everything at your own pace.

## Scheduled group departure

If you're flexible with your dates, we have selected a few itineraries where we offer scheduled group departures on the popular must see places. These tours offer excellent value making it that much more affordable and each one offers a unique and exciting experience.

## Train journeys

Luxury train journeys offer the opportunity to experience the ever-changing landscape from the comfort of your seat, enjoying some of the finest food and wines that South Africa has to offer. Choose from the Blue Train or the luxurious Rovos Rail. For more details see pages 104 and 105.

## Tailor-made

Creating bespoke safari holidays has been our passion for 50 years and we want to share our expertise with you. Whether you're a big game fanatic, a couple looking for both culture and romance, honeymooners wanting luxury in Africa's remotest locations or you are looking for a first time, family-friendly safari, we can help tailor a safari to your interests, budget and needs.

## Beach, city and safari combinations

Why not combine a South Africa tour or safari adventure with a relaxing beach stay. For more details see pages 130 and 131.

### The essentials

- ★ On safari, luggage to be in soft sided bags
- ★ For the best wildlife viewing opportunities, early starts are essential
- ★ Tip your driver-guide at the end of your safari or tour
- ★ Valid driving licence required for self-drive
- ★ We recommend combining a safari or tour with a relaxing beach stay at the end



Addo Elephant Park

# Luxury Train Journey - The Blue Train

Luxury train travel between Pretoria and Cape Town or vice versa, is the ultimate alternative to road or air, as you have the opportunity to experience the ever-changing landscape from the comfort of your seat, enjoying some of the finest food and wines that South Africa has to offer.

## Cape Town, Blue Train & Private Game Reserve

**Day 1:** Fly to Cape Town.

**Day 2:** 3 nights at Victoria & Alfred Hotel.

**Day 5:** Board the Blue Train for 2 nights as you journey to Pretoria.

**Day 7:** Disembark, transfer to Johannesburg. Fly to Hoedspruit and enjoy 2 nights at Motswari Private Game Reserve.

**Day 9:** Fly to Johannesburg and connect to UK.

From: £3535, inclusive of all flights, all transfers, all meals, except in Cape Town which is breakfast only. Game activity included at Motswari Private Game Reserve.



The Blue Train



Cape Town Waterfront at dusk

## The Route

### Pretoria to Cape Town (or vice versa)

2 nights & 3 days from £1180

The journey includes an "off train" excursion to the Open Mine Museum at Kimberley, where you can take a trip back in time to the days of the nineteenth century diamond rush.



Luxury Suite

### Accommodation

Each air-conditioned cabin offers an elegant lounge by day, transformed into a comfortable bedroom at night. A maximum of 74 guests can be accommodated on board the Blue Train.



Elegant Lounge

### Facilities

Every carriage has a butler on call 24 hours a day to the private cabins. There is a choice of two elegant bars. Lunch and dinner are served in 2 sittings, in the dining carriage. Smart dress is required at dinner, and gentlemen are required to wear a jacket and tie.



Motswari Private Game Reserve

### What's included

- ★ All meals
- ★ High tea
- ★ Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks (excludes French champagne) (caviar is not included)

# Luxury Train Journey - Rovos Rail

Rovos Rail operates a number of luxury train journeys across Southern Africa. This experience combines amazing scenery with the glamour and excitement of the golden age of rail travel. Choose from itineraries leaving Pretoria that take in the "Mother City" of Cape Town, a Zululand trip to Durban, or the majestic Victoria Falls, perhaps taking in a short safari en route.

## Cape Town, Rovos Rail and Victoria Falls

**Day 1:** Fly to Cape Town.

**Day 2:** 3 nights at The Table Bay Hotel.

**Day 5:** Fly to Johannesburg and to Pretoria. Overnight at 131 On Herbert Baker Boutique Hotel.

**Day 6:** Board the Rovos Rail for 3 nights as you journey to Victoria Falls.

**Day 9:** Disembark, and transfer to the Victoria Falls Hotel for next 2 nights.

**Day 11:** Fly back to the UK.

From: £4300, inclusive of all flights and transfers. Breakfast included throughout. Rovos Rail inclusions as below.



Rovos Rail at Victoria Falls

## Routes

### Pretoria to Cape Town (or vice versa)

2 nights & 3 days from £1360

Includes a visit to the Open Mine Museum at Kimberley and the historic village of Matjiesfontein.

### Pretoria to Durban (or vice versa)

2 nights & 3 days from £1360

Includes a safari game drive in Nambiti Private Game Reserve, Spionkop battlefields tour or a safari game drive.

### Pretoria to Victoria Falls (or vice versa)

3 nights & 4 days from £1780

Includes a safari game drive in Hwange National Park.



Observation Lounge

## Facilities

Two dining cars accommodate all guests in one sitting for dinner. Dress code for dinner is smart, with gentlemen requiring a jacket and tie.



Deluxe Suite

## Accommodation

Rovos trains can accommodate a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 air-conditioned suites, all designed with wood panelling and period Edwardian features.



Room service

## What's included

- ★ All meals
- ★ Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks (excludes French champagne)
- ★ 24 hours full room service and bar facilities
- ★ Limited laundry

# Cape Town

Cape Town, capital of the Western Cape region, is one of the most captivating and cultural cities in South Africa. Visitors will encounter a mix of engaging history, natural beauty, fantastic cuisine and a wide variety of attractions, not to mention being just a short drive away from the famous Cape Winelands.

## Highlights of Cape Town

### Table Mountain

Dominating the city landscape, take the cable car, or hike up the mountain, for unparalleled views. If you are staying for a few days, be sure to visit whenever the weather is fine, as the mountain can be closed if conditions are adverse.



### Victoria & Alfred (V&A) Waterfront

One of the most visited place in Cape Town. A wide variety of boutique accommodation, shops, restaurants and craft markets await in this bustling central hub, overlooking the harbour front.



### Camps Bay

Just outside of Cape Town, with a prime view of the fine sand, this is a great place for celebrity spotting or perhaps some beach time. Great views of the Twelve Apostles Mountains can be seen from here.



### Constantia

Forty minutes outside of Cape Town brings you to the closest wine region. A dozen estates offer a mix of wine tasting and exciting restaurant opportunities. Combine with a trip to nearby Hout Bay.

## Cape Town Experiences



### Full Day Cape Peninsula

Experience this dramatic coastline along Chapman's Peak Drive, including optional visits to Seal Island and Boulders Beach penguin colony, as well as a trip to Cape Point itself. Continue to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens (summer months), or Groot Constantia for a wine tasting and cellar tour (winter months).

**From £50 per person**



### Full Day Safari

Just two and a half hours from the city, you'll be tracking the 'big 5' at Inverdoorn Private Game Reserve. Transfer to a 4x4 safari vehicle with an experienced game ranger for two to three hours. Return to the lodge for buffet lunch and time to relax around the pool (summer) or settle around a cosy fire (winter).

**From £230 per person**



### Robben Island

Take a short boat trip from the V&A Waterfront to Robben Island, where former inmates will give you a guided tour, including Nelson Mandela's prison cell and the yard where he used to tend his garden. Passport details required, and passport must be carried on the tour.

**From £45 per person**



### Dinner Extravaganza at Gold Restaurant

Gold Restaurant will take you on a taste safari from Cape Malay to Timbuktu with a set 14 course menu served at your table. Start with an interactive Djembe drumming session which will get you in tune with African rhythms for the rest of the night. Be captivated during dinner by tall, graceful Mali puppets as they dance around your table with drummers and singers.

**From £50 per person**



### Afternoon Winelands trip to Stellenbosch

Explore art galleries and curio shops in attractive Stellenbosch (not all galleries and shops open Sundays), before introducing you to the wine-making process in a fascinating cellar tour and tasting.

**From £55 per person**



### Half-day city tour (morning)

Start the day with Table Mountain (tickets not included), then wind past the scenic suburbs of Camps Bay and Clifton to the impressive Parliament Buildings. You'll hear a brief history of District Six and visit the Company Gardens. Learn more about Bo-Kaap and its people as you move to the Malay Quarter. Finally, watch a diamond cutter as he creates every girl's dream stone.

**From £40 per person**

# Cape Town Hotels

A selection of our recommended hotels. Please see our website for a whole host of other accommodation.



## Victoria & Alfred Hotel

Set in the heart of the V&A Waterfront, the elegance of this hotel is rivalled only by its relaxed atmosphere and warm personal service. The hotel offers 94 spacious rooms and there is also a spa, swimming pool and gym.



## The Table Bay Hotel

Located on the V&A Waterfront, this "Leading Hotels of the World" member combines Victorian elegance with modern style, offering a warm and relaxing atmosphere. There are 329 stylish guest rooms and suites, and a Sanctuary Signature Spa.



## Cape Grace Hotel

This luxurious city centre hotel, renowned for its excellent accommodation and personalised service, boasts unparalleled views of Table Mountain and the working harbour. Each of the 120 rooms and suites have been individually designed



## One&Only Cape Town

An oasis of cosmopolitan style and African flair, this hotel features splendid views of Table Mountain, or Signal Hill, from 92 well-appointed rooms, as well as offering 40 Island Suites and a spa located across an attractive waterfront feature.



## Southern Sun Waterfront

Nestled between Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean, this hotel is well-situated, close to the V&A Waterfront. There are 537 guest rooms, plus an outdoor swimming pool and the Utopia Face & Body Salon.



## Southern Sun The Cullinan

A popular hotel located close to the V&A Waterfront, the hotel offers guests a choice of 394 superbly appointed en suite rooms, each tastefully furnished and designed for maximum comfort.



### Radisson Red V&A Waterfront

The Radisson Red is a radical new concept in Cape Town, located in the heart of the Waterfront, boasting 252 funky studios, and just a few steps away from the bustle of Cape Town's nightlife, if that is what you fancy.



### Waterfront Village

Overlooking the marina, the Waterfront Village offers stylishly furnished apartments, from studios to three-bedroom accommodation. The luxury apartments are air-conditioned and have a fully-equipped kitchen.



### The Bay Hotel

The stunning location, in-house restaurants, bars and wellness centre make this Camps Bay hotel an absolute paradise with beach views to match. There are 78 comfortable guest rooms.



### Protea Hotel by Marriott Cape Town Sea Point

Bold mountain views and refreshing ocean vistas are just two of the warm and inviting amenities that create a comfortable stay within close proximity to major tourist attractions. The 124 guest rooms and suites offer everything needed for a relaxed stay.



### Winchester Mansions

In this classically elegant hotel, imaginatively designed rooms are arranged around a charming courtyard, where Cape Town's most popular Sunday Jazz brunch is hosted. There are 51 rooms and 25 suites.



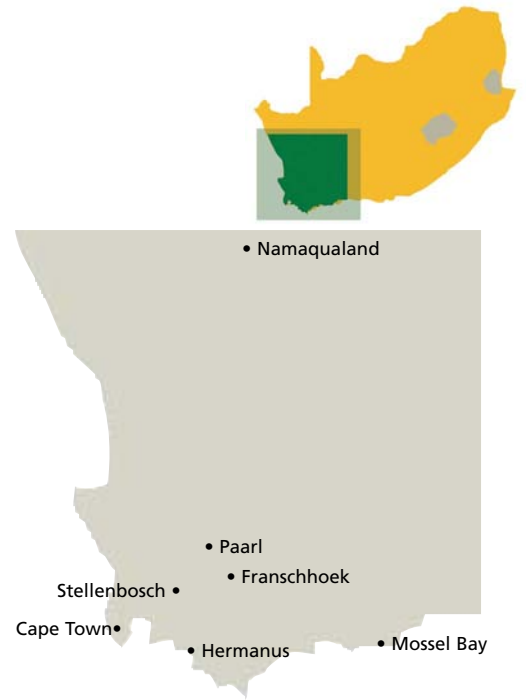
### Glen Avon Lodge

A boutique hotel nestled in the heart of the Constantia Winelands with easy access to Cape Town. 15 spacious and elegantly appointed bedrooms, all furnished in a contemporary Cape style.

# Winelands

Less than an hour and a half from Cape Town are the Cape Winelands, South Africa's premier wine producing region. Around the historic towns that populate the region, there are more than 200 wine estates open to the public, many of them farms, built in the Cape Dutch style, offering tasting rooms and fine dining experiences in sublime gardens, while the Drakenstein Mountains present an impressive backdrop.

Stellenbosch is an attractive university town steeped in history, and located in the heart of the region. Franschhoek is widely considered to be the food capital of the Winelands, where top chefs create the finest cuisine. Paarl has a historic charm, culture and heritage.



Franschhoek Wine Tram



Cycling tour of Franschhoek



Cape Classic Cuisine Walk

## Wineland Experiences

### Franschhoek Wine Tram

The hop-on hop-off tour is one of the best ways to discover the true essence of Franschhoek. A combination of tram and bus transports you around a loop of stops allowing you to enjoy some wine tasting at your own pace. The Wine Tram is best booked in advance.

**From £18 per person excluding transfers**

### Cycling Tour of Franschhoek

This 4-hour tour packs in the best Franschhoek has to offer, with 2 wine tastings en route. Snacks and all equipment included.

**From £65 per person**

### Cape Classic Cuisine Walk

A local guide will lead you on a 4-hour tasty discovery of traditional food and drinks of the Cape region. Explore the historic heart of Stellenbosch, where the tour starts, with its elegant oak-lined streets, architectural diversity and inspiring outdoor art.

**From £50 per person**

# Wineland Hotels

A selection of our recommended hotels. Please see our website for a whole host of other accommodation.



## Franschhoek Country House & Villas

Just outside the town, this small boutique hotel comprises a restored manor house, with villas dotted among the beautiful gardens. There are 14 well equipped rooms as well as 12 Villa Suites.



## The Last Word Franschhoek

This intimate luxury hotel is located in the heart of the town designed to incorporate home comforts with contemporary furnishings. There are eight superior double rooms and two pool suites.



## Mont Rochelle Hotel & Mountain Vineyards

This unique Virgin Limited Edition property boasts luxurious accommodation, gourmet dining, an alfresco restaurant, wine tasting and cellar tours. There is a combination of 26 rooms and suites, all very well equipped.

# Hermanus



## The Spier Hotel, Stellenbosch

Built village-style along the Eerste River, surrounded by vineyards, gardens and historic farm buildings, this superior hotel captures the enigma of Cape wine country. The property features 79 rooms and 5 suites.



## Oude Werf Hotel, Stellenbosch

Situated in the centre, this historic hotel offers elegance, character and gracious hospitality with 44 guest rooms.



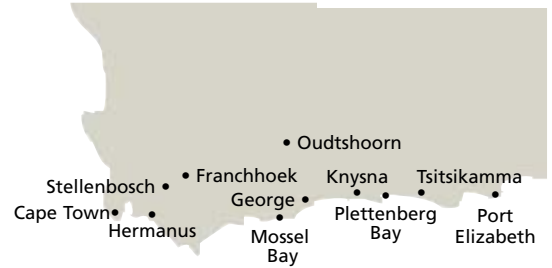
## The Marine, Hermanus

Located on Hermanus' famous cliff path, overlooking the breathtaking Walker Bay, the hotel is the ultimate location for whale watching during whale season. There are also 10 individually designed premier suites.

# Garden Route

Stretching some 300 km along the southern coast of South Africa, The Garden Route starts from Mossel Bay to just beyond Plettenberg, where you will find a range of beautiful landscapes, superb beaches, mountainous backdrops, coastal views and an abundance of wildlife. Extensions to the Garden Route include Cape Town and the Winelands to the west, with Port Elizabeth and the Eastern Cape to the east. The Garden Route forms a perfect bridge between the two.

Hermanus offers remarkable whale sightings from July to October and is a short drive away with plenty of accommodation choices with many offering spectacular ocean views.



## Garden Route Towns

### Mossel Bay

Start of the Garden Route, Mossel Bay is a harbour town in South Africa's Western Cape Province.

### Knysna

Famous for its stunning lagoon setting and friendly small town vibe, Knysna is one of the favourite towns along the Garden Route. With plenty of attractive waterfront hotels, Knysna Lagoon and the Featherbed Nature Reserve are the must see places. Highlight is a cruise on the Lagoon.



Knysna

### Oudtshoorn

Encounter a number of unique experiences in Oudtshoorn, 'ostrich capital of the world'. The town has ostrich farms – a number of which you can visit. Also visit the nearby spectacular Cango Caves.



Ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn

### Plettenberg Bay

'Plett', as it's known locally, is a stunning seaside town with a lively atmosphere, safe swimming beaches and superb hotels.

Beyond Plettenberg is the Tsitsikamma National Park, an attractive area for keen walkers, and those who appreciate the rugged landscape and ocean views of Storms River Mouth.

### Port Elizabeth

A major port situated in the Eastern Cape Province, also known for its beaches. Port Elizabeth is the entry point to the malaria-free Eastern Cape safari game reserves.

## Garden Route Experience

### Featherbed Tour including lunch (4 hours)

The Featherbed Nature Reserve offers an eco-tour beginning with a cruise across the Knysna Estuary. On arrival, enjoy 4x4 Unimog and a trailer ride to the top of the Western Head. Embark on an optional 2.2 kilometre downhill guided walk. Enjoy a buffet lunch before the return crossing.

**From £55 per person**



Port Elizabeth

# Garden Route Hotels

A selection of our recommended hotels. Please see our website for a whole host of other accommodation.



## **Belvidere Manor Hotel, Knysna**

Situated in an exclusive estate, this historic country retreat offers stunning views of the lagoon and mountains beyond. 28 colonial style cottages set in colourful gardens.



## **Protea Hotel by Marriott, Knysna Quays**

Stylish and modern, offering spacious rooms overlooking the lagoon or pool. The hotel has a heated outdoor pool and the services of a wellness therapist. There are 123 guest rooms.



## **La Plume Guest House, Oudtshoorn**

This friendly 1902 Victorian homestead offers guests an insight into a working ostrich farm. The grounds are immaculate with spectacular views of the Swartberg mountain range. There are 20 spacious, well furnished guest rooms and suites.



## **The Plettenberg Hotel, Plettenberg**

Situated on a rocky headland, with breathtaking views of the sea and surrounding mountains, this deluxe hotel offers guests a luxurious experience. There are 35 delightful guest rooms and 2 family-style villas.



## **Hunters Country House, Plettenberg Bay**

Situated amidst beautiful gardens, overlooked by the Tsitsikamma mountain range, this beautiful country house offers excellent service and 23 luxurious garden cottages.



## **The Beach Hotel, Port Elizabeth**

One of Port Elizabeth's finest boutique hotels, fine accommodation and facilities are on offer, close to Hobie Beach and local entertainment. There are 57 spacious guest rooms and 1 suite.

# Eastern Cape



The Eastern Cape is located at one end of the extended Garden Route, and is renowned for its natural beauty, particularly the rugged cliffs, and rough seas with miles of unspoilt beaches. It is the perfect complement to either a self-drive itinerary or escorted tour incorporating Cape Town, the Winelands and the Garden Route.

The Eastern Cape boasts several malaria-free game reserves, where you may see the 'big 5', and the renowned Addo Elephant Park, home to hundreds of elephants as well as lions and black rhinos.



## Kuzuko Lodge Game Reserve

Located in a private section of the malaria-free Addo Elephant National Park, Kuzuko Lodge is gloriously situated high upon a hill overlooking the vast expanse of the 'big 5' reserve below. The Lodge offers 24 luxurious chalets.



## Sibuya Game Reserve

Sibuya has more navigable river than any other South African game reserve, and as such, is a haven for bird enthusiasts, but you can still spot the 'big 5', among many other animals. Accommodation is offered in two private luxury tented game lodges, Forest Camp and River Camp with a total of 12 luxury tents.

## Kariega Game Reserve

Set in 10,000 hectares of African wilderness, this 'big 5' reserve offers a combination of luxury accommodation and fine dining. Main Lodge comprises 21 en suite log chalets. Ukhozi Lodge has 10 log chalet suites, complete with plunge pool and deck. River Lodge is made up of 10 spacious thatched suites, while Settlers Drift offers 9 spacious tented suites in a remote part of the Kariega wilderness.





### **Pumba Private Game Reserve**

Set in a 17,000 acre reserve. You can choose to stay at Pumba Water Lodge which has 12 luxury stone-walled thatched chalets, or alternatively, Msenge Bush Lodge in one of 11 thatched glass-enclosed chalets. All chalets have a free standing bath and an outdoor shower, and a private deck with its own plunge pool.

### **Amakhala Game Reserve**

Scattered throughout this 7,500 hectare 'big 5' reserve, are 11 properties offering a variety of accommodation, including intimate hideaways, luxury tents and family retreats. Bukela, Hillsnek and Woodbury Lodges are luxurious and intimate. For a more authentic tented experience look at the Quatermain's 1920's Safari Camp. Reed Valley and Leeuwenbosch Country Lodge are also good choices. For families, look no further than the Hlosi. For authentic luxury tented accommodation choose from Bush Lodge with its private plunge pools, or the Woodbury Tented Camp.



