

Prepared for The Houston Zoo

THE BEST OF KENYA

August 7th - 18th, 2025





INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Conservation Through Responsible Travel

Dear friends,

Embark on an exhilarating adventure through the heart of Kenya, where the untamed wilderness comes alive in a symphony of sights and sounds. Your journey begins in Nairobi, the vibrant capital city, where you'll delve into conservation efforts at the renowned Giraffe Center and the Sheldrick Trust. Here, you'll witness firsthand the dedication to preserving Kenya's rich biodiversity, particularly its iconic giraffes and elephants.

Leaving Nairobi behind, the safari unfolds into Tsavo West National Park, a dramatic landscape of rolling hills, volcanic cones, and ancient lava flows. Prepare to be captivated as you explore this untamed wilderness, home to the iconic "red elephants" of Tsavo, so named for their dust-coated hides. Discover the enchanting Mzima Springs, where crystal-clear waters attract hippos and crocodiles, and marvel at the Chyulu Hills on the horizon. Samburu National Reserve beckons next, a rugged wilderness where the Ewaso Ng'iro River sustains a diverse array of wildlife, including the elusive Grevy's zebra and the reticulated giraffe. Immerse yourself in the unique culture of the Samburu people, whose traditional way of life harmonizes with the natural rhythms of the land.

Finally, your odyssey culminates in the legendary Maasai Mara, an iconic safari destination renowned for its staggering concentrations of wildlife during the Great Migration. Here, witness the spectacle of thousands of wildebeest and zebra on their annual journey across the plains, pursued by predators in a timeless cycle of life and death. Amidst the drama of the savannah, encounter the Maasai people, proud guardians of their ancestral lands, and gain insight into their ancient customs and traditions.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Throughout your safari, expert guides will illuminate the intricacies of Kenya's ecosystems and cultural tapestry, ensuring an unforgettable experience that resonates long after the journey's end. Prepare to be captivated by the raw beauty and boundless wilderness of Kenya, where every moment promises a new and exhilarating encounter with the natural world.

Regards,

Nick Espinosa



MEET YOUR HOST - NICK ESPINOSA

Chief Advancement Officer

Nick Espinosa is a seasoned development executive whose passion for supporting missions through fundraising inspires donors and staff alike. In this role, he is responsible for raising principal and major gifts, board governance and development, and leading a team of 13 who manage all aspects of the organization's fundraising. Nick's experience includes leading the Houston Zoo's most recent \$150 million capital campaign, which exceeded goal by more than \$6 million, and securing a \$50 million lead gift, the largest in the Zoo's 100-year history.

Nick serves the profession through his involvement with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. He is a past chair of the Advancement Committee and currently serves in an advisory capacity. In 2023 Nick was named the Outstanding Fundraising Executive of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Greater Houston Chapter. Nick has worked at the Houston Zoo for 16 years and is a wildlife enthusiast. In recent years, he has helped lead two Zoo trips to the Galapagos Islands.



MEET YOUR HOST - KEVIN HODGE

Vice President of Animal Programs

With 27 years of experience in zoological operations, Kevin started his career as an interpretive naturalist at Moody Gardens in Galveston and quickly grew as a leader in the education department until he moved to the Houston Zoo and began his career in animal care in 2000. Hodge worked hands-on with a wide variety of animals in the Children's Zoo and Carnivore departments before taking on additional leadership roles including carnivore supervisor, curator, general curator and his current role as the Vice President of Animal Programs where he provides strategic planning and leadership for the 147 team members in the Animal Care and Animal Health departments.

Hodge is an Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accreditation inspector and was the lead for preparing the Houston Zoo for accreditation this cycle with a goal and result of a "clean" inspection. Kevin enjoys mentoring Zoo professionals and has provided guidance and training for zoos in China, Panama, and Mexico. Kevin is on the Jaguar Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE) steering committee and was on the editing and revision team for the updated Jaguar husbandry manual that will be published later this year.

Itinerary Overview

Day	Activities
Day 1 Thursday Aug 7, 2025	<p>VIP Meet & Greet Arrival Service</p> <hr/> <p>Welcome to Nairobi</p> <hr/> <p>Check In at Tamarind Tree Hotel</p> <p>Room Type: Standard Room x 8 Basis of Stay: Breakfast Included</p>
Day 2 Friday Aug 8, 2025	<p>Private Tour of Sheldrick Wildlife Trust</p> <hr/> <p>Visit the Giraffe Centre</p> <hr/> <p>Visit Karen Blixen Museum</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Tamarind Tree Hotel</p>
Day 3 Saturday Aug 9, 2025	<p>Check Out from Tamarind Tree Hotel</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer to Wilson Airport Transfer departs Tamarind Tree Hotel Transfer arrives Nairobi Wilson Airport</p> <hr/> <p>Flight to Tsavo West Flight departs Nairobi Wilson Airport Flight arrives Tsavo West</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer to Camp Transfer departs Tsavo West Airstrip Transfer arrives Severin Safari Camp</p> <hr/> <p>Welcome to Tsavo West National Park</p>

