

## IN THE SHADES OF KILIMANJARO

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### DAY 1

### ARRIVAL & WELCOME

You will be met upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport by an Acacia Holidays representative who will transfer you and your luggage to Fairmont's The Norfolk Hotel. Our representative will assist you with check-in formalities so you can relax and recharge after your journey. Overnight at The Norfolk Hotel. Since opening its doors in 1904, **The Norfolk Hotel** has welcomed a steady stream of dignitaries and safari-goers. A true Kenyan landmark, it is an oasis of calm, refined luxury in the heart of bustling Nairobi. Tomorrow you will set out on safari from its broad verandah, just as adventure-seekers have done for more than a century.



**OVERNIGHT: THE NORFOLK HOTEL**



**MEALS- UNDER OWN ARRANGEMENT**

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### DAY 2

### MASAI MARA

Setting out after breakfast, we drive across the Great Rift Valley to the Maasai Mara, arriving in time for lunch at Mara Serena Safari Lodge. Set high on a hilltop above the Mara, the lodge is blessed with sweeping views of the savannah below. In the distance you can see the meandering coils of the hippo-filled *Mara* river. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in this natural paradise, returning to the lodge for dinner, relaxation around the fire pit, and overnight. An exhilarating day of game viewing awaits you tomorrow!



**OVERNIGHT: MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE**



**MEALS-B/L/D**

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### DAY 3

### MASAI MARA

Enjoy the entire day exploring the splendors of the Mara. Waking to the expansive view of the Mara plains from your room, you will need no encouragement to get out of bed for breakfast. Ahead of you is a day packed with world-class wildlife watching. A morning game drive is followed by a leisurely lunch back at the lodge. Later in the afternoon, head back out into the savannah for a second game drive, returning once more to the lodge in time to take in the glorious sunset. Dinner and overnight at the Mara Serena Safari Lodge. The **Maasai Mara Game Reserve** is one of Africa's greatest reserves, where the Maasai community co-exists in harmony with the local fauna. The co-existence of man and wildlife makes this one of the world's most unique wilderness regions. The Mara is home to a breathtaking array of life: the vast grasslands teem with herds of zebra, giraffe, gazelle, and topi. The acacia forests abound with monkeys and bird life.

Elephants and buffalo wallow in the wide Musiara Swamp while the *Mara* and *Talek* rivers brim with hippos and crocodiles. From July through October, the Mara hosts one of the greatest spectacles on the planet as millions of wildebeest, zebra, gazelle and topi head north from Tanzania into Kenya. Those fortunate enough to witness **The Great Migration** are treated to spectacular viewing and photographic opportunities.



**OVERNIGHT: MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE**

**MEALS- B/L/D**

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### BALLOON SAFARI-ADD ON

Optional but highly recommended, the Balloon Safari is a very popular excursion among visitors and can be added to a safari that includes a night at any of the camps/lodges in the **Mara**. Meeting your pilot early in the morning, you will receive a briefing and watch as the balloon is inflated. You lift-off at dawn, rising with the sun and gently float in whichever direction the winds of the morning take you. Below are the majestic plains of the African savannah, teeming with life. At times, your balloon will be piloted at treetop level, offering unique perspectives of the wildlife and many great photo opportunities. Other times, the pilot will ascend to nearly 1,000 feet, offering a breathtaking perspective of the landscape below, allowing you to appreciate its profound size. On landing, enjoy a delicious champagne breakfast served in the bush under an acacia tree. Total flight time from lift-off until touch-down is approximately one to two hours.



