



KENYA SAFARI ITINERARY
JUNE OR NOVEMBER 2017
NAIROBI / SAMBURU / OL PEJETA



SAFARI DETAILS

DAY 01 : ARRIVE IN NAIROBI, KENYA



Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, met by your tour Director Ms Pat Awori inside the airport and she will assist you through the Immigration and Customs formalities, then proceed to your waiting safari vehicle and be and transferred to House of Waine

House of Waine is nestled in the leafy residential area of Karen and set in beautiful tranquil gardens. The House has the charm of a family home and accommodation is in spacious, individually styled rooms with mini bar, telephone, TV and tea and coffee-making facilities. Meals are served in various areas of the house and there are two bars exclusively for use of guests. There is also a heated swimming pool and a conference room.

Dinner will be at House of Waine.

Overnight at House of Waine (Meal: Dinner)

DAY 02 : NAIROBI



After breakfast, depart for a full day excursion in Karen area.

Begin by a visit to the Giraffe Centre which offers the unique experience of hand-feeding these gentle giants at eye level from a raised platform, while watching the warthogs below snuffle around looking for titbits. The centre is the headquarters of the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW) which was setup to raise money to relocate the endangered Rothschild giraffe to safe areas

Lunch today will be at the **Tamambo Karen Blixen Coffee Garden**, which is located in a beautiful tranquil garden setting and offers a wide variety of dishes including seafood, steak and poultry.



After lunch visit **Kazuri Beads** which was started to help women around Nairobi with regular employment so that they could support their families and educate their children. Meet the women and chat with them about their lives as they work. The jewellery also makes great gifts!



15:00 Hrs Private visit to David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's elephant orphanage (Subject to availability). Here you will be able to interact with the small elephants and talk to their keepers to learn more about this worthwhile project and the importance of the elephant in Africa's conservation efforts

The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's elephant Orphanage is a small charity, established in 1977 by Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick to honor the memory of her husband, famous Naturalist, David Sheldrick, the founder Warden of Tsavo East National Park in Kenya. For over 25 years Kenya born Daphne lived and worked alongside her late husband and during that time she raised and rehabilitated back into the wild orphans of misfortune from many different wild species, including elephants aged two and upwards. She is a recognized International authority on the rearing of wild creatures and is the first person to have perfected the milk formula and necessary husbandry for both infant milk dependent elephants and rhinos. For her work in this field Daphne has received several prestigious awards. The elephant orphans raised by the Trust are gradually rehabilitated back into the wild elephant community of Tsavo National Park when grown, a transition that is made at their own pace and in their own time, but usually taking approximately eight to ten years. A number of ex-Nursery orphans have now had young born in the wild.



During your private visit, you will Adopt orphaned baby elephant to gives them a second chance at living freely in the wild.

Later, you will be transferred back to House of Waine.

Dinner and overnight at House of Waine (Meal: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

DAY 03: NAIROBI / SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE (Approx. 6 hours drive)



After breakfast begin your safari by driving north of the country through pineapple, coffee plantations in central Kenya to Samburu National Reserve. Arrive at Elephant Bedroom Camp in time for lunch.



Elephant Bedroom Camp is located at the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, surrounded by doum palms and other indigenous trees. The camp is decorated in rustic African style, with vibrant colours which are popular with the local Samburu tribe. The tents are set on raised wooden decks where one can relax while enjoying the spectacular scenery and each deck has a private plunge pool facing the river which is regularly visited by elephants and other game.

After lunch relax before departing for an afternoon game viewing in the reserve.

Dinner at the camp.

Overnight at Elephant Bedroom Camp (Meals : Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

DAY 04, 05 & 06: SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE



Spend the next three days game viewing and exploring the area. Search for rare game only found north of the equator, such as the reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, Beisa Oryx and Somali ostrich. Samburu lies in the vast, hot and arid Northern Kenya and is adjacent to Buffalo Springs and Shaba National Reserves. The Ewaso Nyiro River is the lifeline for the people and animals in the area and crocodile share the banks with elephant, lion, buffalo and even the elusive leopard. The Samburu tribe, just like the Masai, has retained their traditional way of life and still practices their ancient customs.



Shaba National Reserve is among the three adjoined national reserves namely Samburu National Reserve, Buffalo Springs and Shaba National Reserve.

