



## THE GREAT MIGRATION SAFARI IN STYLE - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Africa, Kenya, Tanzania



14 days from AU\$35,215 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Experience six nights in the heart of Great Migration country, three each in the Serengeti and the Masai Mara
- Behold Africa's astoundingly diverse wildlife, including the iconic Big Five, from custom-made vehicles with an unobstructed view from every seat
- Explore alongside handpicked safari guides whose in-depth tracking expertise leads to amazing wildlife encounters
- Discover both the modern and traditional aspects of daily local life, with visits to a Maasai village as well as a typical town, for a unique, culturally immersive experience
- Expend less time travelling and more time spotting game thanks to convenient flights between game regions
- Finish with a three-night stay at enchanting Sanctuary Olonana, the ultimate luxury safari lodge, set on the Mara River



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Nairobi, Kenya**

Arrive in Nairobi and transfer to your luxurious hotel.

#### ***Hemingways Nairobi***

### **Day 2: Amboseli National Park | At the Foot of Kilimanjaro**

Today, drive to Amboseli National Park at the base of soaring, snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, which, at 5,895 metres, is the highest freestanding mountain in the world. Set out in search of the region's spectacular wildlife. Amboseli's huge draw is elephant. Watch as big herds roam the dusty plains, including "tuskers," large, older bulls who have grown impressive tusks. This evening, gather with fellow guests for a welcome dinner.

#### ***Tawi Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Amboseli National Park | A Full Day in the Bush**

Explore wildlife-rich Amboseli National Park. In addition to watching elephant up close from a safari vehicle that seats just six, so that every guest enjoys a window seat, view other game such as giraffe, Cape buffalo, zebra, wildebeest, hippo, hyena and, occasionally, lion. After savouring a morning on safari, break for lunch. This afternoon, head out again for another game drive that reveals even more of East Africa's natural wonders.

#### ***Tawi Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 4: Tarangire National Park, Tanzania | Game Viewing**

After crossing the border into Tanzania, stop for lunch in Arusha. Then, board a flight to Tarangire National Park and settle into your luxurious accommodations. Set in a secluded area of the park for a more exclusive safari experience, eco-friendly Sanctuary Swala's large tents are built on raised decks under umbrella acacia trees overlooking a popular watering hole. The layout is open, with resident impala often grazing in camp. Wide panoramas of wooded savanna stretch in every direction, which is nurtured by the permanent Tarangire River and populated by abundant big game. Its dusty red landscape also hosts a large bird population. Tonight, dine in camp.

#### ***Sanctuary Swala | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 5: Tarangire National Park | Into the Wild**

Embark on morning and afternoon game drives to explore Tarangire National Park and its stunning concentration of animals — herds of elephant, impala and zebra. Look, too, for python and the twitching tail of a leopard hiding in high branches. Activities available at an additional cost include a walking safari and exploring Lake Gursi by canoe. Once back at Swala, partake in a Chef's Table experience, including a cooking demonstration of local dishes such as ugali, makande and kachumbari.

#### ***Sanctuary Swala | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater | Design Your Day**

Learn how Tanzanians live today, exploring a local village, as you Ride Like a Local by tuk-tuk, a major form of transport here. See rice fields and a banana plantation. In the village, walk the local market to see the colourful produce on display. Afterwards, head to your restful luxury lodge, set near the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, for lunch. This afternoon, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Walk with a Maasai Healer**, discovering the uses of over 20 different indigenous plants in the Ngorongoro forest.
- **Bicycle Village Streets and Back Roads**, getting a feel for life as the locals live it.
- **Enjoy a Traditional High Tea** on the veranda overlooking the gardens at Gibb's Farm; meet the artist-in-residence.

Settle in for a tranquil evening and overnight stay.

#### ***Gibb's Farm | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 7: Ngorongoro Crater | Wildlife-Rich Haven**

Descend into Ngorongoro Crater to explore the panoramic, game-rich prairies of this ancient volcanic caldera. With its crater walls nearly 600 metres high, Ngorongoro offers the safari experience of a lifetime. Observe profuse and diverse wildlife roaming freely in an authentic "Lost World," where it's possible to encounter every member of the Big Five in a single day. Enjoy lunch al fresco in this UNESCO World Heritage Site before returning to your lodge. Tonight, gather for dinner with your fellow guests.

#### ***Gibb's Farm | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 8: Serengeti National Park | On the Endless Plains**

Fly to Serengeti National Park, a vast Tanzanian landscape that during part of the year hosts one of earth's greatest wildlife spectacles: the annual Great Migration, when millions of herbivores trek across the Serengeti plains in search of water and fresh grass.

***Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 9: Serengeti National Park | Spectacular Serengeti**

Today's adventure may reveal giraffe, wildebeest, elephant and far more on morning and afternoon game drives.

***Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 10: Serengeti National Park | Iconic Natural Wonders**

Immerse yourself once more in this incredible setting, with camera at the ready for flash encounters as you track cheetah, buffalo or lion on the vast, golden grasslands of the Serengeti.

***Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya | Crown Jewel**

Fly to the Masai Mara, the northern extension of the Serengeti. After settling into your accommodation on a private stretch of the Mara River, immerse yourself in the wild during an afternoon game drive. Follow the Mara River to see crocodile basking in the sun, hippo as they wallow in muddy water and monkey busy sparking mischief overhead. Here, too, you may sight any of more than 400 species of birds. During your time in the Mara, enjoy the peace of mind that comes with staying at Sanctuary Olonana, one of the finest safari lodges in all of Africa. Tonight, join fellow guests for a Scenic Sundowner, followed by an elegant dinner.

***Sanctuary Olonana | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 12: Masai Mara Game Reserve | Day of Discovery**

Rise early if you wish for an optional hot air balloon ride, at an additional cost, floating peacefully above the game-dotted plains of the Mara. Explore the open savanna, woodlands and tree-fringed rivers of the Masai Mara on morning and afternoon game drives, where patience is rewarded with unique sightings such as a leopard retrieving a kill from an acacia or an elephant protecting its young from a lion. Amid the stunning scenery, watch as Maasai tribesmen traverse the plains or herd goat and cattle.

***Sanctuary Olonana | Meals: BLD***

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### **Day 13: Masai Mara Game Reserve | Incredible Wildlife**

Continue roaming the Mara, keeping your eyes trained for elephant, zebra and lion as well as a variety of gazelle species. Connect with local residents when you visit a village and primary school supported by A&K Philanthropy. Learn firsthand how A&K Philanthropy's LifeStraw partnership is changing lives by providing locals access to safe, clean drinking water, on an inspiring A&K-exclusive experience. This evening, gather with your fellow guests for a farewell dinner and share the amazing experiences you had on safari.

***Sanctuary Olonana | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 14: Depart Nairobi**

Fly back to Nairobi and enjoy the afternoon at leisure in a comfortable dayroom. In the evening, transfer to the airport for your departure flight or begin a Post-Tour Extension to Uganda.

***Hemingways Nairobi (dayroom) | Meals: B***

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### **Journey Details**

Internal air included: Arusha/Tarangire; Manyara/Serengeti/Tarime; Migori/Masai Mara/Nairobi

Minimum age is 10 years.

Each guest on this journey will receive an A&K Safari Duffle.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: hotel transfer at 12:15 p.m. on Day 14.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

### **Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey**

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

## **Customise this Journey**

**Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers** or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

# Map





## Accommodation

### Hemingways Nairobi



Hemingways Nairobi is the sister hotel to the famous Hemingways in Watamu. A plantation style property with views of the Ngong Hills is an exceptional place to stay be it for one or two nights in Nairobi. The staff are gracious and provide a seamless service that Hemingways, Watamu is famed for. The rooms are bright and large with beautiful bathrooms and the rooms have used the best of the natural light available, making guests feel that they are not staying in a city hotel.

The style of the hotel is classical with contemporary touches and all the modern conveniences that one would expect of a new boutique hotel. The butler is attentive and on hand to rustle up a treat from the pantry or assist with packing your cases on departure. The hotel has a choice of restaurants and lounges to enjoy and offers a variety of cuisines. Afternoon tea is a spectacular affair with a variety of homemade cakes and speciality teas available.

### Why we like it

- Member of the Small Leading Hotels of the World
- A luxurious boutique style hotel boasting 45 individual rooms
- 24 hour dedicated butler service
- A spa and salon offer the pampering treats that every traveller desires

- All rooms have a private balcony looking onto the Ngong Hills

## Tawi Lodge, Amboseli National Park



Tawi Lodge is ideally located, facing Kilimanjaro. Environment friendly, this boutique hotel is perfectly integrated with the environment. Small ponds with papyrus brings the precious water to the bio pool. 12 cottages with makuti roofs offer spacious and comfortable rooms.

The decoration is elegant with wooden decks and floors, large four-poster beds, fireplace, bathtub and separate toilets and showers all facing Kilimanjaro. Tawi Lodge offers an extraordinary bar at the feet of a beautiful tortilis tree, a spa with massages and hot bath, a wine cellar, a library in the mezzanine with deep sofas and a living room decorated with African wooden furniture with a huge fire place. The cuisine is excellent and served either at the dining room or in the "boma".

## Sanctuary Swala, Tarangire



Sanctuary Swala is to be found in a remote valley within Tarangire National Park. The camp offers private game viewing, wilderness indulgence and a privileged glimpse of an Africa undisturbed by mass tourism. Culture is interspersed with extraordinary sights and sounds, comfort mixed with the excitement of the chase on morning and evening expeditions. The friendly and relaxed pace is the ideal backdrop to a thoroughly enjoyable safari holiday.

Large family herds of elephants and concentrations of lions and even the occasional leopard - along with wonderfully prolific birdlife - congregate around a nearby waterhole to create a sensation of majesty and purity. Being unaccustomed to vehicles, the game is unusually "wild". Accomplished hosts and safari guides enhance your stay with their own personalised African affability, professionalism and knowledge. The low volume of visitors to the park offers a truly unique and private experience.

