

8-Day Kenya Wildlife Safari – Focus on Animal Abundance

📍 Masai mara, Lake Nakuru, Samburu



This 8-day safari is perfect for wildlife lovers who want to see Africa's most famous animals. You will spend four nights in the **Masai Mara National Reserve**, one of the best places in the world for spotting lions, elephants, leopards, buffalo, and rhinos. During certain months, you may also witness the spectacular Great Migration.

Next, you will travel to **Lake Nakuru National Park** for one night. This park is known for its large number of rhinos and beautiful flamingos that gather by the lake. You will enjoy game drives that offer great chances to see many animals and birds.

Then, your journey continues to **Samburu National Reserve** for two nights. Samburu is in northern Kenya and is famous for rare animals like the gerenuk, reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, and Somali ostrich. The park's mix of forests and dry plains makes it a unique place to explore.

Throughout the safari, your experienced guides will take you on morning and afternoon game drives in comfortable 4x4 vehicles. They will help you spot animals and learn about their behaviors. You can stay in a variety of lodges or camps that offer good comfort and authentic African experiences.

In summary, this itinerary offers a great mix of wildlife, landscapes, and culture. It is ideal for first-time visitors and anyone wanting to experience Kenya's richest wildlife areas.

Tour Facts

Group Size:
2-7

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** in Nairobi, a representative from Paul Tours Safari will greet you with a warm welcome. After a brief introduction, you'll be transferred to your hotel in the city for check-in and relaxation after your journey.

Depending on your arrival time, you may choose to rest at the hotel or take part in optional activities. These include a visit to the **Giraffe Centre**, **David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage**, or a brief Nairobi city tour.

In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel or a local restaurant, where your guide will provide a short safari briefing and answer any questions you may have about the adventure ahead.

Accommodation Options:

Hemingways Nairobi

Meals Included: Dinner

Meals Included
DINNER,

Duration
7 Hours

Day 2 : Nairobi – Flight to Masai Mara – Afternoon Game Drive



After breakfast at your hotel, you will be transferred to **Wilson Airport** for your scheduled bush flight to the **Masai Mara National Reserve**—one of Africa's top safari destinations. The flight offers stunning aerial views of the Great Rift Valley and Kenya's

breathtaking landscapes.

Upon landing at the Mara airstrip, your professional safari guide will welcome you and transfer you to your selected lodge or camp. Enjoy a refreshing welcome drink and settle into your room before lunch is served with views over the open savannah.

In the late afternoon, set out on your first **game drive** across the Masai Mara plains. Keep your camera ready as you may spot elephants, giraffes, buffalo, and the first members of the **Big Five**. As the sun sets over the Mara, enjoy the golden light and incredible scenery.

Return to camp for a relaxing evening by the fire, followed by a delicious dinner and a peaceful night under the African stars.

Accommodation Options (Masai Mara – 4 Nights) Mara, & Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
7 Hours

Day 3 : Full Day in Masai Mara – Big Five Safari Adventure



Wake up to the sounds of nature and enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea before heading out on an early morning **game drive**. This is the best time to witness predators on the move and herbivores grazing in the cool morning light.

Your expert guide will take you deep into the **Masai Mara**, tracking wildlife and sharing insights about animal behavior and the ecosystem. Expect to see elephants, lions, buffalo, giraffes, zebras, and with luck—leopards or black rhinos. Birdlife is also abundant.

Return to the camp for a hearty breakfast, then enjoy some leisure time. Relax at your lodge, take a dip in the pool, or simply watch wildlife pass by from your verandah.

After lunch and a short siesta, head out again for an afternoon game drive. Your route may cover a different region of the Mara, giving you new chances to spot elusive species or witness dramatic interactions between predator and prey.

Return to camp at sunset and enjoy drinks around the campfire before dinner is served.

Optional Add-On: Upgrade today’s experience with a **sunrise hot air balloon safari** followed by a champagne breakfast in the bush (advance booking required, additional cost).

Accommodation: Same as Day 2

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
6 Hours

Day 4 : Wildlife Exploration & Optional Maasai Village Visit



Begin your day with an early morning **game drive**, when the savannah is alive with activity. This is the perfect time to spot big cats like lions and cheetahs returning from their nocturnal hunts, or elephants and giraffes feeding in the fresh morning light.

After breakfast back at camp, spend your late morning at leisure. Many lodges offer spa services, nature walks, or viewing decks where you can quietly observe animals near the waterholes.

In the afternoon, continue your exploration of the reserve with another **game drive**, focusing on different regions of the Mara to increase your chances of seeing new species. Your guide will help you track

animals based on fresh prints, sounds, and seasonal behavior.

