



## KENYA & TANZANIA WILDLIFE SAFARI - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Small Group Journeys, Luxury Small Group Journeys



Africa, Kenya, Tanzania



12 days from AU\$21,585 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Discover Africa's astounding diversity, including the iconic Big Five, in custom-made vehicles with an unobstructed view from every seat
- Experience incredible up-close encounters with East Africa's diverse wildlife thanks to the in-depth tracking skills of our handpicked safari guides
- Visit the Canines for Conservation training centre for a special behind-the-scenes experience and to meet the talented dogs who sniff out illicit animal products
- Stay on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, a privileged location that affords you early access to the crater floor for a quieter, less-crowded safari experience
- Privately visit Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakey family discovered fossils linking man to his distant ancestors
- Visit a Maasai village to learn about the customs and traditions of these nomadic herders



## Itinerary

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

Arrive in Nairobi, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. A microcosm of the African continent, this capital city is your gateway to a dramatic procession of natural spectacles in Kenya and Tanzania, among the most thrilling destinations in the world.

***Nairobi Serena Hotel***

### **Day 2: Amboseli National Park | Game and Mountain Vistas**

Drive to Amboseli National Park, known for its thriving big-game population, especially elephants, more than 1,000 of which live in the park. From a distance, take in views of the highest mountain in Africa, the snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, with its impressive Uhuru Peak soaring to 5,895 metres. Arrive at your lodge set beneath acacia trees in the shadow of Kilimanjaro. After lunch, explore the acacia woodland, freshwater swamps, scrub brush and open plains in search of wildlife. Part of the park is composed of a dried-up lake bed, where mirages rise from the shimmering heat. This evening, share in a special welcome dinner with your fellow guests.

***Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Amboseli National Park | Mountainside Sightings**

Set out on early morning and afternoon game drives, crisscrossing the landscape in search of the park's large herds of elephant, as well as zebra and wildebeest, along the salt pan trails. Prepare for predator sightings as opportunistic animals begin roaming the plains in search of prey. Return to your lodge for dinner followed by a relaxing evening under African skies.

***Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 4: Arusha, Tanzania | Canines for Conservation**

Cross the border into Tanzania and continue to your hotel on the picturesque slopes of Mount Meru. This afternoon, stop at the kennels of the Canines for Conservation training centre for a special behind-the-scenes visit with the K-9 cadets trained to detect illicit wildlife products in cargo and luggage. Return to your hotel, enjoying a refreshing Scenic Sundowner on the edge of Lake Duluti before gathering for dinner.

***Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater | Spot the Tree-Climbing Lions**

Drive from Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park for a morning game drive, searching for nonchalant baboon, dik-dik that forage for food beneath acacia trees and large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra, which gather on the grassy, sun-drenched plains. Along a narrow belt of acacia woodland, you may even spot the region's storied tree-climbing lion, ascending branches for a cool breeze. After lunch, continue to a local village, where you Ride Like a Local on a tuk-tuk, viewing rice fields and the local community as you go. Then, travel to Ngorongoro Crater, ascending its outer wall through dense vegetation. Ngorongoro is the largest unbroken ancient caldera in the world and a likely place to view lion, elephant, hyena and gazelle. This afternoon, participate in a Chef's Table demonstration in the hotel kitchen, preparing and sampling local dishes.

***Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater | Explore a Natural Wildlife Haven**

This morning, descend into the crater, arriving ahead of most visitors — thanks to the ideal location of your accommodations on the crater's rim — to view the resident wildlife at its most active time of day. The prairies of this "Lost World" are great spots for watching buffalo and elephant as well as the countless other species that roam the crater's 260-square-kilometre floor. You may even sight flamingo (when in season) or the rare black rhino. Following lunch, visit a Maasai village to gain a better understanding of the nomadic cattle-herders' daily life and culture.

***Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 7: Serengeti National Park | In Ancient Footsteps**

Drive to the vast, wildlife-rich Serengeti National Park and through its spectacular mix of savanna grassland and volcanic hills, stopping en route for a privately guided tour of Olduvai Gorge, one of the key sources of prehuman hominid fossils. Renowned palaeontologists Mary and Louis Leakey made many notable finds here, including "Nutcracker Man," who lived approximately 1.75 million years ago. Visit the on-site museum, take in views from the lookout point and examine the excavations, which revealed 3.7-million-year-old footprints and the 1.8-million-year-old skull of a human. Continue to your lodge, which is framed by commanding views of this land of lion, leopard, hyena, cheetah, giraffe and topi. The park also serves as a setting for the Great Migration when it passes through each year. Enjoy your room's blend of elegant and contemporary design with influences from the traditional Maasai culture.

***Meliá Serengeti Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 8: Serengeti National Park | Iconic Safari Quarry**

Today, revel in true safari country, searching for iconic species, such as lion, leopard, Cape buffalo and elephant, as well as giraffe, gazelle and zebra. Along the rivers and rocky outcroppings, you may also spot some of the Serengeti's more diminutive denizens, such as leopard tortoise and rhinoceros beetle.

***Meliá Serengeti Lodge | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 9: Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya | Into the Wild**

Fly to the vast Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya's finest wildlife spectacle, offering excellent game viewing year-round. The unending landscape hosts some 450 bird species, 95 animal species and all of the great predators, including the country's largest lion population. After familiarising yourself with your classic tented accommodations, ideally situated at the confluence of the Mara's four game-viewing regions, drive through the famed reserve.

***Mara Intrepids | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 10: Masai Mara Game Reserve | Endless Discovery**

Explore a region bestowed with over 1,295 square kilometres of savannas, woodlands and tree-fringed rivers on morning and afternoon game drives. You may observe crocodile basking in the sun, see ever-alert hippo wallowing in muddy water and catch the antics of mischievous monkey overhead. Watch, too, as African elephant rumble along the forest edge and giraffe snatch leaves from branches high above.

***Mara Intrepids | Meals: BLD***

## Day 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve | Design Your Day

Venture forth on a morning game drive. After lunch, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities:

- **Set Out on a Guided Bird Walk** for the opportunity to spot some of the nearly 500 species of birds in the region.
- **Create Your Own Jewellery with the Maasai**, using beads provided by the tribal members who made them.
- **Throw the *Rungu* with Maasai Warriors**, testing your skills with their traditional wooden hunting club.

Then, go on a late-afternoon game drive for a final look at the Mara's treasures. Later, enjoy a Scenic Sundowner, sipping traditional cocktails while marvelling at the incredible open plains just before dusk — a relaxing prelude to a memorable farewell dinner with your fellow guests.

***Mara Intrepids | Meals: BLD***

## Day 12: Depart Nairobi

Return to Nairobi. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in a reserved dayroom before your international departure flight home.

***Nairobi Serena Hotel (dayroom) | Meals: B***

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## Journey Details

Internal air included: 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 12.

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

Please note: Some departures will operate on an alternative itinerary.

Please contact A&K for details.

Please note that alternative accommodations will be featured on the following departure dates:

August 26-September 6, 2024: *Day 4 at Grand Melia Arusha, Day 5 & 6 at Ngorongoro Oldeani Mt. Lodge & Day 9-11 at Little Zebra River Camp*

September 19-30, 2024: *Day 4 at Grand Melia Arusha, Day 5 & 6 at Ngorongoro Oldeani Mt. Lodge & Day 9-11 at Mara Explorer*

October 11-22, 2024: *Day 4 at Grand Melia Arusha, Day 5 & 6 at Ngorongoro Oldeani Mt. Lodge & Day 9-11 at Little Zebra River Camp*

October 16-27, 2024: *Days 2 & 3 stay at Ol Tukai Lodge, Day 4 at Grand Melia Arusha, Day 5 & 6 at Ngorongoro Oldeani Mt. Lodge & Day 9-11 at Little Zebra River Camp*

## 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

### Nairobi Serena Hotel



Located a short walk from downtown Nairobi, the Nairobi Serena blends a charming ambience with full five-star facilities in a surprisingly green and peaceful setting. The large and luxuriously-furnished rooms are all well appointed, with views over the lush gardens or the green expanse of Central Park. The Serena boasts one of the country's finest health centres, the Maisha Health Club, and several restaurants catering to a wide variety of tastes, including the acclaimed and newly-refurbished Mandhari Restaurant.

## Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge



Nestled in the foothills of Kilimanjaro, hidden beneath a copse of giant acacia trees and beside a gently flowing natural spring lies Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge. With Kilimanjaro's 6,000-metre-high snow-capped peaks rising behind the lodge and presiding over the landscape, the setting is nothing short of magnificent. The lodge has 96 beautifully appointed rooms and a swimming pool filled with fresh water from a spring flowing from Mount Kilimanjaro.

The Amboseli National Park covers several variations of terrain and thus attracts diverse species of game. Along with elephant, buffalo, giraffe and hippo, there are interesting smaller mammals such as black-backed jackals and the delightful bat-eared fox. Over 47 different kinds of birds of prey have been recorded here, including two rarities - the Taita falcon and the Southern Banded harrier eagle. You may even be lucky to see an elusive lion.

Full day spent at Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge enjoying morning and afternoon game viewing activities. Activities on offer include game drives; sundowners on Observation Hill; traditional feasts and tribal dancing overlooking a waterhole where big game gather; musical evenings and visits to the traditional manyattas of the Amboseli Masai.

## Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge



Ngorongoro Serena Safari clings to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest and most perfect caldera on Earth. Long and low, the lodge, which takes architectural inspiration from the nearby Cradle of Mankind, Olduvai Gorge, is built from local river stone and camouflaged by a cloak of wild vines. Designed to blend into the landscape, it is entirely invisible from the floor of the crater 600 meters below whilst simultaneously granting fabulous views of Mother Nature's biggest amphitheater; enormous picture windows frame a staggering panorama so that you can drink it in wherever you are in the lodge.

The lodge's link with the discovery nearby of the first human species, in Olduvai, is celebrated in its design; the walls are decorated with stylized prehistoric cave paintings and lit by flaring torches. Here you are perfectly poised to enjoy the crater and all it has to offer: exceptional game viewing, crater rim walks and some of most spectacular sun up and sun downs on the planet.

## Mara Intrepids, Masai Mara



Overlooking the Talek River at the centre of the Mara's four game viewing areas, Mara Intrepids enjoys one of the most incredible wildlife-spotting locations in the world. Just a short drive from the Mara River, between July and August you can spot wildebeest and zebra as they make their dangerous annual migration, while for the rest of the year the camp offers some of the world's finest game viewing including all the Big Cats, elephant, rhino, buffalo and more.

The 30 tents are spread across a large riverside site to ensure complete privacy, and are spacious with their own private verandas so you can enjoy infinite views of the Mara. The interiors are a picture of old world elegance and furnished in the classic style of gran African safaris with large four-poster beds, fine wooden furniture and modern en suite bathrooms complete with flushing toilets and electricity. The spacious family tents are a true home away from home - underneath canvas, they are lovingly decorated in African ethnic pieces and afford a spacious lounge as well as an outside deck overlooking the plains.

The main area of the camp features a swimming pool and sunbathing terrace as well as a bar and dining areas nestled underneath groves of acacia and fig trees. If you fancy heading out to explore, the camp's knowledgeable guides will take you on an epic adventure into the Masai Mara on foot or by open-sided 4WD. Photographic safaris are also available, while kids are sure to be entertained with an adventure safari. After a busy day, if dining in camp is a little too tame for you, Mara Intrepids can arrange the ultimate African appetiser - a sundowner in the wild, before enjoying a bush dinner with the animals and nature surrounding you.

## Why we like it

- Located in the heart of the Masai Mara overlooking the Talek River
- Year round opportunities for great game viewing and birding
- A family friendly camp with spacious tents and an innovative kids club
- Relax and cool off in the swimming pool after a dusty safari
- Enjoy bush breakfasts and dinners under the fiery African sky

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## Dates & Pricing

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

### Dec 3, 2024 - Dec 14, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$21,585 pp</b>	AU\$4,145	Included	Call for Availability

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### Dec 23, 2024 - Jan 3, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$25,665 pp</b>	AU\$5,070	Included	Call for Availability

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