

# ACACIA HOLIDAYS

**In The Shade of Kilimanjaro**

Standard Departures  
2023



# ITINERARY

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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 the Nairobi Serena Hotel. Our representative will assist you with check-in formalities so you can relax and recharge after your journey. Overnight at Nairobi Serena Hotel.



**OVERNIGHT: NAIROBI SERENA HOTEL**

**MEALS: UNDER OWN ARRANGMENTS**

## DAY 2

### AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

This morning after an early breakfast, you will be transferred Wilson Airport for your flight to Amboseli National Park. Upon arrival, you will be met by Acacia Holidays representative who will transfer you to Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge with game-viewing en-route in time for lunch. Enjoy an afternoon game drive before returning to the lodge. Dinner and overnight at Amboseli Serena Safari 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 the best place to view elephants.



**OVERNIGHT: AMBOSELI SERENA SAFARI LODGE**

**MEALS: B/L/D**

## DAY 3

### 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 Serena Safari Lodge.

**OVERNIGHT: AMBOSELI SERENA SAFARI LODGE**

**MEALS: B/L/D**

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## DAY 4

## MAASAI MARA

Setting out after breakfast, we fly back to Nairobi from where you will connect with your flight 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. The **Maasai Mara Game Reserve** is widely considered as 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 are teeming 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 plays host to 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. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in this natural paradise, returning to the lodge for dinner, relaxation around the fire pit, and overnight.



**OVERNIGHT: MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE**

**MEALS: B/L/D**

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## DAYS 5 & 6

## MAASAI MARA

Enjoy the entire days exploring the splendors of the Mara with morning and afternoon game-viewing drives, returning to the lodge for lunch and dinner. Overnight at the Mara Serena Safari Lodge.

**OVERNIGHT: MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE**

**MEALS: B/L/D**

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## BALLOON SAFARI ADD-ON

A popular excursion among visitors, the Balloon Safari can be added to a safari that includes a night at any of the camps/lodges in the Mara. Meeting your pilot early this 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 Mara, allowing you to appreciate its profound size. On landing, enjoy a delicious champagne breakfast served in the bush under an acacia tree.



## DAY 7

## RETURN TO NAIROBI & FAREWELL

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your scheduled flight back to Nairobi. Upon landing, you will have the chance to visit 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 lunch 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 \*\***



**DAYROOM: IF NEEDED**

**MEALS: B/L**

# S U M M A R Y

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**ITINERARY:** Nairobi | Maasai Mara | Amboseli | Nairobi

**DURATION:** 7 days / 6 nights safari

## LAND ONLY (USD)

	05 JAN – 31 MAR	01 APR-30 MAY	01-30 JUN	01 JUL-31 OCT	01 NOV – 20 DEC
Per Person Sharing	\$5,675	\$5,505	\$5,655	\$6,535	\$5,620
Single Room Supplement	\$975	\$395	\$890	\$1,210	\$845

### Optional Supplements:

Balloon Safari: \$500 per person  
Dayrooms in Nairobi: \$120 per person

### Add 3.5% to all credit card payments.

Accommodations listed are subject to availability

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

### Costs Include

- English-speaking chauffeur/guide
- Use of Camp/Lodge 4x4 Landcruiser in Masai Mara & Amboseli
- Bottled mineral water while on safari
- Transfers to/from airport upon arrival/departure
- Full board accommodation while on safari
- Farewell lunch/ dinner at the Carnivore
- All park entrance fees
- Nairobi Excursion:
  - Giraffe Centre
- Game drives as specified in the itinerary
- All Kenyan government taxes & service charges
- Flying Doctors evacuation service
- Domestic flights: **Amboseli>Nairobi, Nairobi>Masai Mara>Nairobi**

### Costs Exclude

- **International flights to/from Nairobi (NBO)**
- All items of a personal nature
- Day-rooms in Nairobi on Day 7
- Laundry
- Tips and gratuities
- Telephone calls
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Add-ons and supplements (balloon safari)
- All other items not mentioned in inclusions

