

## DETAILED ITINERARY, KENYA > Best of Kenya

**AED 8,550/-** per person, prices are based on twin sharing.

**Duration:** 5 Days / 4 Nights.

**Destinations:** Nairobi, Amboseli, Lake Elementaita & Masai Mara.

### 1 DAY

Arrival at Nairobi Airport



Jambo! Welcome to Kenya

On arrival at Nairobi International Airport you will be met by our local representative and you will be transferred to the hotel.

Day is free, for you to explore the city at your own pace.

Nairobi is Kenya's capital city. In addition to its urban core, the city has Nairobi National Park, a large game reserve known for breeding endangered black rhinos and home to giraffes, zebras and lions. Next to it is a well-regarded elephant orphanage operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. Nairobi is also often used as a jumping-off point for safari trips elsewhere in Kenya.

Overnight in Nairobi.

### 2 DAY

## Nairobi-Amboseli

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today your safari driver cum guide will pick you up and drive you to Amboseli National Park in the South West tourist Circuit. On arrival in the lodge, check in, freshen up and prepare yourself for lunch.

In the afternoon prepare for a game drive in the national park.

Return to the lodge, freshen up and prepare yourself for dinner.

Amboseli National Park is in southern Kenya. It's known for its large elephant herds and views of immense Mount Kilimanjaro, across the border in Tanzania. Observation Hill offers panoramas of the peak and the park's plains and swamps. Varied wildlife includes giraffes, zebras, cheetahs and hundreds of bird species. The western section is dominated by vast Lake Amboseli, which is dry outside the rainy season.

Overnight in Amboseli.

### 3DAY

## Amboseli

Breakfast at the lodge.

Wake for a beautiful day in Africa with Mt. Kilimanjaro tallest Mountain in Africa on the background. Mount Kilimanjaro is a dormant volcano in Tanzania. It has 3 volcanic cones: Kibo, Mawenzi and Shira. It is the highest mountain in Africa and the highest single free-standing mountain in the world: 5,895 metres above sea level and about 4,900 metres above its plateau base.

Today packed your lunch and depart on a full day game drive with in Amboseli National park.

Return to the lodge, freshen up and prepare yourself for dinner.

Overnight in Amboseli.

### 4DAY

## Amboseli-Lake Elementaita

Breakfast at the lodge.

Prepare for check out and the driver will pick you up and drive you via Nairobi to Lake Elementaita. The drive will be approximately 5 hours & 30 minutes from Amboseli. Your next stop at Great Rift Valley Observation Point where you shall have a brief stop-over for a photo session. The Great Rift Valley is a series of contiguous geographic trenches, approximately 6,000 kilometres in total length, that runs from the Beqaa Valley in Lebanon which is in Asia to Mozambique in Southeast Africa.

On arrival in the lodge, check in, freshen up and prepare yourself for lunch.

Spend time in the lake on a relaxing afternoon.

Dinner at the lodge.

Overnight in Lake Elementaita

### 5DAY

## Lake Elementaita-Masai Mara

Breakfast at the lodge.

Prepare for check out and the driver will pick you up and drive you the most famous game reserve the Masai Mara. The drive will be approximately 5 hours & 30 minutes from Lake Elementaita. You drive via farmlands/settlements inhabited by the Masai community.

On arrival at the Masai Mara camp, check in at the lodge. Freshen up and prepare yourself for lunch.

After your authentic Masai lunch relax before you go for your game drive in the plains of Masai Mara in search of wildlife and sunset views.

Return to the lodge, freshen up and prepare yourself for dinner.

Maasai Mara National Reserve is an area of preserved savannah wilderness in southwestern Kenya, along the Tanzanian border. Its animals include lions, cheetahs, elephants, zebras and hippos. Wildebeest traverse its plains during their annual migration. The landscape has grassy plains and rolling hills, and is crossed by the Mara and Talek rivers. The area nearby is dotted with villages (enkangs) of Maasai people.

Overnight in Masai Mara.

## 6 DAY

### Masai Mara

Breakfast at the lodge.

