

14 Days Intrigues of East Africa

Join David Ogiga, our lead tour guide in this magnificent passage through fabled Kenyan and Tanzanian lands. You'll delight in the contrasting scenery, cultures and beliefs, spectacular wildlife, savannah and the civilized charms of Kenya; from the astonishing biodiversity of mountain, lake and African savannah ecosystems to the proud native people living in harmony amongst the world's greatest herds of migrating wildlife. We visit four of East Africa's most renowned game viewing areas: the Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti, plus Lakes Manyara, Nakuru and the world's second largest Lake Victoria while freely interacting with the host communities at each stop.



Day 1: Nairobi

On arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi, you are met by a Finch Travels representative who will transfer you to the Fairview hotel. For the rest of the day, you may relax and catch up with the time zone or opt to get acquainted with the busy city of Nairobi. You may visit the David Sheldrick Trust (to see the orphaned baby elephants) or the Giraffe Center to hand feed giraffes *at no extra charge*. Later in the evening, we meet our safari director for a detailed safari briefing. Overnight Fairview Hotel (D)

Days 2: Arusha

Grab a sumptuous breakfast, then its time to shuttle for 5 hours to Arusha, Tanzania via the border town of Namanga arriving in perfect time for cross border lunch at Boma guest house in Arusha, a small family owned establishment in the outskirts of Arusha where you will be hosted by Emmy. Afternoon at leisure to unwind at the guest house or sample the streets of Arusha for some souvenirs. Overnight Boma guest house (B, L, D)

Day 3: Mto wa Mbu

This morning after breakfast, we drive to Mto wa Mbu. We'll spend the day at Mto wa Mbu, a village whose name translates to "River of Mosquitoes." Luckily, the name does not prove to be particularly accurate. We take a leisurely walk through the village in the company of a community guide. The village is a good introduction to Tanzanian life because its inhabitants include members of many different tribes. Our first stop is to see some farm land and learn about local crop production methods, irrigation, and fishing and cattle husbandry techniques. Next, we stop to see some 'Makonde' carvers. Then we get a little show from the local medicine man, who shows us a variety of herbal

remedies, including a herbal version of Viagra. We visit houses, sample local cuisine including the local banana beer, income generating projects and generally gain a deeper understanding of the lifestyle of the people who live and work here whilst enjoying the refreshing hospitality Tanzanians are known for. Overnight Twiga Cottages (B, L, D)

Days 4 Lake Manyara

Today, we set off for an early morning game run around Lake Manyara a small park famed for its large troops of baboons and elephants, abundant birdlife- flamingoes in particular, tree climbing lions and its large soda lake and hot springs presenting excellent photo opportunities. Return to Mto wa Mbu for breakfast and depart for Karatu village in the Ngorongoro conservation area. We check in at the homely and serene Farmhouse in time for lunch. Afternoon at leisure to relax and enjoy the fresh ambience of the farmhouse and panoramic views in this country made for photography. We enjoy a fresh and sumptuous dinner courtesy of the farmhouse 6 acre organic vegetable garden. Overnight Ngorongoro Farm house (B, L, D)



Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater

We start our morning with a cup of fresh roasted coffee from the on site 15 acre coffee plantation. Thereafter, we descend 2,000 feet into the giant caldera of this extinct volcano. The famous Ngorongoro Crater is a World Heritage Site situated at the eastern edge of the Serengeti in northern Tanzania. The crater is the largest unbroken ancient caldera in the world; a haven for thousands of wild game, including lions, elephants, wildebeests, zebras, rhinos, Thomson's gazelles and buffaloes which share this land with the legendary Maasai tribesmen. Grass is short, and thus game drives are very rewarding. We spend a full day on the crater floor before climbing up back to the farmhouse for overnight stay. (B, L, D)

