

Itinerary for Great East African Migration

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Day 1

On arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, you will be met by our representative and given a short safari briefing before being transferred to Eka Hotel, ideally located within short driving distance from the airport.

Accommodation at Eka Hotel - Superior(Bed and Breakfast)

Eka Hotel

This trendy new hotel on the Mombasa Road just 10 minutes from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport is a welcome addition to Nairobi Hotels. With a vibrant restaurant and excellent service the Eka Hotel location means easy access to the Amboseli and Tsavo national Parks as well as Wilson Airport for all domestic flights to Northern Kenya and the coast. The Hotel has a swimming pool, gym, a 'Spurs Restaurant', conference facilities and late check out on request.

Nairobi

Nairobi is the capital city of Kenya and the starting point for many safaris. It is more than likely that you will have an overnight



in this bustling hub. Just over a century ago Nairobi was little more than a water depot for the notorious 'Lunatic Express'. Nairobi which means 'cool water' in the language of the Masai is now the hub for all of East Africa's business. Today the city's skyline bristles with skyscrapers; its modernity and spaciousness surprising many first time visitors.

Since it was founded little over a century ago the city has grown at a unimaginable rate into one of the continent's largest cities. As a result of this the city does have its problems, traffic being one of them. This problem has pushed travellers to the suburbs of the city in search of beautiful accommodation. For the traveller who has some time to spend in the city there is plenty to keep you occupied.

Day 2

Today you will head southwards to the Amboseli National Park to arrive for lunch. Enjoy an afternoon game viewing drive in the reserve.

Accommodation at OI Tukai Lodge - Luxury Room(Full Board)

Situated in Amboseli National Park under the snow caped Mt Kilimanjaro is the Ol Tukai Lodge. This incredible location, and huge herd of elephants make a visit to Amboseli a must do. The Lodge has 80 chalet style guest rooms, a swimming pool, large indoor and outdoor dining areas and even a chapel. Free Wifi is available in both public areas and rooms.

Amboseli National Park

Amboseli lies at the foot of Africa's highest mountain, Mt. Kilimanjaro (19,34oft). The mountain dominates every aspect of the park and you can get the best views of its snow-capped peak from Amboseli. The parks fragile ecosystem supports a variety of game and is famous for its large herds of elephant. Swamps and springs, fed by underground rivers from Kilimanjaro's melting snow, offer a watering place for the wildlife and birds during the dry season. There is plenty to do, including game viewing, walking, visit a Maasai village or visit the Amboseli Research Centre, the longest study of wild elephants in the world.

Day 3



Spend the day within this beautiful reserve viewing wildlife, birds and enjoying the natural ecosystem that exists within this park as you photograph the scenic landscape which characterizes this park. During the rainy season the vast plains turn a vibrant green colour drawing in hundreds of birds and little mammals. There are five different habitats in Amboseli: open plains, Acacia woodlands, thorn scrub, swamp and marshlands. This allows for excellent game viewing all year round.

Overnight at OI Tukai Lodge - Luxury Room(Full Board)

Day 4

Today you cross the border into Tanzania where our driver guide from our Tanzanian office will be waiting to meet you. You will be transferred to Arusha for lunch, after lunch drive to Lake Manyara National Park for game drive, evening drive to Plantation Lodge for dinner and overnight



Plantation Lodge with only 16 rooms, the lodge is well equipped to provide a personal service to all its guests ensuring that that is exactly what they get. After a late lunch, an afternoon game drive in the Lake Manyara National Park is on the cards as you get your first taste of Tanzanian game viewing.



Accommodation at Plantation Lodge(Full Board)

Day 5

Today you will be taken on a full day tour of the crater complete with a picnic lunch to be enjoyed under the shade of an acacia tree. If you are lucky, you will spot many of the animals on your 'must see' list. Back at Plantation Lodge; dinner will be cooking away and after a much deserved hot shower sit down for a meal in the beautiful dining area.

Descend into the sunken cone of the Ngorongoro Crater and enjoy a full-day game drive along the crater floor. The crater's high walls serve as a natural enclosure for an abundance of wildlife. All the so-called "big five' may be seen. Among the notable birds are Lammergeyer, Vereaux's Eagle and Egyptian Vulture, which make their home in the highest of the crater wall, the beautiful Rosy-breasted Longclaw, which appears on the plains after rains and flocks of lesser and Greater Flamingos which are spasmodic visitors to the crater lakes.



Overnight - Plantation Lodge(Full Board)

Day 6

Today the highlight of the safari begins and you head to the famous Serengeti National Park and the Kubu Kubu camp located in the Central Serengeti.

The Serengeti is Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park. Its name means 'endless plain' in the Masai language. It is from here that massive concentrations of wildebeest, zebras and other animals commence the annual Great Migration in search of pastures new, providing one of the greatest natural spectacles to be found anywhere in the world. You can watch golden-maned lions stalking the migrating herds, spot leopards at rest in trees at dusk and take a hot-air balloon tour at dawn as the sun's golden rays illuminate the land.