Itinerary Overview

Day	Activities
Day 3 Saturday Aug 9, 2025	Check In at Severin Safari Camp Room Type: Luxury Tent Basis of Stay: Full Board
Day 4 Sunday Aug 10, 2025 - Day 5 Monday Aug 11, 2025	Safari Activities
Day 6 Tuesday Aug 12, 2025	Check Out from Severin Safari Camp <hr/> Transfer to the Airstrip Transfer departs Severin Safari Camp Transfer arrives Tsavo West Airstrip <hr/> Flight to Nairobi 8:15 AM - Flight departs Tsavo West Airstrip 9:30 AM - Flight arrives Nairobi Wilson Airport <hr/> Flight to Samburu 10:00 AM - Flight departs Nairobi Wilson 11:00 AM - Flight arrives Samburu Airstrip <hr/> Transfer to Camp Transfer departs Samburu Airstrip Transfer arrives Samburu Intrepids Tented Camp <hr/> Welcome to Samburu Game Reserve <hr/> Check In at Samburu Intrepids Room Type: Luxury Tent x 8 Basis of Stay: Full Board With All Drinks (Excluding Premium Wines, Spirits, And Champagnes)

Itinerary Overview

Day	Activities
Day 7 Wednesday Aug 13, 2025	Full Day of Safari Activities <hr/> Overnight at Samburu Intrepids
Day 8 Thursday Aug 14, 2025	Full Day of Safari Activities <hr/> Overnight at Samburu Intrepids
Day 9 Friday Aug 15, 2025	Check Out from Samburu Intrepids <hr/> Transfer to the Airstrip Transfer departs Samburu Intrepids Tented Camp Transfer arrives Samburu Airstrip <hr/> Flight to the Maasai Mara 10:15 AM - Flight departs Samburu Airstrip 12:15 PM - Flight arrives Maasai Mara Airstrip <hr/> Transfer to Camp Transfer departs Maasai Mara Airstrip Transfer arrives Mara Intrepids <hr/> Welcome to Maasai Mara <hr/> Check In at Mara Intrepids Room Type: Luxury Tent Basis of Stay: Full Board
Day 10 Saturday Aug 16, 2025	Full Day of Safari Activities <hr/> Overnight at Mara Intrepids

Itinerary Overview

Day	Activities
Day 11 Sunday Aug 17, 2025	<p>Full Day of Safari Activities</p> <hr/> <p>Overnight at Mara Intrepids</p>
Day 12 Monday Aug 18, 2025	<p>Check Out from Mara Intrepids</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer to the Airstrip Transfer departs Mara Intrepids Transfer arrives Maasai Mara Airstrip</p> <hr/> <p>Flight to Nairobi 11:00 AM - Flight departs Maasai Mara Airstrip 1:00 PM - Flight arrives Nairobi Wilson Airport</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer to your Dayroom Transfer departs Nairobi Wilson Airport Transfer arrives Four Points Hotel</p> <p>Lunch at Talisman Restaurant</p> <hr/> <p>Check In at Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport</p> <p>Room Type: Traditional Room x 8 Basis of Stay: Room Only</p> <hr/> <p>Transfer to the airport for your international flight home Transfer departs Four Points Hotel Transfer arrives Jomo Kenyatta International Airport</p>

Your Flights

Day	Flight
Day 3 Saturday Aug 9, 2025	Flight to Tsavo West Flight departs Nairobi Wilson Airport Flight arrives Tsavo West
Day 6 Tuesday Aug 12, 2025	Flight to Nairobi 8:15 AM - Flight departs Tsavo West Airstrip 9:30 AM - Flight arrives Nairobi Wilson Airport <hr/> Flight to Samburu 10:00 AM - Flight departs Nairobi Wilson 11:00 AM - Flight arrives Samburu Airstrip
Day 9 Friday Aug 15, 2025	Flight to the Maasai Mara 10:15 AM - Flight departs Samburu Airstrip 12:15 PM - Flight arrives Maasai Mara Airstrip
Day 12 Monday Aug 18, 2025	Flight to Nairobi 11:00 AM - Flight departs Maasai Mara Airstrip 1:00 PM - Flight arrives Nairobi Wilson Airport