Wake up to another delightful morning in the bush. Depart for an early morning game drive.

Early morning are lovely moments to see the nocturnal animals trying to get the last catches before they go to sleep. These will also be the most beautiful and marvelous to see the glorious sun as it rises.

Return to the lodge, relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the surroundings. Lunch will be served in the camp, take a nap while you are getting ready for the afternoon game drive. Another exciting game drive, where you can expect to see the famous 'Big 5'.

Or alternatively you can opt for a full day game drive to track the wildlife with packed lunches.

Return to the lodge, freshen up and prepare yourself for dinner.

Overnight in Masai Mara.

## 7 DAY

### Masai Mara-Nairobi / End of trip

After breakfast. The day is free until checkout time. The driver will pick you up and drop you to the airport for your onward flight.

## TOUR COST, TERMS & CONDITIONS



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The rates are subject to availability at the time of booking request. There may be additional charges, such as in Govt taxes, or hotel charges a surcharge, or BAR rates (Best available rate) without notice. The exchange rate is subject to change. Please ensure you have valid travel permits & valid passport. The best source of visa information is the



If you are interested in going ahead with this booking, we would require a deposit in form of cash or cheque:

- 30 days to 21 days prior to departure date: 50%.
- 21 days to 01 days prior to departure: 100%.
- Prices in this quotation are subject to availability. Al-Tayer Hotel reserves the right to a higher standard based in the event of non-availability at the time of booking.



Please ensure that the names given to us for reservations match the names on the companies are very particular about name changes. Mismatched names may result in cancellation. We strongly recommend travel insurance as part of your package – we can provide this – please let us know if you wish us to add this to your package.

## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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### INCLUSIONS



Flights

Economy class, Dubai / Nairobi / Dubai



Accommodation

1 night in Nairobi & Lake Elementaita based on twin sharing basis.  
2 nights in Amboseli & Masai Mara based on twin sharing basis.



Transportation

Return airport transfers in Nairobi on private car.



Sightseeing

Scenic tours in Nairobi, Amboseli, Lake Elementaita & Masai Mara  
Masai Mara game drive on seat in safari vehicle with a pop up roof



Meals

Daily breakfast in Nairobi & Full board in Amboseli, Lake Elementaita



Insurance

Complimentary travel insurance.



## Taxes

All airline and hotel taxes.

## EXCLUSIONS



## Exclusions

- Visa fees.
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks, laundry
- Except all the above mentioned in inclusion.

## TRAVEL TIPS

**Kenya-** is a country in East Africa with coastline on the Indian Ocean. It encompasses savannah, lakelands, the dramatic Great Rift Valley and mountain highlands. It's also home to wildlife like lions, elephants and rhinos. From Nairobi, the capital, safaris visit the Maasai Mara Reserve, known for its annual wildebeest migrations, and Amboseli National Park, offering views of Tanzania's 5,895m Mt. Kilimanjaro.

**Trip Planning:** The planning stage of your trip can be instrumental in its success and an enjoyable part of the experience itself. You have a world of options...and plenty to consider.

**Entry and Exit formalities:** Visitors must hold a passport valid for at least six months & beyond at the time of entering the country. Some nationalities can obtain visa on arrival and for nationalities who requires visa please refer to the Kenyan consulate website: [www.evisa.go.ke](http://www.evisa.go.ke)

**Transportation:** Figuring out how to get around is one of your biggest pre-trip decisions. Get our holiday expert best advice on deciding between your options. Based on your trip itinerary, our experts will help you choose wisely. You'll also find a wealth of practical travel tips.

**Money:** Use your money wisely. Know the best time to use cash or card — and how to avoid unnecessary fees either way — as well as tipping etiquette.

**Phones and Technology:** Phones and other smart devices can be huge time-savers...or expensive distractions. Get our tips for making the best use of technology during your trip, and for calling home with or without your own phone.

**Packing Light:** On your trip you'll meet two kinds of travelers: those who pack light and those who wish they had.

**Sleeping and Eating:** Your hotel and restaurant choices can be a matter-of-face chore...or they can provide rich opportunities to connect with locals and their culture.

