

# TREASURES OF KENYA & TANZANIA

## Go Beyond Tour | 15 Days | Physical Level 2

Nairobi - Amboseli - Arusha - Karatu - Serengeti - Maasai Mara - Naivasha - Nairobi

Follow the Great Rift Valley on an adventure packed with bucket list Africa experiences and some of the world's most prolific game viewing destinations, from the Maasai Mara and Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater and Lake Nakuru.

- See magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro
- Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater
- Safari through the Serengeti and Maasai Mara
- Visit traditional tribal communities
- Explore Crescent Island on foot

## TOUR MAP




## TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- Domestic transportation in 4x4 vehicles
- Kenya ETA fees for New Zealand passport holders
- Tanzania e-visa fees for New Zealand passport holders
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Safe and secure with IATA

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, early check in or late check out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

## GO BEYOND TOURS:

Venture off the beaten track to explore fascinating destinations away from the tourist trail. You will discover the local culture in depth and see sights rarely witnessed by other travellers. These tours take you away from the comforts of home but will reward you with the experiences of a lifetime.

## PHYSICAL LEVEL 2:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility, the ability to walk around sites and getting on and off various modes of transport, particularly 4x4 vehicles. This trip involves long travel days over bumpy roads. 'Treasures of Kenya and Tanzania' is rated a 2 on the physical level scale. A moderate level of fitness is required, as you will be on your feet for parts of the day, with walks that may include ascents and descents on steps or uneven paths. Travelling conditions may vary and may be more challenging in some areas.

Of course, our Driver Guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

## JOINING YOUR TOUR:

The tour is 15 days in duration including international flights or 13 days in duration based on 'Land Only'.

Travellers booked on a 'Land Only' package, the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour. Please advise your international flight times to our reservations team.

Join the tour on Day 2 in Nairobi and end the tour on Day 14 in Nairobi. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

## ITINERARY CHANGES:

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate. In these circumstances we will make the best possible arrangements maintaining the integrity of your trip.

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Days 1-2: Fly to Nairobi

Fly to Nairobi, the capital and beating heart of Kenya. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Depending on your time of arrival, enjoy some time at leisure, where you can begin soaking up the unique rhythms of this delightful city.



**Destination Information**

**Nairobi -** The capital city of Kenya, blending modern urban life with natural beauty, Nairobi is known as the "Green City in the Sun". Nairobi is unique for being the only capital city in the world with a national park - Nairobi National Park, just minutes from its centre, where lions, giraffes, and rhinos roam against a backdrop of skyscrapers.

### Day 3: Travel to Amboseli

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast journey approximately 5 hours to Amboseli National Park.

Arrive in time for a refreshing lunch before heading into the park to embark on a game drive to explore the park's vast plains and abundant wildlife, from Antelope to herds of elephants, all under the watchful gaze of the mighty Mount Kilimanjaro. Return to camp as the sun sets.



**Destination Information**

**Amboseli National Park -** Located in southern Kenya, Amboseli National Park is famous for its breathtaking views of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak. The park is renowned for large herds of free-ranging elephants, diverse wildlife, and scenic landscapes of swamps, savannah, and woodlands. It's one of Kenya's most iconic safari destinations, offering a chance to experience rich biodiversity set against the stunning backdrop of snow-capped mountains.

**Day 4: Amboseli National Park** Meals: B, L, D

Enjoy breakfast at the lodge before heading out to experience the captivating beauty of Amboseli National Park.



Watch wildlife roam freely across the plains, as you journey through swamps, grasslands and forests to discover the park's diverse ecosystems. Amboseli offers photographers unparalleled opportunities for close-up encounters with a range of animals and birdlife.

**Day 5: Arusha** Meals: B, L

After an early breakfast, drive for about 4 hours toward Arusha, stopping at Namanga for immigration clearance at the Kenya–Tanzania border. Here, you will say goodbye to your Kenyan driver-guide, switching guide and vehicle as you continue your journey into Tanzania. Arrive in Arusha by midday and spend the afternoon at leisure, either relaxing at the lodge or exploring the town at your own pace.




