

## 8-Day Kenya Wildlife Photographic Safari

📍 Masai Mara



This **8-day Kenya Photo Safari** is perfect for photographers seeking **diverse wildlife experiences** in the Maasai Mara and Olare Motorogi Conservancy. You will capture **lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, hippos, and exotic birds** in their natural habitats.

You arrive in Nairobi and check in at **Hemingways Nairobi**, giving you time to rest and prepare your photography gear. The next morning, fly to the **Maasai Mara** and check in at [Bateleur Camp](#) for 3 nights. From here, you explore the **Mara Triangle**, photographing predators, herbivores, and birds in dramatic landscapes.

Next, transfer to **Olare Motorogi Conservancy** for 4 nights at a private photographic camp such as **Mara Plains** or **Kicheche Mara**. The conservancy offers **high wildlife densities**. You will photograph predators, elephants, giraffes, zebras, and hippos in **open plains, riverine forests, and scattered acacia woodlands**. Private roads allow **unobstructed and creative shots**.

Daily **sunrise and sunset drives** provide the best light for dramatic images. Midday breaks allow you to **review photos, adjust camera settings, and refine composition**. Expert guides lead you to wildlife, help frame shots, and track rare species for **unique photographic opportunities**.

At the end of the safari, you return to Nairobi for departure. You will leave with a **comprehensive portfolio of Kenya's wildlife**, including predators, herbivores, birds, and landscapes.

## Tour Facts

Group Size:  
**2-6**

Duration:  
**8**

Language:  
**English, France, Germany, Spain**

Tour Type:  
**continuous**

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1 : Arrival in Nairobi – Welcome to Kenya



Upon arrival at **Jomo Kenyatta International Airport**, you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to the elegant **Hemingways Nairobi**. This luxury boutique hotel offers a peaceful retreat after your international flight.

Spend the afternoon unwinding in your spacious suite, enjoying panoramic views of the Ngong Hills, or preparing your camera gear for the adventure ahead. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner where your safari guide will brief you about the days ahead, including photography tips and what to expect in the Maasai Mara.

Your journey begins with comfort and relaxation, ensuring you are refreshed and ready for the incredible photographic opportunities awaiting you.

**Accommodation:** Hemingways Nairobi (Bed & Breakfast)

Meals Included  
**DINNER,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

### DAY 2 : Fly to Maasai Mara – First Photographic Game Drive



After breakfast at **Hemingways Nairobi**, transfer to Wilson Airport for your scenic flight to the **Maasai Mara**. From the air, admire the rolling Rift Valley and the sprawling savannah below. Upon landing, your guide will drive you to **andBeyond Bateleur Camp**, an exclusive luxury camp located at the edge of the Mara, perfectly placed for accessing the Mara Triangle's prime photographic areas.

Settle into your elegant tented suite, enjoy a freshly prepared lunch, and then head out for your **first afternoon photographic game drive**. The **Mara Triangle** is renowned for its dense populations of lions, leopards, and cheetahs, offering excellent chances to capture predators in golden light. Wide open

plains also allow for clean compositions, dramatic skies, and unobstructed shots of wildlife.

As the sun sets, you may find yourself photographing elephants against the horizon or a pride of lions preparing to hunt. Return to camp in the evening for dinner, followed by time to review your images and plan for tomorrow’s photographic sessions.

**Accommodation:** andBeyond Bateleur Camp (Full Board)

Meals Included <b>LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,</b>	Duration <b>8 Hours</b>
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### Day 3 : Full-Day Photographic Safari in the Mara Triangle



Wake up early to capture the **first light of dawn** across the Mara savannah. After a quick coffee, head out on your morning game drive, where the **big cats are most active**. Lions often finish their night hunts at sunrise, while cheetahs and leopards may begin their morning patrols. The cool morning air also draws elephants, giraffes, and buffalo into open areas, providing excellent photographic opportunities.

Enjoy a bush breakfast in the field before continuing deeper into the **Mara Triangle**, a region known for its **open plains, river crossings, and fewer vehicles** compared to other areas of the reserve. This allows for **unobstructed, natural wildlife photography**, giving you space and time to frame your shots without interruption.

Return to camp for lunch and a short rest. In the afternoon, set out again in search of predators. Your guide will position the vehicle carefully for the best light, whether it’s a leopard resting in a tree, a cheetah stalking prey, or elephants backlit against the setting sun. As the **golden hour** fades into twilight, you’ll capture dramatic silhouettes that define a true African photo safari.

Back at camp, enjoy a warm dinner and perhaps a fireside session to review images and share tips with your guide.

**Accommodation:** andBeyond Bateleur Camp (Full Board)

Meals Included <b>LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,</b>	Duration <b>8 Hours</b>
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### DAY 4 : Sunrise to Sunset – Final Day in the Mara Triangle



Begin the day with an early departure, chasing the **soft morning light** as it spreads across the Mara. Today offers another chance to focus on **behavioral photography**, waiting patiently for big cats to interact, hunt, or care for their cubs. With fewer vehicles in the Mara Triangle, you’ll have more freedom to position for **low-angle shots** and creative perspectives.

Break for a picnic breakfast in the bush, surrounded by the sounds of the savannah. Afterward, explore

riverine forests and hippo pools along the Mara River. These habitats are excellent for photographing hippos, crocodiles, and colorful birdlife that contrasts beautifully with predator-focused images.

Return to camp for lunch and downtime before heading out on your **final Mara Triangle game drive** in the afternoon. This is the perfect opportunity to capture **iconic wide-angle shots** of elephants or giraffes against the vast open plains. As the sun dips toward the horizon, you'll capture one last **sunset silhouette**, framing wildlife against fiery skies.