Your Accommodations

Day	Accommodation	Details	Nights
Aug 7 - 9, 2025	Tamarind Tree Hotel	Standard Room x 8 <i>Breakfast Included</i>	2
Aug 9 - 12, 2025	Severin Safari Camp	Luxury Tent <i>Full Board</i>	3
Aug 12 - 15, 2025	Samburu Intrepids	Luxury Tent x 8 <i>Full Board With All Drinks (Excluding Premium Wines, Spirits, And Champagnes)</i>	3
Aug 15 - 18, 2025	Mara Intrepids	Luxury Tent <i>Full Board</i>	3
Aug 18	Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport	Traditional Room x 8 <i>Room Only</i>	-

Map



Summary

- 1) August 7 - 9: Tamarind Tree Hotel, Nairobi
- 2) August 9 - 12: Severin Safari Camp, Tsavo
- 3) August 12 - 15: Samburu Intrepids, Samburu Game Reserve
- 4) August 15 - 18: Mara Intrepids, Maasai Mara
- 5) August 18: Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport, Nairobi



DAY 1
THURSDAY · AUGUST 7, 2025

VIP Meet & Greet Arrival Service

Overview

VIP Meet and Greet service by our greeter who will meet you at the gate of arrival/the terminal entrance and assist you every step of the way till the exit. They will guide you through passport control and customs for international arrivals.

Welcome to Nairobi

Area Overview

Nairobi is the capital of Kenya and East Africa's most cosmopolitan city, with a vibrant population of 4.5 million. Unique to the city is the proximity of Nairobi National Park, a true wilderness area juxtaposed against the larger urban metropolis. It is the only national park like this in the world and a real embodiment of the human-wildlife conflicts that challenge many African communities who must learn to cohabitate with wildlife on their doorstep.

Nairobi National Park is one of the best places in Africa to see rhinos; it also has a healthy population of lions, leopards, cheetahs, and plains game like giraffes and antelopes. Other attractions include the Karen Blixen Museum, the Giraffe Center, Daphne Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage as well as a visit to a tea farm and shopping for local crafts and trinkets. There are some great local and cross-cultural restaurants to explore— from roadside food stalls to local nyama choma (barbecue joints) to five-star dining establishments.

Check in at Tamarind Tree Hotel

DAY 1
THURSDAY · AUGUST 7, 2025

Standard Room x 8 (Breakfast Included)

2 Nights

Property Overview

Ideally located about 3 miles southwest of the city within the spacious Carnivore grounds and its iconic Carnivore Restaurant, Tamarind Tree Hotel has easy access to Nairobi, its national park, and the country's diverse attractions via the neighbouring Wilson Airport and Southern Bypass. The nearby Langata and Karen suburbs are among Nairobi's liveliest and most popular with world-class shopping malls and excellent restaurants.

Accommodations

Standard Room

The spacious Standard Rooms span an impressive 344 ft² – the largest of this room type in Nairobi. The rooms are modern with a charming earthy décor and are bathed in natural light to create a relaxing ambience. They can accommodate a maximum of 3 adults.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Only 3 mi from the city

Within the Carnivore grounds, and its iconic Carnivore Restaurant

Quick facts

160 rooms & suites

Restaurant

Bar/lounge

Coffee shop

Pool

Fitness center

Event space

Wifi



DAY 2
FRIDAY · AUGUST 8, 2025

Private Tour of Sheldrick Wildlife Trust

A Brief History

Founded in 1977 by Dr Dame Daphne Sheldrick DBE, in memory of her late husband, famous naturalist and founding Warden of Tsavo East National Park, David Leslie William Sheldrick MBE, the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust claims a rich and deeply rooted family history in wildlife and conservation.

Since the death of her husband, Daphne, and her family, lived and worked in the Nairobi National Park where they built The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and its pioneering Orphans' Project into the global force for wildlife conservation that is today. Daphne's daughter Angela worked alongside her mother running the Trust for twenty years, and since Daphne's passing in 2018 continues the mission with passion and vigor ably supported by her husband Robert Carr-Hartley, their two sons Taru and Roan and the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust team.

The Nairobi Nursery

The Trust is best known for its work on elephants, and although the Orphans project is the heart and soul of the Trust, the organisation has now expanded to veterinary units, anti-poaching units, community projects and the saving habitat initiative.

One can visit the Trust every day of the week, excluding Christmas day.

Note: visits require advance booking.

DAY 2
FRIDAY · AUGUST 8, 2025

Visit the Giraffe Centre

Nairobi Activities

The Giraffe Centre is the creation of the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (A.F.E.W. Kenya), a Kenyan non-profit organisation. The main purpose is to educate Kenyan school children and youth on their country's wildlife and environment, as well as give local and international visitors an opportunity to come into close contact with the world's tallest species, the giraffe. The centre is home to the endangered Rosthchilds Giraffe and visitors have the opportunity to get up close and personal with them!