Day 6 and 7: Serengeti National Park

Our day starts with a sizzling breakfast, and then we're off for to the Serengeti's endless rolling grasslands crisscrossed with forested riverine valleys that are home to millions of wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles. En-route lunch stopover at Olduvai Gorge; the "cradle of mankind," where the Leakey family uncovered the fossil of *Homo habilis* who lived 1.75 million years ago. We arrive at the wide-open spaces, bright blue skies and creature filled landscape of the Serengeti late afternoon. Over the next two days during morning and evening game drives, we'll discover why the fabled Serengeti typifies everyone's dream of "Old Africa." Overnight Serengeti Serena lodge (B, L, D)

Day 8: Lake Victoria

We wake up to the sounds of the African bush, a cup of steaming coffee/tea to wake up our nerve then embark on a farewell game drive in the 'endless plains' before we return to the lodge for breakfast. Thereafter, we will have game viewing en-route drive to Speke Bay on the shores of Lake Victoria. The drive will take 4-5 hours. The hotel is a simple set-up and serves well as a one-night-stop before crossing back into Kenya (B,L, D)

Day 9 and 10: Lake Victoria

Today, a two hours drive further West gets us to Kisumu, a beautiful city lying next to Africa's largest fresh water mass, Lake Victoria. We check into our serene village homestead overlooking this awesome water mass, the right place to experience the splendor of the African Lake communities in all its raw and stunning beauties This area is home to one of Kenya's largest tribe, the Luo with fishing as their mainstay economic activity. During our visit, feel free to wander amongst the villagers and take in the surrounding rural scenes. Try and strike up a conversation with the locals and enjoy their hospitality. We can opt for a ride in the traditional canoe, an excellent chance to match our fishing skills with the local fishermen. Later enjoy dinner under the glorious African moon replete with fine

African Cuisine, such as 'nyama choma' (roasted meat), and 'samaki choma' (roasted fish) just besides the beautiful lakeshore. Overnight Osiri Village by the lake (B, L, D).

Day 11: Malu, Naivasha

Just after breakfast, we must say '*kwaheri*' (farewell) to our lake shore hosts and embark on a four hours drive to Malu, a private reserve nestled in an ancient Cedar forest with sweeping views over the Great Rift Valley. At Malu, many out door adventures awaits us; we can choose to engage in casual, informative, walk with resident naturalists, horse riding and mountain biking. Dinner and overnight at the exclusive Malu (B, L, D)



Day 12: Lake Nakuru Nat'l Park

Today, a one-hour drive gets us to Lake Nakuru where we have the chance to see the greatest bird spectacle in the world. A million or so flamingoes, beside pelicans and cormorants make Lake Nakuru a bird lover's paradise. A game drive through the various habitats of the park will certainly reveal why the park earned its status as a RAMSAR site as well as one of the best performing Rhino sanctuaries in Africa. Lunch at the Sarova Lion Hill lodge with a panoramic view of the lake. Afternoon game drive before driving back to Malu for evening sundowner, sumptuous dinner, starlit skies and sleep to the sounds of the African bush. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Hell's Gate National Park

After all the game drives, today we step out for some more outdoor adventure. We drive to the nearby Hell's Gate National Park for two hour excursion down the impressive Ol-njorowa Gorge. Better still, we could opt for a boat ride in the nearby Lake Naivasha. The only fresh water Rift Valley Lake in Kenya. We undertake a memorable hippo cruise spiced with bird watching opportunities. Overnight Malu (B, L, D)

Day 14: Departure Day

A morning at leisure and after an early lunch, it time to say '*kwaheri*' (farewell) to our hosts. We drive back to Nairobi arriving late afternoon with a chance of some last minute shopping at Utamaduni Crafts Centre, followed by a farewell dinner. Then, it's time to transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to catch your departing international flight. (B, L, D)

B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner

Safari Cost		
14 Days Intrigues of East Africa*		
* Prices in \$ USD.*		
	January 2008–March 2008 June 2008–December 2008	April 2008–May 2008
Per person, sharing		
2 Pax	USD 5,415.00	USD 4,650.00
3-4 Pax	USD 4,500.00	USD 3,885.00
5-7 Pax	USD 4,510.00	USD 3,845.00

What's included in the Price of This Trip

- 1 night bed and breakfast at Fairview Hotel, Nairobi