

THORN TREE SAFARI

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4-night driving safari in Kenya

ABERDARES • GREAT RIFT VALLEY • MASAI MARA

This is one of our most popular short safaris because it offers a wonderful combination of mountain scenery, lake birds and plains dotted with game. En route you will see thorn trees: flat-topped, umbrella trees, traditionally where travellers would post messages for each other.

Start in Aberdares National Park, an area of exceptional natural beauty. Your stay here is at Treetops, one of the most famous game viewing lodges in the world. Move on to Lake Naivasha where over 450 species of birds have been recorded in and around this freshwater lake.

Finally the safari ends in the world-famous Masai Mara, home to the big five. You will stay at Mara Simba Lodge, which overlooks a dramatic bend on the bank of the Talek, a tributary of the Mara River, gently blending into the surrounding wilderness. The Thorn Tree Safari offers great value and can be combined easily with a few days on the beach.

This safari operates every Tuesday throughout the year (Fridays and Mondays until 29 October 2010) It also operates on Saturdays from 16 July 2011 – 29 October 2011.

Day 1: Tuesday - Heathrow–Nairobi

Fly from Heathrow overnight to Nairobi.

Day 2: Wednesday - Aberdares

Transfer to the Safari Lounge, where you can freshen up before departing for lunch at the Outspan Hotel (180 km). Transfer to Treetops. (Limit your luggage to an overnight bag, the rest can be stored at Outspan. Bathroom facilities are shared). Overnight: Treetops (lunch and dinner included). Treetops will be shutting for refurbishment sometime next year, during which time accommodation will be at the Serena Mountain Lodge (dates to be advised).

Day 3: Thursday - Lake Nakuru–Lake Naivasha

Drive to Lake Nakuru (180 km), collecting luggage en route. Enjoy a game drive in the Lake Nakuru National Park, sanctuary to one of the largest populations of rhinos in Kenya, plus Rothschild's giraffes, leopards and lions. Drive to Lake Naivasha (80 km). Overnight: Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

Day 4: Friday - Masai Mara

Drive to the Masai Mara (250 km). Afternoon game drive. Overnight: Mara Simba Lodge (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

Day 5: Saturday - Masai Mara

Enjoy an early morning balloon flight over the Mara, followed by a bubbly bush breakfast (optional extra £275), or an early morning game drive followed by breakfast at the lodge. A second game drive will take place in the late afternoon. Overnight: Mara Simba Lodge (breakfast, lunch and dinner included).

Day 6: Sunday - Extension or Heathrow

Return to Nairobi (300 km), then proceed with your chosen beach extension or return to Heathrow (breakfast included).

TREETOPS LODGE



LAKE NAKURU



MARA SIMBA LODGE



The above details are correct to the best of our knowledge, however, they are provided for guidance purposes only. Please check the details of any features that are important to you at the time of booking.

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ON SAFARI IN KENYA

The Swahili word 'safari' literally means 'journey'. Today, the word has been adopted throughout Africa to encompass the thrill and excitement of game viewing. East Africa lays claim to some of the world's finest game viewing against a backdrop of diverse and dramatic landscapes.

GAME DRIVES

A safari guarantees both excitement and the unexpected! This includes close encounters with wild animals, bumpy roads and helping out when the odds are down. Game drives normally take place early morning and evening when the animals are more active, and last between one and two hours. At some lake lodges game drives are not provided, although optional excursions may be purchased locally. Game drives are not included at tree lodges, as they overlook waterholes and salt licks which attract animals during the day and night. It is worth noting that game viewing is not an exact science and sightings of particular species cannot be guaranteed.

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. Approximate distances are given between points on each itinerary, but take these as a guideline only, as travel may take longer than expected due to poor road conditions or unexpected wildlife sightings. Changes to itineraries and camps or lodges are sometimes unavoidable.

LIGHT AIRCRAFT FLIGHT OPTIONS



On this safari itinerary, you can cut out the final drive back to Nairobi and fly from the Masai Mara back to Nairobi, for a supplement from £190 per person. Alternatively, fly from the Masai Mara straight to Mombasa for a supplement from £265 per person.

Flights are in light aircraft and the baggage allowance is strictly 15 kg per person. Where possible additional luggage can be left at your hotel or at the Safari Lounge in Nairobi and retrieved after the safari. When flying from the Masai Mara to Mombasa your entire luggage must be restricted to 15 kg as no luggage can be stored in Nairobi.

YOUR SAFARI VEHICLE

Safari vehicles are driven by expert driver/guides, who have extensive knowledge of the regions and wildlife. Microbuses in Kenya have game viewing hatches (accessible from the rear seats) and are equipped with a cool box for you to store your drinks.

Window seat guaranteed on this itinerary.

For your privacy, you may request the use of an exclusive vehicle for yourself and your party. Standard Microbuses are ideal for groups of 5 or more, while Premier Microbuses are more spacious. Four wheel drive vehicles are available for a supplement and seat up to five or seven passengers (all with window seats) and have game viewing roof hatches.



Vehicle options - per person supplement

| Passengers | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|
| PREMIER | £200 | £90 | £45 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| STANDARD | n/a | n/a | n/a | £40 | £30 | £30 |
| 4x4 | £545 | £320 | £205 | £140 | £95 | £60 |

NAIROBI SAFARI LOUNGE – UNIQUE

Guests on this itinerary have use of the facilities at the unique 'Safari Lounge' when passing through Nairobi, either before or after the safari (time permitting).

The first of its kind in Kenya, the lounge offers complimentary refreshments and showers plus access to TV. The lounge is located in Nairobi, approximately 10 km from the airport.

HOT AIR BALLOONING - A MUST!

Optional Hot Air Ballooning can be arranged on this itinerary, while on the Masai Mara. This exhilarating experience starts at dawn, with around an hour in the air, followed by a Bush breakfast complete with sparkling wine.

£275 per person



This itinerary operates with a maximum of 7 passengers, all guaranteed a window seat. See above for vehicle options. Pack a mixture of warm and light clothing in soft bags plus sunglasses, camera and insect repellent. Minimum age 8 years. Price supplements are correct at the time of publication but are subject to change without notice.

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