Visit Karen Blixen Museum

Karen Blixen Museum

Karen Blixen Museum was once the center piece of a farm at the foot of the Ngong Hills owned by Danish Author Karen and her Swedish Husband, Baron Bror von Blixen Fincke. Located 6.2 mi from the city center, the Museum belongs to a different time period in the history of Kenya. The farm house gained international fame with the release of the movie 'Out of Africa' an Oscar winning film based on Karen's an autobiography by the same title.

The Museum is open to the Public every day (9.30 am to 6pm) including weekends and public holidays. Rates are USD\$12 per adult and USD\$6 per child.

Overnight at Tamarind Tree Hotel

Standard Room x 8 (Breakfast Included)



DAY 3
SATURDAY · AUGUST 9, 2025

Check out from Tamarind Tree Hotel

Transfer to Wilson Airport

- Depart Tamarind Tree Hotel
- Arrive Nairobi Wilson Airport

Flight to Tsavo West

- Depart Nairobi Wilson Airport
- Arrive Tsavo West

Transfer to Camp

- Depart Tsavo West Airstrip
- Arrive Severin Safari Camp

Welcome to Tsavo West National Park

DAY 3
SATURDAY · AUGUST 9, 2025

Area Overview

Tsavo West National Park, located in southeastern Kenya, is a vast and rugged wilderness that forms part of the larger Tsavo ecosystem, one of the largest protected areas in the country. Covering approximately 9,000 square kilometers, the park is known for its striking landscapes, ranging from rolling plains and volcanic hills to dense woodlands and dramatic escarpments. It is renowned for its geological features, including the Mzima Springs, where crystal-clear waters bubble up from underground streams, providing a haven for hippos, crocodiles, and aquatic birds. The ancient Shetani Lava Flows, a black expanse of volcanic rock, offer a glimpse into the region's fiery geological past.

The park is home to a remarkable diversity of wildlife, including large herds of elephants, lions, leopards, giraffes, and buffaloes, as well as the rare black rhino, which can be found in the Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary. Tsavo West is also a birdwatcher's paradise, boasting over 600 bird species, such as ostriches, hornbills, and kingfishers.

With its rich biodiversity and dramatic scenery, Tsavo West offers a variety of activities, including game drives, guided nature walks, and visits to cultural sites. The park's mix of lush oases and arid landscapes provides an unforgettable safari experience, blending wildlife encounters with a sense of discovery and adventure. It is a perfect destination for travelers seeking both dramatic natural beauty and abundant wildlife.

Check in at Severin Safari Camp

Luxury Tent (Full Board)

3 Nights

Property Overview

Severin Safari Camp is hidden in the Kitani Wildlife area of Tsavo West National Park, overlooking the iconic Mount Kilimanjaro. This eco-friendly luxury camp offers a unique combination of adventure, wellness, and relaxation for the sophisticated traveler looking for some well-deserved pampering combined with unique wildlife experiences.

The remote location of the camp and the fact that it is unfenced allows wildlife to cross the floodlit waterholes. Maasai warriors guard the campground 24 hours a day and accompany guests after dark to and from the tents.

DAY 3
SATURDAY · AUGUST 9, 2025

Experience & Activities

Severin Safari Camp is the ideal starting point for guided game drives and unforgettable excursions through the surrounding area. Tsavo National Park is the biggest wildlife reservation in East Africa and the third biggest in the world. Here guests will discover natural beauty and unique flora and fauna that can't be found anywhere else in Africa.

Guests can enjoy game drives (including night drives), safari walks with rangers and/or Maasai, a visit to Nosim Hill, and bush breakfasts and lunches.

Accommodations

Luxury Tent

All 21 octagonal canvas tents are equipped with running hot and cold water, a shower, separate toilet, bidet, comfortable beds with mosquito nets, and a private terrace with camping chairs. Each tent offers 220V electricity, a hair dryer, a safe, and free wifi access. Guests with walking disabilities can be accommodated with a centrally located tent, with ramp access into the tent.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Located in the Kitani Wildlife area of Tsavo West National Park, overlooking Mt. Kilimanjaro
Tsavo is famous for great herds of elephants, giraffes, zebras, and impalas passing through the area

Quick facts

8 bandas, 21 tents, 4 junior suites & 2 executive suites

Restaurant & bar

Swimming pool

Baraza conference tent

Spa

Fitness tent

Wifi



DAY 4 - 5
SUNDAY - MONDAY · AUGUST 10 - 11, 2025

Safari Activities

Activity overview

Severin Safari Camp invites you to experience the wonders of the African wilderness and create unforgettable memories.

Activities offer a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation, ensuring there's something for everyone.

