

# Northern Adventure Expedition

## 10 Days Lake Turkana Via Ol Pejeta/ Samburu/ Marsabit/ Chalbi Desert/ Lake Baringo Camping Safari

### Day 1 – Mt. Kenya



Samburu game reserve to in the park.

Animals to look out for include standing on hind legs to feed, the shy Oryx. Elephant and

Accommodation in our semi-canopy of trees or pitch tents Brown in Samburu language). refreshing in the hot, dusty

Depart Nairobi in the early morning and proceed towards the slopes of Africa's second largest mountain at 5199m – Mt Kenya. Afternoon game drive at Ol Pejeta conservancy to see the wildlife including chimpanzees and rhino. We set up camp for the night at Mountain Rock Campsite on the foothills of the mountain (cold night).

### Day 2 – Samburu



Depart in the morning after breakfast for arrive there in time for the afternoon game drive

the uncommon Grevy's zebra, gerenuk antelope lion, Somali ostriches with distinct blue legs and crocodile are also sighted along the river bed.

permanent campsite beautifully set under a on the edge of Uaso Nyiro River (meaning Cold showers are available which are amazingly climate.

### Day 3 – Marsabit



volcanic crater before descending en route passing the Kaisut and proceed towards Kalacha. This is Desert inhabited by the Gabbra their camels).

Enjoy an evening sunset, swim at in the evening (optional cost)

Sometimes waking up to the sounds of splashing elephant in the river we head north again along the Trans-African highway to Marsabit. This is an astonishingly cool, green and hilly oasis rising high above the dry heat of the surrounding desert lands. Lunch en route before proceeding towards the amazing Lake Paradise and you may also visit the lodge. Overnight camping at the base of Marsabit (cold night).

### Day 4 – Kalacha



We visit Marsabit town and another back into the desert and lava flows. Lunch Chalbi Desert (impassable if wet) as we a small settlement on the edge of the Chalbi people (pastoralists particularly attached to

the campsite or watch a Gabbra performance (windy night).

### Day 5 – Lake Turkana



We break camp and depart early, crossing the outskirts of the Chalbi Desert transiting North Horr before arriving at Loyangalani town; the base of Lake Turkana. (It is the largest desert lake in the world and extends for 288

kilometres up to the Ethiopian / Kenyan border surrounded by volcanic rock and desert).

We arrive at our semi – permanent beach village where we have our traditional Turkana Huts (if still available; if not we pitch tent at an alternative campsite) which make it a perfect place to relax, protected from the scorching sun and heat characteristic of the climate of this remote area.

#### **Day 6 – Lake Turkana**

The day is spent relaxing. Optional activities (payable direct) include visiting the Desert museum, enjoying a swim at the nearby lodge, hire a boat, visit to Turkana and El molo villages and exploration of Loyangalani town by foot.

#### **Day 7 – Tuum camel safari**



Departing Lake Turkana via the very rocky road out of the Rift Valley we head south to Tuum, situated on the west of Mt. Nyiro which stands to the East of the Suguta Valley. This is a very scenic but rough drive through lava flows to the broken sands on the edge of the Kaisut desert.

After a picnic lunch, you get the chance to walk with camels and Samburu guides in these breath-taking landscapes for a few hours to the foothills of Mt. Nyiro where you set camp together with the guides and camels.

#### **Day 8 – Maralal**

After breakfast we have an early morning walk in the cool and spectacular African sunrise for a couple of hours after which we proceed to Maralal via Baragoi where we spend the night (cold). Maralal is the unofficial capital of the Samburu people and has a distinctly frontier feel about it.

#### **Day 9 – Lake Baringo**



Heading south we visit Lake Baringo where we spend the night at a campsite sleeping amongst the grazing hippos. L. Baringo is the most Northerly of Kenya's small Rift Valley lakes; creased with papyrus and well developed acacia forest. Hippos, crocodiles and monitor lizards, numerous birds are effortlessly seen from the shore.

#### **Day 10 – Nairobi**

After breakfast we go on an early morning boat ride in search of hippo, crocodile and numerous bird species.

Drive back to Nairobi after breakfast to arrive in the late afternoon.