

# 15 Days Among Africa's Most Iconic Wildlife

📍 Mahale Mountains, Laikipia Loisaba, Maasai Mara, Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Tarangire, Lubondo Island,



Experience the ultimate East African adventure on this 15-day luxury safari through **Kenya and Tanzania**. It is designed for travelers seeking exclusivity, wildlife, and elegance. Every detail is curated to combine extraordinary wildlife encounters with seamless comfort and world-class service.

Begin in **Nairobi** at the iconic **Giraffe Manor**, where Rothschild giraffes may join you for breakfast. Continue to **Loisaba Conservancy** in Laikipia, a sanctuary for rare northern species. Then head to the legendary **Maasai Mara**. Stay at **Cottar's 1920s Camp**, where classic safari glamour meets expert guides and exceptional game viewing.

Cross into Tanzania to explore the **Serengeti**, settling into **Namiri Plains**, an elegant camp in big cat country. Enjoy game drives in search of lions, cheetahs, elephants, and wildebeest. Next, move to the lush **Ngorongoro Highlands** for crater floor safaris and sweeping lodge views.

Venture to **Tarangire National Park**, known for towering baobabs and large elephant herds. Escape to **Lubondo Island** on Lake Victoria, perfect for lakeside relaxation, canoeing, and birding. Conclude at **Greystoke Mahale** on Lake Tanganyika. Trek through rainforest trails to observe wild chimpanzees in their natural habitat.

This 15-day journey is more than a holiday. It blends **luxury, wildlife, and cultural immersion**. Each destination balances thrilling game drives, serene relaxation, and authentic East African experiences. World-class accommodations and expert guides ensure every moment is seamless. This safari promises memories that last a lifetime.

## Tour Facts

Group Size:  
**2-8**  
Duration:  
**15**

Language:  
**English, France, Germany, Spain**  
Tour Type:  
**continuous**

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1 : Arrival in Nairobi — Giraffe Manor



Welcome to Nairobi, the vibrant capital of Kenya! Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be warmly greeted and transferred to the iconic Giraffe Manor. This unique boutique hotel offers an unforgettable experience where endangered Rothschild giraffes roam the grounds and often poke their heads through the windows to greet guests. Spend the afternoon settling into your charming room and enjoy a leisurely walk through the beautifully

manicured gardens. As evening falls, savor a gourmet dinner in the manor's elegant dining room, surrounded by history and the gentle presence of giraffes. This day sets the tone for your extraordinary East African adventure — combining luxury, wildlife, and heritage in perfect harmony.

Duration  
**7 Hours**

### Day 2 : Fly to Laikipia — Elewana Loisaba Conservancy



Start your day with a hearty breakfast at Giraffe Manor, perhaps sharing a few moments with your towering neighbors before your transfer to Wilson Airport in Nairobi. Here, board a small charter flight to Laikipia Plateau, a vast and diverse ecosystem that spans over 9,000 square kilometers. Laikipia is a private wildlife conservancy known for its successful conservation projects and incredible

biodiversity. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to Elewana Loisaba Conservancy, a luxurious and eco-conscious camp set on a sprawling private ranch. The camp's design blends seamlessly with the rugged landscape, offering panoramic views of Mount Kenya and the surrounding plains. After settling into your tented suite, embark on your first afternoon game drive. Accompanied by an expert guide and tracker, explore a mosaic of habitats — from open savannahs to dense acacia forests and riverine thickets. Here, you may encounter large herds of elephants, reticulated giraffes, Grevy's zebras (the rarest zebra species), and prides of lions. Keep an eye out for endangered wild dogs, known for their elusive nature. As the sun dips low, stop for sundowners on a scenic ridge. Sip a refreshing drink while taking in the sweeping views and listening to the symphony of African wildlife settling for the night. Return to camp as stars fill the sky, and indulge in a gourmet dinner featuring locally sourced ingredients paired with fine wines. Enjoy the sounds of the bush from the comfort of your lodge, where warm hospitality and elegant design create a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