**Health & Hygiene:** Take comfort: Doctors, hospitals, laundrettes, and bathrooms aren't that different. Dealing with them can even be part of the fun of travel.

**Sightseeing & Activities:** Once you're on the ground, the real fun begins...but it pays to have a thoughtful plan. Our experts will help you get oriented to your surroundings, use your sightseeing hours wisely, and find your way off the beaten path.

### **Things to see & do:**

**Nairobi**-Kenya's capital city. In addition to its urban core, the city has Nairobi National Park, a large game reserve known for breeding endangered black rhinos and home to giraffes, zebras and lions. Next to it is a well-regarded elephant orphanage operated by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. Nairobi is also often used as a jumping-off point for safari trips elsewhere in Kenya.

**Mombasa**-a coastal city in southeastern Kenya along the Indian Ocean. The city is known as the white and blue city in Kenya. It is the country's oldest and second-largest city, with a population of about 1,208,333 people. Mombasa is no sleepy seaside village. Its beachfront hotels appeal to travelers in search of sun, sand and surf, while its Arab, Indian and colonial European heritage makes for a wide variety of sights to see.

**Kisumu**-a Kenyan port city on Lake Victoria. It's known for lakeside viewpoints at Dunga Hill Camp and Hippo Point. The Kisumu Impala Sanctuary shelters herds of impalas and zebras. Its animal orphanage is home to wildlife like cheetahs and baboons. The city's Kisumu Museum displays artifacts related to the people of the Nyanza Province. Southwest, Ruma National Park has tall cliffs, roan antelope and birdlife.

**Nakuru**-the capital city of Nakuru County, Kenya. It is northwest of Nairobi, in the Great Rift Valley. Nearby is Lake Nakuru National Park, home to rhinos, giraffes, lions and leopards. Lake Nakuru is an algae-filled soda lake that attracts thousands of flamingos. Lookout points such as Baboon Cliff and Lion Hills offer views of the birds, the lake and mammals including warthogs and baboons.

**Eldoret**-a principal town in the Rift Valley region of Kenya and serves as the capital of Uasin Gishu County. The town is colloquially known as 'Sisibo'. As per the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census, Eldoret is the fifth most populated urban area in the country after Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru and Ruiru.

**Thika** -an industrial town and a major commerce hub in Kiambu County, Kenya, lying on the A2 road 42 kilometres, Northeast of Nairobi, near the confluence of the Thika and Chania Rivers.

**Kakamega**-a town in western Kenya lying about 30 km north of the Equator. Kakamega is 52 km north of Kisumu, the tenth largest city in Kenya and considered the heart of Luhyaland. The average elevation of Kakamega is 1,535 metres.

**Malindi**-a town on Malindi Bay, in southeastern Kenya. It sits amid a string of tropical beaches dotted with hotels and resorts. Malindi Marine National Park and nearby



Watamu Marine National Park are home to turtles and colorful fish. Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Reserve harbors elephants and more than 200 species of birds. Near the forest, the Gede Ruins are the remains of an ancient Swahili town.

**Garissa**-the capital of Garissa County, Kenya. It is situated in the former North Eastern Province. Residential areas in Garissa are called bulas. The main bulas are Bula Taqwa, Bula Mzuri, Gaaris Yareey, Bula Punda, Bula Sheikh, Bula Iftiin, Bula Cadaan Bula Bashal, Bula Orgi and Bula Madina.

**Kitale**- an agricultural town in northern Rift Valley Kenya situated between Mount Elgon and the Cherangany Hills at an elevation of around 1,900 metres. Kitale is the headquarter town of Trans-Nzoia County. Kitale is reachable by air through Kitale Airport.

**Lamu Town**-a small town on Lamu Island, which in turn is a part of the Lamu Archipelago in Kenya. Situated 341 kilometres by road northeast of Mombasa that ends at Mokowe Jetty, from where the sea channel has to be crossed to reach Lamu Island.