*Game drive*

### **Shamwari Game Reserve**

Each one of Shamwari's 6 luxury lodges has its own unique charm, designed in harmony with their surroundings.

Eagles Crag Lodge offers 9 suites in a secluded haven for you to unwind in comfort.

Lobengula has 6 suites tucked away in the valley bushveld, ideal for a private experience.

Bayethe Tented Lodge offers 12 detached tents luxurious designed shrouded by rich vegetation providing privacy and seclusion.

Long Lee Manor exudes refined elegance in colonial style accommodation overlooking plains teeming with wildlife, offering 10 suites and 5 luxury rooms.

Riverdene Family Lodge offers 9 luxury connecting child friendly rooms.

Sarili Lodge overlooks Bushman's River and, with just 5 rooms, it is ideal for small groups.



*Bayethe Tented Lodge*



*Eagles Crag Lodge*

# Cape Town, Garden Route & Eastern Cape

From: £2570

Departure from UK – every Thursday

3 nights Cape Town – 3 nights Garden Route (based on group departure with other guests) – 1 night Port Elizabeth – 2 nights Eastern Cape



Knysna Lagoon

## Highlights

- ★ Vibrant Cape Town
- ★ Scenic Garden Route
- ★ Game viewing in the malaria-free Eastern Cape Reserve

## What's included

- ★ Free dinner at the buzzing Gold Restaurant, Cape Town
- ★ Wine tasting at a local vineyard
- ★ Guided Ostrich farm visit
- ★ Lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve
- ★ 9 breakfasts, 1 dinner at Oudtshoorn & 1 lunch at Knysna
- ★ All meals in the Eastern Cape Reserve
- ★ All flights and transfers

## Add to your experience

Days 2–4: Upgrade your stay in Cape Town to the Radisson Red Hotel V&A Waterfront. From £270 per person for the 3 nights stay. Other hotels available.

## A wonderful introduction to South Africa, visiting the popular must-see places.

### Day 1

Fly to Cape Town.

### Days 2–4 Cape Town

Transferred to your hotel. 3 nights at leisure. Pre-bookable excursions available, for more details see page 107. Overnight: Protea Hotel by Marriott Cape Town Sea Point

### Day 5 Prince Albert

Depart through the picturesque Hex River Valley, considered to be the biggest producer of table grapes in South Africa. Continue to Matjiesfontein, the entire village was declared a National Heritage Site in 1975 and is today a charming, beautifully restored throwback to the late Victorian era. Onward to Prince Albert, known for its sun-ripened fresh and dried fruit, vineyards, olives and local cheese. Overnight: Swartberg Hotel or similar

### Day 6 Oudtshoorn

After breakfast (time permitting), opportunity to sample some of the locally produced olives before travelling through the spectacular Meiringspoort Pass and Waterfall, part of a UNESCO World Heritage

Site. Travel through the winding roads of the Swartberg Mountains to the quaint Little Karoo village of De Rust. Continue to Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of the world and home to the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves. Enjoy a wine tasting at a local wine estate before setting off on a tour of the Cango Caves. Afternoon, visit an ostrich farm for a guided tour. Overnight: La Plume Guest House or similar

### Day 7 Knysna

Travel over the Outeniqua Pass to George. Continue via Wilderness, an attractive holiday resort, to Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa, nestling on the banks of a beautiful lagoon in the heart of the Garden Route. Enjoy a lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, where you can take a trailer ride to the top of the Western Head to enjoy panoramic views of the town and lagoon, returning for lunch under the milkwood trees. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight: Rex Hotel or similar

### Day 8 Port Elizabeth

Depart along the Tsitsikamma Forest to Port Elizabeth, known as the 'friendly city'. The

tour ends on arrival in Port Elizabeth.

Overnight: The Beach Hotel

### Days 9–10 Eastern Cape

Depart for the Addo Elephant National Park. Stay at the Kuzuko Lodge, situated on the malaria-free private concession of the Addo Elephant National Park, for the next 2 nights. Your stay includes all meals, local beverages and two activities per full day. Daily activity includes: Morning and afternoon game drives. From 1 Jan to 30 April and 1 Sep to 31 Dec you can visit the bushman painting exploration walk instead of a morning or afternoon game drive.

### Day 11 Depart

Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Extend your African adventure, with various exciting add-on options. See pages 130 and 131 for more details.

# Cape Town, Wildlife, Wine and Garden Route

From: £2240

Departure from UK – every Monday

2 nights Cape Town – 5 nights Wildlife, Wine and Garden Route (based on group departure with other guests) – 3 nights Cape Town



*Southern Right Whale, Hermanus*

## Highlights

- ★ Two different locations in Cape Town
- ★ Victoria & Alfred Waterfront
- ★ Ostrich farm
- ★ Scenic Outeniqua Pass
- ★ Scenic Garden Route
- ★ Game viewing in the malaria-free Game Reserve

## What's included

- ★ Day 5: Tour of Cango Caves
- ★ Day 5: Guided Ostrich farm visit
- ★ Day 6: Lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve
- ★ Day 7 and Day 8: Safari game drive
- ★ Day 9: Tour of Franschhoek, quaint town in the winelands
- ★ 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches in Knysna & dinner in Oudtshoorn, Albertina and Hermanus
- ★ All flights and transfers

## Wonders of Cape Town combined with the scenic Garden Route.

### Day 1

Fly to Cape Town.

### Days 2–3 Cape Town

Transferred to your hotel. 2 nights at leisure. Pre-bookable excursions available for more details see page 107. Overnight: Protea Hotel by Marriott Cape Town Sea Point

### Day 4 Oudtshoorn

Depart and travel through the 'Little Karoo' and Montagu, a picturesque and historic spa town. En route, stop off in the town of Barrydale, with an opportunity to visit a local farm school, interact with the children and teachers, spending time with them in the classroom learning more about the local farming community, before continuing to Oudtshoorn, the "ostrich feather capital". (The school visit is subject to it being open). Overnight: La Plume

### Day 5 Knysna

Morning, a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves. Return to Oudtshoorn for a tour and light lunch at an ostrich farm and continue to

the scenic Outeniqua Pass to George and onto Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa. Overnight: Rex Hotel

### Day 6 Knysna

Enjoy a lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, where you can take a trailer ride to the top of the Western Head to enjoy panoramic views of the town and lagoon. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight: Rex Hotel

### Day 7 Albertinia

Travel via George and Mossel Bay to Albertinia, a town set against the backdrop of the majestic Langeberg Mountain Range. Enjoy an afternoon open vehicle game drive, at a malaria-free private game reserve, that is home to an abundance of animal and birdlife, including the 'big 5'. Overnight: Garden Route Game Lodge

### Day 8 Hermanus

Morning safari game drive before departing for the picturesque Cape Dutch town of Swellendam and continue to the seaside resort of Hermanus, known as the heart of the whale route, offering the best

land-based whale watching (from August to November) in the world. Overnight: Misty Waves Hotel, sea facing room

### Days 9–11 Cape Town

Leisurely departure travelling to Franschhoek, a picturesque village surrounded by spectacular vineyards. Enjoy a tour through Franschhoek village. Return to Cape Town. Your base for the next 3 nights is at the famous V&A Waterfront. Overnight: Waterfront Village

### Day 12 Depart

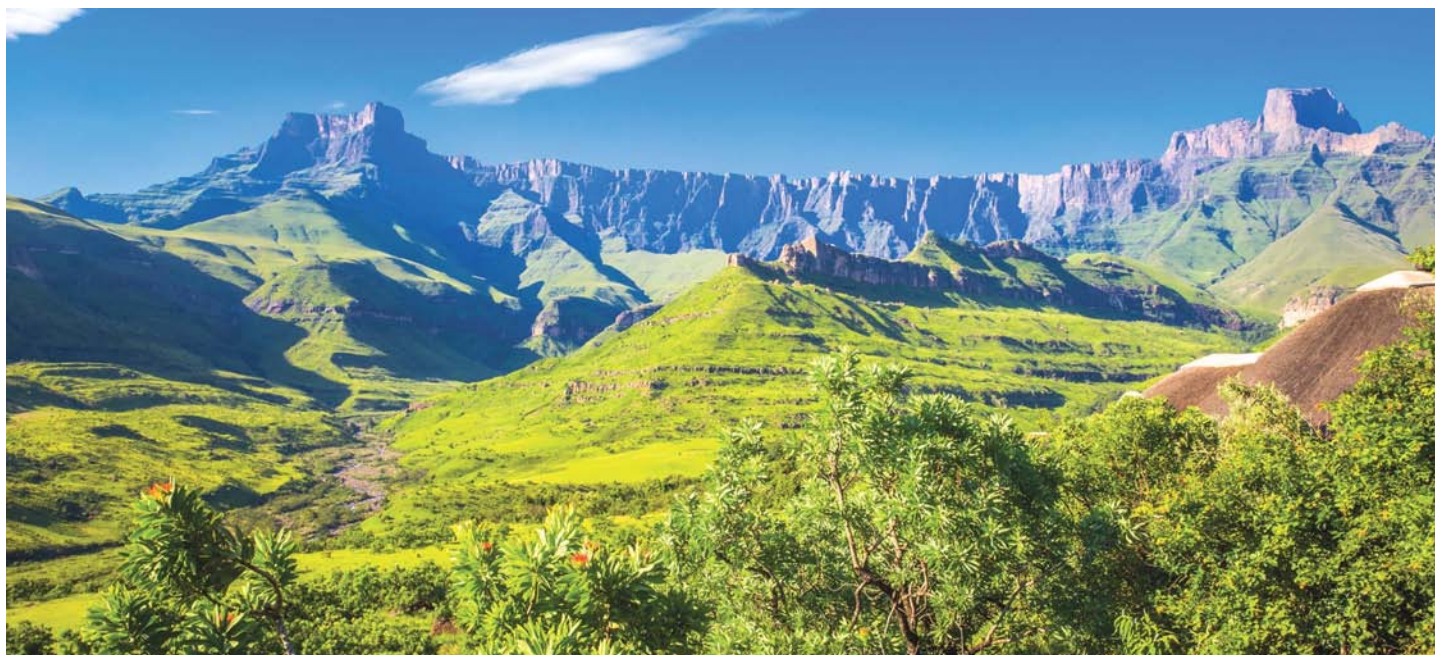
Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Extend your African adventure, with various exciting add-on options. See pages 130 and 131 for more details.

# KwaZulu-Natal

KwaZulu-Natal, one of South Africa's most popular tourist destinations, stretches from Port Elizabeth in the south to the borders of Swaziland and Mozambique in the north. Apart from the city of Durban, highlights include the Indian Ocean beaches dotted along the coast, and to the west the Drakensberg Mountains that dominate the landscape.



*Drakensberg Mountains*

## Durban & Umhlanga

Durban has a sophisticated, cosmopolitan feel with restaurants, entertainment and shopping from modern to traditional arts and crafts on the beachfront. Umhlanga is an extension of Durban just to the north of the city and is a haven for beach lovers, shoppers and those looking to eat out.

## Drakensberg Mountains

The Drakensberg Mountains is South Africa's highest range, reaching a height of 3,482 m and extending some 1,000 km. From Cathedral's Peak to the Blyde River Canyon, the views are an assault on your senses. Highlights include the view from the escarpment at God's Window, and the amazing stone features of Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondavels.

## The Battlefields

Nothing can prepare you for the emotions you feel upon visiting these sites from the not too distant past. The main attractions are the Anglo-Boer War sites of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift, but visits to Ladysmith and Blood River are also to be recommended. A trip to the Battlefields combines well with a tour of the Drakensberg Mountains.

## Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park

Considered to be South Africa's oldest reserve, it was established in 1895. 96,000 hectares of wilderness, rolling hills and magnificent wildlife await. There is the opportunity to see the 'big 5' here. You can either travel in a safari vehicle with an experienced guide, or you can make your own way around in your own vehicle, sticking to the semi-paved road.

## St Lucia

St Lucia is a pretty coastal town located at the southern end of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, where you can take a boat trip for close encounters with hippos and crocodiles, and spot the amazing birdlife. There are plenty of places to stay and a wide variety of shops, restaurants, cafés and bars, or you could just chill out on the beach.



*Durban*

# KwaZulu-Natal Experiences

All below experiences are from Durban.



Shakaland



Battlefields



Nelson Mandela Capture Site

## Durban City Tour – Half Day (morning)

Commence the tour with Durban's beachfront "The Golden Mile", continue to the bustling African/Indian Markets at Warwick Triangle, the fascinating Phansi Museum (closed weekends, entrance fee payable locally). From culture to nature, visit the peaceful Durban Botanic Gardens. Conclude with Durban City Hall and a visit to an icon of KwaZulu-Natal, the Moses Mabhida Stadium, where you have the option of taking the cable car to the top of the Stadium for a phenomenal view of Durban and its surroundings (at extra cost).

**From £40 per person**

## Shakaland Tour – Full Day

Experience traditional culture and customs at the largest Zulu kraal in all of Zululand. Sample a traditional Zulu beer, visit their huts and witness the skills and artistry of the craftsmen who make spears, shields, beadwork, and pots. The Zulu dancers will thrill with their grace and energy. A fully escorted tour by a registered KwaZulu-Natal guide.

**From £120 per person, including lunch**

## Isandlwana & Rorkes Drift Tour – Full Day

Historians will love it for sure, but if you enjoy a really great story, the Battlefields tour is for you too. KwaZulu-Natal is rich in Anglo-Zulu war history, where two of the most famous, at times heart wrenching, battles fought between the Zulu and British Armies took place. Guests will visit the eerie battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. Fully escorted tour by a registered KwaZulu-Natal guide.

**From £190 per person, including lunch**

## Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park Tour - Full Day

This magnificent 'big 5' game park is not only home to 84 species of game, but it's the oldest proclaimed reserve in Africa. A day on safari in the magical Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park doesn't stop at the thrill of searching for the 'big 5', the hilly terrain offers spectacular views of the Reserve. Fully escorted tour by a registered KwaZulu-Natal guide.

**From £170 per person, including lunch.**

## Sani Pass/Lesotho Tour – Full Day

For those with a sense of adventure, a 4x4 drive up the highest road pass in Africa will certainly provide you with a hefty dose of adrenalin. For your efforts, you'll be rewarded with its breathtaking scenery. Once you've recovered your breath, you will wind down the Pass very slowly, and make your way gently back to Durban. *Note: A passport is required and visa conditions may apply.*

**From £195 per person, including lunch at the highest pub in Africa.**

## Drakensberg World Heritage Tour – Full Day

Discover the beauty of the Drakensberg Mountain range as you travel towards the World Heritage Site of Giant's Castle. The local Bushman paintings are not far away, so set off on foot for a leisurely 3km hike to the site of the caves (moderate fitness level required). Return to Durban via the Nelson Mandela Capture Site, a historically significant moment in South African history, commemorated with a world class sculpture.

**From £170 per person, including lunch.**

# Durban Hotels

A selection of our recommended hotels. Please see our website for a whole host of other accommodation.



## **Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani, Durban**

A stunning beachfront location offering excellent service and hospitality with its sweeping Indian Ocean views. Guests can use the facilities of both hotels. There are a total of 734 comfortable seaview rooms and suites.



## **Oyster Box, Umhlanga Rocks**

Situated on an attractive beachfront location behind the iconic lighthouse, this luxury hotel has been lovingly restored to offer a magical experience. 86 individually appointed rooms, suites and villas.



## **Protea Hotel by Marriott Durban Edward, Durban**

A well placed superior hotel beside a gorgeous stretch of golden sands, offering spectacular sea views from most of the 131 well appointed rooms.



## **Fugitives Drift Lodge, Battlefields**

This spectacular property includes the site where Lieutenants Melvill and Coghill lost their lives attempting to save the Queen's Colour of their regiment. Accommodation in the Lodge or Guest House have luxurious en suite cottages with swimming pools, set in colourful gardens.



## **Rorke's Drift Hotel, Battlefields**

A beautiful location on the Buffalo River, with imposing views and unique architectural design. The dramatic field of Isandlwana, that was fought the same day, is just 20 minutes away, and the poignant memorial at Fugitive's Drift just 15 minutes downstream.



## **Cathedral Peak Hotel, Drakensberg**

Nestled in the unspoiled surroundings of the Drakensberg mountain range, the hotel is famous for its hospitality, service and quality food, with 104 spacious family, superior rooms and private suites.

# Durban, Battlefields & Cape Town

From: £2155

Daily Departure from UK

3 nights Durban – 2 nights Battlefields (self-drive) – 3 nights Cape Town



Shakaland

## Highlights

- ★ Durban Golden Mile
- ★ Cultural Experience to Shakaland
- ★ Nelson Mandela Capture Site
- ★ History of the Battlefield, Anglo-Zulu
- ★ Buzzing Cape Town

## What's included

- ★ Full day cultural experience to Shakaland with lunch
- ★ 3 days car hire
- ★ Entrance to Nelson Mandela Capture Site at Howick
- ★ Full day tour of Battlefields including lunch
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ 8 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners in Battlefields

## Cultural and history mix with the buzz of Cape Town.

### Day 1

Fly to Durban.

### Days 2–4 Durban

Transferred to your hotel situated on the Golden Mile beach for next 3 nights. Explore Durban at your own pace with an array of experiences to choose from, for more details see page 119. Overnight: Southern Sun Elangeni

### Day 3 Full day Shakaland Tour

Experience traditional culture and customs at the largest Zulu kraal in all of Zululand. Sample a traditional Zulu beer, visit their huts and witness the skills and artistry of the craftsmen who make spears, shields, beadwork, and pots. The Zulu dancers will thrill with their grace and energy. A fully escorted tour by a registered KwaZulu-Natal guide.

### Day 5 Battlefields

Pick up your Avis Car Hire – Group B – VW Polo or similar for next 3 days. The vehicle can be delivered to the hotel for an extra

cost, or make your way to the nearest Avis office (Located at the Royal Hotel, approximately 10 minutes cab ride away from the Southern Sun Elangeni).

On the way to the Battlefields, we suggest making a stop in Howick at the The Nelson Mandela Capture Site, a cultural and historical exhibition that is situated at the site where Nelson Mandela was apprehended for his anti-Apartheid activism acts in August 1952. Another favourite stop would be lunch at the Blueberry Café. Overnight: Rorke's Drift Hotel.

### Day 6 Battlefields

A full day tour of the Battlefields. KwaZulu-Natal is rich in Anglo-Zulu war history, where two of the most famous, at times heart wrenching battles fought between the Zulu and British Armies took place. Guests will visit the eerie battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. Fully escorted tour by a registered KwaZulu-Natal guide. Overnight: Rorke's Drift Hotel.

### Days 7–9 Cape Town

Leisurely return to Durban and connect for flight to Cape Town. Transferred to your hotel for 3 nights. Pre-bookable excursions available for more details see page 107. Overnight: Southern Sun The Cullinan

### Day 10 Depart

Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Extend your African adventure, with various exciting add-on options. See pages 130 and 131 for more details.

# Sun City & Beyond

Just 200 km from Johannesburg, Sun City is a unique, premier holiday resort offering an abundance of entertainment and a wide range of accommodation. The resort lies within a dormant volcano, surrounded by the Pilanesberg Mountains. If you are looking for an active holiday, a safari adventure in Madikwe or Pilanesberg, a round of golf, or even just chilling at the beach, you won't be disappointed.

## Sun City Resort

The Palace is a sophisticated luxury hotel set within verdant gardens. There are 336 exquisitely decorated rooms and suites.

The Cascades is situated in lush gardens with elegant water features. There are 241 air-conditioned rooms.

The newly refurbished superior Cabanas hotel is situated at the Sun City Waterworld Lake among landscaped gardens and has 380 air-conditioned rooms.



Madikwe Safari Lodge

## Madikwe Game Reserve

Surrounded by 75,000 hectares of tranquil acacia savannah, Madikwe River Lodge offers 16 comfortable en suite thatched chalets with outdoor showers.

Madikwe Safari Lodge is divided into three separate lodges which together make up 20 luxury suites, all of which have both indoor and outdoor showers and a private plunge pool.

## Pilanesberg National Park

Bakubung Bush Lodge is hidden away within the rich expanses of the Park. There are 100 rooms with panoramic views.

Beautifully located on the slopes of an ancient volcano, Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge, meaning "Place of the Rock", is a hub of luxury in the heart of an untamed wilderness offering 90 rooms.



Bakubung Bush Lodge

# Johannesburg & Pretoria

Johannesburg is one of the most vibrant and dynamic cities in South Africa. With its many theatres, museums, fantastic food culture and large shopping malls, there is plenty on offer to visitors.