### Day 3 : Full Day at Elewana Loisaba Conservancy



Begin your day early with a steaming cup of coffee or tea, then head out on a thrilling morning game drive. The early hours are when wildlife is most active, so you have a great chance to witness predators returning from night hunts or herbivores grazing in the cool dawn light. Your expert guide and tracker will share insights into animal behavior, spoor identification, and conservation efforts

underway in this special region. For a change of pace, opt for a guided walking safari mid-morning. This immersive experience lets you connect with the bush on foot, noticing tiny details often missed on vehicle drives — from bird calls and insect life to medicinal plants and animal tracks. Walk at a leisurely pace through ancient woodlands and grassy plains while your guide explains the delicate balance of this ecosystem. Return to camp for a sumptuous lunch served al fresco or in the elegant dining area. After a restful afternoon—perhaps lounging by the pool or enjoying a spa treatment—you can choose to visit a nearby Maasai community. Learn about their rich cultural traditions, crafts, and the role of local people in wildlife conservation. Late afternoon offers another game drive, this time with the goal of spotting elusive predators such as leopards or wild dogs as they become active again. Watch the landscape change color as the sun sets and enjoy another unforgettable sundowner stop, capturing panoramic views bathed in golden light. Back at camp, savor a gourmet dinner under a star-studded sky. Reflect on the day's adventures and prepare for your next destination, knowing that Elewana Loisaba offers a rare blend of wildness and luxury.

Duration  
**7 Hours**

### Day 4 : Transfer to Maasai Mara — Cottar's 1920s Camp



After breakfast at Elewana Loisaba, you'll take a scenic charter flight to the world-famous Maasai Mara National Reserve, Kenya's iconic wildlife destination. Upon arrival, you'll be met and transferred to Cottar's 1920s Safari Camp, a luxury tented camp that masterfully recreates the glamour and elegance of the early safari era. Nestled in a private conservancy adjoining the Maasai Mara, Cottar's offers unparalleled access to the park's abundant wildlife, including the Big

Five — lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards, and rhinoceros. The camp's spacious tents feature authentic vintage décor, private verandas, and all modern comforts. Spend the afternoon on your first game drive in the Mara. Traverse rolling savannahs dotted with acacia trees, spotting herds of wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, and the elusive predators that hunt them. Depending on the season, you may witness parts of the Great Migration — one of nature's most spectacular events. Return to camp for sundowners and a hearty dinner around the campfire. The camp's intimate setting and traditional atmosphere provide a magical backdrop for storytelling and stargazing.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 5 : Full Day Safari at Maasai Mara — Cottar's 1920s Camp



Rise early to catch the spectacular dawn over the Mara plains. After a freshly brewed coffee, embark on a full-day game drive in the Maasai Mara National Reserve. Today offers prime opportunities to witness the iconic Big Five — lions, elephants, leopards, buffalo, and rhinos — alongside vast herds of wildebeest and zebra. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the bush, surrounded by breathtaking scenery and the sounds of nature. Your expert guide will share insights into animal behavior, the

ecosystem, and conservation efforts. Keep your camera ready for thrilling predator-prey interactions or a rare sighting of cheetahs or hyenas. In the afternoon, visit a nearby Maasai village to learn about the vibrant culture, traditions, and way of life of this proud warrior community. This authentic experience enriches your understanding of the deep connection between the Maasai people and the land they protect. Return to Cottar's camp as the sun sets, and relax with sundowners before enjoying a gourmet dinner by the campfire. Reflect on the day's adventures under a vast African sky filled with stars.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 6 : Fly to Tanzania — The Retreat at Namiri Plains



After breakfast, you will take a scenic flight from the Maasai Mara across the border into Tanzania's Serengeti ecosystem. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to The Retreat at Namiri Plains, a secluded and intimate lodge set in the remote eastern Serengeti. Namiri Plains is renowned for its exceptional wildlife viewing, especially big cats such as cheetahs, lions, and leopards. The lodge's location allows for exclusive game drives with fewer vehicles, offering a truly private

safari experience. Spend the afternoon on a guided game drive, exploring the vast, unspoiled plains. Witness dramatic predator-prey interactions, observe herds of wildebeest and zebra, and enjoy the breathtaking landscapes of the Serengeti. Return to the lodge for sundowners on the deck, followed by a gourmet dinner. The tranquil atmosphere and personalized service make this a perfect place to unwind and immerse yourself in nature's rhythms.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 7 : Full Day Safari in the Serengeti



