

10 Days Kenya Photographic Safari

📍 Masai Mara



Experience a 10-day photographic safari in Kenya, crafted for travelers who seek both adventure and creativity. Your journey begins in Nairobi, where you spend a night at the luxurious Hemingways Hotel. The boutique retreat offers elegant rooms, fine dining, and a peaceful setting to rest after your flight. The next day, you fly directly into the world-famous Masai Mara National Reserve. For eight nights, you stay at Ishara Camp, located on the banks of the Talek River. Its prime location puts you in the heart of big cat territory, near lions, leopards, and cheetahs, as well as elephants, giraffes, and zebras. During migration season, you can also witness vast herds of wildebeest.

This safari focuses on photography. You ride in private vehicles with swivel seats and low-angle hatches, giving you unique perspectives for wildlife shots. Skilled driver-guides lead every game drive. On-site photography mentors provide tips and techniques. You can also use studio spaces at the camp to review, edit, and share your images.

At Ishara, comfort and creativity meet seamlessly. Spacious luxury tents, gourmet meals, and attentive service allow you to relax between drives. Evenings around the campfire offer time to share stories under the African stars.

The safari ends with a return to Nairobi. By then, you will have captured stunning images, improved your photographic skills, and experienced Kenya's legendary wilderness firsthand. This journey is more than a vacation—it is an immersive photographic adventure that strengthens your connection with wildlife and leaves you with lasting memories and images.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
2-6

Language:
English, France, Germany, Spain

Duration:
10

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrival in Nairobi – Hemingways Hotel



Upon arrival at **Jomo Kenyatta International Airport**, you will be warmly welcomed and transferred to the elegant **Hemingways Nairobi**. This luxury boutique hotel offers a peaceful retreat with spacious rooms, exquisite dining, and serene surroundings, perfect for recovering from your flight. Spend the afternoon relaxing, exploring the hotel grounds, or enjoying Nairobi's vibrant ambiance. In the evening, meet your guide for a safari briefing, where you will review

the itinerary, discuss photography tips, and prepare for the adventure ahead. Conclude the day with a gourmet dinner at Hemingways, soaking in the calm atmosphere and anticipating the wildlife experiences to come.

Meals Included
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Duration
8 Hours

Day 2 : Nairobi to Masai Mara – Arrival at Ishara Camp



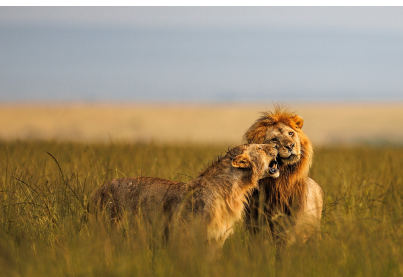
After an early breakfast at Hemingways Nairobi, you will take a **scenic domestic flight to the Masai Mara**, soaring over Kenya's picturesque landscapes of rolling hills, savannahs, and winding rivers. Upon arrival at the Mara airstrip, a private vehicle will transfer you to **Ishara Camp**, your home for the next eight nights. Nestled on the banks of the Talek River, Ishara offers immediate access to prime wildlife areas and panoramic views of the Mara plains. After settling into your luxury tent, enjoy a light lunch before embarking on your **first afternoon game drive**. Guided by an experienced driver-guide, you will search for elephants, giraffes, zebras, and, if lucky, big cats such as lions or leopards. This initial drive also provides a chance to **test your camera**

settings and experiment with compositions in the soft afternoon light. Return to camp at sunset, when the sky paints the savannah in golden hues, perfect for silhouette shots from the camp terrace. Evening cocktails and a gourmet dinner follow, accompanied by the distant sounds of wildlife. Tonight, you can review your first day's photos, discuss techniques with the on-site photography mentor, and plan for the exciting adventures ahead.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 3 : Full Day Game Drives in Masai Mara – Wildlife Photography



Wake up early to enjoy a **sunrise game drive** in the Masai Mara, when animals are most active and the light is perfect for photography. Your private vehicle, equipped with swivel seats and low-angle hatches, allows you to capture **close-up shots of lions, cheetahs, and elephants** in their natural habitat. The Mara's rolling plains and riverine forests provide stunning backdrops for both wildlife and landscape photography. Between sightings, your guide will share insights on animal behavior and the best positioning for your camera. Return to

Ishara Camp mid-morning for a **hearty brunch** and a short rest, then prepare for an **afternoon game drive**, exploring new areas of the reserve. The second drive often offers opportunities to photograph **predator-prey interactions**, giraffe herds crossing the plains, or elephants bathing in the river. As the sun sets, capture dramatic silhouettes and golden-hour shots from the open savannah. Back at the camp, review your images, receive feedback from the on-site photography mentor, and enjoy a gourmet dinner while swapping stories with fellow travelers. This day immerses you fully in the Mara's wildlife, providing abundant opportunities to **hone your photographic skills** and create unforgettable memories.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
9 Hours