Just an hour away from Johannesburg is Pretoria, known as the Jacaranda City, famed for its streets lined with these attractive purple-blossomed trees in the autumn months. It is a quiet city with many gracious old buildings and museums.

## **Sheraton Pretoria Hotel**

Mingle with locals in the heart of South Africa's capital and soak in the colourful culture. Facilities include a restaurant, lounge bar, an outdoor pool and fitness centre. There are 175 air-conditioned rooms and suites.



## **Holiday Inn Sandton**

This cosmopolitan hotel, with its mix of comfortable air-conditioned rooms and suites, is located some 30 km from O.R. Tembo Airport, in a bustling shopping district, with plenty of nearby restaurants and entertainment options.

## **Protea Hotel by Marriott O.R. Tambo Airport**

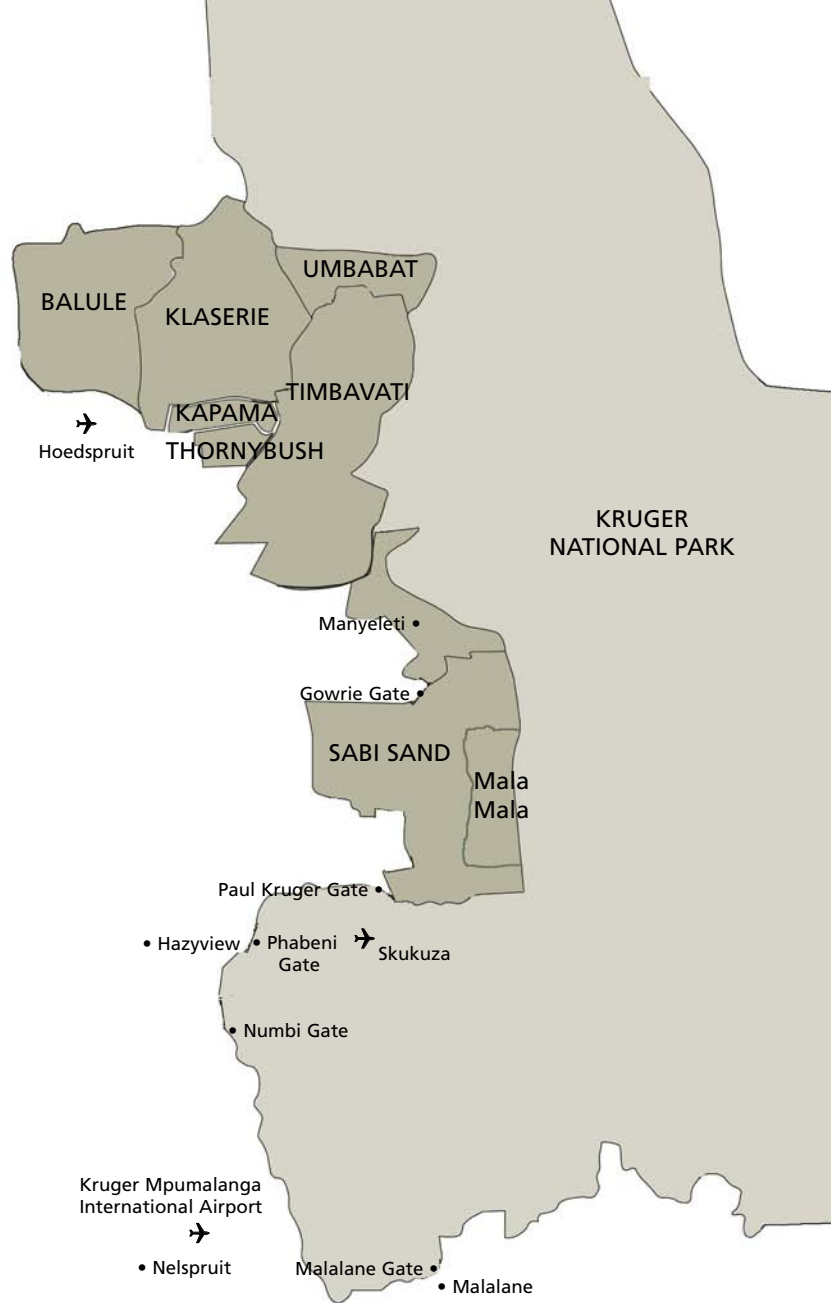
Located just minutes away from the airport, the Protea Hotel by Marriott maintains a modern airport hangar theme. There are 213 well appointed air-conditioned rooms.



# The Kruger & Sabi Sand

Covering an area close to two million hectares, Kruger National Park is one of the largest in South Africa and offers superb 'big 5' viewing opportunities. A collection of private reserves run along the western border, including Sabi Sand Game Reserve, and since there are no fences, wildlife roam freely across the area. It is ideal for self-drive safaris, with entry gates situated in key areas, smooth roads and accommodation strategically positioned around the park.

Safaris in Kruger are often combined with Panorama Route self-drive itineraries, incorporating the natural beauty of the Blyde River Canyon, however, Kruger can easily be reached with just a one hour flight from Johannesburg to Hoedspruit, Nelspruit (Mpumalanga) or Skukuza, depending on the location of your accommodation.



A selection of our recommended hotels. Please see our website for a whole host of other accommodation.



### **Protea Hotel by Marriott, Kruger Gate**

Located along the Sabie River, just 100 m from the Paul Kruger Gate entrance to the Kruger National Park, this rustic lodge provides all the comforts of home with 96 rooms and 7 suites.



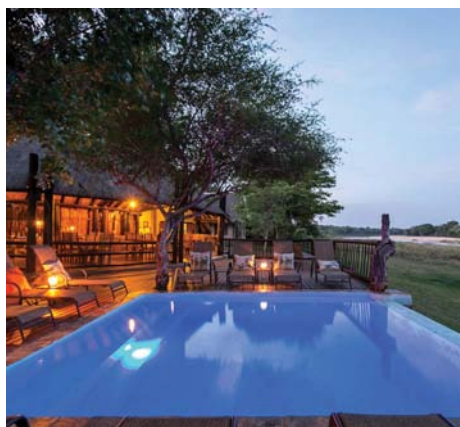
### **Lukimbi Safari Lodge**

A private game lodge located in the southern part of the Kruger National Park. There are 16 well appointed suites with outdoor decks, two with private plunge pools.



### **Idube Game Reserve**

This intimate lodge situated in the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve, adjoining the Kruger National Park, offers a genuine bush experience with 8 individually decorated chalets with indoor and outdoor showers, and 3 luxury suites with private pools.



### **Umkumbe Safari Lodge**

Located in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve on the banks of the seasonal Sand River, there are 10 comfortable air-conditioned guest rooms, most of which overlook the river where game animals often congregate.



### **Hoyo-Hoyo Safari Lodge**

Set in the Mluwati private concession, in the heart of Kruger National Park, Hoyo-Hoyo offers six air-conditioned rondavel suites, with brightly earth-coloured walls, tapered thatched roofs and folding glass doors to fully appreciate the wilderness experience. Children under 12 not permitted.



### **Jock Safari Lodge**

Nestled in the southwest corner of Kruger National Park, the Main Jock Lodge comprises 12 secluded thatched suites, each with private deck, plunge pool and sala, offering spectacular views. Just 1 km away, Fitzpatrick's at Jock Safari Lodge, intimate with just three bedrooms, is exclusive and family friendly.



**Hamiltons Tented Camp**

Set in the Mluwati private concession, in the heart of Kruger National Park, Hamiltons is built entirely of canvas with high wooden platforms linking six elevated tents, treating guests to stunning views of the Nwatswitsonto River. Children under 12 not permitted.



River Lodge

**Kapama Private Game Reserve**

Nestled between the Blyde River Valley and Kruger National Park in over 13,000 hectares, Kapama's 4 individually appointed and luxurious camps offer an escape for nature lovers looking to spot the 'big 5'. Buffalo Camp is the most intimate with just 10 luxury tented suites. Karula is the flagship lodge with 4 glass-wrapped villas with individual private outside decks with a full-sized heated pool. River Lodge is the largest camp and consists of 64 gorgeous rooms and a spa. With just 25 welcoming suites, Southern Camp is the perfect warm and inviting place for families.



Ratray's Camp

**MalaMala Game Reserve**

MalaMala Game Reserve, comprising 33,000 acres, is the largest private 'big 5' game reserve in South Africa and shares a 19 km unfenced border with Kruger National Park. MalaMala Camp has 10 luxury suites and 9 rooms. MalaMala Sable Camp is more intimate with just 6 luxury suites. MalaMala Ratray's Camp, tucked away in a forest of green, features 8 luxury suites, with private plunge pools, and the opportunity to dine inside or outside your luxurious private "Khaya".



Bush Lodge

**Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve**

An award-winning private game reserve offering 4 luxury lodges and camps. Bush Lodge has 25 beautiful suites, 2 pools and a spa. Earth Lodge has 13 ultra-luxurious suites with private plunge pools and a spa. Selati Lodge has 8 opulent thatched suites and an outdoor pool. Little Bush Camp has 6 thatched luxury suites with spa bath on each deck. Aside from wildlife encounters, personal service and delicious cuisine are all at your disposal.



**Lion Sands Game Reserve**

Four luxury safari lodges and three tree houses, all superbly located close to the Sabie River. River Lodge has 18 rooms and suites, 2 pools and a spa. Narina Lodge has 9 private suites with plunge pools, deck and lounge. Ivory Lodge comprises 8 villas and a 2-bedroom villa, a wellness centre and spa. Tinga Lodge has 9 luxury suites, a pool and a wellness centre. Lion Sands also offers intimate and exclusive overnight tree house stays at Tinyeleti, Chakley and Kingston for that ultimate safari experience.



**Ulusaba Private Game Reserve**

Sir Richard Branson's luxury game reserve, situated within the prestigious wildlife-filled Sabi Sands, is a collection of privately-owned safari lodges, sharing an unfenced border with Kruger National Park. There are 21 luxurious rooms and suites spread over two lodges. Rock Lodge has 8 rooms, some of which have a private plunge pool. Safari Lodge is slightly larger but only 500 m away.

# Kruger National Park and Cape Town

From: £3430

Daily Departure from UK

1 night Johannesburg – 2 nights Sabi Sand – 2 nights Kruger National Park – 3 nights Cape Town



*African Fish Eagle in the Kruger National Park*

**A combination of magnificent wildlife in Kruger National Park and the buzz of cosmopolitan Cape Town.**

## Day 1

Fly to Johannesburg.

## Day 2 Johannesburg

Transferred to your accommodation.  
Overnight: Holiday Inn Sandton

## Days 3–4 Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve

Fly to Kruger Mpumalanga Airport, transferred to Idube Game Reserve in Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve bordering the Kruger National Park. Your stay is for 2 nights and includes all meals and 2 game drives daily in open land rovers and a safari walk by skilled and experienced rangers.  
Overnight: Idube Game Reserve

## Days 5–6 Kruger National Park

Transferred with game viewing en route to the Lukimbi Safari Lodge, a private game lodge located in the southern part of the Kruger National Park. Your stay is for 2 nights and includes all meals and 2 game drives daily in open land rovers and a safari walk by skilled and experienced rangers.  
Overnight: Lukimbi Safari Lodge

## Days 7–9 Cape Town

Fly to Cape Town. Transferred to your hotel for 3 nights. Pre-bookable excursions available for more details see page 107.  
Overnight: Southern Sun Waterfront

## Day 10 Depart

Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Extend your African adventure, with various exciting add-on options. See pages 130 and 131 for more details.

## Highlights

- ★ Game rich Kruger National Park
- ★ Buzzing Cape Town

## What's included

- ★ All flights
- ★ All transfers
- ★ 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners



*Bo-Kaap, Cape Town*



*Hyenas in the Kruger National Park*

# Madikwe Game Reserve & Cape Town

From: £2635

Daily Departure from UK

3 nights Madikwe – 4 nights Cape Town



Table Mountain, Cape Town

## Game rich Madikwe Game Reserve and Cape Town.

### Day 1

Fly to Johannesburg.

### Days 2–4 Madikwe Game Reserve

Connect with internal light aircraft flight to Madikwe. Transferred to Madikwe River Lodge, located in North West Province, close to the Botswana border for your 'big 5' safari. Your stay is for 3 nights and includes all meals and 2 safari game drives daily. Overnight: Madikwe River Lodge

### Days 5–8 Cape Town

Internal light aircraft flight to Johannesburg and connect for onward flight to Cape Town. Transferred to your hotel for 4 nights. Explore the beautiful and cosmopolitan city of Cape Town, with all its associated culture, attractions and fine cuisine, just a stone's throw away from the Cape Dutch architecture of the picturesque Winelands. Make sure you allow plenty of time to ascend Table Mountain for superb views, or visit Robben Island to see where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated, and also enjoy the heart-warming sight of the cute African penguin colony at Boulders Beach. If you

have a shopping list to fulfil, then look no further than the bustling V&A Waterfront Mall, surrounded by a host of restaurants offering a wide choice of food. Pre-bookable excursions available, for more details see page 107. Overnight: Waterfront Village

### Day 9 Depart

Fly back home.

### Where Next?

Extend your African adventure, with various exciting add-on options. See pages 130 and 131 for more details.

### Highlights

- ★ Madikwe Game Reserve, bordering Botswana
- ★ Buzzing Cape Town

### What's included

- ★ All flights
- ★ All transfers
- ★ 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners



Madikwe game drive



Elephants at Madikwe

# Self-Drive Cape Town, Garden Route & Safari

From: £1770

Daily Departure from UK

3 nights Cape Town – 3 nights on Garden Route – 2 nights Eastern Cape Reserve



*The Cape of Good Hope*

**A self-drive itinerary to discover the best of the famous sights of South Africa at your own pace.**

## Day 1

Fly to Cape Town.

## Days 2–4 Cape Town

Met and assisted for car hire pick-up. Car hire for 9 days, Group C or similar. Explore Cape Town at your own pace for next 3 nights. Overnight: Protea Hotel by Marriott Cape Town Sea Point

## Day 5 Oudtshoorn

Commence the Garden Route, scenic drive to Oudtshoorn, home to numerous ostrich farms, and explore the surrounding area. Overnight: La Plume Guesthouse

## Days 6–7 Knysna

Onward to Knysna your base for the next 2 nights to enjoy the sights of Knysna and the surrounding areas. Overnight: The Rex Hotel

## Days 8–9 Eastern Cape Game Reserve

Drive to Port Elizabeth and to the Kariega Private Game Reserve, your stay for the next 2 nights. Here enjoy safari game drives, bush walks and canoeing with all meals included. Overnight: Main Lodge, Kariega Private Game Reserve

## Day 10 Depart

Drive to Port Elizabeth Airport. Drop off your hired car. Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Extend your African adventure, with various exciting add-on options. See pages 130 and 131 for more details.

## Highlights

- ★ Buzzing Cape Town
- ★ Scenic Garden Route
- ★ Game viewing

## What's included

- ★ 9 day car hire
- ★ Safari game drives in malaria-free Eastern Cape Game Reserve
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners in Eastern Cape



*Kariega game drive*



*Ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn*

# Where Next?

After a Southern Africa holiday, it is very easy to extend your stay with various possibilities that may not have imagined can be done in one trip of a lifetime! Simple flight connections mean that some of the world's greatest attractions are at your fingertips, and the prices are pleasantly surprising. Get creative, cross borders, and put together your dream holiday.

Here is a selection of the most popular add-ons for before or after your Southern African dream holiday.



*Hamar tribeswoman*

## **Ethiopia**

Steeped in history, and home to a number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Ethiopia is a destination to explore. Addis Ababa, the capital is a modern city with a diverse population. One of the most important sites is Lalibela, with its rock-hewn churches from the 12th-13th century. We have longer itineraries we recommend on pages 98 and 99. With daily flights on Ethiopian Airlines, it is very easy to combine a short visit with an excursion to the area you wish to visit.

## **Kenya's Masai Mara & Tanzania's Serengeti**

Although South and Southern Africa have some of the best game viewing parks, the premier parks of Masai Mara and the Serengeti are a big draw to many travellers. Witness the migration with a combination stay of vibrant Cape Town and the mighty Victoria Falls. For more details see pages 28 to 31 and pages 60 to 63.



*Leopard in the Masai Mara*



*Helicopter over Victoria Falls*

## **The mighty Victoria Falls**

You may hear the falls for miles around, but seeing them – however you chose to do so – is an unforgettable experience. The Smoke that Thunders, as the falls are known locally, are one of the world's greatest natural attractions and a playground for adventurers. With convenient flight connections from major cities in South Africa a very easy option to add-on. For further details please see pages 134 to 136.

## Indian Ocean Beach Extension

After early starts and the safari adrenaline, why not unwind and extend to the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, with a choice of beaches on the Kenyan coast of Mombasa, the exotic Spice Island of Zanzibar or the idyllic islands of Seychelles and Mauritius?



### Spice Island of Zanzibar

Zanzibar boasts some of the best beaches in the world, with coconut palms and powder soft coral sands washed by shimmering clear seas. A must visit is the old city and cultural heart of Zanzibar, stone town, a place of winding alleys, bustling bazaars, mosques and grand Arab houses. A stay on the secluded island of Pemba is easily accessible, a perfect haven for honeymooners.



### Island of Mauritius

Mauritius is the epitome of Indian Ocean paradise. If lazing on a white sand beach and soaking up the sun is more your style, then Mauritius is the ideal place. The Island is surprisingly large with a host of hidden treasures, from the cosmopolitan mix of people that make the capital of Port Louis, to the natural beauty of the interior, with its peaks, waterfalls and unique wildlife.



### Mombasa and surrounding beaches

Mombasa is the largest city on the Kenyan coast and combines city excitement with beach relaxation. The coastal area features nearly 500 kilometres of tranquil white beaches. The nearby beaches of Malindi, Watamu and Lamu are a popular relaxation spot.



### Island of Seychelles

The glorious islands of the Seychelles, most definitely "Unique by a Thousand Miles" are scattered in the Indian Ocean, some 1000 miles off Africa's east coast. These gleaming pearls of paradise provide spectacular lush tropical scenery combined with superb white sand beaches and beautiful deserted hidden coves and bays.



### Middle East

With major airlines like Emirates, Qatar Airways and Etihad Airways, flying into the continent of Africa, it is very easy to make a stopover in Dubai, Muscat or Abu Dhabi at the beginning or the end of an African adventure or a combination of the two.





GABON

CONGO

DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC  
OF CONGO

RWANDA  
BURUNDI

UGANDA

KENYA

ANGOLA

ZAMBIA

TANZANIA

MALAWI

MOZAMBIQUE

NAMIBIA

BOTSWANA

ZIMBABWE

SOUTH  
AFRICA



# Victoria Falls

The Victoria Falls is one of the greatest attractions in Africa and one of the most spectacular waterfalls in the world. It is located on the Zambezi River and defines the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

The Falls is more than a kilometre in length and a height of more than hundred metres. The thundering noise can be heard from a distance away and is often referred to as the waterfall Mosi-o-Tunya “the smoke that thunders”.

**Victoria Falls Town** is on the Zimbabwe side, while **Livingstone Town** is on the Zambia side.

## Victoria Falls experiences

There is a wide range of activities available in and around the falls. We've put together a selection of the best day tours on offer.



Flight of Angels



Zambezi Sunset Cruise



Canopy Zip Lining



Tour of Victoria Falls



Royal Livingstone Express

### **Flight of Angels – 12-minute helicopter ride over the Falls**

An aerial experience where you can take in the splendour of the majestic Victoria Falls from the air, giving a perfect overview of the size and magnitude of this colossal testament to the power of nature.

**From £125 per person**

### **Canopy Zip Lining Tour**

An exhilarating 2-hour zip-lining experience over the Zambezi River which offers amazing views of the Zambezi Rapids, the legendary Victoria Falls Bridge, and the tower of natural spray from the Falls. There are nine zip lines of varying length and a cable bridge walkway.

**From £55 per person**

### **Zambezi Sunset Cruise (approximately 2 hours)**

The Zambezi Sunset Cruise is a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the Zambezi River. There are ample photo opportunities at sunset. The cruise includes snacks and selected drinks. There is also an option to do a dinner cruise.

**From £50 per person.**

### **Tour of Victoria Falls (approximately 2 hours)**

A guided tour around the Falls, explaining the history of their discovery, and the massive forces and water volume in action. There are also opportunities to visit the open-air market, where you can shop for curios.