**Wajir** -the capital of the Wajir County of Kenya. It is situated in the former North Eastern Province. The town lies approximately a very large area it's situated between Garissa Mandera and Isiolo counties Centre the town is mainly populated by the Degodia clan of Somali followed by the Ogaden and the Ajuran.

**Voi** - the largest town in Taita-Taveta County in southern Kenya, in the former Coast Province. It lies at the western edge of the Taru Desert, south and west of the Tsavo East National Park. The Sagala Hills are to the south.

**Nanyuki**-a town in central Kenya. It's known as a gateway to Mount Kenya and the wilderness of Mount Kenya National Park. Several trails, including the Naro Moru and Sirimon routes, ascend the mountain. The park's wildlife includes leopards, giant forest hogs and more than 100 bird species. Northwest of Nanyuki, the plains and hills of the vast Laikipia Plateau are home to lions, elephants and rare Grevy's zebras.

**Narok**-a town west of Nairobi that supports Kenya's economy in south-west of the country, along the Great Rift Valley. Narok is the district capital of the Narok County and stands as the major centre of commerce in the district. Narok has a population of around 40,000 people, mostly Maasai.

**Nyahururu**-a town in Kenya, lying north east of Nakuru. The town derives its name from the Maasai word e-naiwurrururr, meaning waterfall and/or windy or place of storms. It is located in Laikipia County.

**Maralal**-a small hillside market town in northern Kenya, lying east of the Loroghi Plateau within Samburu County, of which it is the capital. It is the administrative headquarters of Samburu county. The town has an urban population of 16,281. The market was pioneered by Somali settlers in the 1920s.

**Kajiado**-a county in the former Rift Valley Province of Kenya. As of 2019, Kajiado county spanned an area of 21,292.7 km<sup>2</sup>. The county borders Nairobi and extends to the Tanzania border further south.

**Homa Bay**-a town on the south shore of Winam Gulf of Lake Victoria, in western Kenya. It lies near Mount Homa and Ruma National Park, the latter noted for Jackson's hartebeests and roan antelope.

**Machakos, also called Masaku**-a town in Kenya, 63 km southeast of Nairobi. It is the capital of the Machakos County, Kenya. Its population is rapidly growing and was

150,041 as of 2009 and had a population of 1,421,932 as of 2019. People who live here are mostly of the Akamba ethnicity.

**Meru**-a city in eastern Kenya. It is the headquarters of the Meru County, and the seventh largest urban centre in the country. Meru forms a municipal council.

**Lodwar**-the largest town in north-western Kenya, located west of Lake Turkana on the A1 road. Its main industries are basket weaving and tourism. The Loima Hills lie to its west. Lodwar is the capital of Turkana County.

Embu is a municipality located approximately 125 kilometres northeast of Nairobi towards Mount Kenya. Embu served as the provincial capital of the former Eastern Province and currently serves as the headquarters of the Eastern Region in Kenya. It is also the county headquarters of Embu County.

**Webuye, previously named Broderick Falls**-an industrial town in Bungoma County, Kenya. Located on the main road to Uganda, the town is home to the Pan African Paper Mills, the largest paper factory in the region, as well as a number of heavy-chemical and sugar manufacturers.

**Marsabit**-a town in the northern Marsabit County in Kenya. It is situated in the former Eastern Province and is almost surrounded by the Marsabit National Park. The town is located 170 kilometres east of the centre of the East African Rift at an elevation of between 1300 and 1400 metres.

**Kilifi**-a town on the coast of Kenya, north of Mombasa. It's near Kilifi Creek, along an estuary of the Goshi River. The town is known for Indian Ocean beaches, including Bofa Beach, dotted with resorts. Nearby, green turtles swim among coral reefs in Watamu Marine National Park and Reserve. The Mnarani Ruins, archaeological remains of a centuries-old Swahili settlement, include 2 mosques and several tombs.

**Mumias**-a town in Kakamega County of Kenya. Mumias was the centre of the Mumias District. The town is linked by road to Kakamega, Busia, Bungoma, Butere. The village of Buchinga is located between Mumias and Kakamega.

