



KENYA SAFARI ITINERARY

Elephant & Explorer

TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK

JUNE OR NOVEMBER 2017



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 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 the your private visit, you will Adopt orphaned baby elephant visit 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 / TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK (Approx. 6 hours drive)



After breakfast at house, begin your drive through scenic countryside to Tsavo West National Park, arriving at Kilaguni Serena Lodge in time for lunch.

This classic stone-built lodge overlooks its own water hole, which is visited by a variety of animals including elephants, buffalos and various plains game. The lodge features a thatched central dining area and a rock-built bar with a viewing terrace looking directly down to the waterhole. Rooms are en-suite and have verandas, some overlooking the water hole and some the Chyullu Hills, which are one of the world's youngest volcanic ranges.

There is time to relax after lunch, before your afternoon game viewing drive in the park.

Overnight at Kilaguni Serena Lodge. (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)



DAY 04, 05 , 06 , 07 ,08 , 09 & 10 : TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK



Spend the next seven days with game viewing activities and exploring the expansive park.

At just over 21,000 km sq. Tsavo is the largest National Park in Kenya and because of its size the park was split into two, Tsavo West & Tsavo East. .



“Land of Lava, Springs & Man-Eaters”

From the sight of fifty million gallons of crystal clear water gushing out of from the under parched lava rock that is the Mzima Springs to the Shetani lava flows, Tsavo West is a beautiful, rugged wilderness. The savannah ecosystem comprises of open grasslands, scrublands, and Acacia woodlands, belts of riverine vegetation and rocky ridges including the Poacher's Lookout where visitors can see the teeming herds in the plains below. Tsavo West offers some of the most magnificent game viewing in the world and attractions include elephant, rhino, Hippos, lions, cheetah, leopards, Buffalos, diverse plant and bird species including the threatened corncrake and near threatened Basra Reed Warbler.

Tsavo West Features

Tsavo West National Park is more mountainous and wetter than its counterpart, with swamps, Lake Jipe and the Mzima Springs. It is known for bird life and for its large mammal's e.g. black rhino, Cape buffalo, elephant, leopard, hippo and Masai lion. There are also other smaller animals that can be spotted in the park, such as the bush baby, hartebeest, lesser kudu and Maasai giraffe.

Tsavo West can be accessed through Mtito Gate, Man Eaters Gate, Chyulu Gate and one other near Maktau.





Tsavo West National Park attractions

The spectacle Mzima Springs is the sight of fifty million gallons of crystal clear water gushing out of from the under parched lava rocks, forming the most welcoming and lovely scene in Africa

Ancient lands of Lions, in 1898 the Uganda railway construction was abruptly halted by the two of the most voracious and insatiable man-eating lions appeared upon the scene, and for over nine month waged intermittent warfare against the railway and all those connected with it in the vicinity of Tsavo.

A vibrant volcanic arena; molten lava that form Shetani lava spewed from the earth just about 200 years ago and its fiery fury was thought by locals to be work of the Devil.

Poacher's Lookout and roaring rocks; the Park abound the panoramic vintage point from which to view the movement of the herds.

Glorious game drives; Tsavo west offers some of the most magnificent game viewing in the world

Ngulia Sanctuary; this is where the growing population of highly endangered black rhino are inching from chasm of extinction forced upon them by rampant poaching in the 1960s.

Lake Jipe, lies astride Kenya and Tanzania boarder and is teeming with aquatic life, Bird watching I also major activity around the lake.

First World War Site-East African Campaign, Perhaps the most bizarre campaign of the world war was fought in the "Bundu" (Bush) – the barely explored wilderness of thorny scrub and dense forest of Tsavo west. This last 'gentleman war' was waged under the code of honor-sometimes; or under guerrilla tactics adopted from African tribal fighters. The Guided tours of the Crater, and Mzima fort will enable you trail the real footsteps of the world war veterans.



Overnight at Kilaguni Serena Lodge. (Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

DAY 11 : TSAVO WEST / NAIROBI / DEPART (approximately 6 hours drive)



Today, after breakfast at the camp, begin your drive back to Nairobi and to Ole Sereni hotel where dayrooms are 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 you will be transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your international departure flight..