**From £50 per person**

### **The Royal Livingstone Express Dinner** Wednesday and Saturday

This luxury train offers guests the ultimate fine dining experience in beautiful restored steam locos and carriages. From November to March (4pm to 9.30pm) the train runs on the Victoria Falls Bridge route, stopping on the bridge for approximately 20 minutes, allowing guests to disembark. Game, such as elephant and antelope, are often spotted en route to the border post. A five course set dinner will be served at the Palm Grove siding before heading back. From April to October (3.30pm to 9pm) the train travels through the heart of the Zambezi River Valley, where guests may experience amazing sunsets while travelling through the Mosi-Oa-Tunya Game Park (wildlife sightings not guaranteed). The train stops for a five course set dinner on the return journey to Livingstone.

**From £175 per person**

# Victoria Falls & Livingstone Hotels

A selection of our recommended hotels in Victoria Falls and Livingstone. Please see our website for a whole host of other accommodation options.



## **The Kingdom Hotel Victoria Falls**

The Kingdom Hotel is a firm favourite with families, groups and solo travellers looking for quality at a great price. The hotel is centrally located in the town, and Victoria Falls is just a short walk away. There are 294 comfortable en suite guest rooms.



## **Ilala Lodge Victoria Falls**

Located close to the majestic Victoria Falls, Ilala Lodge is a boutique hotel set in elegant surroundings. The award-winning Palm Restaurant is famous for its delicious gourmet cuisine, and diners can see the spray and hear the sounds of the Falls. There are 56 well-appointed rooms all with en suite bathrooms.



## **Victoria Falls Safari Lodge Victoria Falls**

Situated on a plateau just 4km from the majestic Victoria Falls, the lodge is surrounded by the wilds of Africa and offers an unforgettable experience. There are 72 sunset-facing rooms and suites, offering endless views of African bush stretching to the horizon, many of which look on to a waterhole.



## **The Victoria Falls Hotel Victoria Falls**

Just ten minutes' walk from Victoria Falls this charming historic hotel, set in picturesque gardens, overlooks the Victoria Falls bridge and the gorges below. There are 180 rooms in colonial style, with four-poster beds and antique furniture.



## **Avani Victoria Falls Hotel Livingstone**

This lively informal hotel in Livingstone captures the soul of Africa with its earth coloured buildings and vibrant decor. There are 212 fully equipped guest rooms and suites.



## **Royal Livingstone by Anantara Livingstone**

This elegant colonial-style hotel, located close to Victoria Falls, is renowned for its superb accommodation and personal service. There are 173 spacious en suite rooms and suites, with spectacular views of the Zambezi River.

# Victoria Falls, Kruger Safari & Cape Town

From: £3200

Departure from UK – every Friday

2 nights Victoria Falls – 1 night Johannesburg – 3 nights Kruger Wildlife Safari (based on group departure with other guests) – 3 nights Cape Town



Blyde River Canyon

## A three in one itinerary focusing on the best places to visit.

### Day 1

Fly to Victoria Falls.

### Day 2 Victoria Falls

Transferred to your hotel. Afternoon Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi. Overnight: The Kingdom Hotel

### Day 3 Victoria Falls

Morning Guided tour of the Victoria Falls. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight: The Kingdom Hotel

### Day 4 Johannesburg

Fly Victoria Falls to Johannesburg. On arrival, hotel shuttle transfer. Overnight: Peermont Meetcourt at Emperors Palace

### Day 5 Kruger National Park

Morning, depart for your group tour to the Mpumalanga region. Afternoon game viewing in your closed touring vehicle. Overnight: Protea Hotel by Marriott Kruger Gate

### Day 6 Kruger National Park

Full day in Kruger National Park with morning and afternoon game drive in open vehicle. Overnight: Protea Hotel by Marriott Kruger Gate

### Day 7 Mpumalanga

Explore the magnificent Panorama Route, one of the most scenic routes in the region, offering glorious views, spectacular landscapes and exquisite waterfalls. Visit majestic sights including God's Window, the Three Rondavels and Blyde River Canyon – the third largest canyon of its kind in the world, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the charming village of Graskop, one of the first gold mining camps in the country. Overnight: Protea Hotel by Marriott Kruger Gate

### Days 8–10 Cape Town

Fly Skukuza to Cape Town. 3 nights at leisure. Pre-bookable excursions available for more details see page 107. Overnight: Protea Hotel by Marriott Cape Town Sea Point

### Day 11 Depart

Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Maybe relax by the beach after thrilling safari days, or choose even more adventure? See pages 50–51 for exciting ideas to add-on to your safari.

## Highlights

- ★ Fantastic combination of must see places in Southern Africa
- ★ Superb value for money
- ★ The mighty Victoria Falls
- ★ Kruger National Park wildlife
- ★ Vibrant Cape Town

## What's included

- ★ Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi
- ★ Guided tour of the Victoria Falls
- ★ Game drives in the South Africa's Kruger National Park
- ★ Scenic Panorama Route
- ★ Blyde River Canyon
- ★ Free dinner at the buzzing Gold Restaurant, Cape Town
- ★ All flights and transfers
- ★ 9 breakfasts, 1 dinner at Victoria Falls & 3 dinners at Kruger

## Add to your experience

- Day 2/3 Upgrade to Ilala Lodge: From £110 per person for both nights  
Fancy a treat why not upgrade to the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel: From £190 for both nights
- Day 8/10 Upgrade your stay in Cape Town to the Radisson Red Hotel V&A Waterfront  
From £270 per person for the 3 nights stay.  
Other hotels available



Open vehicle

# Desert & Delta Safaris

Desert & Delta Safaris own and operate lodges in both Botswana and Namibia. Eight luxury safari lodges offering spectacular game viewing opportunities, predominantly within Botswana's famous game reserves and national parks.

## Best Value Botswana Package

A completely tailor-made option allowing total flexibility to choose any combination of properties based on your places of interest within the Desert & Delta portfolio.

A suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Fly to Victoria Falls.

**Day 2:** 2 nights Ilala Lodge.

**Day 4:** Road to Chobe national Park. 3 nights at chosen accommodation.

**Day 7:** Internal flight to the Okavango Delta. 3 nights at your chosen accommodation.

**Day 10:** Internal flight to Maun. Flight back to UK.

From: £4600, inclusive of all flights, transfers and activities.

## Rhino Package

An affordable 8-night combination with part of the package price contributing to supporting the Botswana Rhino Relocation & Re-introduction programme. Leroo La Tau compulsory on this package.

A suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Fly to Victoria Falls.

**Day 2:** 2 nights Ilala Lodge.

**Day 4:** Internal flight to Moremi Game Reserve. 3 nights at chosen accommodation.

**Day 7:** Internal flight to Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. 3 nights at Leroo La Tau.

**Day 10:** Internal flight to Maun. Flight back to UK.

From: £4455, inclusive of all flights, transfers and activities.



## Desert & Delta Ultimate Family Safari

Packages designed to allow families with children to experience various combinations on the circuit with added value benefits of family units, use of private vehicle, kiddie's activity packs as well as in-lodge activities. Call for further details.



Camp Moremi

## Chobe National Park

The park boasts one of the highest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. Its varying landscapes play host to some truly captivating wildlife, including large herds of elephants and prides of lions.

### Chobe Game Lodge

A perfect base from which to explore the National Park and the Chobe River. Features 47 air-conditioned river-facing rooms, as well as 4 river-facing suites with their own private plunge pools.

### Savute Safari Lodge

Stretching from the Linyanti River all the way to Savute Marsh, the winding waterways of the Savute Channel has a fascinating history of flooding and drying up. Savute boasts the second-largest summer zebra migration in Africa. Accommodation is in 11 thatched chalets and a family room.

## Moremi Game Reserve

Located on the eastern and central regions of the Okavango Delta, the game reserve covers one third of the Delta.

### Camp Moremi

12 expansive, modern styled thatched safari tents, including one family room offering views across the Moremi Game Reserve.

### Camp Xakanaxa

Comprising 12 spacious all-canvas luxury safari tents, with a private viewing deck, offering the essence of a classic tented camp.



Chobe Game Lodge

### Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Large salt pans offering a unique safari experience.

### Leroo La Tau

Situated on the western bank of the Boteti River and features 12 luxurious thatched glass-fronted suites with each unit raised on a wooden platform.

### Okavango Delta

One of the most popular safari destinations, the Okavango Delta is a vast delta that is in an oasis atop the sands of the Kalahari Desert. Game activities here are land and water based, depending on the season.

### Camp Okavango

Camp Okavango is situated on the remote Nxaragha Island in the world's largest inland delta. There are eleven intimate Safari suites and one Family suite, built on raised wooden platforms and set beneath the thick Okavango Delta vegetation.

### Xugana Island Lodge

Xugana Island Lodge is situated on a private concession and takes full advantage of this magnificent site. The lodge consists of 8 large, raised, reed and thatch lagoon-facing chalets.

### Eastern Caprivi, Namibia

Eastern Caprivi, situated in the Zambezi Province of Namibia is a narrow strip on the northern bank of the Chobe River.

### Chobe Savanna Lodge

Set in the African savanna overlooking the vast floodplains of the Chobe National Park's Puku Flats. There are 13 beautifully furnished air-conditioned thatched chalets, each with a private deck.



Camp Okavango

#### What's included

- ★ All meals
- ★ Selected drinks including house wines and spirits (excluding premium brands)
- ★ Laundry services
- ★ Park/concession fees
- ★ Scheduled safari activities

#### Points to Note:

Luggage on light aircraft is strictly 20 kgs including hand luggage, to be packed in soft bags .

The aircraft may make other stops en route.

# Under One Botswana Sky

Under One Botswana Sky group offer great value for money Botswana safari circuits in prime regions. All the Delta/Moremi camps are located in private concessions, offering guests exclusivity and a greater variety of activities, such as night game drives, walking safaris, and vehicles can drive off-road, rather than having to stay on the appointed roads.

## **Day 1**

Fly to Kasane.

## **Day 2**

3 nights at Chobe Safari Lodge with an afternoon boat cruise.

## **Day 3**

Morning cross the river and visit a Namibian village and in the afternoon enjoy a game drive.

## **Day 4**

Full day guided visit of Victoria Falls with lunch and visit a craft market.

## **Day 5**

Internal flight to Moremi. 2 nights Moremi Crossing or Gunn's Camp.

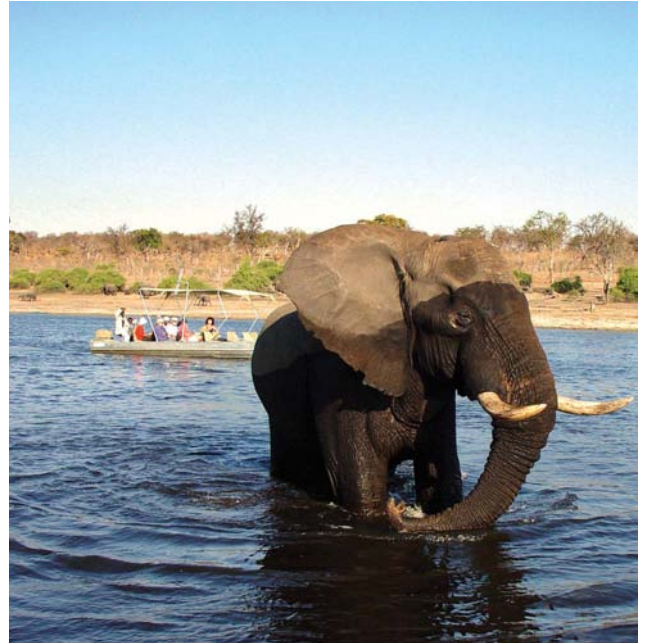
## **Day 7**

Internal flight to Pom Pom Camp.

## **Day 9**

Internal flight to Maun. Fly back home.

From: £3660, inclusive of all flights, transfers and activities



Boat cruise



Game drive in Chobe National Park

## **Chobe National Park**

The park boasts one of the highest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. Its varying landscapes play host to some truly captivating animals, including large herds of elephants and prides of lions.

### **Chobe Safari Lodge**

Situated on the banks of the Chobe River sharing its border with the Chobe National Park, right on the doorstep is the crossroads of four countries: Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia. Activities include game drives, boat cruises, fishing and Victoria Falls day trip.

### **Chobe Bush Lodge**

Chobe Bush Lodge consists of 38 spacious luxury en suite rooms and 4 large exclusive family rooms. Facilities are shared with Chobe Safari Lodge. Activities include game drives, boat cruises, fishing and Victoria Falls day trip.



Okavango Delta

### Moremi Game Reserve and Okavango Delta

Located on the eastern and central regions of the Okavango Delta, the game reserve covers one third of the Delta. The Okavango Delta is vast and is in an oasis atop the sands of the Kalahari Desert.

#### Gunns Camp, Moremi Game Reserve border

Overlooking the legendary Chief's Island and bordering the Moremi Game Reserve, Gunn's Camp is one of the last few remaining luxury, vintage safari camps offering 6 luxury tents. Activities offered are game walks on Chief's Island and seasonal water activities including boat cruises, mokoros and fishing.

#### Moremi Crossing, Moremi Game Reserve border

Moremi Crossing is a 16 luxury tented camp built on a palm fringed island surrounded by the Moremi game rich seasonal floodplains and overlooking Chief's Island. Activities offered are game walks on Chief's Island and seasonal water activities including boat cruises, mokoros and fishing.

#### Rra Dinare & Mma Dinare, Okavango (Father Buffalo & Mother Buffalo)

Two luxury camps in a private concession on the south-eastern side in the Okavango Delta game rich area, offering high quality day and night game viewing. Each camp has 8 comfortable tents and a family tent. Also offers game walks and seasonal mokoro game viewing.

#### Pom Pom Camp, Okavango

Located on Pom Pom Island in a private concession on the western side of the Okavango Delta with 9 luxury tents and a family tent. Activities offered are day and night game drives, with seasonal activities including boat cruises, mokoro, fishing and game walks.

### Makgadikgadi Pans National Park

Large salt pans offering a unique safari experience.

#### Nata Lodge

Set on an oasis among a multitude of salt pans and vast grass plains, dotted by palm islands which comprise the largest area of the salt pans. The Lodge offers 22 luxury chalets and 10 luxury safari tents, built on raised wooden platforms nestled under the marula trees. Activities include bird watching, pan drives and a village tour of Nata.



Chobe Safari Lodge

#### What's included

- ★ All meals
- ★ Selected drinks including house wines and spirits (excluding premium brands)
- ★ Laundry services
- ★ Park/concession fees
- ★ Scheduled safari activities

#### Points to Note:

Luggage on light aircraft is strictly 20 kgs including hand luggage, to be packed in soft bags .

The aircraft may make other stops en route.

# Zambezi Queen Collection an African River Safari

The Zambezi Queen Collection is made up of four houseboats; the ever elegant Zambezi Queen and her three Chobe Princesses.

## The Zambezi Queen

A luxury, 42-metre houseboat offering unparalleled sophistication in one of the most remote locations in Africa. Enjoy a truly unique and adventurous river safari holiday, while still being surrounded by complete comfort and elegance.

Each of the 14 suites on Zambezi Queen feature air-conditioning and private balcony, where you can enjoy unobstructed views of the Chobe River and landscape beyond.

There are three decks featuring a dining room, bar and lounge along with a pool on the upper deck,

The suites are spread over the middle and lower decks. Minimum age 12 years.



Zambezi Queen



Chobe Princess

## Chobe Princesses

With only a small number of guests per boat, staying on one of the three Chobe Princesses is like being on your very own houseboat. The entire boat can also be booked exclusively, giving you your very own private villa on the water. Two of the 18-metre Chobe Princesses have 4 suites while the third is slightly larger with 5 suites. Each houseboat has a minimum of 2 tender boats, a 10-seater for game viewing and photographic water-based safari activities, as well as an additional smaller tender boat for birding and tiger fishing enthusiasts. The 6-seater photographic boat is fitted with gimbles, canopy and rotating seats and can be booked for exclusive use for ardent photographers at no additional cost.



Zambezi Queen



Chobe Princess



Zambezi Queen



Chobe Princess

Sailing days for both the river cruises:

2 nights: every Monday and Wednesday

3 nights: every Friday

2 nights / 3 days Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Meet your Zambezi Queen representative at Kasane. Passport control formalities for Botswana & Namibia. Board your cruise. Dinner after an informative talk, familiarising you with the Chobe Area.

**Day 2:** Enjoy your morning and afternoon activity from a choice of a river safari, fishing charter, or village tour. Take time to relax on board the beautiful vessel. Generators shut down at 10pm (reading lights available).

**Day 3:** Disembark after breakfast and transfer to Kasane.

*Itinerary for 3 nights / 4 days: will be as above, with an additional day of activity as per Day 2.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

#### Day 1

Fly to Cape Town.

#### Day 2

3 nights at Southern Sun The Cullinan.

#### Day 5

Fly Cape Town to Victoria Falls. 2 nights Ilala Lodge.

#### Day 7

Road to Kasane, board the Zambezi Queen for 2 nights.

#### Day 9

Fly back home.

From: £3100, inclusive of all flights, transfers and activities.



Victoria Falls

### Passport Control:

Zambezi Queen sails on the Chobe River, which is a natural border between Botswana and Namibia. In order to board Zambezi Queen from Kasane, you will need to exit Botswana and enter Namibia. The Zambezi Queen team will arrange all boat transfers required, the process takes around 30 – 45 minutes. You are responsible for determining what documentation is required, as well as ensuring any such documentation including passports, visas, medical certificates and unabridged birth certificates are up to date and have been obtained before travel. Due to constantly changing visa requirements, it is recommended that you contact the appropriate embassy for accurate and up-to-date information.

### What's included

- ★ All meals
- ★ Soft drinks, mineral water, tea and coffee, local wine and beer
- ★ Water-based game viewing and bird watching on tender boats
- ★ A land-based cultural tour of a local village
- ★ Tiger & bream fishing in season (tiger fishing strictly on catch and release basis)

# Namibia

Namibia is a country of striking natural beauty, famed for its deserts. This slice of south west Africa also has a wild side, including a dramatic flank of Atlantic Ocean, spectacular spiky massifs and Africa's largest salt pan.



## Windhoek

A small, modern and cosmopolitan city, Windhoek is a great place to explore, with its fascinating architecture from German castles to modern high rises.



## Sossusvlei and the Namib Desert

Nestled in the heart of the Namib-Naukluft National Park, the most stunning part of the Namib Desert, Sossusvlei, with its sea of endless sand dunes. Here you can find unique animals such as black and white oryx as well as ostriches.



## Damaraland

Damaraland is untamed, wild and vast. It is breathtakingly beautiful, but it's the ancient Bushman art which is the attraction here.



## Swakopmund

A coastal, colonial town and one of Namibia's popular holiday destinations.



## Etosha National Park

Etosha means "Great White Place" and is named after the large pans found here. The Park offers game viewing throughout the year.



## Skeleton Coast

The Skeleton Coast is barren, evocative and truly atmospheric. Named after the skeletal shipwrecks that are dotted along the remote western coastline.

# Classic Namibia

Group departure on certain Fridays – call for dates. Private departures available.

1 night Windhoek – 1 night Kalahari Desert – 2 nights Sossuvlei – 2 nights Swakopmund – 2 nights Damaraland – 3 nights Etosha

From: £3900



Himba tribeswoman, Sossuvlei

## Highlights

- ★ Explore the bare plains of the Namib Desert
- ★ The coloured dunes of Sossuvlei
- ★ Coastal town of Swakopmund nestled between the Ocean and the Desert
- ★ Rough terrain of Damaraland
- ★ Wildlife in Etosha National Park

## What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking guide throughout
- ★ Activities and Park entrance fees as specified
- ★ 11 breakfasts and 8 dinners (no dinner included at Swakopmund)
- ★ All flights and transfers

**An extraordinary journey through beautiful scenery and contrasting landscapes of Namibia.**

### Day 1

Fly to Windhoek.

