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12 DAYS/ 11 NIGHTS –NANYUKI,BUFALLO SPRINGS/OL PAJETA/LK. NAKURU/LK. ELEMENTAITA/LK.NAIVASHA /MASAI MARA

Days: 11 Days, 10 Nights
Vehicle: Land Cruiser Jeep with pop-up roof
Starts: TBA Sep, 2026
Ends: TBA Sep, 2026
Meals: Full board
No. of Pax: 04 (Adults) 01(Child)
No. Rooms: 01 (Double) 01 (Triple)

BB-Bed and breakfast, **FB**-Full Board, **HB**-Half Board, **BL**-Breakfast and Lunch, **PIC** – Picnic Lunches, **F**-Flight, **TRSF**-Transfer, **E**-Early morning game drive, **A**-Morning game drive, **P**-Afternoon game drive, **CC**-Cultural Ceremony, **BF**-Balloon Flight, **BR** Boat , **AF**-Air Flight

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DAY	LOCATION	PROPERTY	ACTIVITY
1	Nanyuki	Soames	Trsf, HB
2	Samburu	Ashnil Samburu	FB,P
3	Samburu	Ashnil Samburu	FB, A,E,P
4	Olpajeta	Sweetwaters Serena	FB,A,P
5	Lk Nakuru	Nakuru Sopa	FB,A,P
6	Lk Nakuru	Nakuru Sopa	FB,A,P
7	Lk Naivasha	Naivasha Sopa	FB, BR,HG
8	Masai Mara	Prideinn Mara	FB,MV,BM, CC
9	Masai Mara	Sarova Mara	FB,A,P
10	Masai Mara	Sarova Mara	FB,E,P
11	Ex- Masai Mara	Back to Airport	Trsf, AF

DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO NANYUKI

The adventure begins the moment your wheels touch down in Nairobi. The air is crisp, a world away from the familiar. Our Safari Guide with a pop up roof tour Landcruiser, awaits. After the arrival briefing, you leave the city's bustle behind, heading north on the smooth tarmac towards the mountain.

The journey to Nanyuki is a visual appetizer. As you drive for about 3.5 to 4 hours, you'll see the landscape unfold. Acacia trees dot the plains, and the bustling towns give way to rural homesteads and vast, open fields. Then, it appears. Peeking through the clouds, the snow-capped peak of Mount Kenya emerges, a majestic sight that draws gasps from even the most seasoned traveler.

Your home for the night, **Soames Hotel**, is a charming, old-world retreat nestled in the lush foothills. It feels like a scene from "Out of Africa," with its manicured gardens and cozy fireplaces. After settling in, a short drive takes you to **Art Café Nanyuki** for dinner. It's a vibrant hub of local life, and the aroma of fresh coffee and wood-fired pizzas fills the air. The kids are already scanning the dessert counter as you toast to the journey ahead under a canopy of stars.

DAY 2: SAMBURU BUFFALO SPRINGS

After a hearty breakfast, you're back in the Landcruiser, heading north for another 2.5 to 3 hours. The fertile green gives way to a drier, more arid landscape—the beginning of the northern frontier. The air grows warmer, and the red earth becomes the dominant color.

Crossing the bridge over the Ewaso Nyiro River, you enter **Samburu National Reserve**. This isn't just another park; it's a place of stark beauty and unique wildlife. You drive straight to **Ashnil Samburu Camp**, a luxurious oasis right on the riverbank. The sound of rushing water is a constant, soothing backdrop as you check into your tents, which are anything but roughing it.

In the afternoon, you embark on your first game drive. The excitement is palpable. Within minutes, the 12-year-old spots a herd of elephants dusting themselves by the river. Your guide points out the "Samburu Special Five" – the long-necked gerenuk standing on its hind legs to browse, the strikingly patterned Grevy's zebra, and the shy, blue-tinged Somali ostrich. The 14-year-old is glued to the binoculars, trying to spot a reticulated giraffe. As the sun sets, painting the sky in hues of orange and purple, you return to camp for a delicious dinner, the sounds of the African night your lullaby.

DAY 3: A DANCE WITH THE SAMBURU

Another full day in Samburu. This morning, you venture deeper into the reserve. You might see lions lazing in the shade, a leopard's tail dangling from a riverine tree, or crocodiles basking on the rocks. The kids are becoming expert spotters.

