



**WILDERNESS
INQUIRY**

Kenya Culture & Wildlife

9 days | February 7-15, 2027 | Fee: \$7,875

Overview

February 7: Arrival in Nairobi

February 8: Fly from Nairobi to the Maasai Mara Game Reserve

February 9: Full day Maasai Mara Game Reserve

February 10: Fly from Maasai Mara Game Reserve to Amboseli National Park

February 11: Full day at Amboseli National Park

February 12: Amboseli to Nairobi

February 13: Nairobi - FONR 20th anniversary

February 14: Nairobi - FONR 20th anniversary

February 15: Day excursions in Nairobi. Fly home in the evening.

Sample Itinerary

Day 1: Welcome to Nairobi

Your guide will meet you in the evening at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. From the airport, you'll ride to your Nairobi lodging, where you will meet your fellow adventurers and gather for a trip briefing before retiring to a night of rest.

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton

Meals: on your own

Day 2: Fly from Nairobi to the Maasai Mara for your first game drive

After breakfast, you'll fly to Kenya's famous game reserve. The Mara is one of the richest wildlife game reserves and home to the black-maned lion, the elusive leopard, stately giraffes, vast herds of elephants, rhinos, thundering herds of zebra, and migrating wildebeest. After lunch in camp, you'll enjoy an afternoon game drive.

Accommodation: Sarova Mara Game Camp

Meals: all included



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Day 3: Enjoy a full day in the Maasai Mara

You'll spend the day exploring the Maasai Mara Reserve. Located in the Great Rift Valley, the reserve is primarily open grassland and regarded as the jewel of Kenya's wildlife viewing areas. There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles, and over 400 bird species recorded on the reserve. Nowhere in Africa is wildlife more abundant, and it is for this reason that a visitor hardly misses seeing the big five - buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion, and rhino.

A hot air balloon safari is an optional treat at dawn if you'd like to elevate your experience—literally. Take the opportunity to fly over the Mara in a Hot Air Balloon, provided to you at an additional cost of \$520. The balloon package includes a champagne breakfast in the wild! Alternatively, visit a Maasai village and learn about the Maasai culture at no extra cost.

Accommodation: *Sarova Mara Game Camp*

Meals: *all included*

Day 4: Search for elephants, hippos, buffalo, and more in Amboseli National Park.

After breakfast, you'll transfer to Ol Kiombo airstrip for your flight to Amboseli. After lodge check-in, enjoy an afternoon game drive around this panoramic yet compact park, which is dotted with emerald green swamps in which great herds of elephant wallow half-submerged in the papyrus grasses. These permanent marshlands also provide a potent draw for hippos and buffalo, while offering a haven for the abundant water birds.

Accommodation: *Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli*

Meals: *all included*

Day 5: Full day in Amboseli National Park.

You'll spend the full day game-driving in the park, which is an International Biosphere Reserve featuring the dried-out lakebed of prehistoric Lake Amboseli, rolling savannah, and lush green swamps. The plains offer numerous antelopes, spotted hyenas, jackals, warthogs, olive baboons, vervet monkeys, and the chance of spotting a lion, leopard, or cheetah. Observation Hill, a conical peak that is easily climbed, offers stunning views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Accommodation: *Ol Tukai Lodge, Amboseli*

Meals: *all included*



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Day 6: Take in final views before heading back to Nairobi.

Unbelievable but true, our bush adventures have come to an end. We bid farewell to our wonderful lodge manager and his team, then depart back to Nairobi. Not empty-handed, though. With us are photographs – a capture of the special moments we have had on this tour to commemorate the experience.

You will arrive in Kenya's bustling capital city, Nairobi, late in the afternoon so that you can relax before the anniversary celebrations begin.

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton

Meals: Breakfast/lunch included. Dinner on your own as part of the anniversary celebrations.

Day 7: Details provided by Friends of Ngong Rd (20th Anniversary)

Details provided by FONR

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton

Meals: Breakfast included. Lunch and dinner on your own.

Day 8: Details provided by Friends of Ngong Rd (20th Anniversary)

Insert CELEBRATION PARTY DETAILS

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton

Meals: Breakfast included. Lunch and dinner on your own.



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Day 9: Elephant Orphanage, Giraffe Centre, Kazuri and Utamaduni

After an early breakfast, spend your last morning in Kenya with a game drive in Nairobi National Park. As the only national park in the world that is situated so close to a capital city, you'll be excited to view lions, giraffes, rhinos, zebras, and over 400 species of birds.

You'll visit Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's Elephant Orphanage to learn about their conservation work and meet the elephants in their care. You'll move on to the Giraffe Centre, where you can interact with endangered Rothschild Giraffes that are being captively raised to conserve the species.

You'll finish the day visiting the Kobe bead factory and Utamaduni for traditional crafts shopping. The workshop serves as a platform for single mothers, widows, and orphans, providing them with fair wages and opportunities to develop their artistic skills. In the evening, you'll transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Accommodation: DoubleTree by Hilton

Meals: Breakfast is included at the hotel. Lunch on your own at Utamaduni Restaurant

INCLUDES

- Most meals, as indicated in the itinerary
- Nightly accommodations
- A very high-quality 4X4 Touristic Land Cruiser with pop-up roof
- Tour vans in Nairobi
- An experienced safari guide(s)
- Unlimited drinking water during the entire safari
- All park fees for all the national parks/Reserves
- All government taxes.
- Airport transfers
- Domestic flights while on safari

EXCLUDES

- International flight tickets (airline)
- Tips for staff such as guides (generally \$10-15 per day/person) and the lodge staff (\$10 per night/person)
- All drinks at the lodge are not included
- Fees for passports, visas, immunizations, and insurance
- Laundry, phone, and other items of a personal nature
- Donations to the orphan center – these can be arranged and paid for directly to the center!
- An optional balloon safari: \$520 per person

Please note that pricing is based on double occupancy. Single supplements may be available for an additional fee.