**Destination Information**

**Arusha** – Arusha, often referred to as the "safari capital" of northern Tanzania, and known for its cool climate, bustling markets, and cultural diversity, serves as the gateway to world-famous destinations like Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, and Mount Kilimanjaro.

**Day 6: Visit Tribal Communities** Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, set out on a 4-hour scenic drive through the Rift Valley toward Lake Eyasi. Visit a Hadzabe village and meet one of Tanzania's last remaining hunter-gatherer tribes, famous for their click language and traditional lifestyle. Join a guided bush walk as they demonstrate hunting techniques and forage for wild berries.



Continue to a Datoga village, where skilled blacksmiths craft traditional jewellery and arrowheads. Pause along the tranquil shores of Lake Eyasi to take in the serene beauty before traveling onward to Karatu for a relaxing evening.

**Destination Information**

**Lake Eyasi** – A seasonal shallow lake lying on the southern edge of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Lake Eyasi is home to vibrant birdlife and serves as the traditional homeland of the Hadzabe and Datoga communities, among the last remaining hunter-gatherer and pastoralist groups in East Africa.

**Hadzabe Tribe** – The Hadzabe Tribe is one of the last remaining hunter-gatherer communities in the world. They live in close harmony with nature, relying on hunting with bows and arrows and gathering wild fruits, roots, and honey. Known for their unique click-based language and deep knowledge of the land, the Hadzabe Tribe offers a rare glimpse into a way of life that has remained largely unchanged for thousands of years.

**Datoga Village** – A semi-nomadic, pastoralist community best known for their traditional blacksmithing skills. The people of the Datoga Village herd cattle, goats, and sheep, and craft tools, jewellery, and arrowheads from recycled metal. A visit to a Datoga Village provides insight into their rich culture, distinctive dress, and strong connection to livestock, which lies at the heart of their way of life.

## Day 7: Safari in Ngorongoro

Meals: B, L, D

Start the day with a hearty breakfast before departing for the iconic Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Descend into the crater for a game drive across the crater floor, spotting wildlife along the way. Pause for a picnic lunch surrounded by the dramatic crater walls.



Afterward, ascend the crater, taking in the magnificent views, and continue your journey to the Serengeti, which will take approximately 4 hours.

**Destination Information**

**Ngorongoro Conservation Area** – A UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest intact volcanic caldera and renowned for being a hub for diverse species, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, unlike many protected areas, is a multiple land-use reserve where wildlife coexists with the Maasai people. The area also holds archaeological treasures such as Olduvai Gorge, offering insights into early human evolution.

**Day 8: Explore the Serengeti** Meals: B, L, D



Rise early for breakfast and prepare for a day full of adventure in one of the world's greatest wildlife-watching destinations. Set out on a thrilling game drive in the Serengeti.

Venture deep into the reserve in search of lions, elephants, cheetahs, and giraffes. Stop for a picnic lunch in the bush and relax while soaking in the surrounding scenery.

In the afternoon, continue exploring remote areas of the park, discovering more of Serengeti's incredible wildlife diversity before returning to your lodge or camp for the evening.

**Destination Information**

**Serengeti** – One of the world's most famous wildlife reserves, the Serengeti is celebrated for its vast savannahs and incredible biodiversity. It is best known for the Great Migration, where millions of wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles journey across its plains in search of fresh grazing. The park is also home to the "Big Five" and countless bird species, making it a prime safari destination.

**Day 9: Journey to the Maasai Mara** Meals: B, L, D



After an early breakfast, check out of your accommodation and embark on an exciting journey toward the Maasai Mara.

Drive toward the Isebania border to cross into Kenya, completing immigration and customs clearance. Say goodbye to your Tanzanian driver-guide, switch vehicles, and meet your Kenyan guide.

Enjoy a packed lunch enroute while the landscape changes from the Serengeti's vast plains to the lush, green vistas of Kenya. Arrive in the late afternoon, settle in, and enjoy the serene surroundings.

Your journey to Maasai Mara will be approximately 8 hours today.