If you're interested in cultural experiences, this is also a great day to visit a nearby **Maasai village** (optional, small fee). Meet the local Maasai people, learn about their customs, traditional dress, and way of life that has remained largely unchanged for centuries. It's a respectful, educational encounter that many travelers find enriching.

Return to camp in the evening for a relaxing dinner and storytelling around the campfire under a canopy of stars.

Accommodation: Same as Day 2

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Meals Included

LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration

7 Hours

Day 4 : Final Day in Masai Mara - Bush Breakfast & Scenic Sundowner



Start your last full day in the Masai Mara with an early morning **game drive**, heading out before sunrise to witness the bush come alive. You may encounter predators like leopards or hyenas returning to their dens, or large herds of antelope and buffalo grazing in the open

plains.

Midway through the drive, enjoy a special **bush breakfast** served in a scenic location. Surrounded by nature, this outdoor dining experience is one of the most peaceful and unforgettable moments of your safari.

Return to your lodge or camp for some rest. You may choose to relax in your tent, enjoy the pool, or browse the curio shop for local crafts.

In the late afternoon, embark on your final **game drive** in the reserve. It's a chance to revisit favorite spots, track any animals you haven't seen yet, or simply take in the beauty of the Mara one last time. Enjoy a **sundowner**—a drink served as the sun sets over the savannah—before returning to camp.

Gather for a farewell dinner and toast to an extraordinary safari experience.

Accommodation: Same as Day 2

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Meals Included

LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration

7 Hours

Day 6 : Masai Mara - Scenic Drive to Lake Nakuru National Park



After an early breakfast, you'll bid farewell to the Masai Mara and begin your journey to **Lake Nakuru National Park**. The drive takes you through Kenya's beautiful Rift Valley countryside, passing local farms, villages, and dramatic escarpments along the way. (Approx. 5-6 hours by road; optional flight available at additional cost.)

Arrive in Lake Nakuru in time for lunch at your lodge. After settling in, head out for an **afternoon game drive** in the park. Lake Nakuru is a UNESCO-recognized bird sanctuary, famed for its **flamingos**, **pelicans**, and over 400 bird species. The park is also one of the best places in Kenya to see both **white and black rhinos**, as well as **Rothschild giraffes**, lions, leopards, and buffalo.

Drive along the lake's edge, through acacia woodlands and open grasslands, offering a totally different ecosystem compared to the Mara.

Return to your lodge in the early evening for dinner and a relaxed night with views over the lake or forest.

Accommodation Options: The Cliff Nakuru

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
6 Hours

Day 7 : Lake Nakuru - Transfer to Amboseli National Park - Afternoon Game Drive



After breakfast, check out and begin your journey to **Amboseli National Park**, located in southern Kenya near the Tanzanian border. Known for its dramatic views of **Mount Kilimanjaro** and large **elephant herds**, Amboseli offers a striking contrast in landscape from the lush hills of Lake Nakuru.

The drive is long (approx. 7-8 hours) but scenic, passing through varied terrain, rural towns, and open savannahs. Alternatively, a **flight transfer** can be arranged (at extra cost) to reduce travel time and offer aerial views of the Great Rift Valley and Mount Kilimanjaro.

Arrive in Amboseli in time for a late lunch or afternoon tea at your lodge. After a short rest, head out on an **afternoon game drive** across the open plains and seasonal marshes. Keep your eyes peeled for elephants, zebras, wildebeests, cheetahs, hyenas, and a variety of birds, especially waterfowl.

With the sun setting behind Africa's tallest mountain, this is one of the most **photogenic locations** in all of East Africa. Return to your lodge for dinner and a peaceful night in the shadow of Kilimanjaro.

Accommodation Options Tortilis Camp by Elewana

Meals Included
LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,

Duration
6 Hours

Day 8 : Amboseli



Start your day early with a final **morning game drive** in Amboseli National Park. Enjoy the fresh morning air and stunning views of **Mount Kilimanjaro** as you watch elephants and other wildlife in their natural habitat one last time.

Return to your lodge for breakfast, then check out and begin your transfer back to Nairobi. Depending on your schedule, you can travel by road (approximately 4-5 hours) or take a short domestic flight to Wilson Airport.

Upon arrival in Nairobi, a Paul Tours Safari representative will assist you with your transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your onward flight or to your hotel if you are extending your stay.

This marks the end of your incredible Kenyan wildlife adventure. We hope you leave with unforgettable memories and a desire to return.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Meals Included
LUNCH, BREAKFAST,

Duration
6 Hours