

# 15 Days East Africa Explorer

Join David Ogiga in these 15 days of an ingeniously crafted safari program offering the best of both Kenya and Tanzania. For travelers who desire to see both countries, it is the ideal safari. The focus is on the people of East Africa, their cultures, traditions, the spectacular scenery and the magnificent free ranging wildlife. We visit four of East Africa's most renowned game viewing areas: the Maasai Mara, the self contained world of Ngorongoro Crater, the endless plains of the Serengeti and Lake Manyara while freely interacting with the host communities at each stop.



## Day1: Arusha

At 0900hrs, we embark on a five hour shuttle to Arusha, Tanzania via the border town of Namanga arriving in perfect time for cross border lunch at your guest house in Arusha, a small family owned establishment in the outskirts of Arusha where you will be hosted by Emmy Moshi. Afternoon at leisure to unwind at the guest house or sample the streets of Arusha for some souvenirs. Overnight at the guest house with excellent bites prepared from their own organically grown vegetables and tastefully served indigenous Tanzanian cuisine. Overnight, Guest House (L, D)

## Days 2 and 3: Ngorongoro crater

After breakfast, depart from Arusha to Karatu village where we will set camp next to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and enjoy panoramic views in this country made for photography. The next day after breakfast, 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 Karatu for overnight camp (B, L, D)



## Days 4 & 5: Serengeti National Park

Today, after a sizzling breakfast by our private chef, we depart for Serengeti and on the way, visit a Maasai Village for an in depth of the culture of this flagship community. Thereafter, continue with the drive to the park. We spend two nights in Serengeti delving in this pristine wilderness in search of the great beasts. We'll discover why the fabled Serengeti typifies everyone's dream of "Old Africa." Overnight bush camp. (B, L, D)

## Day 6: Mto wa Mbu



After breakfast, drive to Mto wa Mbu with en-route lunch. Proceed for a leisurely walk in Mto wa Mbu Village, interact with the local people and learn their lifestyle 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 cattle husbandry techniques. Next, we stop to see some 'Makonde' carvers and a local medicine man, to show us a variety of herbal remedies. 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)

## Day 7: Lake Manyara-Nairobi

A rather long but interesting and rewarding day. Early morning game drives in Lake Manyara national park. 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. After breakfast depart for Nairobi with en route lunch at the border town of Namanga. Overnight stay at the elegant and refreshing Fairview hotel, Nairobi. You could opt to fly from Arusha to Nairobi at an extra cost of USD 235 per person. (B, L)



## Day 8: Malu, Naivasha

Today, we begin our second leg of the safari taking it slow and easy. At 1000 hrs, we drive through the Great Rift of Kenya with a picturesque view of the eye-catching landscape. We continue down the rift Valley escarpment to Malu, Naivasha arriving in time for a lunch. Afternoon at leisure for a deserved siesta or simply enjoy the cozy and serene atmosphere of this splendid bush retreat. Nestled in ancient cedar forest, the cottages offer breathtaking views of Mt Longonot, Lake Naivasha and the Great Rift Valley. During our three day stay at Malu, many out-door adventures await us; we can

choose to engage in casual, informative, walk with resident naturalists, cycling, horse riding and bird watching. Dinner and overnight at Malu (B, L, D)

### Day 9: Lake Nakuru National Park

Today, a two-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 and back to Malu for overnight stay (B, L, D)

### Day 10: Malu, Naivasha

A free morning to relax and unwind or engage in any of the activities available at Malu. After lunch, we could opt for two hour excursion down the impressive Ol-njorowa Gorge within the nearby Hell's Gate National Park or 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. Return to Malu for a Sumptuous dinner, starlit skies and sleep to the sounds of the African bush. (B, L, D)



### Days 11 and 12: Kisumu

Today, a four 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 camp by the lake (B, L, D)

### Day 13 and 14: Maasai Mara Nat'l Reserve

Just after breakfast, we set off for a four to five hour drive to the haven of wildlife-the Maasai Mara. We enjoy a stunning view of the undulating plains of the Mara from the comfort of our safari landcruiser. This gets awesome as we approach our bush resort, Keekorok lodge. Our two-day stay is a ritual of morning and evening game drives exploring the intrigues and fascinations of the Mara; from the game studded plains to the little hills and sentry termite mounds down to the rumbling Mara River all in hunt of wildlife! This is where you can see elephant, buffalo, lion, cheetah, leopard, zebra, giraffe, hippo, crocodile and a whole ark-full of other animals. The experience in Maasai Mara is incomplete without interacting with the locals. You could opt to visit (approx. USD 20 per person) a unique Maasai Cultural Village where you get to interact with the community guides, interpreters and elders. On showcase are dances, folklore, fire making techniques



and lots of cultural activities that make us realize learn how different (and yet how similar) their everyday life is to ours. Overnight Keekorok lodge (B, L, D)

### Day 15: Departure Day

Time to say farewell to the awesome Maasai Mara. We drive back to Nairobi with enroute lunch arriving late afternoon. You could opt for last minute shopping at the Utamaduni crafts centre before a farewell dinner by our hosts then its time to transfer to the airport for flight back home, marking the end of an unforgettable sojourn.

*B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner*

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Per person, sharing	January 2008–March 2008 June 2008–December 2008
2 Pax	\$5,400.00
3-4 pax	\$4,450.00
5-7 Pax	\$4,325.00

#### What's included in the Price of This Trip

- 1 night Boma Guest House, Arusha
- 2 nights Ngorongoro Crater Bush Camp
- 2 nights Serengeti Bush Camp
- 1 night Twiga cottages, Mto wa Mbu
- 1 night Fairview Hotel, Nairobi
- 3 nights Malu, Naivasha
- 2 nights Osiri Village, Kisumu
- 2 nights Sarova Mara Game Camp
- While on safari meals as indicated on the itinerary with a private chef when camping
- All park and conservation area fees.
- Ground transportation in customized 4\*4 landcruiser, window seats guaranteed;
- Drinking water during game drives
- Intensive care Air Ambulance emergency medical evacuation services

#### Not Included

- Visa fees
- Guided nature walks
- Travel and personal insurance
- Items of personal nature
- Tips to safari crew, lodge/camp staff
- All International airfares and airline