Start your day early with a wake-up call before dawn, accompanied by a hot drink to prepare you for the morning adventure. Head out on a full-day game drive through the vast Serengeti plains, one of Africa's most celebrated wildlife havens. Spend the morning tracking the Big Five—lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards, and rhinoceros—as well as cheetahs and hyenas. Your expert guide will help you spot elusive animals and explain their behaviors and roles within the ecosystem. Around midday, enjoy a delicious picnic lunch set in a scenic spot

within the park. Relax and soak in the stunning surroundings before continuing your afternoon game drive. In the afternoon, explore different habitats such as kopjes (rocky outcrops), riverine forests, and endless grasslands. Watch for migratory herds, predators on the hunt, and a dazzling variety of birdlife. As the sun begins to set, find a perfect viewpoint to enjoy sundowners while the sky changes colors. Then, return to your lodge for a gourmet dinner, reflecting on an unforgettable day in one of the world's greatest wildlife arenas.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 8 : Transfer to Ngorongoro Highlands — The Highlands Lodge



After breakfast and a morning game drive in the Serengeti, you will transfer to the Ngorongoro Highlands. This scenic drive takes you from the open plains of the Serengeti up to the cooler, forested slopes of the Ngorongoro Crater rim. Check in to The Highlands Lodge, an eco-friendly, architecturally stunning property perched on the crater's rim. The lodge offers breathtaking panoramic views of the crater floor

below and the surrounding highlands. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided walk around the lodge's grounds or relax in the spa and lounge areas. Later, take in spectacular sunset views from the deck while sipping sundowners. Dine on gourmet cuisine crafted from fresh, local ingredients. The serene atmosphere and dramatic vistas make The Highlands a perfect base for exploring this UNESCO World Heritage site.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 9 : Ngorongoro Crater Game Drive



After an early breakfast at The Highlands Lodge, embark on a full-day game drive into the Ngorongoro Crater, one of Africa's most famous natural wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Descend into the crater, a vast volcanic caldera spanning about 260 square kilometers, home to an incredible density of wildlife including elephants, lions, black rhinos, buffalo, zebras, and hippos. The unique ecosystem supports a rich variety of birds, flamingos on the crater's

soda lakes, and much more. Enjoy a picnic lunch at a scenic spot within the crater, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes and abundant wildlife. Your expert guide will share insights into the geology, flora, fauna, and conservation efforts that protect this incredible environment. In the late afternoon, ascend back to The Highlands Lodge for a relaxing evening. Enjoy dinner overlooking the crater rim as

the sun sets behind the Ngorongoro Highlands.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 10 : Transfer to Tarangire — Sanctuary Swala Camp



After breakfast, depart Ngorongoro Highlands and journey to Tarangire National Park, famous for its large elephant herds and ancient baobab trees. The drive takes you through changing landscapes, from highland forests to savannah plains. Upon arrival, check in at Sanctuary Swala Camp, an intimate luxury camp nestled within the park's pristine wilderness. The camp's elevated tents offer stunning views and comfortable amenities blending seamlessly with

nature. Spend the afternoon on a guided game drive, exploring Tarangire's unique ecosystem. Look out for elephants bathing in the Tarangire River, prides of lions, giraffes, zebras, and a wealth of bird species. Return to camp for sundowners overlooking the savannah, followed by a delicious dinner under the stars.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 11 : Fly to Lubondo Island Camp, Lake Victoria



After breakfast at Sanctuary Swala Camp, you will take a scenic flight from Tarangire to Lubondo Island Camp by Asilia, located on a private island in Lake Victoria, Africa's largest freshwater lake. Lubondo Island Camp offers a tranquil and exclusive retreat surrounded by crystal-clear waters, lush forest, and vibrant birdlife. Enjoy activities such as guided nature walks, canoeing, fishing, and birdwatching, immersing yourself in this unique lake ecosystem. Spend the day

relaxing in this serene environment, appreciating the blend of wilderness and luxury. The camp's comfortable tents and attentive service ensure a peaceful and rejuvenating stay.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 12 : Relax and Explore at Lubondo Island Camp