**Destination Information**

**Maasai Mara** – Famed for its impressive grasslands and diverse wildlife, the Maasai Mara forms part of the greater Serengeti ecosystem and is also known for the Great Migration. The reserve is home to abundance of wildlife, and is named after the Maasai people, who have lived in harmony with the land for centuries. It is renowned for its rich wildlife and, from July to October, hosts the epic Great Migration of over 1.5 million wildebeests.

**Day 10: Maasai Mara** Meals: B, L, D



After breakfast, depart for a full-day game drive in the Maasai Mara National Reserve, with a picnic lunch in the bush.

Encounter lions, elephants, giraffes, and other wildlife as you explore this rolling savannah. Later, visit a local Maasai village, where the chief will guide you through the community and explain their day-to-day life. Return to your lodge in the late afternoon and enjoy some leisure time.

**Destination Information**

**Maasai Tribe** – A semi-nomadic tribe that can be recognised by their distinctive red shúkà (cloaks), intricate beadwork, and unique customs, including traditional dances and rites of passage, the Maasai Tribe is one of the most iconic and respected indigenous groups in East Africa.

**Day 11: Great Rift Valley** Meals: B, L, D



Enjoy breakfast, then take a final morning game drive in the Maasai Mara before departing for Kenya's Great Rift Valley. Travel approximately 5 hours through small Maasai towns and scenic landscapes to Lake Naivasha. Arrive at your lodge and relax while taking in the dramatic escarpments, acacia forests, and shimmering waters.

Kenya's Great Rift Valley offers some of the country's most stunning scenery. Surrounded by dramatic escarpments and acacia forests, Lake Naivasha is a freshwater lake teeming with birdlife, hippos, and other wildlife.

**Destination Information**

**Great Rift Valley** – A vast geological trench that stretches from Lebanon in the Middle East, down through East Africa to Mozambique. The Great Rift Valley is famous for its dramatic landscapes of escarpments, volcanoes, lakes, and fertile plains. The Great Rift Valley is also of great historical and scientific importance, as some of the earliest human fossils have been discovered here, offering insights into human evolution.

**Day 12: Lake Naivasha** Meals: B, L, D



Start your day with breakfast before heading to Lake Naivasha, a stunning freshwater lake located in the heart of the Great Rift Valley. Take a boat ride across the lake, with the opportunity to spot hippos and a variety of exotic birds.

Visit Crescent Island, a peaceful wildlife sanctuary only accessible by boat, and embark on a walking safari to view antelopes, fish eagles, hippos and monkeys.

Continue to Lake Nakuru National Park for an afternoon game drive. A bird lover's paradise with over 400 species of birds, and an exceptional game destination with endangered rhinos and Rothschild's giraffe, you are in for a thrilling adventure.

**Destination Information**

**Lake Naivasha** – Surrounded by papyrus swamps, acacia forests, and flower farms, Lake Naivasha provides a vital habitat for hippos, giraffes, and a wide variety of bird species, including fish eagles and pelicans.

**Crescent Island** – A private wildlife sanctuary renowned for its free-roaming animals, the Island allows visitors to stroll among giraffes, zebras, wildebeests, and antelopes in their natural habitat with no predators present.

**Lake Nakuru National Park** – Renowned for its flocks of flamingos that once turned the shoreline pink, as well as its role as a sanctuary for endangered black and white rhinos, Lake Nakuru National Park is a haven for wildlife.

**Day 13: Travel to Nairobi** Meals: B, L, D



Enjoy breakfast and then depart for Nairobi, a journey of approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, enjoying Kenya's beautiful landscapes along the way.

On arrival visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust to observe orphaned elephants and learn about conservation efforts. Stop for lunch, then visit the Giraffe Centre in the Ngong Hills to see endangered Rothschild giraffes up close.