Back at **Bateleur Camp**, enjoy a farewell dinner in this region, reflecting on the images captured and preparing to move into your next location — the exclusive **Olare Motorogi Conservancy**, where off-road access offers even closer photographic encounters.

**Accommodation:** andBeyond Bateleur Camp (Full Board)

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 5 : Transfer to Olare Motorogi Conservancy - New Perspectives



After breakfast, enjoy a **scenic transfer game drive** as you leave the Mara Triangle and cross into the **Olare Motorogi Conservancy**. This private conservancy borders the Maasai Mara but offers a much more **exclusive photographic experience** with strict limits on visitor numbers and vehicles.

Arrive at your camp — either **Mara Plains Camp** or **Kicheche Mara Camp** — both designed with photographers in mind. The camps provide **open safari vehicles**, beanbags, charging stations, and guides who understand light, angles, and wildlife behavior.

After settling in and enjoying lunch, set out for your **first game drive in Olare Motorogi**. The conservancy is famous for its **high predator density**, particularly lions and cheetahs, which thrive in the open grasslands. Leopards are also frequently seen in the riverine woodlands. With the freedom of **off-road driving**, your guide can position the vehicle perfectly for low-angle shots, close encounters, and dramatic perspectives that aren't always possible in the national reserve.

As the day winds down, capture the **golden sunset glow** over the conservancy's rolling plains before returning to camp for dinner. The intimacy of the conservancy creates an entirely new rhythm to your photography, offering quiet, undisturbed time with wildlife.

**Accommodation:** Mara Plains Camp or Kicheche Mara Camp (Full Board)

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 6 : Full-Day Photographic Safari in Olare Motorogi Conservancy



Rise early for a steaming cup of coffee before heading into the conservancy at first light. The **morning hours** bring incredible photographic opportunities, as predators are most active. You may find lions finishing a night hunt, cheetahs scanning the plains for prey, or leopards retreating to shady trees after a night's patrol. The open grasslands and acacia woodlands here provide a mix of wide, scenic backdrops and intimate wildlife portraits.

Pause mid-morning for a **bush breakfast** in the field, reviewing images while surrounded by grazing antelope, elephants, and giraffes. Afterwards, continue exploring different habitats — riverbeds for leopards, rocky outcrops for lions, and open plains where cheetahs often hunt in daylight.

Return to camp for lunch and rest, taking time to download, edit, and recharge gear. In the afternoon, head back out for another game drive timed to the **golden hour**, when the soft light brings out rich tones in wildlife coats and the savannah grasses. Your guide will use off-road access to position the vehicle for **clean, low-angle shots** and dramatic compositions.

As the sun sets, capture silhouettes of elephants or giraffes against fiery skies. Back at camp, enjoy a fireside dinner and perhaps a short photo-sharing session with fellow travelers and your guide.

**Accommodation:** Mara Plains Camp or Kicheche Mara Camp (Full Board)

Meals Included

**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration

**8 Hours**

## Day 7 : Sunrise to Sunset – Predator and Wildlife Photography in Olare Motorogi



Start your day with an **early morning drive**, capturing the first light illuminating the **rolling plains and acacia woodlands**. Predators such as lions, cheetahs, and leopards are highly active during this time. You may also photograph **elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, and a variety of bird species**, giving you a diverse portfolio of Mara wildlife.

Enjoy a **bush breakfast** while reviewing your morning shots and preparing for the midday session. Afterward, venture to riverbeds and secluded areas where leopards and smaller predators are often spotted. The **exclusive off-road access** in Olare Motorogi allows you to approach wildlife for **intimate portraits and creative angles** without disturbing their natural behavior.

Return to camp for lunch and a short rest. In the late afternoon, embark on your **final golden-hour game drive**, capturing wildlife against stunning light and shadows. Look for unique moments: a lion cub playing, cheetahs resting under a tree, or birds in flight against the sunset.

Conclude the day with a **sunset photography session** at the camp's viewing point, then enjoy dinner while reviewing the day's best images. Day 7 provides one last chance to photograph predators and a wide variety of wildlife in **exclusive, undisturbed settings**, ensuring a rich and varied collection of images.

**Accommodation:** Mara Plains Camp or Kicheche Mara Camp (Full Board)

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**8 Hours**

## Day 8 : Final Morning Game Drive and Transfer to Nairobi



Begin your day with an **early morning game drive** in Olare Motorogi Conservancy. Capture the last light of sunrise as it illuminates wildlife, providing **one final opportunity** for dramatic photographs of lions, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, and other iconic Mara species. Take advantage of the **exclusive off-road access** to frame unique angles and intimate wildlife moments.

After the morning drive, return to camp for a hearty breakfast and some time to **pack and review your portfolio**, ensuring your images are backed up and organized. Depending on your flight schedule, enjoy a brief walk around the camp to photograph the surrounding landscapes or birds one last time.

Later, transfer to **Wilson Airport** for your domestic flight back to **Nairobi**, where you will either continue to your international departure or check in at **Hemingways Nairobi** for a final night, depending on your plans. Reflect on the past eight days, having captured a **diverse and rich portfolio of African wildlife** across the Maasai Mara and Olare Motorogi Conservancy.

Your 8-day safari concludes with unforgettable memories, stunning wildlife images, and the experience of **Kenya's most iconic landscapes and animals**.

**Accommodation:** Hemingways Nairobi (if staying overnight) or transfer to airport for departure

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**5 Hours**