In the afternoon, your guide drives you to a nearby **Samburu Village**. This is a profoundly moving experience. You are welcomed with a traditional song and dance, the warriors leaping high into the air. You're invited into their

manyattas (homesteads), shown how they build their houses, and learn about their deep connection to their cattle and this harsh yet beautiful land. The 14-year-old is fascinated by the warriors' stories, while the 12-year-old bonds with the village children as they officially welcome the 2 into adulthood with a ceremony. You leave with a deeper understanding of the people whose ancestors have thrived here for centuries, your hearts full of the rhythm of their songs.

DAY 4: OLPAJETA

Today, you say goodbye to Samburu and drive for about 2 to 2.5 hours south, back towards the lush Laikipia plateau. Your destination is the **Ol Pejeta Conservancy**, and your home for the night, the **Sweetwaters Serena Camp**, is a stunner, with its own waterhole that attracts a constant parade of wildlife.

But the highlight is yet to come. Ol Pejeta is a sanctuary with a powerful story. You visit the **Chimpanzee Sanctuary**, a safe haven for chimps rescued from the black-market pet trade. Watching these intelligent, expressive creatures swing through their enclosures is both joyful and heartbreaking. Then, you come face-to-face with Baraka, a blind black rhino. As you listen to his story, you feed him his favorite treats through a fence. It's a humbling moment that connects you to the vital conservation work happening here. The day ends with sundowners overlooking the floodlit waterhole, watching elephants and buffalo come to drink.

DAY 5: THE THUNDERING WATERS AND A LAKE OF PINK

A longer travel day, but one filled with variety. You drive for about 3 hours, descending from the plateau. Your first stop is **Thompson Falls** in the town of Nyahururu. The roar of the water plummeting 74 meters into the gorge is incredible. You feel the mist on your face as you cross the footbridge, a thrilling experience for the whole family.

Back in the car for another 1.5 to 2 hours, you finally arrive at **Lake Nakuru**. From the viewpoint at Baboon Cliff, you look down at a spectacle that defies belief. The shoreline is fringed with a shimmering carpet of pink—hundreds of thousands of flamingos. You check into the comfortable **Nakuru Sopa Lodge**, perched on the edge of the escarpment with a view that stretches forever. An afternoon game drive reveals not just flamingos, but also the famous tree-climbing lions of Nakuru, lazing improbably on fig-tree branches, and families of endangered Rothschild's giraffe.

DAY 6: LAKES NAKURU/ELEMENTAITA

You wake up in your hillside perch. A morning game drive in **Lake Nakuru** offers different light and different stories. You might spot a rhino and her calf grazing peacefully, or a massive python digesting its meal. The kids are now experts at identifying animals from a distance.

With picnic lunches, you drive a short distance (about an hour) to **Lake Elementaita**, a smaller, soda lake in the Great Rift Valley. It's a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, and for good reason. The lake is often a brilliant white from the soda, contrasting with the blue sky. It's a haven for great white pelicans and cormorants. You take a quiet walk along the shore, simply taking in the tranquility and the vastness of the Rift Valley landscape with the most beautiful sunset before returning to the comforts of Nakuru Sopa for another night.

DAY 7: LAKE NAIVASHA

This is a day for action. You drive about 1.5 hours south to Lake Naivasha. First stop: the unique **Hell's Gate National Park**. Here, you can do something you can't do in most other parks—get out of your vehicle. You rent bicycles for the family and cycle through the stunning landscape, with towering red cliffs on one side and grazing zebras and warthogs on the other. It's an exhilarating experience. Your guide leads you on a walk through the **OI Njorowa Gorge**, a narrow, winding canyon with hot springs and dramatic rock formations.

After working up an appetite, you head to your new home for the night, the sprawling **Naivasha Sopa Lodge**, set on manicured lawns. In the late afternoon, you take a peaceful **boat ride on Lake Naivasha**. You glide silently past pods of hippos, their grunts and snorts echoing across the water. The 12-year-old is mesmerized by the fish eagles, which your guide calls with a whistle, rewarding you with a spectacular swoop to catch a fish. You return to the lodge as the sun sets, tired but exhilarated.