**Kapenguria**-a town lying north east of Kitale on the A1 road in Kenya. Kapenguria is capital of the West Pokot County. Kapenguria forms a municipality with an urban population of 13,000 and a total population of 56,000. Kapenguria municipality has seven wards.

**Wote**-a town in Kenya. It is the capital of Makueni County in the former Eastern Province. Wote town has six wards: Kako, Kaumoni, Kikumini, Muvau, Nziu and Wote.

**Murang'a**-a town in Murang'a County of Kenya. The town used to be called Fort Hall. It is the administrative centre of Murang'a County and is mainly inhabited by the Kikuyu community.

**Ngong**-a town near the Ngong Hills along the Great Rift Valley within Kajiado County, located in the southwest of Nairobi, in southern Kenya. The word "Ngong" is a Maasai word derived from the word "enkong'u" meaning "the 'eye' of water" or spring from where Rhinos came to drink water.

**Bungoma**-a town in Bungoma County of Kenya, bordered by Uganda in the west. Bungoma town was established as a trading centre in the early 20th century. The town is the headquarters of Kenya's Bungoma County.

**Wundanyi**-a town in the Taita-Taveta County of Kenya. Other urban centres in the county include Voi, Taveta and Mwatate.

**Kiambu**-a town in Kiambu County, Kenya within the Nairobi Metropolitan Region. It is 14 km from the capital Nairobi. It is the capital of the Kiambu County, which

bounds the northern border of Nairobi. Other proximate towns are Ruiru, Gatundu, Limuru and Kabete.

**Loiyangalani**-a small town located on the southeastern coast of Lake Turkana in Kenya. Loiyangalani means "a place of many trees" in the native Samburu tongue. It is home to Turkana people and was founded near a freshwater spring in the 1960s where the El Molo people live.

**Athi River**-a town outside Nairobi, Kenya in Machakos County. The town is named after the Athi River, which passes through. It is also known as Mavoko. Athi River hosts the Mavoko Municipal Council and is the headquarters of Mavoko division, which is part of Machakos County.

**Kakuma**-a town in northwestern Turkana County, Kenya. It is the site of a UNHCR refugee camp,

**Bondo**-a town in Siaya County of Kenya. It the largest town of the county. Bondo is located 50 kilometres west of Kisumu, the provincial capital.

**Baragoi**-a market town in Kenya, lying north of Maralal and east of the Suguta Valley. It is located in Samburu County. The entire Baragoi division has a population of nearly 20,000 comprising mostly people from the Samburu and Turkana tribes.

**Amboseli Safari Experience**-Spot big game on this safari over the open plains of Amboseli National Park, returning in the evenings to the comfort of your own luxury tent. With the quintessential African landscape as your backdrop, head out in search of lions, elephants, rhinos and other large animals, and meet the famous semi-nomadic Masai. Enjoy Africa at its best, in one of Kenya's classic (and most breathtaking) parks.

**Masai Mara Safari Experience**-Travel through the Great Rift Valley on to our safari lodge in Kenya's premier wildlife reserve—the Masai Mara. Explore diverse wilderness crossing rolling plains spotted with famous acacia trees. Your wildlife safari drives are spread out over all three days, with excellent chances of seeing the Big Five—lions, leopards, buffalo, elephants and rhinos. The varied wildlife and natural environment, in addition to the culture of the local Masai people, come together to provide a spectacular private safari experience.

**Maasai Mara National Reserve**-is an area of preserved savannah wilderness in southwestern Kenya, along the Tanzanian border. Its animals include lions, cheetahs, elephants, zebras and hippos. Wildebeest traverse its plains during their annual migration. The landscape has grassy plains and rolling hills, and is crossed by the Mara and Talek rivers. The area nearby is dotted with villages (enkangs) of Maasai people. Go deep into the African plains and set out on daily game drives across the park. All the Big five: Lion, Elephant, Leopard, Buffalo and Rhino are here with many mammals and birds in this Masai Mara plain. Watch for the animals that emerge at dusk, see hippos and crocodiles along the banks of the Mara River, see the park's stunning 'Great Migration.