Game Drives

Severin Safari Camp's prime location near popular attractions such as Mzima Springs, Shetani Lava Flows, and the Chyulu Hills makes it an ideal base for exploring the park's diverse landscapes and abundant wildlife.

Game drives take guests on thrilling excursions across the park's red-earth savannah, rugged volcanic landscapes, and acacia woodlands. Guests have the chance to spot a wide variety of wildlife, including the famous "red elephants" of Tsavo, lions, leopards, cheetahs, giraffes, buffalo, and diverse bird species.

Morning game drives provide the opportunity to witness the park waking up, with animals at their most active.

Afternoon or evening drives often deliver stunning views of Tsavo's dramatic sunsets and the chance to spot nocturnal animals starting their nightly activities.

Masai Nature Walk

Guided Maasai nature walks provide an intimate experience of the African wilderness, led by knowledgeable Maasai guides who share their deep cultural heritage and expertise in the natural environment.

DAY 4 - 5
SUNDAY - MONDAY · AUGUST 10 - 11, 2025

The walks take guests along well-trodden paths through the savannah, lush vegetation, and rocky landscapes, allowing them to explore areas inaccessible by vehicle. Along the way, the Maasai guides provide fascinating insights into the park's flora and fauna, traditional uses of plants, and the behaviors of local wildlife.

One of the most captivating aspects of these walks is the chance to observe the smaller wonders of nature, from colorful insects and birdlife to animal tracks and signs that reveal the hidden stories of the bush. The guides also share traditional Maasai customs, stories, and their symbiotic relationship with the natural world, creating a rich and memorable cultural exchange.



DAY 6
TUESDAY · AUGUST 12, 2025

Check out from Severin Safari Camp

Transfer to the Airstrip

- Depart Severin Safari Camp
- Arrive Tsavo West Airstrip

Flight to Nairobi

- 8:15 AM · Depart Tsavo West Airstrip
- 9:30 AM · Arrive Nairobi Wilson Airport

Flight to Samburu

- 10:00 AM · Depart Nairobi Wilson
- 11:00 AM · Arrive Samburu Airstrip

Transfer to Camp

- Depart Samburu Airstrip
- Arrive Samburu Intrepids Tented Camp

Welcome to Samburu Game Reserve

DAY 6
TUESDAY · AUGUST 12, 2025

Area Overview

Samburu is a 63 mi² national reserve situated 217 mi north of Nairobi at an altitude of 2,625–4,000 ft. At the heart of the reserve, flowing through doum palm groves and thick riverine forest, is the picturesque Ewaso Nyiro River, without whose waters the game could not survive in this arid region. Samburu is home to one of Kenya's largest elephant populations and several well known research projects on carnivores, lions, and elephants. Four of the Big Five can be found and, though no rhino are present, it is considered an excellent place to look for leopard, lion, and elephant.

The game reserve sits in the shadow of the sacred mountain Ol Doinyo Sabachae and is home to the Nilotic Samburu people. The Samburu are known for their nomadic pastoralist lifestyle, much like their relatives the Maasai, as well as their glamorous beadwork and colourful shukas.

Check in at Samburu Intrepids

Luxury Tent x 8 (Full Board With All Drinks (Excluding Premium Wines, Spirits, And Champagnes))

3 Nights

Property Overview

Samburu Intrepids is a lush oasis on the banks of the great Uaso Nyiro River in Samburu Game Reserve. The tented luxury camp is a delight to be in – deliciously cooled by the river breeze and the forest. The camp sits on raised decks overlooking the brown river where the elephants sometimes make an appearance or the crocodiles come out to lounge by the river's banks. The location deep inside the reserve guarantees close encounters with shier species, including elephant, leopard and Samburu's famous 'special five' – the rare reticulated giraffe, long-necked gerenuk antelope, Somali ostrich, Grevy's and majestic Beisa oryx.

Because of the warm climate, Samburu Intrepids' public areas are all palm-thatched and open to the elements. The main dining room opens onto an outdoor terrace where buffet breakfasts and lunches are served overlooking the river. Meals can also be enjoyed on your private veranda or at one of a series of specially selected 'bush sites' close to camp. Intrepids also boasts a spacious lounge and bar area, where naturalists deliver fascinating slideshows on most evenings, and an intimate conference room with a television. Behind the bar, surrounded by a shady sunbathing area, is a freeform swimming pool.

DAY 6
TUESDAY · AUGUST 12, 2025

Experience & Activities

Activities include twice-daily game drives with professional guides, camel and walking safaris outside the reserve, bush breakfasts and dinners under the stars, and romantic sundowners overlooking the plains. You can visit neighbouring Samburu communities, take part in bird walks with experienced ornithologists, experience overnight fly-camping on sacred Mt Ololokwe, visit to local dances and traditional ceremonies, and watch lectures and slideshows on culture and wildlife. The camp provides Heritage's famous Adventurers' Club for kids and Young Rangers' Club for intrepid teenagers.