Continue to the Karen Blixen Museum, exploring the historic estate and gardens of the author of *Out of Africa*. Return to your hotel in Nairobi and enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

**Destination Information**

**David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust** – A conservation organisation dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating orphaned elephants and rhinos. Founded in 1977 in memory of naturalist David Sheldrick, the trust provides a safe haven for young animals, nurturing them until they are ready to return to the wild. Beyond animal rescue, the trust also focuses on habitat protection, anti-poaching initiatives, and community outreach, making it a leading force in wildlife conservation in Africa.

## Days 14-15: Depart Nairobi

Meals: B

After breakfast, you will check out and transfer to the airport for your flight home, arriving the following day.



# TREASURES OF KENYA & TANZANIA TRAVEL INFORMATION

## VISAS:

Kenya:

New Zealand passport holders require an Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) to enter Kenya. For Wendy Wu Tours group tours, the cost of the eTA is included and we will send you an application pack 6-10 weeks prior to departure.

Tanzania:

New Zealand passport holders require a visa to enter Tanzania. For Wendy Wu Tours group tours, the cost of the e-Visa is included and we will send you an application pack 6-10 weeks prior to departure.

Please be advised that your passport must have at least six months validity left on it when you arrive back in New Zealand.

Please note the visa procedures and requirements may change at any time. These changes are often made by the relevant embassy or consulate; Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party and has no influence on the process of a visa.

## INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

## EATING IN KENYA:

Kenyan food is diverse, and is a reflection of the different tastes and flavours of its different tribes. Food in Kenya also takes influences from early Arab and East Indian settlers, featuring a variety of fragrant spices.

Staple dishes include ugali (a maize-based porridge), sukuma wiki (collard greens), and nyama choma (grilled meat, often goat or beef). Other popular dishes include Kenyan Stew, made with meat and spices, Mutura, a rich, dark goat sausage and Mandazi, a donut-like dough flavoured with cardamom and sweet coconut milk.

Coastal regions feature Swahili-inspired dishes with coconut, rice, and fresh seafood, while urban areas offer a mix of international and local flavours.

Popular drinks in Kenya, include Tusker beer, Kenyan coffee, chai (tea) as well as madafu (coconut water) and maziwa lala (fermented milk).

**Important Travel Advice:** Tap water and ice in Kenya is not safe for consumption. Please be advised to drink bottled water only.

## EATING IN TANZANIA:

Tanzanian cuisine is a delightful mix of African, Arab, Indian and European influences, offering fresh, flavourful dishes across the country. Staples also include ugali (maize porridge), pilau (spiced rice), nyama choma (grilled meat), and a variety of fresh fish along the coast.

Chapati and traditional dishes like mshikaki (marinated meat skewers) and samosas are popular street foods. Popular local drinks include tangawizi (ginger soda), Tembo (local beer) and Konyagi (a spirit).

**Important Travel Advice:** Tap water and ice in Tanzania is not safe for consumption. Please be advised to drink bottled water only.

## ACCOMMODATION:

Your accommodation has been selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a lodge or camp in more remote areas. In remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have western amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local three or four-star standard, but do please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between New Zealand and Kenya and Tanzania. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards are met.

**Serengeti Kati Kati Camp:** A mobile camp, offering comfortable accommodation during your safari experience. The Serengeti Kati Kati camp holds a resemblance of the old camps of the first explorers in Africa and has been designed to blend the essence of a safari adventure with modern comforts. Each tent is furnished with bedding, ensuite bathrooms with hot showers and toiletries. Please note, Wi-Fi and electricity is available at the campsite.

If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your Driver Guide.

## TRANSPORT:

**4x4 vehicles:** Exploring Kenya and Tanzania by 4x4 is the most authentic way to experience the region's wildlife and landscapes. Safari vehicles are specially designed for comfort and visibility, allowing you to navigate rough terrain, savannahs, and national parks with ease. Journeys may include long drives across scenic routes, crater rims, and remote plains, giving a sense of adventure while ensuring safety and accessibility. Most 4x4 safari vehicles (e.g., Toyota Land Cruiser) are fitted with a pop-up or lift-up roof that allows passengers to stand and view wildlife safely above the vehicle.