**Hells Gate and Lake Naivasha**- Lake Naivasha is a freshwater lake in Kenya, outside the town of Naivasha in Nakuru County, which lies north west of Nairobi. It is part of the Great Rift Valley.

Visiting Lake Naivasha for a walking/biking safari in the Hells gate National Park. Some people will opt to drive in the park and that is also allowed. Later on in the afternoon guests will be taken to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride on the shores of the lake. Here you will be able to view the big hippos on the shores of the lake and bird watching most notably the fish eagle.

**Lake Nakuru National Park**-is one of the Rift Valley soda lakes at an elevation of 1754 m above sea level. It lies to the south of Nakuru, in the rift valley of Kenya and is protected by Lake Nakuru National Park.

Lake Nakuru National Park, home to one of the most remarkable wild bird populations in all of Africa. Get up close with wildlife on a game viewing drive, and be on the lookout for the park's amazing flamingos. Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Naivasha.

**Lake Elmenteita**-also spelled Elementaita, is a soda lake, in the Great Rift Valley, about 120 km northwest of Nairobi, Kenya

**Nairobi National Park**-Visit the Nairobi National Park that lies within Nairobi city. One has an option of either morning or afternoon with an extra option for the safari walk with lunch at a top 100 world famous restaurant.

**Karen Blixen and Giraffes**-Head to the leafy ex-colonial suburbs of Nairobi to visit two of the city's most famous attractions: the Africa Fund for Endangered Wildlife's Giraffe Centre and David Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage.

**Nairobi: Farm to Feast**-Explores the relationship between farming and food. You'll deliver a supply of chickens and pigs to a local community and find out how a local non-profit is helping to alleviate poverty and malnutrition in Kenya, one chick and piglet at a time.

**Nairobi Nightlife Experience**-Trade Kenya's wildlife for its nightlife on this 3-hour Nairobi by night tour. Discover a different side to Nairobi on this evening tour, and discover some of the city's hotspots after dark with a local guide. Do as the locals do and unwind with a drink (or three in this case) as well as a dinner of hearty East African cuisine.

**Shimba Hills National Park**-See the wildlife of Shimba Hills National Reserve on safari trip from Diani Beach that includes round-trip transport from selected hotels, a game drive, a guided hike to a waterfall, and lunch at Shimba Hills Lodge. Visit one of the largest coastal forests in East Africa, which is home to sable antelopes, more than 100 bird species, and the highest density of African elephants in Kenya.

**Local Tea and Coffee Farming Experience**-Become a local farmer for 3 days and wear local gear of gumboots and overcoats to enable you enter the farms. Experience tea picking and coffee berry picking. Find out why they are so popular by experiencing the origin, process, production to the final product. Engage with the local farmers and see how labor intensive it is so that the Kenyan coffee or tea can be enjoyed in other continents. Please note Coffee and Tea have seasons, depending on the month of travel you may be able to see one activity and not the other.

**Mida Creek Mangrove Forest Glass-Bottom Boat Safari** Through Watamu Marine National Park. Excursion recommended for those who want experience a single day with a mix between the sea and landscapes of protected marine reserve. You will see small islands and sandbanks that overlap with the landscape, and mangroves, stop for snorkeling at the marine park and then joined the Mida, a natural split in the deep costs about 5 km south of Watamu which is distinguished from nature for fauna and flora, creating a completely unique ecosystem.

**Crater Lake Game Sanctuary**-is located about 6 miles (10 km) from Naivasha and about 56 miles (90 km) from Nairobi. This small, private sanctuary is centered around a lake formed by a dormant volcano. The amazing jade green water attracts many flamingos, and the surrounding forests and plains have plenty of game. The nature trails in the sanctuary lead around the crater through vegetation with plenty of

wildlife, including over 150 species of birds. Besides the impressive numbers of birds recorded here, zebras, giraffes, and other plains wildlife are also regular residents.