Day 4 : Morning and Afternoon Game Drives - Masai Mara Photography



Begin your day with an **early morning game drive**, when the golden light illuminates the Mara plains and wildlife activity peaks. Your driver-guide will take you to prime locations to photograph **lions lounging in the sun, cheetahs stalking prey, and elephants moving gracefully across the savannah**. This is also an excellent opportunity to capture birds, zebras, and giraffes against the vibrant landscape. Return to **Ishara Camp** for a late breakfast or brunch and a brief rest, allowing you to review morning shots and prepare for the afternoon

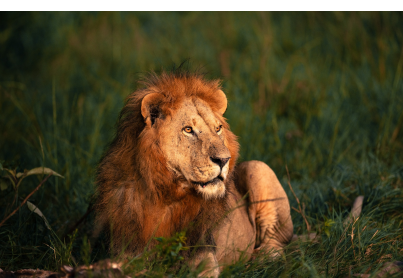
adventure.

In the afternoon, venture deeper into the reserve on another **photography-focused game drive**, exploring riverine areas and hidden valleys. Look for unique compositions: a lion drinking from the river, a herd of elephants silhouetted by the setting sun, or intimate moments of wildlife in motion. Your photography mentor is available throughout the drives to guide on framing, lighting, and camera techniques, helping you refine your skills with each shot. As the sun sets, return to the camp to enjoy a relaxing evening around the **campfire**, sharing stories, reviewing images, and savoring a gourmet dinner. Day 4 fully immerses you in the Mara's wildlife and landscapes, offering countless moments to capture the beauty and drama of Africa's most famous reserve.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 5 : Full Day in Masai Mara - Big Cat and Migration Photography



Wake up before sunrise for an **early morning game drive**, taking advantage of the soft, golden light to photograph the Mara's famous predators. Focus on **lions, leopards, and cheetahs**, capturing intimate moments of hunting, resting, or interacting with their cubs. If you are traveling during the migration season, witness **dramatic river crossings and massive herds of wildebeest and zebras**, providing spectacular photographic opportunities. Mid-morning, return to **Ishara**

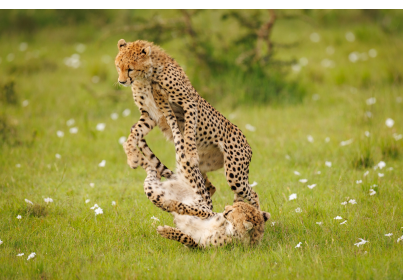
Camp for a hearty brunch and a short rest, giving you time to review and edit your morning shots.

In the afternoon, embark on another **photography-focused drive**, venturing to less-visited areas of the reserve to find unique wildlife behaviors and compositions. Your guide will help you anticipate movements, while your photography mentor advises on **framing, focus, and shutter speed techniques** for action shots. Capture the Mara's iconic landscapes as the sun dips toward the horizon, creating perfect golden-hour lighting for silhouettes and dramatic scenery. Return to camp in the evening for cocktails, dinner, and a chance to share and discuss your best images with fellow travelers. Day 5 offers some of the richest photographic experiences in the Mara, combining wildlife, landscapes, and the thrill of observing nature at its most dynamic.

Meals Included
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Duration
9 Hours

Day 6 : Masai Mara – Riverine and Off-the-Beaten-Path Photography



Start your day with an **early morning game drive**, exploring the Mara's riverine forests and quieter areas of the reserve. These locations offer **unique photographic opportunities**, from elephants bathing in the river to birds perched along the riverbanks. Your guide will help you track wildlife, while your photography mentor advises on **capturing reflections, motion, and lighting** for dramatic shots. Return to **Ishara Camp** mid-morning for a late breakfast, a rest, and a chance to review

and organize your photos.

After lunch, head out for an **afternoon photography safari**, focusing on less-visited areas to capture intimate wildlife moments and distinctive landscapes. Seek out playful lion cubs, solitary leopards in trees, or giraffes feeding in the golden light. The open vehicles with swivel seats make it easy to frame shots from multiple angles, while your mentor guides you on composition, depth, and perspective. As the sun sets, enjoy the iconic Mara **golden-hour views**, perfect for landscape and silhouette photography. Return to the camp in the evening for dinner, storytelling around the fire, and image review, reflecting on the day's rich photographic experiences.