Accommodations

Luxury Tent

The Luxury Tents are spacious, covering 279 sq. feet, and each are fitted with a queen size bed or two twin beds. Set under palm-thatched roofs with netted screens on either side to allow for the river breeze to keep them cool, the tents give you stunning views of the land that is Samburu. They boast the very latest in luxury camping, with soft beds, handsome mahogany closets and writing desks, as well as en-suite bathrooms with steaming hot showers, twin washbasins, flush toilets, and sockets for shavers and battery charging.

Fast Facts

Highlights

- Picturesque mountainous landscape
- Knowledgeable and highly-certified guides
- The best kids clubs in the region for cultural and wildlife edutainment
- Choice of game viewing in Samburu or Buffalo Springs Reserves
- Cultural immersions of neighbouring Samburu tribesmen
- Clear Equatorial night skies for astronomy

Quick facts

- 27 tents with four-poster king size beds
- Open sided safari jeeps for best game viewing
- Riverfront dining deck and open-air lounge area
- Freeform swimming pool with sunbathing terrace
- Conference room with television

DAY 6
TUESDAY · AUGUST 12, 2025

Custom-built four-wheel-drive safari vehicles

Reliable 240-volt generator

Safety deposit boxes

Camp bookshop and guests' reference library

Souvenir boutique and Safariwear Centre



DAY 7
WEDNESDAY · AUGUST 13, 2025

Full Day of Safari Activities

Activity overview

The best time to see wildlife is at dusk and dawn, when the temperatures are cooler and nocturnal animals are either beginning their night's activities or winding down. Today, you will head out on your game drive just as it begins to get light, so the time differs slightly depending on the season.

Start the day bright and early with a wake-up call and tea or coffee. Enjoy breakfast before you depart for a morning game drive (or have it packed as a picnic to take with you). You'll arrive back at camp mid-morning, with a chance to freshen up before lunch.

After a leisurely lunch, enjoy some down time. Read a book or just relax and soak up the atmosphere. Refuel with afternoon tea before you depart for an afternoon/evening game drive. Return in time for a relaxing evening of drinks around the campfire and dinner.

Overnight at Samburu Intrepids

Luxury Tent x 8 (Full Board With All Drinks (Excluding Premium Wines, Spirits, And Champagnes))



DAY 8
THURSDAY · AUGUST 14, 2025

Full Day of Safari Activities

Activity overview

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After a leisurely lunch, enjoy some down time. Read a book or just relax and soak up the atmosphere. Refuel with afternoon tea before you depart for an afternoon/evening game drive. Return in time for a relaxing evening of drinks around the campfire and dinner.

Overnight at Samburu Intrepids

Luxury Tent x 8 (Full Board With All Drinks (Excluding Premium Wines, Spirits, And Champagnes))



DAY 9
FRIDAY · AUGUST 15, 2025

Check out from Samburu Intrepids

Transfer to the Airstrip

- Depart Samburu Intrepids Tented Camp
- Arrive Samburu Airstrip

Flight to the Maasai Mara

- 10:15 AM · Depart Samburu Airstrip
- 12:15 PM · Arrive Maasai Mara Airstrip

Transfer to Camp

- Depart Maasai Mara Airstrip
- Arrive Mara Intrepids

Welcome to Maasai Mara

Area Overview

The Mara (as it is affectionately known) covers 583 mi² and is widely considered to be Africa's greatest reserve. The backdrop of the Siria escarpment in the west overlooks sweeping savannas, riverine woodlands, and forests on a deceptively flat landscape that extends eastwards towards the Sekenani Hills and northwards towards the Aitong Hills. The Mara is in essence the northern extension of the Mara-Serengeti ecosystem and plays host to one of nature's greatest phenomena, the Great Wildebeest Migration.

DAY 9
FRIDAY · AUGUST 15, 2025

Because of the quality of wildlife viewing, the Mara has for generations been the setting for hundreds of wildlife documentaries, including Disney's African Cats as well as the BBC's Big Cat Diaries and Planet Earth. It is a wildlife photographer's paradise and every year visitors come to capture the spectacular wildlife. The reserve and its conservancies contain some of the highest densities of predators in Africa and this only increases as nomads and vagrants follow the huge herds back and forth through this ecosystem during the seasonal wildebeest migration.

Check in at Mara Intrepids

Luxury Tent (Full Board)
3 Nights

Property Overview

Overlooking the Talek River, at the very confluence of the Mara's four game-viewing areas, Mara Intrepids Camp enjoys a spectacular location in the world's best-known wilderness.