DAY 8: MASAI MARA AND A CULTURAL IMMERSION

Today's drive to the **Masai Mara** is a journey through the very heart of the Great Rift Valley. The drive is about 4.5 to 5 hours, including a stop at the dramatic viewpoint where you can see the valley floor stretch out below you for hundreds of miles.

After checking into the comfortable **Prideinn Camp**, you head out for a cultural immersion. Your first stop is the **Beads Museum**, a colorful explosion of intricate Maasai beadwork where you learn the meaning behind the colors and patterns. Then, you visit a **Maasai Village**. This is a deeper dive than your Samburu experience.

The welcome is just as vibrant, with singing and the incredible, gravity-defying jumping dance of the warriors. You are invited into their homes, shown how they make fire, and then, the highlight: you are dressed in traditional Maasai **outfits and participate in the graduation ceremony**. It's a moment of pure, unadulterated joy and connection, with laughter echoing all around. The 14 & 12 -year-old is surprisingly proud of their warrior's shuka (cloth), and the photos from this day will be cherished forever.

DAY 9: FULL DAY SAFARI

Wake up early. Today is the day. You move to your next accommodation, the luxurious **Sarova Mara Game Camp**, but your luggage goes straight to your new tent while you head out for a full day of game driving. In September, the **Great Migration** is in full swing. Your guide drives you towards the Mara River. The tension in the vehicle is electric. You see the massive herds—thousands upon thousands of wildebeest and zebra—gathering on the riverbanks.

And then, it happens. A few brave wildebeest step into the churning, crocodile-infested water. Then another, and another, until a torrent of life explodes across the river. The sound of hooves on rock, the panicked bellows, the splash of crocodiles—it's the rawest, most dramatic spectacle nature has to offer. Your family watches in stunned silence, then a chorus of gasps and cheers. You have witnessed the "Greatest Show on Earth." You return to the elegant **Sarova Mara**, your minds completely blown.

DAY 10: ANOTHER FULL DAY IN THE MASAI MARA

For those brave enough (and willing to wake up at 4:30 am), an optional **hot air balloon safari** over the Mara is the ultimate experience. You float silently above the plains as the sun rises, casting long shadows of giraffes and buffalo below. It's a perspective few ever see, and the kids will talk about it for a lifetime.

Back on terra firma, you set off for another day in the Mara. Perhaps today you'll find a leopard lounging in a sausage tree, a cheetah family playing on the plains, or elephants marching in single file against the horizon. You have a picnic lunch by the river, watching hippos and listening to the symphony of the savanna. The Mara is different every day, and today is about soaking in its vastness, its peace, and its raw beauty. It's your final full day, and you savor every moment.

DAY 11: THE JOURNEY HOME

It's time to say goodbye, but not in the usual way. You drive to the small **Masai Mara airstrip**. There's a bittersweet feeling in the air. You board a small plane for a spectacular **flight** back to Nairobi. From above, you see the Mara shrink into a patch of green, the great herds looking like ants from this height. You fly over the Rift Valley, its volcanic plugs and escarpments telling a story of millions of years.

Landing in Nairobi feels like landing in another world. You take a **Coster Bus** (a comfortable shuttle) to your final point of connection, the sounds and smells of the city a stark contrast to the wild. As the city fades in the rearview mirror, the images remain—a leopard in a tree, the thunder of hooves, the smile of a Maasai warrior, the laughter of your family. This wasn't just a holiday; it was a story, and you brought it home with you.

End of our service

COST INCLUDES:

- 10 Nights – Full Accommodation
 - Transport and Game Drives in a Land Cruiser with pop-up roof for 360-degrees game viewing.
 - Service of a professional English speaking tour driver/guides
 - Morning and afternoon/evening game drives as per the program
 - Maasai Village
 - Beads Museum
 - Boat Ride in Naivasha
 - Thompson Falls
 - 2 Cultural ceremonies in Samburu & Masai Mara
 - All parks and reserve fees at current level
 - All Government taxes and levies
 - 2 – 500ml mineral bottle of water per person per day while on safari

COST EXCLUDES:

- Tips and gratitude to tour driver/guide
- Balloon Flight
- Telephone calls, laundry, drinks and any other item of personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above as inclusive

Terms & Conditions - Cancellation fees

To secure booking and to confirm the group, you have to send a deposit through our bank account. A Deposit of **35%** is required **at the time of confirmation** and the balance at least 30 days before the tour begins. The deposit may be forfeited in case of cancellations and amendments. Please refer to the conditions below. All wire transfers payable to E-Vacance Tours and Travel Limited. Visitors must settle personal bills in foreign exchange: US Dollars, Euro, and/or Sterling Pounds.