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Duration
8 Hours

Day 7 : Full Day Game Drives – Big Cats and Mara Landscapes



Begin your day with an **early morning game drive**, capturing the Mara's wildlife in the soft dawn light. Focus on **lions hunting or resting, leopards in trees, and cheetahs on the move**, while also photographing giraffes, zebras, and elephants against the rolling savannah backdrop. Your guide helps locate the best wildlife, while your photography mentor offers tips on **composition, exposure, and capturing movement**.

Return to **Ishara Camp** mid-morning for a late breakfast and some downtime. Use this time to **review your shots, adjust camera settings, and plan for the afternoon drive**. After lunch, set out on another **photography-focused safari**, exploring different areas of the reserve for fresh perspectives and lighting. Look for **dramatic predator-prey interactions, herd dynamics, or solitary animals in striking landscapes**. As the sun begins to set, photograph the iconic **Mara golden hour**, perfect for silhouettes, wildlife in motion, and panoramic shots of the plains.

Back at the camp, enjoy cocktails and a gourmet dinner while sharing the day's best images with your photography mentor and fellow travelers. Day 7 deepens your experience in the Mara, offering **ample opportunities to capture unforgettable wildlife moments and stunning landscapes.**

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 8 : Morning and Afternoon Game Drives – Capturing Mara's Iconic Scenes



Wake up early for another **sunrise game drive**, when wildlife is most active and lighting is ideal for photography. Your guide will take you to areas where **lions, cheetahs, and leopards** are commonly seen, while you also photograph **herds of elephants, giraffes, and zebras** roaming the plains. Focus on capturing **motion, behavior, and landscape interplay**, taking advantage of the open vehicles and swivel seats for unique angles.

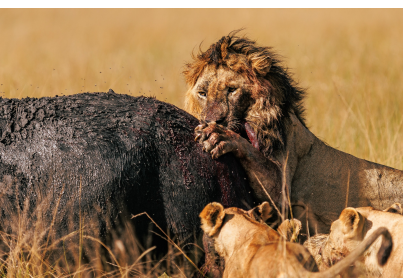
Return to **Ishara Camp** for brunch and a short rest. In the afternoon, head out on a **longer game drive**, exploring less-traveled parts of the Mara for fresh perspectives. This is an excellent time to photograph **river crossings, solitary predators, or dramatic sunsets over the savannah**, experimenting with light, shadows, and composition. Your photography mentor is available throughout the drives to guide on **framing, exposure, and storytelling through images.**

As the sun sets, return to the camp to relax with evening drinks and a gourmet dinner. Take time to **review your photos, edit favorite shots, and share your best images** with fellow travelers. Day 8 offers a perfect balance of **wildlife encounters and creative photography opportunities**, ensuring that every moment in the Mara is captured beautifully.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 9 : Final Game Drives in Masai Mara – Mastering Wildlife Photography



Begin your day with an **early morning game drive**, taking advantage of the soft, golden light to capture your last wildlife moments in the Mara. Focus on **big cats, elephants, and herds of zebras or wildebeest**, experimenting with composition, motion blur, and depth of field. Your guide will help locate animals in prime locations, while your photography mentor provides tips to **perfect your shots** and capture unique perspectives.

Return to **Ishara Camp** for brunch and a brief rest. In the afternoon, embark on your **final photography-focused drive**, revisiting favorite spots or exploring new areas to capture **stunning landscapes, intimate wildlife behaviors, or dramatic sunset silhouettes.** This is the perfect opportunity to **apply all your learning from the past days**, refining your skills and creating your best portfolio images.

As the sun dips below the Mara horizon, return to the camp to enjoy a celebratory dinner around the **campfire**, sharing your favorite photos and reflecting on the safari experience. Day 9 allows you to **fully immerse yourself in the Mara one last time**, leaving with memorable images, improved photography skills, and unforgettable wildlife encounters.

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
8 Hours

Day 10 : Departure from Masai Mara - Return to Nairobi



Wake up early for a final **sunrise game drive** in the Masai Mara, capturing the last moments of wildlife activity and the soft morning light over the savannah. Take advantage of the golden-hour photography opportunities to **frame elephants, giraffes, or predators** with the scenic Mara landscapes one final time. After the drive, return to **Ishara Camp** for breakfast and check-out.

You will then be transferred to the **airstrip for your domestic flight back to Nairobi**. Upon arrival, enjoy a brief stop at Hemingways or the airport lounge before your onward international flight. Use the time to **review your portfolio, organize your favorite shots, and reflect on the incredible experiences** of the past ten days.

Your 10-day photographic safari concludes with **memories of extraordinary wildlife encounters, breathtaking landscapes, and improved photography skills** that will last a lifetime. This journey has combined adventure, creativity, and luxury, leaving you with not only stunning images but also a deeper appreciation for Kenya's wildlife and natural beauty.

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Duration
8 Hours