



## Kenya – Maasai Mara

### Detailed Itinerary

Our Kenyan itineraries are close to Soren's heart and have been designed by him to give you the ultimate experience of this truly magnificent place. Soren was raised on a coffee farm and schooled in Kenya, it is also where he learnt to become a professional guide. Soren's feels most at home when on safaris here and has the stories and charm that will take you back in-time and bring Africa to life for you. He also knows the area better than anyone and will show you the delights of this magical country including the chance of seeing all of the 'Big Five'. The Maasai Mara is home to an excellent year-round concentration of game, it is a land of breath-taking views, abundant wildlife and endless plains.

Please note we can offer this safari through luxury lodge accommodation or with our mobile tents - all our mobile tents are nothing short of very spacious and comfortable with their own individual eco toilet facility. The mobile option is also the best way to really immerse yourself into the wildest areas.

Our sample itineraries can be modified and adapted to suit your own interests, budget and time; please feel free to design your own itinerary and use this for ideas.

### Trip Summary

14 days

*Lodge accommodation or mobile safari*

**Best time to visit: all year round**

**Start NAIROBI > SAMBURU NATIONAL PARK > LAKE ELEMENTITA/NAKURU NATIONAL PARK > end MAASAI MARA**

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### Trip Details

#### Day 1-2

Arrive Nairobi International airport, where you will be personally greeted and collected. Depending on arrival time, we can organise an overnight stay in a hotel of desired taste and budget. Here there is an option to enjoy a leisurely day in Nairobi where we can guide you around the city, visit the giraffe centre, Karen Blixen house and other points of personal interest.

#### Day 3-6

From Nairobi a 5 hour drive to Samburu National Park, stopping for a picnic lunch on the way.

The main attractions of Samburu National Park is the rich culture of the local communities, the beautiful landscape and wildlife. This region is the meeting point of the North and the South, it is in Samburu where you



will find unique species such as the Gerenuk (giraffe gazelle), Beisa Oryx, Reticulated Giraffe, blue necked Somali Ostrich and Grevy's Zebra.

All the big cats - Lions, Cheetah and Leopard are also found here. Other mammals include Elephant, Buffalo, Grant's Gazelle, Kirk's Dik-Dik, Impala, Waterbuck, Warthogs and on the river banks are Hippos and Nile Crocodiles as well as over 350 recorded species of birds.

The entire Samburu region is a place of breath-taking and magical beauty, a place where the vision of a deep red sunset

silhouetting the doum palms along the river as a leopard emerges to hunt brings the perfect end to a day on safari.

Here you will stay in a lodge at a prime location or we will set-up our luxurious mobile camp.

### Day 7-9

Drive 4 hours to Lake Elementaita enjoying spectacular views of Mount Kenya.

Here we will locate you on the shores of Lake Elementaita, where up to 1 million flamingos and pelicans flock as well as 400 other bird species. The lake and the attendant birdlife are a mesmerising spectacle and a perfect place for you to experience one of the world's largest ornithological sites.

From Elementaita there will be a day trip into the neighbouring Nakuru National Park, a fenced park with a big success story for the Rhino. As the park is fenced and well run so these endangered animals are safe now in their haven and it is not uncommon to see twenty in a single game drive. There are some 60 black rhinos here, as well as 40 white, Nakuru is also justifiably famous for its healthy population of leopards.



### Day 10-13



Drive 5 hours to the Maasai Mara and arrive to the lodge in time for lunch.

The Maasai Mara Game Reserve is widely considered to be Africa's greatest wildlife reserve. The Mara comprises 200sq miles of open plains, woodlands and riverine forest. The vast grassland plains are scattered with herds of Zebra, Giraffe, Gazelle, and Topi. The Acacia forests are abound with bird life and Monkeys. Elephants and Buffalo wallow in the wide Musaira Swamp. The Mara and Talek rivers are brimming with Hippos and Crocodiles.

Each year the Mara plays host to the world's greatest natural spectacle; the Great Wildebeest Migration, these magnificent creatures migrate from the Serengeti to the Mara. From July to October, the promise of rain and fresh life giving grass in the north brings more than 1.3 million Wildebeest together into a single massive herd. They pour across the border into the Mara, making a spectacular entrance in a surging column of life that stretches from horizon to horizon.

The wildebeest bring new life to the Mara, not just through their cycle of regeneration of the grasslands, but for the predators who follow the herds. The Mara has been called the Kingdom of Lions and these powerful hunters



dominate these grasslands. Cheetah are also a common sight in the Mara, as are Hyena and smaller predators such as Jackals.

The Mara is an awesome natural wonder, a place where Maasai warriors share the plains with hunting lions, a place of mighty herds and timeless cycles of life, death and regeneration. South Western Kenya is the heartland of the Maasai tribe, strong, independent people who still value tradition and ritual as an integral part of their everyday lives. They regard themselves not just as residents of this area but that they are as much a part of the life of the land as the land is part of their lives. This unique co-existence of man and wildlife makes this

Maasai land one of the world's most unique wilderness regions. We will arrange for you to visit a Maasai tribe and you can see for yourself how these fascinating people live and how welcoming they are to introduce you to their home.

Here you will enjoy game drives other activities include; walks, balloon rides, horse riding, forest trekking and cultural visits to local tribes.

### Day 14

A 4 hour drive back to Nairobi for onward travel.

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