Cancellation Policy

2 weeks prior to start of your safari 50% cancellation fees to be charged

0 – 1 week 100% cancellation fees to be charge

Although we allow credit note upon rescheduling of your safari to a future date

Terms and Conditions Apply

GENERAL INFORMATION:

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

All visitors to Kenya must have a valid passport with at least 4 consecutive blanks pages.

Any applicable Travel Documents are the responsibility of the traveller. For further information on Travel permit requirements visitors are advised to contact their nearest Kenyan Embassy or Consulate.

<https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en>

LANGUAGE:

Kiswahili and English

TIME:

GMT +3

LOCAL SIM CARDS:

They can be purchased at the airport on arrival as they require passport verification. You can load our local currency in the M-Pesa app which makes it easy for you to purchase without getting refunds inconveniences.

WI-FI:

City hotels have it available in all areas but it might be limited the common areas in the lodges depending on the lodge.

POWER:

The city and Town hotels have 24-hour coverage but in the lodges within the parks, they always advise on when they put off their generators mostly at midnight and in the afternoon when all guests have left for afternoon game drives. For special considerations like CPAP machine use, it is good to notify the hotel earlier.

VOLTAGE:

220 Volts/AC50Hz. Sockets are UK style, 3 pin square plugs. Power is from the National Grid in the city/major towns and generator with inverter back up in the Safari Lodges and Camps.

**CURRENCY:**

Foreign currency must be changed at the Bank, Bureau de Change, and Hotel/Safari lodge/Camp/Resort. Major Credit Cards, Master card, Visa, American Express, are usually accepted throughout the country. Where credit cards are accepted, the payment will normally be recorded in US\$ regardless of the card's default currency.

CLOTHING:

Dress is mainly informal and should be comfortable as well as practical. Something warm should be brought along for early morning and evenings. Safari clothes are available from hotels/lodges/camps.

BAGGAGE:

Where possible, travel light. Baggage space on safari is limited to medium suitcase or soft bag per person plus reasonable amount of hand luggage. There is 15 Kilogram per person limit on all flights to the wildlife sanctuaries. Excess luggage must be stored in your arrival hotel.

WATER:

You will find many different of opinion of what is safe and what is not. We recommend for peace of mind, to drink local Bottled Mineral water. It is important to drink plenty of water especially during the hotter months. We would recommend that guests drink at least 2 to 3 litres of water per day to limit the effects of dehydration.

DRINKS:

Drinks are only paid for in the All Inclusive packages. Drinks are always charged separately from the Full Board package

HEALTH;

East Africa is a safe and secure destination; however, it is a good idea to take a few precautions. Kindly consult your GP or local doctor at least 6 weeks before you travel, with regards:

Malaria prophylactics. East Africa is a known malaria area and preventive measures are essential. You are advised to take one of the recommended anti-malarial drugs. Also confirm on Yellow Fever Vaccine compliance. Be sure to wear long sleeved shorts and trousers after sunset and spray the exposed parts of your body with a mosquito repellent spray
Remember to protect yourself from direct sun rays with sunscreen cream or safari hat.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

For those guests with specific dietary requirement, please ensure the Hotel is notified prior to travel

GRATUITIES:

As a guideline and dependent on how happy you are, we would suggest the following:

The General Hotel/Lodge/Camp Staff - Approximately US\$ 10.00 per person per day

Driver Guides – Approximately US\$ 20.00 to US\$ 40.00 per person per day

PHOTOGRAPHY AND BINOCULARS:

It is good to carry along binoculars as we may not provide for everyone and also a great camera to capture the moments.

Please ensure that you have sought permission before photographing local people and their villages. If in doubt, please check with your guide.

Kind Regards:

Angelina