Mara Intrepids is a short drive from the Mara River, where more than a million wildebeest and zebra make their perilous migration crossing every July and August. For the remainder of the year, the camp offers some of the world's finest game viewing, with large local populations of plains game, elephants, rhinos, buffalos, and all the big cats.

Experience & Activities

Brimming with vibrant cultures, iconic landscapes, and an array of fascinating wild creatures, Kenya is an ideal setting for a photo safari. Rolling grasslands teem with dazzling herds of wildlife and the Maasai people carry on their traditions. Meanwhile, the Adventurers' Club program provides exciting opportunities for kids to learn about the wild.

Early morning hot-air balloon rides are an additional cost but offer guests the opportunity to enjoy the spectacle of the sunrise and an aerial view of the big game scattered across the rolling plains. There is also bush dining where you can relax and eat your meal within sight of the area's richly diverse wildlife.

DAY 9
FRIDAY · AUGUST 15, 2025

Accommodations

Luxury Tent

Sitting on a shady raised platform facing the Talek river, each Luxury Tent covers approximately 26 m² and can be a twin, double or triple room. The tents are furnished in the classic style of the African safaris with large four poster beds and reproduction furniture, offset by modern en-suite bathrooms with hot showers, flush toilets and all the necessary amenities.

Fast Facts

Highlights

Located in the middle of the four game viewing areas of the Masai Mara Reserve
Kids Club for cultural and wildlife education and entertainment
Good game viewing and birding all year through

Quick facts

Newly renovated tents, with four-poster king size beds
Own airstrip just 3 minutes from the camp and 45 minutes flight from Nairobi
Open sided safari jeeps
3 drives in the game reserve daily
Knowledgeable and gold-certified guides
Wifi



DAY 10
SATURDAY · AUGUST 16, 2025

Full Day of Safari Activities

Activity overview

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Overnight at Mara Intrepids

Luxury Tent (Full Board)



DAY 11
SUNDAY · AUGUST 17, 2025

Full Day of Safari Activities

Activity overview

The best time to see wildlife is at dusk and dawn, when the temperatures are cooler and nocturnal animals are either beginning their night's activities or winding down. Today, you will head out on your game drive just as it begins to get light, so the time differs slightly depending on the season.

Start the day bright and early with a wake-up call and tea or coffee. Enjoy breakfast before you depart for a morning game drive (or have it packed as a picnic to take with you). You'll arrive back at camp mid-morning, with a chance to freshen up before lunch.

After a leisurely lunch, enjoy some down time. Read a book or just relax and soak up the atmosphere. Refuel with afternoon tea before you depart for an afternoon/evening game drive. Return in time for a relaxing evening of drinks around the campfire and dinner.

Overnight at Mara Intrepids

Luxury Tent (Full Board)



DAY 12
MONDAY · AUGUST 18, 2025

Check out from Mara Intrepids

Transfer to the Airstrip

- Depart Mara Intrepids
- Arrive Maasai Mara Airstrip

Flight to Nairobi

- 11:00 AM · Depart Maasai Mara Airstrip
- 1:00 PM · Arrive Nairobi Wilson Airport

Transfer to your Dayroom

- Depart Nairobi Wilson Airport
- Arrive Four Points Hotel

Lunch at Talisman Restaurant

Day room at Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport

Traditional Room x 8 (Room Only)

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Property Overview

Whether you're a business traveler and needing a functional space to work or schedule meetings, or a leisure tourist wanting a respite from the African heat before your next journey, the hotel offers a warm and invigorating space. Conveniently located near Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, the contemporary 172-room hotel offers all the modern amenities and comforts you need for a delightful stay.

From spacious rooms and signature Four Points beds, to rain showers and 42" LED TVs, they have thought of it all. And because you like to keep your body energized, there is a rooftop heated pool and a fully-equipped fitness room. The hotel features a variety of dining options. Sample roasts and grills paired with signature Best Brews craft beer at Tazama Rooftop Bar and Grill or dine at Marketplace, an all-day dining restaurant, serving wholesome and fresh international cuisine and a 24 hour menu for travelers catching flights in the early hours.

Accommodations

Traditional Room

The 301 ft² Traditional Room includes a king bed or two twin/single beds with a pillow top mattress and duvet, air conditioning, soundproof windows, wifi, a coffee/tea maker, a desk, a safe, a television, and an en-suite bathroom with a shower, hair dryer, robe, and slippers. Interconnecting rooms are available.