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Included in the safari:

- ✓ Meet and greet services on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
- ✓ Airport transfers and excursions in Nairobi
- ✓ Transport and game drives based on our six seater 4x4 safari Land Cruiser
- ✓ Game drives as indicated
- ✓ Services of our professional English speaking driver guide
- ✓ Services of Pat as your professional safari tour director
- ✓ Accommodation on half board at House of Waine
- ✓ Full board accommodation on safari
- ✓ Dayrooms at Ole Sereni Hotel on last day
- ✓ Visit to the Giraffe Centre
- ✓ Visit Kazuri Beads
- ✓ 1100 hrs Public visit to David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage
- ✓ 1500 hrs Private visit and adoption of baby orphaned elephant at David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage
- ✓ Game drives as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ Park entrance fees and conservation charges
- ✓ Bottled mineral water in our safari vehicle while on safari
- ✓ Flying doctors temporary membership for evacuation only
- ✓ All government taxes, VAT and levies

Excluded:-

- ✗ International airfare inclusive of taxes
- ✗ Visa entry fee to Kenya – to be applied for and paid on line
- ✗ All drinks of choice
- ✗ Items of a personal nature such as laundry, telecommunication bills etc.
- ✗ Travel and medical insurance cover - Highly recommended
- ✗ Tips and gratuities to driver guide and hotel/camp staff
- ✗ Any deviation from the above programme
- ✗ Any other item(s) not mentioned under inclusions above

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

CHANGES IN VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR KENYA

Please be aware of a change in the Visa application procedure for travelers coming to Kenya. This change is part of on-going Government efforts to enhance service delivery by moving various services to the on-line platform. Visas should be applied for online before arrival into Kenya. The new service went live in July 2015. However, visitors can still get their visas on arrival at the Airports until further notice.

General important information:

- Once issued, the eVisa is valid for 3 months. Once you present yourself to immigration control at the Port of entry, you may be issued with a stay period of 90 days.
- Once the application is in process, the e-Visa application fees are non-refundable.

The information above is current at the time of writing.

Please see the link below for the most current information before you travel.

<http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

RESPONSIBILITY:

- a) All bookings are accepted on the specific condition that Maniago Safaris Ltd. and/ or other subsidiaries, affiliate companies, independent suppliers who are not affiliates with Maniago Safaris Ltd. in any way, act only as booking

agents for the owners, outfitters, operations and contractors in all matters relating to hotel accommodation, sightseeing, tours and transport whether by aircraft, rail road, motor coach, ship, boat or any other means.

- b) All tickets, exchange orders or vouchers issued by those described above are subject to any and all terms and conditions under which such means of transportation, accommodation or other services are offered or provided, issuance and acceptance of covering vouchers, and tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the further condition that neither Maniago Safaris Ltd., nor their subsidiaries, independent suppliers, etc., here or abroad shall become liable or responsible in any way in connection with such means of transportation, accommodation or other services or for any person or property howsoever caused or arising from any delays in transportation or consequences, therefore.
- c) All scheduled airline flights are occasionally subject to overbooking or cancellation. If this occurs, Maniago Safaris Ltd., and/or its correspondent companies will do all in their power to assist clients in boarding flights or finding alternative arrangements. It must be stressed that this is done as a courtesy to clients and Maniago Safaris Ltd., cannot be held responsible for denied boarding, nor for the additional costs thus incurred.
- d) At some of the places you will visit on your tour, optional activities furnished by other independent suppliers who are not affiliated with Maniago Safaris Ltd., in any way will be available. Some of these activities carry with them various inherent risks, including that of attack by wild animals, which can cause serious personal injury. These activities include, but are not necessarily limited to:
- a) Walking safaris.
 - b) Horseback safaris.
 - c) Camel Safaris.
 - d) Hot air balloon trips.
 - e) Airplane and Helicopter flights
 - f) Train journeys
 - g) Any form of ship or boat travel
 - h) Gorilla trekking
 - i) Elephant activities
 - j) Cycling

You should be aware that, although precautions are taken by the suppliers to guard against such dangers, YOUR SAFETY CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. Should you elect to participate in such activities while you are on tour, you are, of course, free to do so. However you must understand that such participation will be at your own risk, and that MANIAGO SAFARIS LTD. CAN ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR SAFETY. This includes any acts of war or acts of God (i.e. floods, earthquakes, fire etc)

- e) Maniago Safaris Ltd., their representatives reserve the right to withdraw such a tour or any part of it to make such alterations in the itinerary as to them seem necessary or desirable, to refuse to accept or retain as a member of the tour any person at any time, and to pass on to tour members any expenditure occasioned by delays or events beyond their control. In case of any appreciable variable in cost in these, the right is reserved to make such adjustments to rate as necessary.
- f) We suggest all clients take out adequate travel and medical insurance, as Maniago Safaris Ltd will not be responsible for any accidents or mishaps that may occur
- g) Any disputes arising will be handled within the laws of the Government of Kenya

GENERAL TRAVEL GUIDELINES



Kenya

Area: 581,309 km²
 Population: 43 million approx.
 Capital: Nairobi
 Country Tel Code: +254

LANGUAGE

The official language in **Kenya** is English and it is spoken at all hotels, banks, shops, etc. Kiswahili is the National language.