### Day 2 Windhoek

Transferred to your accommodation. Afternoon enjoy a city tour. Overnight: Villa Violet Guesthouse

### Day 3 Kalahari Desert

Depart Windhoek and drive via Rehoboth into the red dunes of the Kalahari Desert. Late afternoon, guided game drive to learn about the flora and fauna of the Kalahari Desert. Overnight: Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

### Day 4 Sossuvlei

Travel further south via Maltahöhe into the low plains of the Namib Desert to Desert Camp, which is located nearby the entrance gate to the Sossuvlei dunes. Overnight: Desert Camp or Desert Quiver Camp

### Day 5 Sossuvlei

Early morning visit to Sossuvlei, a clay pan surrounded by some of the highest sand dunes in the world. Visit the Sesriem Canyon. Overnight: Desert Camp or Desert Quiver Camp

### Day 6 Swakopmund

Travel north via the Kuiseb Canyon to Swakopmund. Highlights en route include a drive to the "Moon Landscape" and the ancient desert plant, "Welwitschia mirabilis". This quaint desert town with its old-world charm and relaxed atmosphere, hedged by desert and sea, is enhanced by lush green lawns and palm trees. Overnight: Swakopmund Guesthouse

### Day 7 Swakopmund

Morning dolphin cruise on the Walvis Bay Lagoon. The afternoon is at leisure. Overnight: Swakopmund Guesthouse

### Days 8–9 Damaraland

Travel along the Atlantic Coast towards the north. Visit the lichen fields near Wlotzka's Baken before continuing to Henties Bay. Onwards to the seal colony at Cape Cross and continue via Ugabmund to the southern Skeleton Coast Park to view a shipwreck. Depart via Springbok Water and experience the harsh transition from the Namib Desert to the Damaraland highlands with its impressive landscape and ragged valleys. Overnight: Palmwag Lodge

### Days 10–11 Etosha National Park

Continue to the Etosha National Park, a wilderness experience that is unmatched in terms of privacy and landscape. Next day, game drives in the park and visit the numerous waterholes that attract a large diversity of animal and bird species, many of these being endemic to the country. Overnight: Taleni Etosha Village

### Day 12 Etosha National Park

Another day to discover the African bush in Etosha National Park, whilst travel in an easterly direction via Halali and Namutoni to Mokuti Lodge. Overnight: Mokuti Lodge

### Day 13 Depart

Return journey via Okahandja to Windhoek. Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Extend your African adventure, with various exciting add-on options. See pages 130 and 131 for more details..

# Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe is certainly a destination for those looking for an adventure. It has plenty to offer from the mighty Victoria Falls to the granite boulders of the Matobo Hills, to the world's largest artificial lake, Lake Kariba.



## Victoria Falls

One of the 7 natural wonders of the world, this is where the Zambezi River plunges over the Batoka Gorge resulting in an impressive display. It's possible to walk to the Falls from the town of Victoria Falls for a head-on view.



## Matusadona National Park

A rugged, wild park on the shores of Lake Kariba, the Matusadona Park has been a sanctuary for game since before the lake was built. With the lake came various changes, one in particular being the large increase in elephants and buffalos.



## Hwange National Park

The largest game reserve in the country, located on the border of Botswana, spanning over 1.4 million hectares. It's home to a variety of habitats, vegetation and wildlife, including the 'big 5' and over 100 other mammal species.



## Mana Pools National Park

One of the most popular parks for those looking for a unique safari adventure. Usually explored by canoe or on foot, it is home to large herds of elephants and buffalos, and fantastic bird watching.



## Matobo National Park

The park boasts an intensive protection zone where a large population of black and white rhinos are successfully breeding. Nestled in the Matobo Hills, the park is home to a range of wildlife, including zebras, giraffe, primates, big cats and black eagles.



## Lake Kariba

Lake Kariba is among the 4 largest man-made lakes in the world. It boasts spectacular sunsets, boating, water sports and it's terrific for fishing, a great place to relax and unwind.

# Zimbabwe Classic Safari

Daily Departure

3 nights Hwange National Park – 5 nights Mana Pools (two different locations) –  
1 night Victoria Falls

From: £5110



Hwange National Park

**A wonderful safari packed with lots of adventure and the Victoria Falls.**

## Day 1

Fly to Victoria Falls.

## Days 2–4 Hwange National Park

Transferred for onward light aircraft flight to Hwange National Park. Spend 3 nights with safari activities including morning & afternoon game drives, walking safaris, Hwange Main Camp village visits.

Overnight: Somalisa Camp

## Days 5–7 Mana Pools National Park

Onward light aircraft flight to Mana Pools. Light Aircraft transfer from Hwange to Mana Pools. Spend 3 nights with safari activities including morning & afternoon game drives, canoe safaris, walking safaris, catch & release shore fishing. Overnight: Zambezi Expeditions

## Days 8–9 Mana Pools National Park

Road transfer with game viewing en route to your next accommodation in Mana Pools for next 2 nights, with safari activities including morning & afternoon game drives and walking safaris. Overnight: Kanga Camp

## Day 10 Victoria Falls

Transferred to Mana Pools airstrip for light aircraft flight back to Victoria Falls.

Transferred for overnight accommodation.

Overnight: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

## Day 11 Depart

Fly back home.

## Highlights

- ★ Wildlife in Hwange & Mana Pools
- ★ The mighty Victoria Falls

## What's included

- ★ Activities and Park entrance fees as specified
- ★ All meals and drinks (premium drinks extra) in safari accommodation
- ★ Bed and Breakfast in Victoria Falls
- ★ Emergency medical evacuation insurance
- ★ All flights and transfers

## Where Next?

Extend your African adventure, with various exciting add-on options. See pages 130 and 131 for more details.



Hwange National Park

# Zambia

Zambia is perhaps one of the most pristine and unspoilt wildlife havens in Africa. With over a third of the country dedicated to game reserves, wild national parks and wetlands, natural Zambia is nothing short of memorable.



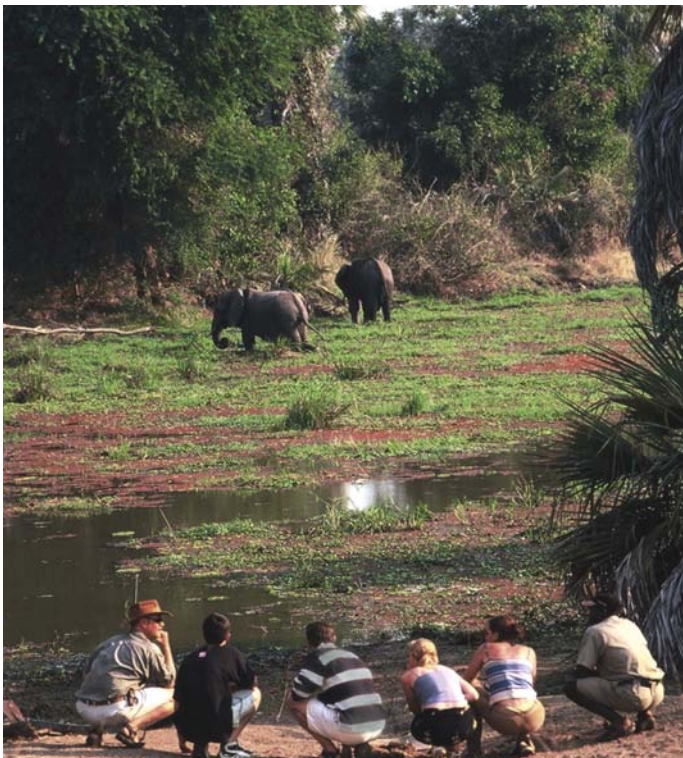
## South Luangwa

Zambia's most popular safari destination, South Luangwa National Park, is wild, tropical and full of game. Much of the game is found around the Luangwa River.



## Kafue National Park

Largely flat, the park has an interesting range of ecosystems including rivers, forests and plains that are home to plenty of game. Busanga Plains, regarded as the jewel of Kafue National Park, is submerged for most of the year and can be reached by boat or traditional mokoros – a unique safari adventure.



## Lower Zambezi

Floodplains, grasslands and lush forests in the Lower Zambezi Valley play host to an abundance of wildlife. The Zambezi River snakes through the National Park creating lagoons attracting wildlife



## Livingstone

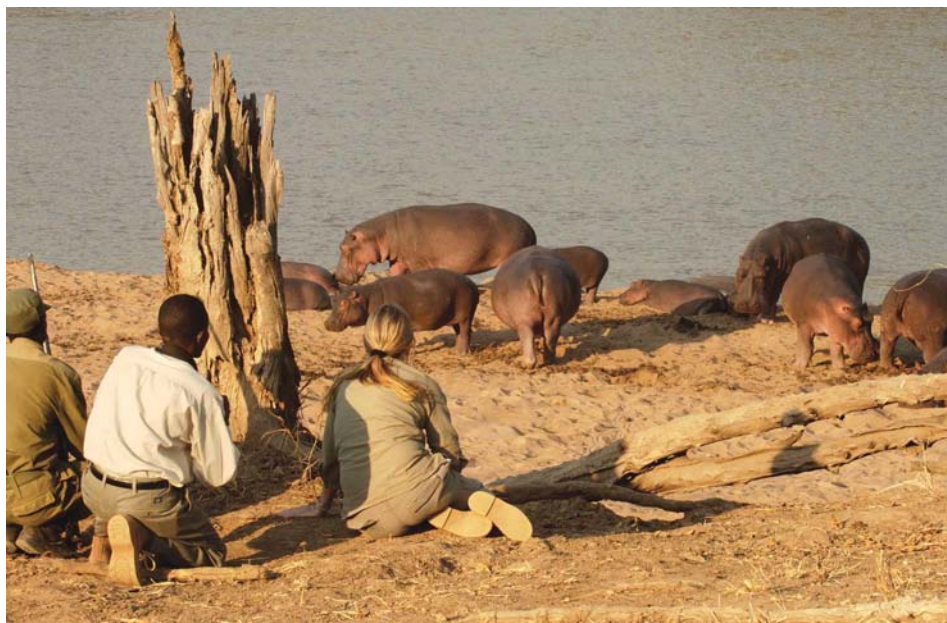
A quaint town and home to the Victoria Falls on the Zambian side.

# Zambia Classic Safari

Daily Departure

5 nights South Luangwa in two locations – 2 nights Lower Zambezi – 2 nights Livingstone

From: £7275



Lower Zambezi

## Highlights

- ★ Two premier parks of Zambia, South Luangwa and Lower Zambezi
- ★ Livingstone, for the majestic Victoria Falls

## What's included

- ★ Safari activities and park entrance fees
- ★ All meals and drinks (premium drinks extra), except at Tongabezi
- ★ Laundry
- ★ All flights
- ★ All transfers

## A classic safari covering the best of Zambia.

### Day 1

Fly to Lusaka.

### Day 2 South Luangwa

Met and assisted for onward light aircraft flight to Mfuwe, South Luangwa (approximately 1 hour). Safari transfer with game viewing to Mkwali Camp, overlooking the South Luangwa National Park. Overnight: Nkwali Camp

### Day 3 South Luangwa

Full day to enjoy the safari activities from morning walk or drive and late afternoon early evening game drive with a chance to view the nocturnal world. Overnight: Nkwali Camp

### Day 4 South Luangwa

Depart for another location within the South Luangwa with game viewing en route, to the Nsefu sector of the park. Nsefu was the first game camp in Zambia and dates back to the early fifties. Late afternoon early evening game drive. Overnight: Nsefu Camp

### Days 5–6 South Luangwa

Today there is a chance to drive or walk through the ebony groves, or all day out with a picnic to the salt pans, that will cover different habitats and is an exceptional day's safari. Next day, some time to relax or enjoy morning and evening game activities and the possibility of visiting Kawaza village. This community tourism initiative is a great opportunity to meet local people and experience life in a real non-tourist village (advance notice required). Overnight: Nsefu Camp

### Day 7 Lower Zambezi

Light aircraft flight to the Lower Zambezi. Transferred to Chiawa Camp with game viewing. Game viewing in the pristine Lower Zambezi National Park is superb and big game, such as elephant, hippo, buffalo and the big cats are even seen regularly in and around the camp! Afternoon activity either on the river or by safari vehicle. Overnight: Chiawa Camp

### Days 8–9 Lower Zambezi

Two full days to enjoy the safari activities on offer, including day and night drives and bush walks, or a selection of canoe

trips, river safaris on safe, stable pontoon boats and catch & release angling for the infamous tiger fish. Overnight: Chiawa Camp

### Day 10 Livingstone

Onward flight to Livingstone via Lusaka. Transferred to Tongabezi Lodge, set in a tranquil grove of ebony on a sweeping bend of the Zambezi River. Overnight: Tongabezi Lodge

### Day 11 Livingstone

A rest day, or choose from a range of activities available from the lodge, or a visit to the majestic Victoria Falls. Overnight: Tongabezi Lodge

### Day 12 Depart

Fly back home.

## Where Next?

Extend your African adventure, with various exciting add-on options. See pages 130 and 131 for more details.

Kenya



Victoria Falls



Uganda/Rwanda



Tanzania



South Africa



Indian Ocean



Kenya/Tanzania



Ethiopia



Botswana



# Multi-Country Itineraries

The African continent, with its very diverse countries, lends itself beautifully to a multi-country holiday. The possibilities are endless! A few of our popular itineraries are outlined herewith, but of course we are happy to assist you to design your own perfect multi-country adventure.

## Kenya, Tanzania & Zanzibar

Daily Departure

1 night Nairobi – 3 nights Masai Mara – 3 nights Serengeti – 2 nights Ngorongoro – 4 nights Zanzibar

From: £4690



Giraffes in Kenya



Neptune Pwani Beach Resort & Spa

**The popular game parks of Kenya and Tanzania with relaxing time on the Spice Island of Zanzibar.**

### Day 1

Fly to Nairobi.

### Day 2 Nairobi

Transferred to your accommodation. Enjoy a range of experiences available in Nairobi, for more details see pages 18 and 19. Overnight: Tamarind Tree Hotel

### Days 3–5 Masai Mara

Internal light aircraft from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Masai Mara. Transferred to your accommodation for the next three nights. Your stay includes all meals and safari game drives. Overnight: Ashnil Mara Camp

### Days 6–8 The Serengeti

Internal light aircraft flight from the Masai Mara to the Serengeti. Transferred to your accommodation for the next three nights.

Your stay includes all meals and safari game drives. Overnight: Serengeti Ole Serai Camp

### Days 9–10 Ngorongoro

Drive to the Ngorongoro Crater. Next day enjoy a safari in the crater. Overnight: Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge

### Days 11–14 Zanzibar

Road transfer to Arusha and connect with a flight to Zanzibar. Transferred to your hotel for 4 nights at leisure. Overnight: Neptune Pwani Beach Resort & Spa on all inclusive basis

### Day 15 Depart

Fly back home.

### Highlights

- ★ Combination of two famous game parks
- ★ Ngorongoro Crater
- ★ Relax on the beach

### What's included

- ★ Professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout
- ★ Guaranteed window seat in comfortable 4x4 Land Cruiser
- ★ Park entrance fees
- ★ 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches and 14 dinners
- ★ All flights
- ★ All transfers

# Uganda, Kenya, Victoria Falls & Cape Town

Departure from UK – every Tuesday and Thursday

1 night Entebbe – 2 nights Bwindi National Park – 1 night Nairobi – 3 nights Masai Mara – 1 night Airport hotel Nairobi – 2 nights Victoria Falls – 3 nights Cape Town

From: £5520



Sunset cruise on the Zambezi



Gorilla in Uganda

**East Africa and Southern Africa, a great combination for a once in a lifetime adventure.**

## Day 1

Fly to Entebbe.

## Day 2 Entebbe

Transferred to your accommodation. Walk to the Botanical Gardens, through Entebbe town or to a nearby fishing village, time allowing. Overnight: Boma Guest House

## Day 3 Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

Fly to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. Afternoon, choose between a community walk, or a forest walk to the Munyaga Waterfalls. Overnight: Engagi Lodge

## Day 4 Bwindi Impenetrable National Park GORILLA TREKKING

This morning you will get up early and proceed for gorilla trekking. Trekking the mountain gorilla is one of the most exciting wildlife experiences on earth. The trek will take between 2 and 6 hours, led by an experienced ranger. Overnight: Engagi Lodge

## Day 5 Nairobi

Onward flight to Nairobi. Transferred to your hotel. Overnight: Tamarind Tree

## Days 6–8 Masai Mara

Internal light aircraft flight from Nairobi Wilson Airport to the Masai Mara. Transferred to your accommodation for the next three nights. Your stay includes all meals and safari game drives. Overnight: Main Governors Camp

## Day 9 Airport hotel Nairobi

Return light aircraft flight to Nairobi Wilson Airport. Overnight: Crown Plaza Airport

## Days 10–11 Victoria Falls

Onward flight to Victoria Falls. Transferred to your hotel. Afternoon sunset cruise on the Zambezi. Next day, morning guided tour of the Victoria Falls. Overnight: Ilala Lodge

## Days 12–14 Cape Town

Fly from Victoria Falls to Cape Town. 3 nights at leisure. Pre-bookable excursions available, for more details see page 107. Overnight: Radisson Red V&A Waterfront

## Day 15 Depart

Fly back home.

## Highlights

- ★ Gorillas
- ★ Game rich Masai Mara
- ★ Majestic Victoria Falls
- ★ Vibrant Cape Town

## What's included

- ★ 1 Gorilla Permit
- ★ Safari game drives in Masai Mara by 4x4 vehicle
- ★ Days 10 & 11: Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi and Guided Tour of Falls
- ★ 13 breakfast, 5 lunches and 6 dinners
- ★ All flights and transfers

# Cape Town, Kruger National Park and Mauritius

Daily departure from UK

3 nights Cape Town – 4 nights Kruger National Park (in two locations) –  
1 night Johannesburg Airport Hotel – 5 nights Mauritius

From: £4250



Cape Town



Mauritius

## Mix of exploring Cape Town, with the magic of Kruger and relaxing on idyllic Mauritius

### Day 1

Fly to Cape Town.

### Days 2–4 Cape Town

Transferred to your hotel for 3 nights at leisure. Pre-bookable excursions available, for more details see page 107. Overnight: Southern Sun The Cullinan

### Days 5–6 Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve

Fly to Kruger Mpumalanga Airport, transferred to Idube Game Reserve in Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve, bordering the Kruger National Park. Your stay is for 2 nights and includes all meals and 2 game drives daily in open land rovers, and a safari walk accompanied by skilled and experienced rangers. Overnight: Idube Game Reserve

### Days 7–8 Kruger National Park

Transferred with game viewing to the Lukimbi Safari Lodge, a private game lodge located in the southern part of the Kruger National Park. Your stay is for 2 nights and includes all meals and 2 game drives daily in open land rovers and a safari walk accompanied by skilled and experienced rangers. Overnight: Lukimbi Safari Lodge

### Day 9 Johannesburg

Fly to Johannesburg. Overnight: Protea Hotel by Marriott O.R. Tambo Airport

### Days 10–14 Mauritius

Fly from Johannesburg to Mauritius. Spend the next 5 nights relaxing on the beautiful beaches of Mauritius. Overnight: Zilwa Attitude, Mauritius on all inclusive

### Day 15 Depart

Fly back home.

#### Highlights

- ★ Vibrant Cape Town
- ★ 2 location stays in game rich Kruger National Park
- ★ Relaxing stunning beaches of Mauritius

#### What's included

- ★ 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners
- ★ All flights and transfers



Waterbuck in Kruger National Park

# Airline Partners



British Airways is one of the world's leading airlines offering services to Africa. Customers can choose between World Traveller, World Traveller Plus, Club World and First.†

## World Traveller

- An ergonomically designed seat with footrest and adjustable headrest lumbar support and recline
- Blankets and cushions are provided for added comfort, eye masks, socks, toothbrush and toothpaste are available on request
- Enjoy tasty meals designed by leading chefs, as well as complimentary bar service, available throughout your flight
- Priority boarding for families and activity packs for children
- Personal flat screens with a choice of movies and entertainment

## Club World\*

- Access to Arrival and Departure lounges along with complimentary treatments at the Elemis Travel Spa\*\*
- Menu inspired by some of the world's top chefs and accompanied by an expertly sourced wine cellar
- Spacious seat with four pre-set positions. Converts to 6' fully flat bed (6'6" in Z position) with softer mattress, memory foam headrest and cosy quilt.
- Touch button privacy screens
- Amenity kits designed by The White Company
- The Club Kitchen is open between meals with a selection of hot and cold snacks

\*Cabin design elements may vary by aircraft.

\*\*Available at Heathrow T5

## World Traveller Plus

- All the benefits of World Traveller, plus:
- A separate quieter cabin with fewer rows and more space than World Traveller
- Wider seat with greater recline and extra leg room
- Premium dining experience with main meal selected from the Club World menu
- Complimentary drinks from the bar (excluding champagne)

## First

Dedicated First check-in desk†

- Access to exclusive luxury lounges with pre-flight dining, luxury wines and champagnes
- Onboard, the First suite offers personal space, a unique double window with electric blinds and a personal wardrobe
- 6'6" fully flat bed with luxurious quilted mattress, crisp cotton duvet and soft cotton pyjamas
- À la carte menu designed by the world's top chefs, including fresh 'Catch of the Day'
- Personal 15" screen with over 200 entertainment options complete with USB port and RCA jack for personal devices
- Liberty London amenity kits which include premium skin care products and accessories

† First available on selected routes

‡ Available at selected airports.



Club World



Kenya Airways, a leading African airline and member of the Sky Team Alliance, in its fortieth year, is still going from strength to strength, adding to its modern fleet and attracting a number of awards.

You can fly direct from Terminal 4 London–Heathrow or use Kenya Airways' partner KLM from over 17 UK regional airports via Amsterdam. With onward flights from the ultra-modern Terminal 1A in Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi. Kenya Airways' flies to 51 destinations worldwide, including 41 routes within Africa.