Each tent has en suite bathrooms with showers are complemented by fixtures and fittings including dressing tables crafted from local materials, designed to mirror the understated refinement of classic safari style. Private balconies with cosy furnishings overlook the bush and the river basin. This allows you to gaze at your leisure on resident wildlife including waterbuck and impala, after which the camp is named. Intimate meals are hosted in the comfortable dining tent, with full silver service, Pan-African cuisine and fine wines adding to the rustic charm.

### Why we like it

- Twelve permanent walk-in double tents each attended by a personal butler
- Activities on offer include morning and night game drives, sundowners, bush

breakfasts picnic and dinners

- Customised open safari vehicles offer unobstructed viewing and great photography opportunities
- Children from the age of six years old are welcome

## Gibb's Farm, Karatu Tanzania



A working farm located within the Ngorongoro Conservation area. With a warm and friendly atmosphere it has charmed and rested many a weary safari traveller for over 40 years. The old farmhouse which is the central point of the farm, was originally built 1929 and now houses the living room, reading room, dining room, bar and a curio shop. A path leads from the main house through the lush gardens to the 18 cottages. Walk through the neighbouring village of Tloma to give you an insight to Tanzanian village life.

Gibb's Farm shares a border with Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Just inside the conservation area, a majestic waterfall beckons travelers to enjoy a light hike through the forest highlands. Along the way, experience the 'elephant caves': cave-like structures created by elephants digging up the earth to ingest the vitamin-rich soil. This soil also attracts other large animals like Buffalo, Bushbuck, Waterbuck, and Baboons. Currently, Gibb's Farm is home to over 220 different species of birds, and avid birders are encouraged to contribute new sightings to the bird list.

### Why we like it

- Visit the onsite coffee plantation to learn how the coffee beans are processed
- The African Living Spa offers traditional Maasai healing techniques which have been passed down from many generations
- Take a leisurely walk through the eight gardens on the property with the on-site Horticulturist
- 18 cottages feature wooden floors and classic interiors with luxurious bathtubs and indoor/outdoor showers a wraparound fireplace warms the bathroom and living area

## Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti



Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti is a luxury lodge perfect for travellers who wish to experience the wonders of the Serengeti with all modern conveniences. Experience thrilling Serengeti game drives and rare opportunities to connect with the local people and culture. The Safari Lodge boasts 77 secluded guest rooms, suites and villas, an elegant spa and an infinity pool. Dining is an exceptional experience at the lodge with African inspired cuisine offered in three restaurants, a bar and a well-stocked wine cellar to complete the superb cuisine.

The beautifully appointed accommodation affords stunning views of the Serengeti, best appreciated from each suite's private balcony or terrace. For the ultimate in privacy and luxury, choose the Presidential Villa; in addition to an exclusive butler service, it offers an elevated view out to a busy animal watering hole and is the perfect choice for families (children aged two and over are very welcome).

When you're not roaming the savannah in search of wildlife, unwind at the Four Season's Spa, with its six individual treatment rooms overlooking the picturesque plains.

### Why we like it

- A luxury lodge in a stunning setting in the central Serengeti
- Facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, modern fitness centre and a Four Seasons spa
- Each guest room, suite and villa has modern amenities such as a flat-screen television, air conditioning, a private refrigerated bar, high-speed

Internet access and an IDD telephone

- Learn about African culture and history at the Discovery Centre
- The complimentary Kijana Klub offers children and teens a fun way to spend their time in the African bush



## Sanctuary Olonana, Masai Mara



Find ultimate luxury in the heart of Kenya's big game country. Ultramodern Sanctuary Olonana offers glass-fronted, light-filled suites, sumptuous interiors and opulent marble-and-slate bathrooms, as well as private decks. Living spaces are adorned with specially commissioned African art.

Enjoy the new restaurant and relaxation area or dine alfresco. Spend calm afternoons at the pool or out on the scenic sundeck. Meanwhile, the spa offers specialist Africology treatments. Experience personalised service and a relaxed atmosphere throughout your stay. With a Gold rating from Ecotourism Africa, Sanctuary Olonana takes a range of measures to maintain a high ecological standard.

The newly opened Geoffrey Kent Luxury Suite features two en suite bedrooms, floor-to-ceiling windows, private lounge and dining area and a wrap-around deck with infinity pool overlooking the Mara River. Exquisite meals are freshly-prepared by an in-suite chef and a fully stocked private bar is included with premium drinks. The suite also comes with its own private vehicle and guide for game viewing activities.

Observe the artisan craft workshop onsite and visit nearby villages to meet the famed Maasai people. This is the beautiful setting for sighting the Big Five. Highly knowledgeable guides lead expeditions through the Masai Mara in open-sided four-wheel drives. These experiences are tailored around your preferences, and can be as active or leisurely as you like.

### Why we like it

- A contemporary luxury lodge set by a scenic riverbank
- Fourteen roomy suites offer private decks and daybeds

- One of the few lodges to be rated Gold by Ecotourism Kenya
- From around July to October, herds of wildebeest and zebra are known to cover the plains
- Children of all ages are welcome

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## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

### Dec 13, 2024 - Dec 26, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$35,215 pp</b>	AU\$9,530	Included	Call for Availability

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### Dec 21, 2024 - Jan 3, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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