The Shaba reserve has dramatic scenery including river-side forests, scattered woodlands and dry grasslands dominated by the Shaba Hill volcano. The plentiful wildlife relies on waterholes and marshes scattered throughout the reserve. Shaba is home to the endangered Grevy's zebra and the rare Williams's lark. It was gazetted in 1974. It is administered by the Isiolo County Council, It is just east of Samburu and 70 kilometres (43 mi) to the north of Mount Kenya. The Ewaso Nyiro river runs for 34 kilometres (21 mi) along the northern boundary of the reserve. Annual rainfall is between 250 millimetres (9.8 in) and 500 millimetres (20 in). The soils are sandy, volcanic in origin. The reserve is semi desert, dotted with isolated hills and plentiful springs. Shaba Hill in the south, with its volcanic formations, rises to 2,145 metres (7,037 ft) above sea level from relatively flat surrounding country. The land at the foot of this hill is rugged, containing steep ravines.

Shaba is smaller than Samburu Reserve and has more riverine forests, which contain acacia elatior and doum palms. Away from the river the habitats include umbrella thorn acacia woodland, bush land dominated by commiphora, alkaline grasslands and open areas of lava rock that contain scattered patches of grass and shrubs.



The Samburu National Reserve is a game reserve on the banks of the Ewaso Ng'iro river in Kenya. On the other side of the river is the Buffalo Springs National Reserve. The park is 165 km² in size and is situated 350 kilometers from Nairobi. It ranges in altitude from 800 to 1230m above sea level.[1] Geographically, it is located in Samburu County. In the middle of the reserve, the Ewaso Ng'iro flows through doum palm groves and thick riverine forests. It provides water, without which the game in this arid region could not survive.

The Samburu National Reserve was one of the two areas in which conservationists George Adamson and Joy Adamson raised Elsa the Lioness made famous in the best-selling book and award winning movie Born Free. The Samburu National Reserve is also the home of Kamunyak, a lioness famous for adopting oryx calves. It can be entered via the Ngare Mare and Buffalo Springs gates. Once inside the reserve, there are two mountains visible: Koitogor and Ololokwe. Samburu National Reserve is very peaceful and attracts animals because of the Ewaso Ng'iro river (meaning "brown water" and pronounced U-aa-so-Nyee-ro) that runs through it and the mixture of acacia, riverine forest, thorn trees and grassland vegetation. The Ewaso Ng'iro flows from the Kenyan highlands and empties into the famous Lorian Swamp. The natural serenity that is evident here is due to its distance from industry and the inaccessibility of the reserve for many years.

Shaba National Reserve is a protected area in northern Kenya to the east of the Samburu and Buffalo Springs national reserves. Together, the three reserves form a large protected area.



During your stay in Samburu, you will also visit a traditional Samburu village for cultural experience. The Samburu tribe lives in the area and, just like the Maasai, they have retained their traditional way of life and still practice their ancient customs.

Like the Maasai, the Samburu are nomadic pastoralists, moving from one place to another following patterns of rainfall in search of fresh pasture and water for their cattle, camels, goats and sheep. The Samburus are considered even more traditional and remote than their Maasai kin, and have maintained the authenticity of their culture by sticking to their ancient traditions and defying modern trends.

Samburu history is intertwined with that of Kenya's other Nilotic tribes. Samburus are known to have originated from Sudan, settling north of Mount Kenya and south of Lake Turkana in Kenya's Rift Valley area. Upon their arrival in Kenya in the 15th century, the Samburu parted ways with their Maasai cousins, who moved further south while the Samburu moved north. The Samburu were not very affected by British colonial rule since the British did not find their land particularly attractive.



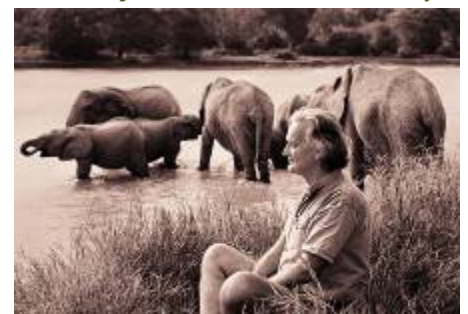
The Samburu tribe speaks the Maa language, as do the Maasai. However, although they share a vocabulary, the Samburu speak more rapidly than the Maasai. Together with the Maasai and Turkana tribes, the Samburu are among the few African tribes who have remained culturally authentic by clinging to their traditional way of life. The Samburu dress is so similar to the Maasai that it is hard to distinguish between the two tribes. Both Samburu men and women dress in brightly colored traditional shukas, which they wrap loosely around their bodies. Samburu men also dye their hair with red ochre, while the women adorn themselves in beautiful, multi-beaded necklaces and other traditional jewellery. Samburu warriors, or morans, keep their long hair in braids and dress in more colorful attire than other members of the tribe.