Kubu Kubu Lodge, the new development in the Serengeti by the TWC group. This property is located in the Central Serengeti, with easy access to the Seronera Airstrip and to some of the great game viewing areas of the Serengeti. The property will be completed in January 2016 and will be made up of 25 tented rooms on permanent wooden platforms with thatch roofing and a

veranda offering views of the Serengeti plains. There will be a swimming pool for those guests that would like to relax in the hot afternoons as well as your usual sun downer areas. This is an exciting development for the central Serengeti

Accommodation at Kubu Kubu Camp – Tent (Full Board)

Day 7

Today you will arrive at Bologonya Under Canvas and will have the rest of the afternoon at leisure to settle in and get to know your surroundings. Enjoy a quiet evening by the camp fire and the exclusivity of absolute comfort combined with the authenticity of a night spent in the African bush. An extraordinary experience for all nature lovers.

Nestled in the prime wildlife area of the southern Serengeti, in an area that is witness to the great migration from June to November, Bologonya Under Canvas is a luxurious and intimate camp where guests can be within reach of the migration and explore the more remote corners of the Serengeti. This seasonal camp consists of only ten spacious safari tents, All tents have a large king size bed or twin beds, each tent has a bucket shower, hand basin and flush toilet, lighting will be supplied by solar lights. There is one mess tent that serves as a dinning space and one lounge tent.



Accommodation at Bologonya Under Canvas - Tent(Full Board)

Day 8

The focus of your stay here will be game viewing. Your early mornings and late afternoons will be spent exploring the plains around camp in search of the many resident animals that make the park so special.

Overnight at Bologonya Under Canvas - Tent(Full Board)

Day 9

After breakfast transferred to Serengeti Airstrip for a scheduled flight Serengeti/Tarime o845hrs/1025hrs, upon arrival at Tarime Airstrip you will be met and transferred to Migori Airstrip for a scheduled flight departing at 1215hrs to Masai Mara ,

You will be transferred to the Mara and the Karen Blixen camp, where your driver guides will drop you off in time for lunch. When you arrive at the camp you will be met with an ice cold drink and a given a run down on how the camp works and what to expect. After check in you will be shown to your tents. After a light lunch you have the chance of heading out on your first Mara game drive, before returning to the camp in time for dinner.

Game Package includes: Full board accommodation i.e. three meals daily, teas and coffees, mineral water, sodas, beers, house wines, two game drives per day including night game drive or full day, airstrip transfers and Mara North Conservancy fees.

Located in the heart of the Mara North Conservancy and right on the River the Karen Blixen Camp is a stunning property to enjoy the Mara from. With 22 safari style tents all furnished to a high standard and with en suite bathrooms the property really does aim to make you as comfortable as possible. The camp has an onsite culinary school which aims to train locals from the area. You can arrange to have a lunch here and it's an amazing experience. Wifi is available in the main camp office and there is limited cell phone access in the camp. Al a carte dinning is offered for breakfast, Lunch and dinner and the service is excellent.

Mara North Conservancy

Mara North Conservancy is a private wilderness area that forms the north-western zone, bordering the Masai Mara National Reserve. The world-class conservancy is a partnership between a few member camps and over 800 Maasai landowners that guarantees an exclusive safari while minimizing the impact on the environment local communities. Throughout the year large numbers of herbivores such as elephants, giraffes, zebras, Thomson's gazelles and impalas seek the area for water and grazing.

The Mara River flows through the conservancy at the foot of the Oloololo Escarpment and families of hippo and large crocodiles can be seen resting lazily in the waters. In the northern corridor, the scenic Lemek Hills make an important wildlife



refuge, particularly to a pack of endangered African wild dog. Mara North Conservancy is also home to the Leopard Gorge; world famous due to its significance as birthing and maternity ground for the big cat predators. Prides of lions, cheetah and leopards have made the conservancy their homeland area.

Accommodation at Karen Blixen Camp - Luxury Tent(Game Package)

Day 10

As the sun rises on your first morning in the Masai Mara you are woken to the smell of freshly brewed coffee which will help kick start you for your first morning game drive. The early mornings are one of the best times to view the animals as this is when they are their most active before the heat of the day sets in. You can either have your breakfast out in the bush or you can return to the camp for eggs and bacon. If you return to camp you may wish to go on a walk after breakfast and Karen Blixen Camp is surrounded by hidden treasures that your guide will be happy to point out. Later in the afternoon set off on a game drive with some drinks and bitings so you are all set to have a sundowner(extra cost!) out in the bush. Back at camp dinner preparation is in full swing and there is just enough time to have a hot shower before the first course is served.

Overnight at Karen Blixen Camp - Luxury Tent(Game Package)

Day 11

This morning it's another early start as you set of for the gates of the Masai Mara National Reserve. With a packed picnic lunch you are free to spend the whole day exploring another part of this famous conservation area. Visit the Mara River and ask your guide to show you the regular river crossing routes and then start planning your trip to return for the famous migration. As you arrive back at camp after a long day, there may be time for a quick swim or a walk before the sun starts to set on your final day



in the Masai Mara.

Overnight at Karen Blixen Camp - Luxury Tent(Game Package)

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip in time for your local scheduled flight back to Nairobi where our Representative will be waiting to take you either to the airport to check in for your flight home or to your Nairobi hotel.