





Kenya & Zanzibar: Safari & Surf

August 28 - September 7, 2016 * 11 Days * \$6,475

DAY 1 ~ August 28: Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

Travelers arrive into Nairobi today for an 11-day safari in the magical lands of Kenya and Zanzibar. As you exit customs, you'll be met by a representative of WAI and transferred to our hotel located strategically in downtown Nairobi. Since flights generally arrive in the evening, no group activities are planned until tomorrow.

For those who arrive into Nairobi a day early (Aug 27), an optional afternoon visit is offered to the nearby Nairobi National Museum and Snake Park, providing a wonderful overview to the country's rich natural, cultural, and historical heritage. Estimated price ~ \$85 (includes roundtrip transfer, guide services, and entrance to both venues).

DAY 2 ~ August 29: Nairobi - Lake Nakuru (BLD)

Following breakfast, we board clean and comfortable 4x4 safari vehicles and head north into the dramatic Great Rift Valley en route to the "Birds Paradise" of Lake Nakuru National Park. Our afternoon game drive treats us to the first of many quintessential wildlife panoramas as we hunt (with our cameras) for Nakuru's famous flamingo and rhino populations. We wrap up our first thrilling day on safari with dinner and an overnight at a local game lodge.

DAY 3 ~ August 30: Lake Nakuru – Lake Naivasha (BLD) Lake Elementaita Walk – 7 km, rated 2B

This morning's short drive to Lake Elementaita continues our exploration of Kenya's Great Rift Valley Lakes Region (a UNESCO World Heritage Site). We lace up our boots today for a guided morning stroll with our guide along the lovely soda shoreline of Elementaita, soaking up rainbow shades of the many winged residents of the lake including storks, pelicans, plovers, and more pink flamingos. Following a relaxing lunch at the Elementaita Lodge and a short walk to a nearby horseshoe crater, we continue south to large freshwater Lake Naivasha for a two-night stay at a colonial lodge.

DAY 4 ~ August 31: Activities from Lake Naivasha (BLD) Crescent Island Walk - 5 km, rated 1B Crater Lake Game Sanctuary Walk - 4 km, rated 2C

We cruise this morning through a popular hippo feeding area of Lake Naivasha on our way to Crescent Island, a protruding rim of a collapsed volcanic crater. After a memorable wildlife walk on the island, we return to our lodge for lunch. An animal-rich afternoon awaits us as we boat across the lake to another delightful destination, Crater Lake Game Sanctuary, where a "Garden of Eden" game walk introduces us to plentiful plains wildlife on our way to an impressive jade-green crater lake nestled at the bottom of an extinct volcano. Dinner awaits us back at our Lake Naivasha lodge.

DAY 5 ~ September 1: Lake Naivasha – Maasai Mara National Reserve (BLD) Maasai Manyatta (Village) Walk – 5 km, rated 1B

We awake this morning for an eagerly anticipated drive across the Great Rift Valley toward one of the natural wonders of the world, Maasai Mara National Reserve. Upon arrival, we enjoy a walk with the colorful Maasai tribe to one of their manyattas (villages), catching an unforgettable glimpse into the daily lives of these friendly savannah dwellers. We return from this cultural connection, savoring dinner and the first of two nights at our Maasai Mara game lodge.

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