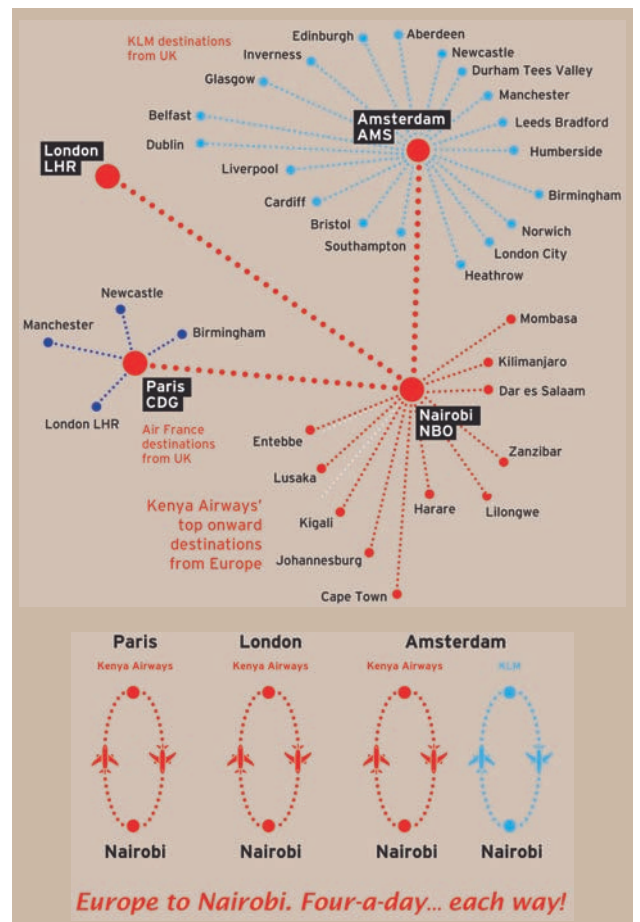
**Aircraft:** The airline's fleet of 32 aircraft being one of the most modern and up-to-date in Africa includes its flagship B787 Dreamliners.

**Services on board:** On board there are two classes of service from Heathrow to Nairobi. Economy Class: Offers a seat pitch of 82cm and an in-flight entertainment programme with eight audio channels and a seat-back screen, offering 12 video channels. A three course meal with a choice of main dish is served.

**Economy Class:** Offers a seat pitch of 82cm and an in-flight entertainment programme with eight audio channels and a seat-back screen, offering 12 video channels. A three course meal with a choice of main dish is served.

**Premier World:** Those choosing Premier World will appreciate the exclusive check-in Service and with 30 seats with a pitch of 190cm, which convert into 176 degree decline horizontal flat beds. Passengers also benefit from an excellent range of in-flight audio and visual entertainment and lap-top power points coupled with first class dining and fine wines.

Most recently it was declared the World Travel Awards, Best Airline of the Year in Africa and for the fourth consecutive year Best Business Class in Africa.



Kenya Airways extensive route network

# Airline Partners



Emirates is one of the fastest growing airlines in the world with over 500 international awards for excellence. Emirates operates 19 daily flights to Dubai from six UK airports and onwards to over 150 destinations worldwide including Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, Nairobi and over 15 other destinations in Africa. On board Emirates, passengers in all three cabins can enjoy more than 2,500 channels of the latest movies, TV shows and music from around the world alongside a range of games on the award-winning ice inflight entertainment system. The latest technology allows passengers to stay connected throughout the flight with Wi-Fi access (on all A380s & selected B777s) and mobile phone and data services. Generous checked baggage allowances, multi-course gourmet meals, complimentary advanced seat selection and multilingual cabin crew round off the Emirates experience. On six daily flights from Heathrow, three daily from Gatwick & Manchester and on a daily services from Birmingham, travellers can experience the Emirates A380. The revolutionary superjumbo features Private Suites and Onboard Shower Spas in First Class, an Onboard Lounge and flat-bed seats in Business Class, and even more room to relax in Economy.

## Economy Class

- Generous 30kg baggage allowance
- Complimentary seat selection at the time of booking
- Up to 2,500 channels of entertainment on-demand at every seat
- Ergonomically designed seats with adjustable headrests and up to 34-inch seat pitch
- Award-winning service from multilingual cabin crew
- Multi-course gourmet meals served with complimentary wine and beverages
- Phone, SMS and email at every seat

## Business Class

- Complimentary Chauffeur-drive service in over 70 destinations\*
- Priority check-in and baggage handling
- Fully flat seats with massage function
- Exclusive Emirates A380 Onboard Lounge
- Multi-course gourmet dining served with award-winning wine
- Dedicated Lounge access in over 39 destinations worldwide, including Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow
- Shared Lounge access in over 60 destination worldwide, including Newcastle
- Generous 40kg baggage allowance



With double daily overnight flights from Heathrow to Johannesburg and easy onward connections, South African Airways has the largest route network within Southern Africa, offering flights to over 30 destinations. South African Airways are proud to be the national airline of South Africa and deliver a world-class experience every time with their renowned, warm South African hospitality.

## Economy Class

- A 2-4-2 configuration offers greater privacy for couples travelling and ensures that no-one is more than one seat from the aisle
- A 31-34" seat pitch allows you to really stretch out in one of the most spacious cabins to Southern Africa
- Individual audio/video 'on demand programming' means you take control of your entertainment
- Your choice of meal served with excellent South African wines and a wide range of complimentary drinks
- Check-in online – minimize your stress levels and save time at the airport by checking-in online 24 hours before departure
- A 23kg Baggage Allowance plus a 23kg Sporting Equipment allowance lets you take your golf clubs or diving equipment without the worry of excess baggage charges

## Business Class

- A First Class product and service at a Business Class Fare
- Forward Facing Lie Flat Beds with a seat pitch of at least 73" guarantees a full night's sleep
- A 2-2-2 configuration with a window or aisle guaranteed
- A la carte menu influenced by authentic Southern African cuisine is complemented by the finest award-winning South African wines
- Dedicated Check-In and Priority Baggage handling
- Arrivals and Departures Lounge access in both directions in London and Johannesburg
- In-flight entertainment on your personal wide screen on-demand system
- In Seat Power at every seat allows you to work, relax and play on your laptop without worrying about running out of battery
- Online Check-In 24 hours prior to departure
- 2 x 32kg (64kg) Baggage Allowance plus a 23kg sporting equipment allowance.

## First Class

- Complimentary Chauffeur-drive service in over 70 destinations\*
- Priority check-in and baggage handling
- Flat-bed Private Suites with sliding doors for total privacy
- Personal in-seat mini bar
- Exclusive Shower Spas and Lounge onboard the Emirates A380
- World class on-demand dining served with award-winning wines
- Dedicated Lounge access in over 39 destinations worldwide, including Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow
- Shared Lounge access in over 60 destination worldwide, including Newcastle
- Generous 50kg baggage allowance

\*Chauffeur-mileage radius applies

## WIDEN YOUR WORLD



Established in 1933 with a fleet of five aircraft, Star Alliance member Turkish Airlines is a 4-star airline today with a fleet of 333 (passenger and cargo) aircraft flying to 292 destinations worldwide in 116 countries with 241 international and 51 domestic. According to Skytrax survey of 2016, Turkish Airlines was chosen "Europe's Best Airline" and "Best Airline in Southern Europe" for the 6th consecutive time.

Turkish Airlines operates out of 5 major UK airports, London Heathrow, London Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham and Edinburgh Airports having a total number of 111 flights out of all UK departures.

More information about Turkish Airlines can be found on their website: [www.turkishairlines.com](http://www.turkishairlines.com)



Ethiopian Airlines (Ethiopian) is the flag carrier of Ethiopia. During the past seventy years Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivalled in Africa for efficiency and operational success, turning profits for almost all the years of its existence.

Operating at the forefront of technology, the airline has also become one of Ethiopia's major industries and a veritable institution in Africa. It commands a lion's share of the pan African network including the daily and double daily east-west flight across the continent. Ethiopian currently serves 93 international destinations operating the newest and youngest fleets.

Ethiopian operates 7 weekly flights from London Heathrow to 54 destinations on the African continent.

**Cloud Nine:** Combined service of First and Business Classes. Cloud Nine has the space, comfort and style of service that makes flying with Ethiopian a pleasure all the time.

**Economy Class:** Offers comfortable seats with the latest in-flight entertainment, appropriate light snacks to full course hot meals are served on all flights, together with a wide selection of fine wines and alcoholic beverages. Passengers enjoy traditional Ethiopian hospitality and individual attention. Economy class baggage allowance is 23kg x 2 = 46kg.

# Holiday Guide

Please read the Holiday Guide and Booking Conditions carefully as these, together with other information contained in our brochure, form the terms and conditions of the contract between you and Somak Holidays ('Somak'). The Booking Conditions detail our responsibilities to you, and yours to us, and provide guidelines to cover circumstances which may arise.

We trust that you will thoroughly enjoy your holiday and sincerely hope that the experience will ensure that you will book with us again. The basis of a good holiday is the careful selection by you of your resort/hotel/itinerary. Space in our brochure is restricted, hence we strongly recommend you seek supplementary and independent information from the applicable tourist offices, libraries, guide books and the internet, rather than rely solely upon the necessarily limited presentation of brochure information. We are happy to advise you generally, but the ultimate choice of holiday destination is yours.

## ACCOMMODATION

Unless otherwise stated, accommodation is in standard twin/double rooms, although twin or double beds cannot be guaranteed. Specific room requirements cannot be guaranteed as the allocation of rooms is at the discretion of the hotel proprietor. Rooms are generally available between noon and 3pm, and are to be vacated between 10am and noon, irrespective of your arrival or departure times. Dayrooms, subject to availability and extra cost, may be available. A triple room is usually a twin/double room, with an additional bed of a folding, pull-out design, hence conditions may be cramped. The standard and location of single rooms is not always as good as twin/double rooms (even if a twin/double room is booked for sole occupancy). A supplement is usually payable whether the room allocated is a single or a twin room. Superior and deluxe rooms (or similar) may have the same facilities and be the same size, it may only be the view or position of the room that is different. In the tropics, be prepared to encounter insects (e.g. cockroaches, mosquitoes, ants, etc.) in your hotel room, especially at beach resorts where they are a natural occurrence and do not reflect the standard of hygiene and cleanliness. The term 'sea view' or similar means the sea can be seen from your room but may be at an angle or partially obscured due to foliage.

## AIRLINES

Airlines use a variety of aircraft for long haul flights, e.g. Boeing 747, 767, 777 and 787 Airbus A-300, A-310, A-330, A-340 or A-380. Many airlines featured by us operate a code-share system, whereby partner airlines may operate flights on the stated airlines behalf. It is not possible to cancel travel arrangements without cancellation charges being applied because of this. Domestic connections within the UK or to Europe are generally on narrow-bodied aircraft.

## AIRPORT TAXES

UK Air Passenger Duty and all UK Airport departure taxes are included in your holiday price. Foreign departure/airport taxes vary and may be payable locally, in cash, for each departure. If departure taxes need to be paid locally we will provide this information with your travel documentation, although this information is subject to change. If you are travelling to more than one destination on your holiday, you may be required to pay a departure tax at each point.

## BAGGAGE

Baggage allowances will be shown on your air tickets (infants do not get a baggage allowance). Excess baggage is carried at the airline's discretion and usually incurs charges, payable directly to the airline. Your personal effects and baggage are the responsibility of the airline from check-in to baggage recovery at your destination airport. In accordance with the International Conventions that apply to the air travel industry, compensation for delay, loss of, or damage to baggage, from the airline (on international, or on domestic sectors ticketed as part of an international journey), is limited to up to 1200 Euros. However, if travel insurance is effected, the actual value of any loss (subject to any deductibles, limitations or exclusions of the policy) is normally payable. In order to obtain any compensation, you must complete a 'Property Irregularity Report' before you leave the airport, with a representative of the airline within the time limits specified on your air ticket. For all transfers, it is your responsibility to ensure that all your belongings are loaded onto the correct transfer vehicle. Please ensure that you have adequate insurance cover for loss or damage to baggage.

## BROCHURE ACCURACY

Every care has been taken to ensure that the information in this brochure is accurate at the time of printing. The facilities described at a hotel and of tour itineraries are those that are typically available. It is conceivable that hoteliers may, without notice, decide to change facilities which may then be temporarily, or even permanently, unavailable for e.g. maintenance purposes or during periods of low occupancy. As a result of local conditions e.g. weather, time of year etc., safaris, tours or excursions may change from those advertised in our brochure/advised in your itinerary. Occasionally it is also necessary to change hotels/lodges/camps on tours. Such changes are beyond our control but when we are advised of any significant or long-term changes prior to your departure, we will try to notify you if practicable and time permitting.

## BROCHURE PRICES

All prices in our brochures and on our website are in £ sterling per person, based on two people sharing. The prices detailed in this brochure should be used as a guideline only, as it is possible that some of the prices contained within the brochure may have changed since it was printed. You will be informed of the actual price at the time of booking. All prices are based on special contract rates with suppliers, and we will not make any adjustments should similar services be offered at a different price locally. Extra Night Prices: All per night prices shown are based on the actual dates that you occupy the accommodation, and not on the date that you leave the UK. Number of nights stated indicate the actual number of nights spent in resort. Please see Booking Conditions (clause 3).

## CHILD PRICES

Children under 12, sharing a room with two full paying adults, may receive a discount on their holiday. Child prices are available on request. Children must be under 12 on the return date of your holiday to qualify for a child reduction.

## CUSTOMERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Less developed destinations may lack even the simplest facilities e.g. ramps or lifts etc. and we cannot guarantee that the correct apparatus and necessary modifications exist in any accommodation outlined in our brochure. However, we do wish to provide every possible assistance and request that you provide full details in writing at the time of booking, so that we may assist with the planning of your holiday.

## COMPLAINTS WHILST ON HOLIDAY

Please see Booking Conditions (clause 7). If you have reason to lodge a complaint whilst on holiday, it must be reported in writing to the representative, or your driver if on safari, for action to be taken in resort. Please retain a copy of the report lodged with the representative. It is unreasonable to take no action whilst on holiday and complain on return when it is too late for us to rectify the situation.

## CREDIT CARDS

Payments made by credit cards overseas, may be subject to a handling fee. Services paid for by credit card will be subject to the applicable rate of exchange at the time the voucher is presented to the credit card company, and may differ from the rate prevailing on the date that the service was provided. Certain local banks may levy an additional charge.

## CURRENCY & EXCHANGE

Some countries have restrictions on the importation and exportation of local currency. Please check with the relevant Embassy or High Commission. Never exchange money on the black market. Please ensure you have sufficient monies to cover all expenses whilst on holiday, as our local representatives are unable to help in the event of having insufficient funds in resort.

## ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY

At times, the demands on the local supplies of electricity and water may exceed the supply, with resultant power cuts, water shortages and/or problems with plumbing and drainage. Items usually affected include air-conditioning,

running water (hot and cold), lighting and mini bars. Please note that occasionally these shortages may be for extended periods and may be distributed unevenly throughout the hotel/resort. Power and water rationing imposed by the local authorities may also take place at various resorts. Whilst electrical wiring standards do always meet local safety standards, on occasion they may be lower than those applicable in the UK. Tented accommodation on safari may utilise gas lighting and have basic bathrooms.

## EXCURSIONS

Any excursions booked and paid for at your resort are operated by the local handling company and subject to their booking conditions/cancellation charges. Refunds cannot be claimed from ourselves once you have returned to the UK as we are not party to the provision of the services. Local prices may vary. We strongly advise you to only book excursions from reputable and licensed local tour operators. Others may not be able to offer the same level of safety and security, and are often not adequately insured, or licensed. It should also be noted that some types of travel insurance do not cover claims arising from excursions and tours purchased in resort (in particular cancellation of such excursions and tours and losses suffered as a result of partaking in hazardous activities for which an additional premium was not paid).

## FLIGHTS

All flights are subject to government approval and may be withdrawn or amended at any time, without Somak incurring liability. All travel information including aircraft types, timings, days of operation and carriers are shown for guidance purposes only and are subject to change. We reserve the right to substitute alternative airlines. Any such change will not entitle you to cancel without penalty. Flights are often full, so your choice of seats may not be available, and it may not be possible to obtain seats together. We recommend that you check-in at least 3 hours prior to the scheduled departure. Check-in desks close well before the scheduled departure time for your flight, and the carrier reserves the right to deny boarding to passengers not checking-in by the time specified. If you fail to check-in on time and miss your flight, we have no liability to you. We have no control over the allocation of seats and provision of specific meal requirements as this is the responsibility of the airline. Disabled and less mobile passengers and children, for safety reasons, will not be allocated emergency exit seats. Almost all airlines operate a total ban on smoking on their flights. The Captain in command of your aircraft by law retains all rights pertaining to the carriage of passengers, cargo, flight routing, etc. Should the Captain of the aircraft refuse to carry you, or your baggage, we will not be liable for any inconvenience suffered, costs incurred, or loss of enjoyment but would assist wherever possible in such circumstances. Flights that are described as direct are those that require no change of aircraft during the journey. Stops may, however, be made en route for refuelling or to embark/disembark passengers. Many airlines operate a 'code share' system whereby partner airlines may operate flights on the stated airlines behalf. Flight times are approximate and, unless otherwise stated, are from London.

## FLIGHT DELAYS

Whilst these are regrettable, delays unfortunately may occur due to technical problems, inclement weather or air-traffic control delays. Where long flight delays result in lost holiday time, no refunds are given by hotels/suppliers for unused accommodation/services, as these are held for delayed arrivals. If your flight is cancelled or delayed and boarding is denied by the airline, you must claim compensation under the Denied Boarding Regulations 2004 from the airline itself. Any payments received constitute your only rights of compensation arising from the cancellation, delay or denied boarding. Consequently Somak is not liable for any inconvenience suffered, costs incurred, or loss of enjoyment suffered as a result of any such delay. We will, however, endeavour to assist in these circumstances. During any flight delay, the airline concerned may, at their entire discretion, be able to provide refreshments and other services and, in extreme conditions, overnight hotel accommodation. We, however, do not undertake to make any such arrangements.

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Recompense for such delays may be claimed through certain types of holiday insurance – please check to make sure your holiday insurance policy covers such losses.

## HEALTH, SAFETY & SECURITY ABROAD

Whilst we only contract with reputable suppliers abroad, it is important to note that some countries and/or suppliers do not match British health and safety standards. The applicable safety standards and regulations which apply overseas are those of the country concerned and as a result, general standards of safety, hygiene, fire precautions etc. can be different to those we take for granted in the UK. You are therefore advised to take great care when first venturing into unfamiliar buildings or surroundings. Upset stomachs are a common occurrence whilst abroad and can often be attributed to, for example, the change in climate or ice-cold drinks. Local hygiene and food preparation standards are not to blame as a mere change in diet and water can upset the stomach. Sensible precautions need to be taken especially with regard to raw food, drinking water and ice in drinks. We take your safety very seriously. Should the Foreign & Commonwealth Office advise that people should not visit a particular country, we will act upon this advice as appropriate. However, as media coverage indicates, many countries we feature are subject to political and economic instability. Crime against people and property are a fact of life throughout the world and hence it is important to be extra vigilant when visiting strange countries. You have the same responsibility for your personal safety and possessions abroad as you do at home. Avoid drawing attention to yourself by wearing expensive jewellery, carrying expensive camera equipment, publicly displaying large amounts of money etc. Do not leave valuables unattended, and, where possible, store them in a safe. Always respect local customs, standards and sensibilities especially in areas of cultural and religious importance, as failure to do so may offend local inhabitants.

## HOLIDAY AND FLIGHT CHANGES IN RESORT

Any changes that you might wish to make to your flight details or accommodation in resort are subject to availability and must be paid for locally. Should you decide to change your accommodation to another featured in our brochure, you will be charged the local rate and not as shown in our brochure. In addition, the original hotel may charge cancellation charges if you leave. Flights usually cannot be changed in resort except by buying new tickets (the cost may be recoverable from your insurers if there is a medical reason which necessitates the change).

## HOTEL FACILITIES

Please note that charges may be made for the use of hotel facilities such as golf, tennis, spa, water sports, children's clubs, etc. Please contact us prior to booking if you have specific queries regarding facilities.

## INSURANCE

It is imperative that you ensure that all of your party have adequate and appropriate insurance. You are free to choose your own policy but you must satisfy yourself that the policy is adequate for your needs, in particular for any activities you are contemplating during your holiday. Certain activities are considered hazardous, check that you are fully insured.

## LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE

For economy-class passengers, many airlines have a strict limit of 20kg baggage allowance, plus 3kg for hand luggage.