Roads in Kenya and Tanzania vary widely, ranging from well-paved highways in urban areas to rough, unpaved tracks in remote regions and national parks. While major routes between cities are generally in good condition, safari drives often involve gravel or dirt roads, which can be bumpy, especially after rain. Travellers should expect slower travel times in rural areas.

## DEVELOPMENT IN KENYA & TANZANIA:

Kenya and Tanzania are rapidly developing countries, balancing modern infrastructure with vast natural and cultural landscapes. Urban centres such as Nairobi and Mombasa feature modern roads, hotels, shopping centres, and international airports, while rural areas and national parks retain a more traditional and undeveloped character. Visitors should be prepared for variations in facilities and services outside major cities.

## CLIMATE:

Kenya's temperatures are typically high all year round, however can vary with altitude. Summer temperatures (December to March) range from 35° to 40°C during the day, and 25°C to 30°C at night. Kenya's rainy season and the end of Summer usually begins in April to June and again in November to December.

Tanzania's climate is warm and tropical, varying by region and altitude. Coastal areas, including Zanzibar, are hot and humid, while the central plateau and highland regions, such as Arusha and the Serengeti, enjoy more moderate temperatures with cooler evenings. The country experiences two main rainy seasons: March to May and November to December. Summer months are also between December to March, where temperatures range from 30° during the day and 20° at night.

## TIPPING POLICY:

Tipping while on holiday is common in most parts of the world and Kenya and Tanzania are no exception. However, it is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much. Furthermore, travellers may not have the right amounts of cash available at the right time. In order to avoid any inconvenience Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to each driver guide, in a new country, and tips are disbursed amongst your main service providers (for example local guides and drivers) throughout your tour.

The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the national escort. Any other tipping, such as tips for bathroom attendants and restaurant staff, is at your discretion based on satisfaction of services received, as are gratuities for additional requested special services.

We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy but we do recognize that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

## APPROPRIATE DRESS:

Lightweight and comfortable clothing is recommended for travel in Kenya and Tanzania, with neutral colours best for safaris to blend into the natural environment. Temperatures can vary, therefore, we recommend bringing with you, a jacket. Light clothing for warm days and a jumper or jacket for cool mornings and evenings. In coastal and urban areas, modest dress is appreciated, particularly in predominantly Muslim communities; shoulders and knees should be covered when visiting towns, villages, or religious sites. Practical footwear, a sun hat, and sunglasses are essential, while a light rain jacket is useful during the wet season.

## CULTURAL DIFFERENCES:

Religion plays an important role in both Kenya and Tanzania, with Christianity and Islam widely practiced, so modest attire is encouraged in places of worship and rural communities. While English is spoken in many areas, Swahili is the national language in both countries.

## SOUVENIRS:

We want to give you the chance to purchase souvenirs in a way that feels authentic and meaningful. Throughout your journey in Kenya and Tanzania, we include select stops at villages, community projects and cultural centres that showcase crafts and products unique to each region — with pieces available to buy directly from the artisans.

We understand that souvenir shopping is not for everyone, so we choose places of genuine local and cultural interest. These visits not only offer opportunities to find special keepsakes but also highlight the history, artistry, and traditions behind them. Whether it is Maasai beadwork, Tinga Tinga paintings, hand-carved wood, or the famous Tanzanite gemstones, these encounters provide insight into East Africa's rich cultural heritage while supporting local livelihoods.

## VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

Wendy Wu does not give specific health advice, but we do recommend you see your doctor at least six weeks prior to travel for advice and to allow time for any necessary vaccinations. Please remember to take your itinerary with you. Safe travel has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.safetravel.govt.nz

## BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.safetravel.govt.nz as in the event of an emergency, New Zealand Consular assistance will be more readily available.

Up until the day you travel, it is vital you keep up to date and familiarised with the entry requirements as these can change at short notice. You are personally responsible for completing any entry forms, conducting any covid tests (if necessary), etc and adhering to countries' specific entry requirements. You can also access the New Zealand Government's travel advisory service for up-to-date information about your destination on the same website.

## AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice. If a visa is required, our Visa Department will be in touch with the paperwork and next steps. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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