All meals at the camp.

Overnight at Elephant Bedroom Camp (Meals : Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

Optional activity - Save the Elephants Project

During your stay you will also have OPTIONAL visit the **Save the Elephants Project** which was founded by Iain Douglas-Hamilton, who is recognised by many as the one of world's foremost authorities on elephant conservation. Save the Elephants pioneered GPS tracking of elephants, where selected elephants are fitted with a GPS collar. Through these collars the project receives text messages with details on the elephants location, air temperature and humidity. This data helps to pinpoint the most important areas that need to be safeguarded for the future of elephants and the information is being used for conservation planning in the Ewaso watershed in the Samburu, Laikipia, and Isiolo Districts of Northern Kenya. Close studies of the data received from individual elephants is also shedding light on mating strategies and communication channels and group studies are uncovering the elephants very complex social structure.



DAY 07: SAMBURU / OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY (Approx. 2.5 hrs drive)



After breakfast at the camp, being your drive to the private Ol Pejeta Conservancy, arriving at Sweetwaters Serena Camp in time lunch.

Sweetwaters Serena Camp is located in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, renowned for its rhino conservation success. The camp is built around a waterhole which attracts a wide variety of game during the day and night. The main area was once a colonial farm and the restaurant is housed in the former manager's house along with a Bar and lounge with cozy log fire and a swimming pool nearby.

The new “Morani Wing” has spacious and tastefully furnished tents, all with views of the watering hole. The Morani Wing has been named in honor of Morani, the first black rhino to be introduced to Sweetwaters Game Reserve (now Ol Pejeta Conservancy), which was opened as a Black Rhino Sanctuary in 1989. An orphan of poaching, Morani was tame and before his death in 2008, he was the best Ambassador for all black rhino in Africa



After lunch there is time to relax before you depart for an afternoon game viewing drive in this private conservancy.

Overnight at Serena Sweetwaters Serena Camp (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner) – Morani Wing

DAY 08, 09 & 10: OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY



Spend the next three days exploring the conservancy.

Ol Pejeta is a private Conservancy which is home to various species including the endangered Rhino, elephant, cheetah, lion, leopard and a variety of plains game including the rarer Northern species such as Grevys Zebra, Jacksons Hartebeest and Beisa Oryx.

There is a Wildlife Educational Centre which is interesting for both children and adults alike.

During your stay, you will visit the Chimpanzee Sanctuary where you can learn about the perils facing chimpanzees in the wild.

Ol Pejeta is also home to the world’s last remaining northern white rhino which now live in a special endangered species enclosure in the conservancy.

Overnight at Serena Sweetwaters Serena Camp (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner) – Morani Wing

Some of the optional activities you could book (extra cost):

- Ol Pejeta offers a wide range of optional activities at an extra cost (should be booked in advance), including a special visit to see the Northern White Rhinos at Ol Pejeta. These are the world's last remaining northern white rhinos and Ol Pejeta, being one of East Africa's largest Black rhino sanctuaries with well qualified and experienced staff to care for these species, was assessed to be the best possible location for this breeding project.

The rhino were translocated from Dvur Kralove Zoo, which up until late 2009, had been their home in the Czech Republic. The transfer was aimed at providing the rhinos with the most favorable breeding conditions, in an attempt to pull the species back from the verge of extinction. It is thought that the climatic, dietary and security conditions that the rhinos enjoy at Ol Pejeta will provide them with higher chances of starting a population in what is seen as the very last lifeline for the species.



The rhino now live in the 700-acre Endangered Species Enclosure, along with small populations of Grevy's zebra and Jackson's hartebeest. All proceeds from visits to the Endangered Species Enclosure are reinvested into the continuing efforts to pull the species back from the verge of extinction

- Other activities you could book include an early morning guided bush walk with an experienced armed ranger, The walk gives you a brief insight into what it takes to be an Ol Pejeta ranger, patrolling the Conservancy on foot.

DAY 11: OL PEJETA / NAIROBI / DEPART (approximately 4 hours drive)



Today, after breakfast at the camp, begin your drive back to Nairobi. On arrival in Nairobi you will be transferred to Ole Sereni Hotel where dayrooms and lunch will be reserved for you.

Ole Sereni Hotel is located a short drive from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and combines the best features of a modern City Hotel with the tranquility of a safari lodge, as the hotel overlooks the Nairobi National Park.

Later transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your international departure flight.

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