

Kenya & Zanzibar

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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

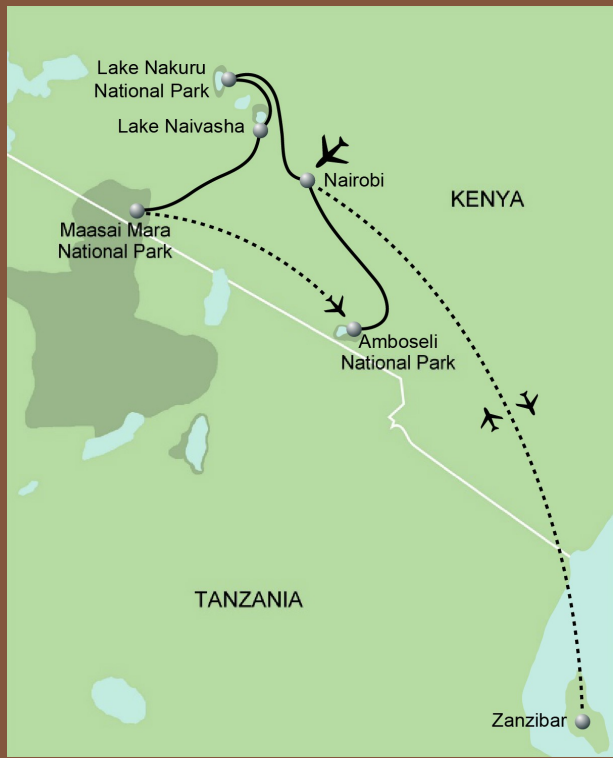
Crater Lake Game Sanctuary Walk – 4 km, rated 2C

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.





DAY 6 ~ September 2: Activities in Maasai Mara (BLD)

A well-reviewed, once-in-a-lifetime **optional** hot air balloon safari over Maasai Mara is available early this morning. The three-hour experience includes unique airborne wildlife viewing and a bush breakfast when you land. Estimated price ~ \$480.

Official activities begin today with a morning game drive among the iconic East African landscape of Maasai Mara. Rolling grasslands of the Mara mark the northern extension of Tanzania's famed Serengeti Plains and are equally blessed with an astonishing array of wildlife. Following a riverside picnic lunch, the safari continues with an afternoon game drive that takes us in search of the Big 5 (Lion, Elephant, Buffalo, Rhino, and Leopard) and many other savannah species including herds of migrating wildebeest.

DAY 7 ~ September 3: Maasai Mara – Amboseli National Park (BLD)

One more morning game drive in the Mara gives us an opportunity to take advantage of an ample assortment of animals. Following lunch at our lodge, we board small planes for an afternoon flight to Amboseli National Park. Anticipation builds during our journey to southern Kenya and a much hoped-for first sighting of majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, the rooftop of Africa. Standing over 19,000 feet above sea level, this highest free-standing mountain in the world is just across the Tanzania border from Amboseli, and should be visible if the weather cooperates. A late afternoon game drive in Amboseli treats us to some of the continent's best elephant viewing. Post-pachyderm plans include a bush dinner and a relaxing evening at our luxury tented safari camp.

DAY 8 ~ September 4: Amboseli National Park – Zanzibar, Tanzania (BLD)

Following another Amboseli game drive this morning, we head north to the Nairobi airport and fly to Zanzibar for a completely different facet of Africa's colorful history. As one of East Africa's great trading centers, Zanzibar has long been an alluring destination, a crossroads of culture where African, Arab, and Indian influences mingle. We spend several days here enjoying a change of pace from the mainland, basking in the sunshine and exploring the island from our beach resort along the shores of the Indian Ocean.

DAY 9 ~ September 5: Activities in Zanzibar (BD)

Zanzibar Stone Town Walk – 5 km, rated 1A

A morning walking tour of Stone Town (UNESCO World Heritage Site) affords glimpses of Zanzibar's rich cultural diversity on a magical jumble of cobbled alleyways flanked by Arabic-style homes next to Indian-influenced buildings with their ornate balconies and latticework. Our walk includes stops at the Anglican Cathedral, Old Fort, House of Wonders, the former slave market, Tippu Tip House, and Palace Museum. After time for lunch on our own, we savor a Spice Tour, exploring Zanzibar's famous spice plantations, introduced by the sultan of Oman in 1873.

DAY 10 ~ September 6: Activities in Zanzibar (BD)

Today is free to relax and enjoy the beautiful beach setting of our Indian Ocean resort. *OR, take advantage of an optional all-day boat safari through crystalline waters off the coast of Zanzibar. This optional boat safari includes a private island landing, snorkeling and swimming options at some of the area's gorgeous sand bars, and the chance to see dolphin pods and a flooded mangrove forest. A seafood barbecue lunch is included in the price of this boat safari. Estimated price ~ \$90 USD.*

We finish this mesmerizing island day with dinner together at our beach resort.

DAY 11 ~ September 7: Zanzibar – Nairobi, Kenya – Return home (BLD)

All island holidays must end some time, so with great regret, we depart Zanzibar today on a flight to Nairobi. We arrive in Kenya's capital with time to enjoy lunch at the unique Carnivore Restaurant, followed by an afternoon visit to David Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage, full of up-close encounters with our floppy-eared friends. Following a chance to clean up and rest at an airport hotel, we share a farewell dinner before transferring to the airport for our flights home. We return to North America with a suitcase full of enchanting experiences from our shared safari in the fabled lands of East Africa. <=>

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What's Included:

- Airport to hotel group transfers on first and last day*
- Superior tourist-class (3-star) or better lodge accommodations
- All land travel in Land Cruiser vehicles, including game drives (6 people per vehicle)
- 1 domestic flight in Kenya, 1 international round trip flight from Kenya to Zanzibar
- 28 meals: 10 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 10 dinners as listed♦
- 5 walks as listed (IVV sanctions not yet obtained)
- Fees for sanctioning (if IVV approved)
- WAI guide service throughout
- Cultural & historical expertise of our local guide throughout
- All tipping for local guides and Land Cruiser drivers
- Limited private rooms for solo travelers for additional fee:
 - Single supplement (first 4 singles): \$575
 - Single supplement (after 4 singles): \$950

Entrance fees and guided safari tours of:

- Lake Nakuru National Park – (Kenya) WHS☼
- Lake Elementaita – (Kenya) WHS☼
- Lake Naivasha National Park – (Kenya) WHS☼
- Crescent Island cruise and guided walk (Kenya)
- Crater Lake Game Sanctuary cruise and guided walk (Kenya)
- Maasai Mara National Reserve (Kenya)
- Maasai walk and village visit (Kenya)
- Amboseli National Park with Mt. Kilimanjaro views (Kenya)
- Bush Dinner on the Plains of Amboseli (Kenya)
- Stone Town of Zanzibar – (Tanzania) WHS☼
- Spice Tour (Tanzania)
- Lunch at the Carnivore Restaurant in Nairobi (Kenya)
- David Sheldrick's Elephant Orphanage visit (Kenya)
- ...More fun stops than we can list!

Optional excursions:

- Nairobi National Museum and Snake Park (Kenya) ~ Day 1
- Hot Air Balloon Safari over Maasai Mara (Kenya) ~ Day 6
- Safari Blue Indian Ocean Adventure in Zanzibar (Tanzania) ~ Day 10

*Details of transfers provided are listed in Adventure Advice memo sent upon receipt of tour registration.

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♦ (BLD) in itinerary indicates included meals: breakfast, lunch, or dinner

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