## MAINTENANCE WORK

Necessary renovation and maintenance work may be carried out at any time, although this work is kept away from guests as far as possible, to minimise any disturbance or inconvenience. (Also see 'resort development').

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

You should ALWAYS consult your doctor before travelling for confirmation of inoculations and or medication recommended for travel in your chosen destination. Practical advice is available from the Hospital for Tropical Diseases Healthline: telephone 020 7950 7799 (calls cost 50p per minute and last 7-8 minutes on average). A safari is a physically strenuous undertaking across often-remote locations; any relevant pre-existing medical conditions or previous medical history should be declared to Somak and your travel agent (if used).

## MEALS

The standard of meals and services varies immensely, usually in line with the standard of accommodation booked. Meals that are included in your meal plan are usually taken in the main restaurant and will be a buffet or set menu. 'A la carte' meals and speciality restaurants are at additional cost. Breakfast is usually simple English or continental style. 'Half Board' is normally breakfast and buffet/set menu dinner. Some hotels offer a buffet dinner up to a certain voucher value which is at the discretion of the hotel and can be topped-up locally. 'Full Board' means breakfast, buffet/set menu lunch and buffet/set menu dinner. 'All Inclusive' – sometimes not all bars and restaurants are included and supplements may be charged for certain brands of drinks, speciality meals/ restaurants. Meal supplements at peak seasons are obligatory, whether meals are taken or not.

## MINIMUM/INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS

Tours may be subject to minimum numbers, and may be cancelled in the event that these are not met. You will then have the choice of booking an alternative holiday with us, though if the alternative is at additional cost the difference will be payable by you, or have a refund of monies paid. Such cancellations will usually be advised a minimum of 8 weeks before departure.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

In many cultures it is polite to ask permission before taking a photograph of a person and you may be asked to pay to photograph people. Do not take photographs of airports, bridges, government offices or military buildings. Always check with your guide/representative/ driver. Some countries may require you to register or bond your video equipment with customs on entry.

## PREGNANCY

Most airlines will refuse permission for women to fly who will be 28 or more weeks pregnant on the date of return travel. Failure to comply with airline regulations may result in cancellation and denial of boarding, and we cannot be held liable for any such occurrence.

## PUBLIC AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

Please note that services may be curtailed or limited during public holidays, and certain religious holidays. Such public or religious holidays can be called at very little or no prior notice.

## REPRESENTATIVES

We employ the services of highly experienced local ground handling companies to oversee all aspects of your holiday as booked in the UK. They will be your first point of contact should you experience any difficulties whilst on holiday and will endeavour to help. You will be met by an airport representative on arrival in your chosen destination, who will provide you with local contact details.

## RESORT DEVELOPMENT

Construction work can cause discomfort, vibration and noise at certain times in resorts. We have no control over building work and we are unable to anticipate the speed or extent to which such development may occur. Should we learn of specific developments at or close to your accommodation that are likely to affect the enjoyment of your holiday, we will do our best to contact you before departure. If we are of the opinion that the building works may reasonably be considered to seriously impair the enjoyment of your holiday, we shall offer you the opportunity to transfer to an alternative holiday of comparable type. If the alternative offered is at additional cost, the difference will be payable by you, or we will give you the option to cancel with a full refund of all monies paid.

## ROADS

Conditions can be rough and journeys may be long and uncomfortable with infrequent breaks. We strongly recommend that you conduct further research to satisfy yourself that you and your party will be able to withstand the physical rigours involved. All distances and travelling times quoted are approximate and may vary for operational reasons. Driving times may take a longer than expected.

## SCUBA DIVING

We strongly recommend that you only partake in this activity with a registered company that is affiliated to P.A.D.I., or a similar such organisation. It is dangerous to fly,

or proceed to altitude, less than 48 hours after you have dived or diving within 48 hours of a flight. Please ensure that you have adequate insurance cover.

## SWIMMING

Swimming along many coasts can be dangerous due to strong undercurrents and other elements. Please seek the advice of the local representative before venturing into the sea and avoid swimming in deserted areas. Do not let non-swimmers or children jump into a swimming pool without first checking the depth and means of exit.

## TICKETS & TIMINGS

Having received your payment, you will be sent your tickets and other documentation approximately two weeks prior to departure. Check all details including names and initials carefully. Please note that flight timings may have been adjusted since your confirmation invoice was issued. Your itinerary will be sent with your tickets. Once issued, tickets are non-transferable, non-changeable and non-refundable. Some tickets (eg for light aircraft flights) are issued in resort and handed to you on arrival at your destination.

## TIPPING

Tipping is customary in many parts of Africa, but please note that it is entirely discretionary and we recommend that you only tip if you feel that you have received good service.

## TOURS – SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS

The supplements are applicable for single occupancy if travelling with at least one other person. All tours can be taken by a single person travelling alone, but will incur a higher supplement, details of which are available on request.

## TRAVEL ADVICE

We are working with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to do all that we can to help British travellers stay safe overseas. Before you travel, we recommend that you visit the FCO website at [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) for up-to-date travel advice.

## VALUE ADDED OFFERS

All offers are available for holidays started and completed within the periods specified and all nights must be consecutive.

## VISAS AND PASSPORTS

Visa information in this brochure is provided for British passport holders who are citizens and residents of the United Kingdom. Non-UK passport holders should consult the relevant Embassy, High Commission or Consulate for visa details. It is the responsibility of all passengers to ensure that they hold the correct and valid travel documents, including visas for all countries to be visited. Failure to do so may result in your intended travel being curtailed or terminated, and we will not accept liability for your loss in such circumstances. All UK passport holders travelling to any country featured in this brochure require a 10-year passport, valid for at least 6 months on the date of your intended return to the United Kingdom. All passengers must carry their own travel documentation. All children travelling must be in possession of their own passport. If you are travelling to more than one country on your holiday you may be required to hold multiple entry visas. The time taken to process a visa varies tremendously, however, you should allow at least four weeks by post and two weeks if using a visa service. Note: False declarations on your visa form may result in you being denied entry to the country you intended visiting. Visas may be obtained via The Visaservice [www.uk.cibt.co.uk](http://www.uk.cibt.co.uk), Tel: 0844 800 4650, email [somakinfo@visaservice.co.uk](mailto:somakinfo@visaservice.co.uk). Please note that the passport/visa requirements are for guidance only and are subject to change. Please check there have been no amendments.

Somak Holidays also produce an ESSENTIAL HOLIDAY INFORMATION BOOKLET which is sent out with your travel documents. This contains important information that relates to your holiday, and we would strongly recommend that you read this carefully before departure. A copy of this booklet is available on request, if required earlier.

Some photographs in this brochure are courtesy of Pran Patel.

## Kenya

From the vivid aquamarine shades of the Indian Ocean to the enchanting lakes, fringed pink by flamingos on the Rift Valley floor, Kenya is a startlingly beautiful land.

Famed for its striking wildlife bounding across the acacia-studded savannah of game parks, such as Amboseli, the Masai Mara, Samburu and Tsavo, Kenya is a safari-lover's dream; vast national parks and reserves encompass one-tenth of Kenya's surface, spanning desert, grasslands and dense mountain forest.

Kenya's human population is equally as fascinating: around 40 different ethnic groups live in Kenya, including the Kikuyu, the Luo and the proud and beautiful red-clad Masai, who still lead a semi-nomadic lifestyle of cattle-herding along the southern border.

An efficient flight network connects most regions in Kenya, making flying safaris a superb option.

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi is the entry point for most visitors, and along with Wilson domestic airport they form the hub for regional flights. As a consequence many visitors spend some time in Nairobi, where there is a wide selection of hotels. Explore Nairobi with caution as levels of street crime can be high; do not wander about at night and always seek advice from your representative or guide.

Flying time: Non-stop flights from London to Nairobi take approximately 9 hours.

Time difference: Three hours ahead of GMT.

Currency: Kenyan Shilling.

Passports: Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months after your date of return and have at least two blank pages.

Visas: British passport holders require a visa for Kenya which can be arranged before departure or on arrival. Multiple-entry visas cannot be issued at the point of entry, and must be obtained in advance through the Kenyan embassy. Other passport holders should check with the Kenyan Embassy.

Vaccinations: Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

For the latest information click on the 'country information' tab at <http://www.somak.com/africa/kenya>

NAIROBI, Kenya – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
25°	26°	25°	24°	22°	21°	21°	21°	21°	21°	24°	23°	23°
25	51	127	203	152	51	25	25	25	51	102	76	

MOMBASA, Kenya – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
31°	31°	32°	32°	29°	28°	28°	28°	29°	30°	31°	31°	
25	25	51	203	330	152	102	51	51	76	102	51	

## Tanzania

This vast East African country is home to Africa's highest mountain, its most famous national park and its largest game reserve.

The plains and savannahs of the Serengeti National Park are considered the premier spot on the continent to see wildlife roam unheeded across vast plains. Nearby, within the steep walls of the Ngorongoro Crater lies one of the most densely concentrated populations of African animals on earth.

Both flying safaris and road safaris (conducted in 4x4 vehicles) are available.

The exotic palm-fringed beaches on the spice islands of Zanzibar are an excellent choice for relaxing after a safari.

Flying time: Flights from London to Dar es Salaam, via Nairobi, take approximately 9 hours 45 minutes.

Time difference: Three hours ahead of GMT.

Currency: Tanzanian Shilling.

Passports: Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months after your date of return and have at least two blank pages.

Visas: British passport holders require a visa for Tanzania which can be arranged before departure or on arrival. Multiple-entry visas cannot be issued at the point of entry, and must be obtained in advance through the Tanzanian embassy. Other passport holders should check with the Tanzanian Embassy.

Vaccinations: Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

For the latest information click on the 'country information' tab at <http://www.somak.com/africa/tanzania>

ARUSHA, Tanzania – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
33°	33°	32°	29°	27°	26°	26°	27°	29°	31°	32°	32°	
25	51	127	356	254	25	25	25	25	25	51	51	

ZANZIBAR, Tanzania – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
27°	27°	27°	26°	26°	25°	24°	25°	25°	26°	26°	28°	
76	76	127	381	254	51	51	51	51	76	76	152	

## Rwanda

Known as the land of 1,000 hills, this country couldn't be further from the clichéd African image of arid deserts and dry bush. Winding roads hug verdant slopes, every inch carved into fields with crops ranging from banana trees to maize. In the valleys are great sweeping tea plantations, rice fields and coffee groves.

The bamboo and mid-altitude forests of the Volcanoes National Park in the north are home to the rare mountain gorillas and the high-altitude Nyungwe Forest in the south, one of the largest remaining rainforests in Africa, is home to 13 primates, including chimpanzees and colobus monkeys, rare orchids and nearly 300 different species of birds.

A landlocked country, Rwanda makes up for this with the stunning Lake Kivu, with beaches at Gisenyi and inlets and coves at Kibuye. Out in a kayak, you can paddle around forested islands and nod hello to the fishermen in dug-out canoes.

Flying time: Flights from London to Kigale, via Nairobi, take approximately 10 hours.

Time difference: Three hours ahead of GMT.

Currency: Rwanda Franc.

Passports: Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months after your date of return and have at least two blank pages.

Visas: British passport holders do not require a visa for stays of up to 3 months. Other passport holders should check with the Rwandan Embassy.

Vaccinations: Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

For the latest information click on the 'country information' tab at <http://www.somak.com/africa/rwanda>

KIGALE, Rwanda – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
19°	19°	19°	18°	18°	18°	18°	18°	19°	19°	19°	18°	
105	110	170	170	120	25	20	40	100	130	160	125	

It is very easy to combine two or more countries to make yours a holiday never to forget:

- Safari in Kenya + Gorilla trekking in Rwanda is an animal lover's dream.
- Kenya and Tanzania combine beautifully with Mauritius, Mombasa and Zanzibar.
- Victoria Falls combined with Cape Town and the Masai Mara plus a relaxing beach stay.
- Witness one of nature's greatest events, the Great Migration on a Kenya & Tanzania combination.

*We have a multitude of ideas we would love to share with you. See pages 150 for more details.*

## Uganda

Uganda, 'the Pearl of Africa' offers a unique safari experience. Where else would you search for the 'big 5', follow a troupe of chimpanzees and track mountain gorillas in just a few days. Add to this over 1,000 bird species, the majestic River Nile, the glorious 'Mountains of the Moon' and Lake Victoria, so it's not surprising that this small country is up at the top of many travellers' wish list.

Flying time: Flights from London to Entebbe, via Nairobi, take approximately 9 hours 30 minutes.

Time difference: Three hours ahead of GMT.

Currency: Uganda Shilling.

Passports: Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months after your date of return and have at least two blank pages.

Visas: British passport holders require a visa for Uganda which can be arranged before departure or on arrival. Other passport holders should check with the Uganda Embassy.

Vaccinations: Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

For the latest information click on the 'country information' tab at <http://www.somak.com/africa/uganda>

ENTEBBE, Uganda – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)											
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
22°	22°	23°	21°	21°	21°	20°	20°	21°	22°	22°	22°
100	80	140	275	260	95	60	78	76	110	140	125

## EAST AFRICA SAFARI GUIDE

A safari is an incredible adventure that will introduce you to the wonders of Africa – friendly people, diverse and beautiful landscapes, and if you are lucky, many different animals and birds. However, this is not something that should be undertaken lightly as often the distances covered are vast and journeys may be uncomfortable at times. We offer different types of safari, so please read the following information to enable you to choose the most appropriate one.

**SHARED SAFARIS BY ROAD** – These have fixed itineraries with set departure days. They are shared with a small group of travellers in a Somak 4-wheel drive vehicle in Kenya and Tanzania. All guests are guaranteed a window seat and access to the game viewing hatch. We hold generous allocations of rooms on these set itineraries, so they are easy to book and confirm, although we would strongly recommend that you book early for the peak periods such as during the migration in the Masai Mara and the Serengeti, as these periods are very popular.

For all these safaris there is the option to pay for the exclusive use of a safari vehicle. You can also choose to fly from the Masai Mara to Nairobi or Mombasa at the conclusion of your safari. Please see below for further information.

We have also showcased a number of suggested itineraries to help you choose your perfect safari. These can operate on any day of the week and can be tweaked to suit your requirements

with extra days in any lodge or camp. We therefore do not hold allocations and each element has to be confirmed separately. Some suggested itineraries are detailed within this brochure. Further suggestions can be found on our website [www.somak.co.uk](http://www.somak.co.uk)

If you cannot find your perfect safari in the pages of this brochure or on our website, we can tailor-make a personalised itinerary just for you, to create your dream holiday. This could be an adaptation of one of our classic or suggested itineraries, flying or by road, or a combination of both. You are limited only by practical considerations such as travelling times and flight networks, the availability of your chosen lodges or camps, and your budget. A selection of camps and lodges throughout Kenya and Tanzania can be found on our website [www.somak.co.uk](http://www.somak.co.uk)

A higher deposit may be required at the time of booking for some lodges and camps.

**YOUR SAFARI VEHICLE ON A SAFARI BY ROAD** – Our safari vehicles are driven by expert driver-guides who accompany you throughout your safari.

Our shared safaris by road in Kenya use a maximum of six seats, thus guaranteeing you a window seat and access to the game viewing hatch.

On a shared safari by road you can book a vehicle and driver-guide for the exclusive use of your party. This affords you greater flexibility with game viewing as you may have favourite animals that you would like to see or particular areas within a game park that you want to visit – although please bear in mind that no sighting of animals in the wild can be guaranteed! The applicable supplements to book an exclusive vehicle on a shared safari by road are available on request.

**ON THE ROAD** – Safaris often cover long distances on rough and uneven roads and may be dusty or muddy. Drives between game parks and lodges are made at a relatively high speed in order to make the journeys as comfortable as possible. Occasionally vehicles may become stuck in mud or even break down, but help is normally available nearby. Safari vehicles are not air-conditioned. On long journeys comfort breaks will be taken, often at curio shops, but the facilities will be basic in nature.

Approximate distances and/or travelling times are shown between points on each itinerary. These should be used as a guideline only, as travel may take a lot longer than expected due to poor road conditions or stops to view game. Changes to itineraries, routings and camps or lodges are sometimes unavoidable, e.g. due to rainfall, and it may be necessary to drive greater distances. Local conditions may lead to last minute changes en route.

A number of our itineraries include flights or the option to take one or more flights – please see the 'Flying Safaris' section below for further information.

Please note that at present the road into the Masai Mara is in a very bad condition in places and the final section can be an uncomfortable journey taking a considerable time. On our shared safaris by road we do offer the option to

fly out of the Mara at the conclusion of your safari to Nairobi for a supplement of from £170 or to Mombasa for a supplement of from £370 (prices only valid when pre-booked in the UK). Baggage allowance is restricted to 15 kg on light aircraft and should be in soft bags. If flying from the Masai Mara to Mombasa, beach luggage cannot be stored at Somak House in Nairobi, so your luggage would be restricted to 15 kg for your entire holiday.

**FLYING SAFARIS** – Choosing a flying safari offers you complete flexibility, from which day you depart the UK to the combinations of destinations, game parks and lodges and camps you choose. Flying between each destination allows you to cover more ground in a shorter period of time. Flying safaris are fully flexible and the number of days at each location can be increased or decreased, therefore no allocation is held and all services are subject to availability (if any element is not available we will suggest the best alternative).

Flights are in light aircraft and the baggage allowance is strictly 15 kg per person and should be in soft bags. Where possible, additional luggage can be left at your hotel or at the Somak Lounge and retrieved after the safari. Depending on your routing, a change of aircraft may be required as well as additional stops to pick up/drop off passengers en route to your final destination. Transfers and game drives will be provided by the lodge or camp in their vehicles and will be shared with other guests. A window seat in safari vehicles is not guaranteed at some lodges and camps, although there is usually the option to pay for exclusive use of a safari vehicle (subject to availability). For total flexibility and exclusivity the internal light aircraft flights can be arranged on an exclusive charter basis for your party at a supplement. A higher deposit may be required at time of booking.

**GAME DRIVES** – A safari promises both excitement and the unexpected – close encounters with wild animals, bumpy roads and helping out when the odds are down. Every day on a Somak Safari is different with amazing experiences, but don't expect lazy days. Game viewing activities, when taken from your lodge or camp, occur in the early morning (so book an early morning wake-up call!) and late afternoon, and usually last between one and two hours. Some game drives take place whilst driving from one lodge or camp to the next. Please note that game viewing is not an exact science and sightings of particular species cannot be guaranteed. At some lake lodges game drives are not provided, but optional excursions may be purchased locally. Game drives are not included at tree lodges, as they overlook waterholes and salt licks.

**MEALS ON SAFARI** – Guests booked on a shared safari by road are often referred to as a group when travelling in the same vehicle or convoy of vehicles. Lodges and camps prefer to reserve tables in their dining areas to ensure that space is available, but unfortunately it is often not practical to allocate individual tables for every couple or family and so they usually assign tables to guests that are travelling together, even if they have not booked together.

# Country Guide

**CHILDREN** – Children are welcome on selected safaris. On road safaris, we recommend that families with children book their own safari vehicle, to avoid concerns about disturbing fellow passengers. Children under the age of seven are not permitted at some lodges. Please contact us regarding restrictions for children on safaris.

**WHAT TO TAKE ON SAFARI?** A soft bag is best as there is limited space and luggage allowance is 15 kg. We recommend neutral colours, comfortable shoes, and warm clothing for early morning and evening game drives. Additional items to take include sunscreen, camera, binoculars, strong insect repellent and a hat.

**BALLOONING** – Instead of an early morning game drive you can enjoy an optional hot-air balloon flight over the Masai Mara or the Serengeti. Please ensure that your holiday insurance covers activities such as ballooning as many insurance policies require the payment of an additional premium to cover 'hazardous activities'. In the event of your ballooning being cancelled, we are unable to refund any such insurance premiums. Balloon flights will only operate in the event that your pilot judges the conditions to be safe and appropriate for your flight. Adverse weather conditions or other factors may lead to the cancellation of the balloon flight. As on any aircraft, the pilot reserves all rights in respect of the carriage of passengers and their luggage/equipment. A full refund of the cost of your balloon flight, if appropriate, will be provided in the event of cancellation as a result of matters beyond our control, but Somak will not pay any compensation for disappointment as a result of the cancellation of your balloon flight. Should an additional ballooning excursion be booked that coincides with a pre-arranged game drive or bush breakfast, no refund for either will be available. Height and age restrictions apply – children under the age of 7 are usually not allowed; the minimum height restriction is 1.2 metres. Prices displayed are only valid when pre-booked in the UK.

**SOMAK SAFARI LOUNGE** – Guests can relax and recuperate in the comfortable Safari Lounge, the first one of its kind in East Africa. This is available to all Somak guests passing through Nairobi (time permitting), and is the perfect place to enjoy refreshments, an air-conditioned rest area and showers. Many guests consider this a huge benefit and comment on the welcome hot food and refreshing drinks. You can store your luggage here if you wish.