MONEY ISSUES:

Kenya Shilling. Available Notes are 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 and coins are 1, 5, 10, 20 & 40.

Major Credit Cards are widely accepted in Kenya.

ATM's are widespread in major towns. Please check with your bank to confirm that you have access to this service in East Africa. We recommend some sort of back-up funds in case an ATM is out of service when you need it.

We suggest that you carry some US\$ in cash, as it is possible to use US\$ cash to buy things in many places; for tipping and also to negotiate with locals while shopping. **Please do not bring in any US\$ bills dated before 2000, as they are not accepted by banks**

HEALTH

Anti-malaria precautions are highly recommended and Insect repellent is recommended for use in the evenings.

Yellow Fever Visitors arriving or planning to re-enter from countries where yellow fever is prevalent - Please ensure you carry your vaccination certificates.

Water: Do not drink or brush your teeth with tap water. Bottled mineral water is available at all hotels and lodges. Drink plenty of water when staying outside in the sun, during the day.

Travel & Medical Insurance: We recommend that you travel with the necessary Insurance documents.

In addition, **Maniago** has partnered with AMREF flying doctors and can offer emergency medical evacuation insurance to a hospital in Nairobi. (Insurance is for evacuation only)

WEATHER & CLOTHING

East Africa enjoys pleasant year round climate. Dress should be comfortable, casual clothing that is easy to care for and earth colours are most practical. The climate in Kenya is mainly characterised by warm days, but early mornings and evenings can be cool, so dress in layers. You may want to carry a sweater for the cooler nights.

If you plan to do a walking safari, make sure you have comfortable closed walking shoes.

Allow for more conservative dress when walking in towns. Dining is usually smart casual.

The sun is strong so sun block is recommended. A hat and sunglasses would also be a good idea.

Also, with the changing climate, and you may even encounter some rain, so do carry something for this.

Most hotels have a laundry service; however, please check to ensure that it can be delivered before your check-out time.

ELECTRICITY:

The electricity supply is 220/240v 50 Hz. Plugs are usually 3 point square. Please ensure you have voltage and plug adaptors where necessary. Some lodges and camps only have power in the early mornings and evenings. Batteries may be recharged in camps but it is wise to double check with the camp staff.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Kenya has a good network of telephone, cellular and satellite connections. If you plan to use the hotels telephone service, always check the rates with the hotel before making a call. If you have a mobile phone with a roaming connection please check with your service provider about coverage and charges or you could purchase a local SIM card (with a suitable phone) and use pre-paid top-up cards which are inexpensive and widely available.

Internet network is available through most of the tourist areas in East Africa, and Wi-Fi is available in many of the hotels, lodges and camps. However, connections can be slow in some areas.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

This is a photographer's paradise. If taking photographs of local people, always ask their permission beforehand. They may ask for payment. As in most countries, do not take photographs in airports or airport buildings, military or police buildings and of uniformed personnel.

If you are travelling with digital photographic and/or video equipment, ensure you have the specific charging apparatus for each piece of equipment (as well as the appropriate socket plug adaptor and voltage converter if required).

Ensure you have enough memory cards before you head off for the bush – people usually end up taking more pictures than they thought they would!

TIPPING:

In East Africa it is customary to tip as a way of expressing gratitude. Below is a general guideline, however this is just a guideline - tipping is at your discretion:

- Porters US\$ 1 per person per day.
- Waiters US\$ 2 per person per day
- Driver guide US\$ 8-10 per person per day

SECURITY:

East Africa is no different from any other destination in the world. Common sense should prevail and precautions should be taken as in any major city. Use hotel and lodge safety deposit boxes where possible. If walking in towns or cities only carry small amounts of cash and do not wear obvious jewellery or display expensive possessions. Rather than walk in cities at night, we recommend that you ask the hotel to arrange a taxi.

LUGGAGE:

The total baggage allowance for each passenger on light aircrafts is usually 15kgs, preferably in soft-sided luggage. Please check with us if you are not sure of luggage restrictions on your itinerary. Please check with us if you would like to store excess luggage in Nairobi.

GENERAL:

If you visit a village where there are children, we ask you not to give them sweets. If you wish to give them something, we suggest items like stationery, books, clothing, etc

We are "guests" in the National Parks. The wild animals have right of way all the time. It is important to respect them and not try to touch them or make any noise to attract their attention.

Smoking in enclosed areas and public places including restaurants is prohibited.

All the information contained in these pages is intended for guidance only and is believed to be correct at the time of writing.