Fast Facts

Highlights

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24 hour dining menu for travelers catching flights in the early hours
Rooftop heated pool

Quick facts

172 rooms & suites
Restaurant
Bar
Swimming pool
Gym

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Spa
Laundry
Meeting & event facilities
Wifi

Transfer to the airport for your international flight home

- Depart Four Points Hotel
- Arrive Jomo Kenyatta International Airport



PRICE

Total per person based on 2 guests in shared accommodation: \$13,495

- Single Supplement is \$5,995.

Notes:

- A 30% deposit is required to confirm your registration. An invoice will be emailed to you.
- We accept checks and ACH payments or wire transfers to our US based bank for all payments. **Most major cards may be used only for deposit payments.**
- Balance due 120 days prior to the start of the safari.
- CANCELLATION: All deposits are non-refundable. Deposits generally cover the costs of canceling the services already booked, if the cancellation is received in our office no later than 120 days prior to arrival. If the fees charged by our suppliers exceed the deposit, an extra charge may apply.
- Cancellations received in our office 120 days prior to arrival are subject to cancellation fees of 100% of the safari price. Refunds for any services that are voluntarily not used will not be issued.

This cost includes:

- Land and Air Transportation in Kenya: All safari game drives are conducted in customized 4-wheel drive safari vehicles, which have been designed to maximize your game viewing, safety and comfort. Air transportation, as described in the itinerary, is provided through chartered and scheduled airlines, and may involve flying in light aircraft.
- Accommodations and Meals: All your hotel, lodge and tented camp accommodations are based on two people sharing a room. At the permanent camps and lodges, your accommodations will have comfortable beds, flush toilets, hot showers and electricity. We include full-board table d'hôte meals (with some picnic lunches), as shown in the itinerary.

PRICE

- **Activities:** All daily game drives and safari activities at the camps and lodges as described in the safari summary.
- **Miscellaneous Fees:** All service charges, hotel taxes as imposed by government agencies, and park and reserve entrance fees are included.
- **Pre-departure Preparation:** You will receive extensive, personalized information on all aspects of your safari, including health and safety, passports and visas, packing recommendations, electricity, currency and local customs.

This cost does not include:

- Additional transportation costs including transportation between your home and your destination, excess baggage charges, or airline fuel surcharges.
- Passports and visas, travel insurance, immunizations and medical precautions, required medical testing
- Gratuities
- Beverages (unless listed in the itinerary)
- Items of a personal nature (such as medical expenses; room service; spa services; souvenirs
- Laundry (unless listed in the itinerary)
- Telephone and internet charges
- Any activities not included in the safari itinerary or those activities listed as optional.



ABOUT REWILD SAFARIS

About Us

With a combined 60+ years of safari experience, Rewild Safaris offers customized itinerary planning for zoos and aquariums that merges itineraries with the zoo's or aquarium's conservation initiatives.

We view our relationship with our partner zoos and aquariums as more than being simply a supplier of customized wildlife conservation travel, we establish a wildlife conservation partnership – a relationship that goes beyond the traditional model.

Tom LaRock

President & Founder

As the former Executive Director of the Friends of the National Zoo, Tom has an understanding and love of wildlife and helps manage sustainable and responsible travel for his clients. To help potential travelers identify their personal priorities, Rewild Safaris relies on Tom's extensive knowledge of wildlife, safari guides and accommodations to craft an itinerary that meets or exceeds expectations.

James Ward

Chief Exploration Officer

James was introduced to Africa at the age of 15 and has been in love with traveling to the bush to photograph wildlife since. He has traveled extensively throughout Africa, Asia, and the Americas, visiting some of the most beautiful and wildest national parks in the world. James brings a unique perspective as he designs tailor-made group and private safaris.

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James has spent the last three years traveling extensively around the world to find new destinations and design unique safaris so Rewild Safaris' travelers can have an intimate experience with nature. His travels have brought him to throughout Africa, including Botswana and Namibia; Asia, including Indonesia, Malaysia, and India; and the Americas, including Patagonia and Alaska. amongst other locations, visiting hundreds of lodges and destinations to become an expert on safaris to these areas, amongst others.

James is a professional wildlife photographer who tries to share his love of the natural world through his images. He prefers to travel to remote destinations, the wilder the better, and photograph on foot, many times lying on the ground. His images have been published in several publications and his art has been featured in photography exhibitions. James has also been hired by conservation organizations to photograph their projects, including the Saint Louis Zoo's WildCare Institute's Center for Avian Conservation in the Pacific Islands.

Sam Kananui

Chief Opportunities Officer

Joining the Rewild Safaris team in 2019, Sam brings over 30 years of business acumen including knowledge in IT, marketing, and operations to the Rewild Safaris family. Born in Hawaii, raised in the mountains of West Virginia and living now in the Piedmont of North Carolina, Sam has always enjoyed spending time exploring nature and has developed a keen interest in conservation..