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### DAY 4

### LAKE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, we bid a fond farewell to the Masai Mara and make our way to Lake Nakuru National Park, arriving in time for lunch at Lake Sopa Lodge. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in the park, returning to the lodge for dinner and overnight. Among its wide variety of wildlife, Lake Nakuru is especially famous for its vast flocks of flamingoes. In some months, these birds are so abundant that they seem to form a pink band along the lakeshore. Other notable inhabitants of the park include giraffe, buffalo, waterbuck, lion, and rhinoceros



**OVERNIGHT : LAKE NAKURU SOPA LODGE**

**MEALS - B/L/D**

**DAY 5**

**AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK**

This morning after breakfast, we head south once again to Amboseli National Park via Nairobi where we stop for lunch at the Pampa Churrascaria restaurant. Renowned for flavorful meats and its selection of wines from around the world including a selection of Argentinian, Chilean, and Brazilian wines, Pampa Churrascaria is truly a gourmet treat. After lunch, we continue our journey south and arrive at Amboseli Ol Tukai Lodge with game-viewing en-route. Dinner and overnight at Amboseli Ol Tukai Lodge, directly overlooking the Amboseli plain and Mount Kilimanjaro.

**Amboseli National Park** is situated at the foot of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro. The snow-capped peak of Kilimanjaro, floating like a saucer above the clouds, dominates every aspect of Amboseli and forms a backdrop to an impressive display of wildlife including lions, elephants, leopards, cheetah, and buffalo. It is a photographer's paradise and well-known as one of the best places in the world to view elephants.



**OVERNIGHT: OL TUKAI LODGE**

**MEALS-B/L/D**

**DAY 6**

**AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK**

Today, experience the sweeping open spaces of Amboseli through early morning and late evening game drives. The park's main attraction is its herds of elephants. Several families of elephants live in Amboseli and the bulls here have some of the largest tusks in all of Kenya. All meals and overnight at Amboseli Ol Tukai Lodge.



**OVERNIGHT: OL TUKAI LODGE**

**MEALS-B/L/D**

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## DAY 7

## RETURN TO NAIROBI & FAREWELL

We hit the road once again after breakfast for our drive back to Nairobi arriving in the afternoon for lunch at the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden. Afterwards, tour the Karen Blixen Museum, the former home of the renowned author of the inspired autobiography *Out of Africa*. Next, we will head to the Giraffe Centre where you can climb into the elevated treetop aerie to feed giraffes from a face-to-face vantage point. A resident expert will present a private briefing on the Centre's work to save the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. You will be transferred to the Carnivore Restaurant for a farewell dinner before heading to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport where you embark for home. Sadly, the adventure comes to an end, but the memories are forever.

**The Carnivore Restaurant** is renowned for its variety of exotic meats and famous "dawa" cocktails. A uniquely Kenyan take on the Brazilian *churrascaria*, an enormous variety of meat is roasted on huge metal spears over a hot coal fire and carved at your table onto piping hot plates. Fresh salads, unusual side dishes, and assorted sauces accompany beef, pork, lamb, goat, sausages, chicken, ostrich, and occasionally crocodile.

**\*\* End of Acacia Holidays Arrangements \*\***



**ITINERARY:** KENYA: Nairobi | Masai Mara | Lake Nakuru | Amboseli | Nairobi

**DURATION:** 7 Days / 6 Nights

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**Optional Supplements:** Balloon Safari: \$500 pp in Masai Mara

### Costs Include

*From the moment you arrive until your departure, we make sure you are free to relax and enjoy your safari!*

- English-speaking chauffeur/guide
- Exclusive use of a 4x4 Land Cruiser
- Bottled mineral water while on safari
- Transfers to/from airport upon arrival/departure
- Full board accommodation while on safari
- Overnight accommodation in Nairobi

### Costs Exclude

- **International flights to/from Nairobi (NBO)**
- All items of a personal nature
- Laundry
- Tips and gratuities
- Telephone calls
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Add-ons and supplements (balloon safari)

- Lunch at Pampa Churrascaria restaurant
- Lunch at Karen Blixen Coffee Garden
- Farewell dinner at the Carnivore
- All park entrance fees
- Game drives as specified in the itinerary
- All Kenyan government taxes & service charges
- Flying Doctors evacuation service

- All other items not mentioned in inclusion