## GORILLA TREKKING

Observing gorillas in the wild is a very special experience and it is important to preserve these fantastic, endangered animals, so only a limited number of permits are available in each park. Every visitor must obtain a permit before they can embark on a trek, so it is essential to book well in advance. Permits need to be paid for at the initial booking stage and are non-refundable.

Anyone that embarks on a gorilla trek must be fit and in good health, as reaching the gorillas in their natural habitat can be tough, arduous and wet. To reach the gorillas requires trekking through thick forest at heights of up to 3,000m

over sometimes difficult terrain. If on the day of your trek you are sick with a cold, flu or other contagious illness, visiting the gorillas will not be permitted and you may not be refunded the cost of the trek.

It is generally quite cool, particularly in the evening, so warm clothing is advised. Recommended clothing is long trousers and shirts when in the forest to avoid nettle stings. Sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots are essential. It often rains so take waterproof clothing and protection for your cameras.

Only one hour is allowed with the gorillas, at a distance of at least 7 metres. Flash photography is not allowed. Throughout the trek you will be accompanied by a ranger who will explain the rules and take you to the gorillas.

Of course there is no guarantee of seeing a gorilla as they are in their natural habitat.

## South Africa

Cape Town experiences hot, sunny and dry weather during November to March and is a great time for touring. April to August is cooler and can be rainy with the rainfall peaking in June and July however this is the best time to see the Southern Right Whales in breeding off the coast at Hermanus. September and October start to see the temperature getting warmer again with more sunshine.

The area around Kruger National Park may experience rainfall from December to March, this is a popular time to visit if you want to see fewer tourists, but can be rather wet. In April and May the weather is becoming drier and night time temperatures begin to drop. June to August can see cooler temperatures and by September and October you will experience much hotter weather and see concentrations of animals around watering holes as the grasses recede. November is an unpredictable month with hot dry weather and maybe the first rains of the season.

Flying time: Non-stop flights to Cape Town take approximately 12 hours and Johannesburg 11 hours.

Time difference: South Africa is two hours ahead of GMT.

Currency: South African Rand.

Passports: Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 30 days from the date of exit from South Africa and have at least two blank pages.

Visas: British passport holders do not currently require a visa for holidays up to 90 days. Other passport holders should check with the South Africa Embassy.

Vaccinations: Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

Yellow fever: Visitors require a valid yellow fever certificate if coming from or transiting through a yellow fever risk area.

For the latest information click on the 'country information' tab at <http://www.somak.com/africa/southafrica>

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
26°	26°	25°	25°	19°	18°	17°	18°	18°	21°	23°	24°
0	0	25	51	76	76	76	76	51	25	25	25

## Zambia

Zambia has three different seasons: December to April which is warm and wet, May to August which is cool and dry and September to November which is hot and dry.

The area around Victoria Falls is a year round destination. Between March and May you will see the towering spray as the mighty waters cascade over the basalt rock. During dry season it is possible to get closer to the Falls. When the water is at its highest, the clearest views are from the Zambian side as there is not as much spray. The lower levels during dry season change the views completely and at this time the Zimbabwean side offers better viewing as the gorges here take the majority of the flow.

The remote parts of the South Luangwa are only accessible during the dry season from May to October and many properties offer the choice between walking safaris and game drives. From November to April the Lower Zambezi area is a better choice as you can do game viewing by boat.

Flying time: Non-stop flights to Livingstone (Victoria Falls) take approximately 1 hours 45 minutes from Johannesburg.

Time difference: Zambia is two hours ahead of GMT.

Currency: Kwacha.

Passports: Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Zambia and have at least two blank pages.

Visas: British passport holders require a visa which can be obtained from Zambian High Commission in London before travel. Single and double entry visit visas are available at all ports of entry, but multi-entry visas are not. Carry the correct amount of cash as change may not be available. Other passport holders should check with the Zambian Embassy.

Vaccinations: Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

Yellow fever: Visitors require a valid yellow fever certificate if coming from or transiting through a yellow fever risk area and/or if travelling between South Africa and Zambia (including transit passengers).

For the latest information click on the 'country information' tab at <http://www.somak.com/africa/zambia>

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
21°	21°	21°	21°	18°	17°	16°	18°	22°	24°	23°	22°
229	203	152	25	10	0	0	0	11	25	102	152

## Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe has a sub-tropical climate that is influenced by altitude. There are 4 distinct seasons – warm wet season from November to March; transitional season from April to May; cool dry winter from May to August; and a warm dry season from August to October. Rainfall is highest on the High Veld with an average of up to 1,020 mm while the Middle Veld receives 410 mm to 610 mm and the Low Veld receives less than 400 mm. Average temperature ranges in Harare are from 7 to 21°C in June or July to 16 to 27°C in November.

Flying time: Non-stop flights to Victoria Falls take approximately 1 hour 40 minutes from Johannesburg.

Time difference: Zimbabwe is two hours ahead of GMT.

Currency: US Dollar and South African Rand.

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**Passports:** Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Zimbabwe and have at least three blank pages.

**Visas:** British passport holders require a visa which can be arranged before departure or on arrival. Other passport holders should check with the Zimbabwean Embassy.

**Vaccinations:** Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

For the latest information click on the 'country information' tab at [www.somak.com/africa/zimbabwe](http://www.somak.com/africa/zimbabwe)

HARARE, Zimbabwe – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
20°	20°	20°	19°	16°	14°	14°	16°	19°	21°	21°	20°	
190	177	107	32	10	3	1	2	7	32	93	173	

## Botswana

Most rainfall is between November and March. April and May have warm days and cool nights but is a good time to visit the Kalahari and Okavango Delta as the parks have dried out allowing greater access. From June to August it is colder but is the most popular time to visit Botswana as the Okavango flood waters have arrived attracting large numbers of game to the area. September and October is very hot and the best time for the big game safaris as the landscape is dried out so concentrating the game. November can either be hot like October or you will see the start of the rains bring cooler temperatures.

Private concessions in Botswana are more exclusive and allow you to partake in walking safaris, off road game drive and night game drives. In the national park itself you have to be back at your accommodation by sunset so there is no night game drives. In the national parks you cannot do walking safaris or off road game drives.

Game drives in Savute are all conducted in safari vehicles. Game activities in Chobe are conducted in game vehicles or on water depending on what property you stay at. Game drives in the Okavango Delta are all conducted on water by mokoro. Game drives in Makgadikgadi Pans are conducted in safari vehicles.

**Flying time:** Non-stop flights to Maun take approximately two hours from Johannesburg or 1 hour from Windhoek.

**Time difference:** Botswana is two hours ahead of GMT.

**Currency:** Pula.

**Passports:** Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Botswana.

**Visas:** British passport holders do not currently require a visa for holidays up to 90 days. Other passport holders should check with the Botswana Embassy.

**Vaccinations:** Vaccinations are recommended,

please consult your doctor.

**Yellow fever:** Visitors require a valid yellow fever certificate if coming from or transiting through a yellow fever risk area.

For the latest information click on the 'country information' tab at <http://www.somak.com/africa/botswana>

MAUN, Botswana – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
30°	30°	29°	27°	25°	24°	24°	26°	30°	33°	32°	31°	
102	76	76	25	15	0	0	0	10	25	51	76	

## Namibia

The climate in Namibia is very dry and good to visit all year round. December to March the weather is humid with minimal localised rainfall. April and May are very dry and fresh months. From June to August the temperature cools down with night time becoming very cold. November can be either hot and dry, or you could encounter some rainfall. June to September is the best time for the game viewing as the game gravitates to the watering holes although as it is dry, there can be a lot of dust and the vegetation is not so vibrant.

All year round is an excellent time to experience the delights of Namibia's deserts and it is best to do excursions into the deserts early in the morning prior to sunrise before the temperatures become too hot.

**Flying time:** Non-stop flights to Windhoek take approximately 2 hours from Johannesburg.

**Time difference:** Namibia is two hours ahead of GMT.

**Currency:** The official currency is the Namibian Dollar although the South African Rand is also legal currency.

**Passports:** Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Namibia and have at least three blank pages.

**Visas:** British passport holders do not currently require a visa for holidays up to 90 days. Other passport holders should check with the Namibia Embassy.

**Vaccinations:** Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

**Yellow fever:** Visitors require a valid yellow fever certificate if coming from or transiting through a yellow fever risk area.

For the latest information click on the 'country information' tab at <http://www.somak.com/africa/namibia>

WINDHOEK, Namibia – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
29°	28°	27°	25°	22°	20°	20°	23°	25°	29°	29°	30°	
76	76	76	51	51	15	0	0	0	10	15	51	

## Mauritius

May to October sees the highest temperatures which vary between 20°C and 26°C in the coastal regions. In summer, November to April it's slightly higher, 26°C to 32°C.

**Flying time:** Flights from London to Mauritius take approximately 12 hours.

**Time difference:** Mauritius is four hours ahead of GMT.

**Currency:** Mauritius Rupee.

**Passports:** Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Mauritius and have at least one blank page.

**Visas:** British passport holders require a visa which is issued on arrival. Other passport holders should check with the Mauritius Embassy.

**Vaccinations:** Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

PORT LOUIS, Mauritius – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
27°	26°	26°	25°	23°	21°	21°	21°	21°	23°	25°	26°	
165	183	91	87	41	24	20	24	31	18	33	91	

## Seychelles

The Seychelles enjoys a tropical climate and rain falls throughout the year, with the heaviest rainfall between October and March. It is hot and humid with cooler evenings. Light and cool clothing is best throughout the year, with a pullover handy during the winter evenings.

**Flying time:** Flights from London to Mahe via Dubai, take approximately 12 hours.

**Time difference:** Seychelles is four hours ahead of GMT.

**Currency:** Seychelles Rupees, Sterling, US dollars, Euros.

**Passports:** Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into the Seychelles and have at least 1 blank page.

**Visas:** British passport holders do not require a visa. Other passport holders should check with the Seychelles Embassy.

**Vaccinations:** Vaccinations are recommended, please consult your doctor.

MAHE, Seychelles – Average Temperature (°C) Average Rainfall (mm)												
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
27°	27°	28°	28°	28°	27°	26°	26°	27°	27°	27°	27°	
310	300	180	190	100	50	65	110	125	220	320	305	

# Booking Conditions

Your contract is with Somak Travel Limited, of which Somak Holidays is a registered trading division.

**1. Your holiday contract:** When you make a booking you undertake that you have the authority to accept and do accept these booking conditions on behalf of yourself and your party. A contract will exist upon the issue of our Confirmation Invoice. These conditions in conjunction with the information set out in our brochure form the entire agreement between Somak Holidays and yourself. Any advice/information given to you by your travel agent which is inconsistent with our brochure and these conditions will not form part of your contract with ourselves.

**2. Your financial protection:** We are a member of ABTA (No V5319) and hold ATOL No 2550 issued by the Civil Aviation Authority. £2.50 per person is added to the cost of this air holiday package and is paid to the Civil Aviation Authority to provide ATOL Protection to you. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate, or a suitable alternative. In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative, at no extra cost to you. You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme, or your credit card issuer where applicable.

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

All money accepted from you by a travel agent acting as our agent is held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times, but subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail. If we do fail, any money held at that time by

the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by the agent, is and continues to be held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us.

**3. Your holiday price:** When you or your travel agent request a booking with Somak, if we are able to accept the booking, you must immediately pay a deposit of £300 per person together with any applicable insurance premium. Occasionally you may be required to pay a sum greater than £300, this is so that we can secure hotels or products on your behalf that must be paid for by Somak at the time we book them for you. The balance of the price of your travel arrangements must be paid at least 8 weeks before your departure date. If your booking is made within 8 weeks of departure, full payment including any insurance premiums is required at the time of booking. If the deposit is not paid on time, we reserve the right to cancel your travel arrangements. If the balance is not paid on time we shall retain your deposit and reserve the right to cancel your travel arrangements and levy the cancellation charges set out in clause 5 below. All monies you pay to the travel agent are held by them on our behalf at all times. All prices in our brochures or on our website are in £ sterling, per person (based on 2 people sharing).

Booking forms can be downloaded from [www.somak.com/InsBookConditions/SomakBookingForm1\\_files/form.htm](http://www.somak.com/InsBookConditions/SomakBookingForm1_files/form.htm)

We reserve the right to change our prices at any time before you book, including any special offers which we may have from time-to-time, and which may or may not be the same as set out in our publicity material.

**4. If you change your booking:** If, after our confirmation invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, for example, your chosen departure date or accommodation, we will do our utmost to make these changes but it may not always be possible.

Any request for changes MUST be in writing from the person who made the booking or your travel agent. You will be asked to pay an administration charge of £25 per person per change, together with any further charges and/or supplements and/or costs we incur in making this alteration. You should be aware that these costs will increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and may include the cost of replacement air tickets, you should therefore contact us as soon as possible. We may not be able to make alterations to your holiday arrangements within 21 days of departure without you incurring cancellation charges.

**5. If you cancel your holiday:** You, or any member of your party, may cancel your travel arrangements at any time. WRITTEN notification from the person who made the booking or your travel agent must be received at our offices. The following scale of cancellation will be payable depending on when the notification of cancellation is received:

56 days or more	Deposit only
55 – 43 days	30% of total holiday price
42 – 29 days	50% of total holiday price
28 – 15 days	75% of total holiday price
Less than 14 days	100% of total holiday price

If some, but not all, party members cancel, additional charges may be payable by the remaining members (e.g. under occupancy charges).

Note: If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges.

**6. If we change or cancel your holiday:** It is unlikely that we will have to make any changes to your travel arrangements. However, we do plan the arrangements many months in advance and occasionally, therefore, it may be necessary to make changes and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you or your travel agent of them if practicable and time permitting. Please note that carriers, timings and routings given in the brochure are for guidance only and may be subject to change. Such changes are deemed to be minor changes. Other examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same standard, or change of airports within the London area.

We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements. For example, if the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, we may have to cancel it. However, we will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 8 weeks before your departure date, except for reasons of force majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. If it is necessary for us to cancel your travel arrangements for reasons other than force majeure and non-payment of the final balance, we will pay compensation to you as set out in this clause.

If we make a major change to your holiday, we will inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure. You will have the choice of either accepting the change of arrangements, accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements from us, if available (with no amendment fee although subject to any difference in brochure price), or cancelling your booked holiday and receiving a full refund of all monies paid except for insurance premiums and/or amendment charges. In all cases, except where the major change arises due to reasons of force majeure, we will pay compensation as detailed below for the period before your departure within which the notice of cancellation or major change is notified to you:

56 days or more	Nil
55 – 43 days	£10
42 – 29 days	£20
28 – 15 days	£30
Less than 15 days	£50

'Force Majeure': This means any situation outside our control such as war or threat of war, riot,

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industrial dispute, technical or maintenance problems with means of transportation, re-scheduling or cancellation of flights by an airline or main charterer, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances that amount to force majeure.

As we do not control the day-to-day management of your accommodation it is possible that the reserved accommodation may not be suitable or available to you once you have arrived in resort. If this happens we will endeavour to provide accommodation of at least the same standard in the same resort area. If only accommodation of a lower standard is available then we will refund the difference of the brochure price between the accommodation booked and that available, together with compensation of £50 per person.

In February 2005 European law (EU261) introduced new consumer rights where you may suffer denied boarding, delays or cancellation of your flight. These rights are against the carrier concerned and not against us. In some situations you may be able to cancel your flight and receive a refund of the flight element however this will not entitle you to reimbursement of the cost of the holiday from us. Details of your rights are available at all EU airports and from the airlines concerned.

**7. If you have a complaint:** If you have a problem during your holiday, you must, whilst in resort, inform the relevant supplier (e.g. your hotelier) and your resort representative as soon as possible and they will endeavour to put things right. You must also complete a Customer Report Form whilst in resort. If your complaint is not resolved locally, please follow it up within 28 days of your return home by writing to our Customer Services Department giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. Please keep your letter concise, to the point and typed if possible. This will assist us to quickly identify your concerns and speed up our response to you.

If you fail to report any problems whilst in resort we will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify your complaint whilst you were there, and this may affect any rights you may otherwise have had under this contract.

**8. What happens to complaints:** It is unlikely that you will have a complaint that cannot be settled amicably either whilst in resort or following your return home. However, disputes arising from this contract which cannot be settled amicably may, if you wish, be referred to the ABTA Arbitration scheme (see below) or to a court of law. The ABTA Arbitration scheme is arranged by The Association of British Travel Agents Ltd., but is administered quite independently by CEDR. The ABTA scheme provides a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone, with restricted liability on you in respect of costs. The scheme does not apply to claims for any amount greater than £5,000 per person or £25,000 per booking form. If you choose to proceed to Arbitration under this scheme, you must send a written notice of your

decision to ABTA within 18 months after your scheduled date of return. Full details of the scheme are available from The Association of British Travel Agents Ltd. at 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ, [www.abta.com](http://www.abta.com)

**9. Our liability to you:** We are responsible for ensuring that your package holiday is of a reasonable standard and as described to you. If any part fails to reach this standard and affects the enjoyment of your holiday, we will offer reasonable compensation providing it is not due to events outside our control. Our liability in all these cases is limited to a maximum of twice the value of the services affected.

Somak Holidays accept responsibility for death, injury, or illness caused by the negligent acts and/or omissions of our employees or agents, together with our suppliers and sub-contractors, servants and/or agents of the same, whilst acting in the course of their employment in the provision of your package holiday. We will pay compensation equivalent to that which would be awarded in an English Court, but will not offer compensation if the injury, illness or death is caused by your own fault or the fault of someone unconnected with the package, or an event that could not have been expected or avoided even with all due care. In respect of international carriage by air or sea our liability in all cases will be limited in the manner permitted by international conventions. You may ask for copies of these from our offices.

If you purchase excursions which do not form part of the package holiday, your contract will not be with Somak Holidays but with the supplier, we regret we are unable to accept any responsibility in these circumstances, however, we may be able to offer assistance as described below.

**10. Personal injury unconnected with your booked travel arrangements:** If you, or any member of your party, suffer death, illness or injury whilst overseas, arising out of an activity which does not form part of your package travel arrangements with ourselves, we shall, at our discretion, offer advice, guidance and assistance. Where legal action is contemplated and you want our assistance, you must obtain our written consent prior to commencement of any proceedings. Our consent will be given subject to you undertaking to assign any costs and/or benefits received under any relevant insurance policy to ourselves. We limit the cost of our assistance to you or any member of your party to £5,000 per booking form.

**11. Behaviour:** Please note that your holiday arrangements will be terminated by ourselves or the suppliers concerned (e.g. airlines, hotels, tour leaders etc.) if you are behaving in such a way as to cause, or be likely to cause, danger or distress to others or damage to property. In this situation, Somak will not be liable to make any refund, pay any compensation, or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result of your behaviour. Please note that you are at all times subject to the laws of the country you are visiting and must respect local cultures and customs.

## **12. Conditions of carriage/ accommodation:**

Each journey (whether undertaken or not) that you book by air, land or sea is governed by the conditions of the carrier which undertakes to provide that carriage. Some of these conditions limit or exclude liability and are often the subject of international agreements. Copies of applicable conditions are available for inspection at the offices of the carrier concerned or through ourselves. It is your own responsibility to reconfirm the onward or return sectors of any air journey with the carrier concerned or such carrier's duly authorised agents and according to such carrier's regulations. The outbound flight is reconfirmed by Somak Holidays prior to your departure. All accommodation booked by ourselves on your behalf is subject to the 'house rules' of the proprietor.

**13. Insurance:** It is imperative that you ensure that all of your party have adequate and appropriate insurance. You are free to choose your own policy but you must satisfy yourself that the policy is adequate for your needs, in particular for any activities you are contemplating during your holiday.

**14. Documentation:** Where travel and health documents are necessary to comply with the requirements of any country you may wish to visit, then it is your responsibility to procure them. If failure to obtain any such documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed upon us then you shall reimburse us accordingly. You must be aware, by consulting your own doctor if necessary, of specific health precautions deemed prudent for the country/resort you intend to visit and obtain the appropriate medication/inoculations.

**15. By making a booking with us** you agree to the use and disclosure of the information you provide for the following purposes: to enable us to process your booking (when it may be transferred abroad), for market research and analysis, to prevent fraud and to enable us to contact you by letter, telephone or email. In order for you to travel abroad, it may be mandatory (as required by government authorities at the point(s) of departure and/or destination) to disclose and process your information for immigration, border control, security and anti-terrorism purposes, or any other purposes which they determine appropriate.

**16. Law and jurisdiction:** The contract between us, and these booking conditions, are governed by and construed in accordance with English law. All parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

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