Begin your day with a peaceful breakfast overlooking the shimmering waters of Lake Victoria. Spend the morning at leisure—whether that's enjoying a swim, kayaking along the tranquil shoreline, or simply unwinding in the shade of the island's lush forest. Join a guided nature walk to discover the diverse birdlife and unique flora of Lubondo

Island. Alternatively, take a fishing excursion or explore local fishing villages by boat to experience the culture of the lakeside communities. In the afternoon, you can opt for a sunset boat cruise, where you may spot hippos, otters, and a variety of water birds as the sun dips below the horizon. Return to camp for a gourmet dinner under the stars, enjoying the serene sounds of the lake and forest.

Duration  
**7 Hours**

### Day 13 : Fly to Mahale Mountains — Nomad Greystoke Mahale



After breakfast, you will board a scenic charter flight from Lubondo Island to the remote Mahale Mountains National Park, located on the western shores of Lake Tanganyika. Upon arrival at the park's airstrip, you'll transfer by traditional boat through pristine waters to the exclusive Nomad Greystoke Mahale Lodge, an eco-friendly sanctuary nestled deep in the ancient rainforest. Mahale Mountains is one of the few places on Earth where you can witness wild chimpanzees in their

natural habitat. The lodge's remote location ensures a true wilderness experience, far from the crowds of typical safari destinations. After settling into your spacious, open-air bandas—each thoughtfully designed to blend seamlessly with the surrounding forest—you'll enjoy breathtaking views over the lake and lush mountains. In the afternoon, embark on your first guided chimpanzee trekking experience. Accompanied by expert guides and trackers, you'll hike through dense forest trails to observe a chimpanzee community engaging in their natural behaviors — from foraging and grooming to playful interactions. Return to the lodge for sundowners on the deck, where you can watch the sun set over Lake Tanganyika's vast blue waters. Later, indulge in a gourmet dinner featuring regional flavors and fresh ingredients sourced locally or from the lodge's organic garden. The tranquil atmosphere, combined with the magic of Mahale's wildlife, creates an unforgettable evening in one of Africa's most pristine and rarely visited wilderness areas.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

### Day 14 : Full Day Chimpanzee Trekking and Relaxation at Nomad Greystoke Mahale



Wake up to the sounds of the rainforest and enjoy a fresh breakfast with stunning views over Lake Tanganyika. Today is dedicated to deepening your connection with Mahale's wild chimpanzees and the surrounding wilderness. Join an early morning chimpanzee trekking excursion with experienced guides. Trek through lush forest trails to observe these fascinating primates up close as they forage, play, and socialize in their natural environment. Your guides will share insights

about chimpanzee behavior, social structures, and conservation challenges. After your trek, return to the lodge for a leisurely lunch and some downtime. Relax by the lakefront, take a swim in the clear waters, or enjoy a spa treatment if available. In the afternoon, you may opt for a second trek or a boat excursion on Lake Tanganyika to explore its unique aquatic ecosystem and spot wildlife such as hippos, otters, and various bird species. As the day winds down, gather for sundowners on the deck, reflecting on the

unforgettable experiences of your journey. Enjoy a final gourmet dinner under the stars, savoring the peaceful ambiance of this remote sanctuary.

Duration  
**8 Hours**

### Day 15 : Departure from Mahale — Return to Kilimanjaro or Dar es Salaam



After a leisurely breakfast at Nomad Greystoke Mahale, it's time to bid farewell to the pristine wilderness of the Mahale Mountains. You'll transfer by boat back to the airstrip for your scenic flight to either Kilimanjaro International Airport or Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam, depending on your onward travel plans. Upon arrival, you will be assisted with your connecting international flight. If your schedule allows, you may opt to extend your stay in

Tanzania or explore nearby destinations. This marks the end of your extraordinary 15-day luxury safari through East Africa — a journey filled with iconic wildlife encounters, remote lodges, and unforgettable memories. Safe travels!

Duration  
**6 Hours**