



## KENYA & UGANDA EXPLORER

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Africa, Kenya, Uganda



11 days from AU\$18,305 pp



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## Journey Overview

Explore the vast open savannas of Kenya, scattered with immense herds of wildlife, snow-capped peaks, and Maasai tribespeople who bring soul and colour to the land. From the boundless plains of the Masai Mara and the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, journey into Uganda where Africa's tallest mountain range is blanketed in mist and teeming with glaciers, waterfalls and alpine lakes. Spend your days here tracking the elusive mountain gorilla through the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, one of the continent's most magical experiences.

### Journey Highlights

- Search for Africa's most iconic species on daily game drives in Kenya's award-winning Ol Pejeta Conservancy
- Meet the last two northern white rhinos on earth, and get up-close to the endangered black rhino
- Stay at the luxurious Sanctuary Olonana, an exclusive hideaway set on a private stretch of the Mara River
- Explore the world-famous Masai Mara, with some of the best wildlife viewing in Africa
- Observe Maasai tribesmen herding goats and cattle, and visit a Maasai village
- Experience the magic of gorilla tracking in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, observing a family as they forage, interact and play



## Itinerary

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

Arrive in Kenya to a warm A&K welcome and transfer privately to your hotel.

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

### **Day 2: Nairobi - Ol Pejeta Conservancy**

Wake in the safari capital of the world. Board a light aircraft and fly north into the award-winning Ol Pejeta Conservancy to Sanctuary Tambarare. Tucked in the shadow of Mt Kenya, Sanctuary Tambarare looks out across 90,000 acres of unspoilt land, where Africa's most iconic wildlife roam. Spend your days exploring the conservancy on game drives, tracking lions, riding horses, cycling, or getting up close to the last two northern white rhinos on earth. In the evening, gather around the campfire to share the day's adventures with your favourite drink at hand.

#### ***Sanctuary Tambarare | Meals: BLD***

### **Days 3-4: Ol Pejeta Conservancy**

Spend two days exploring the conservancy with day and night game drives, where you'll search for Africa's most iconic species. Come face-to-face with the northern white rhinos, go lion tracking and learn all about conservation and anti-poacher efforts. In addition, there are plenty of activities for you to add (additional cost) ranging from a visit to the canine anti-poaching unit, horse riding across the African plains or guided walks to experience the sights, smells and sounds of the bush.

#### ***Sanctuary Tambarare | Meals: BLD***

### **Days 5: Ol Pejeta Conservancy - Masai Mara National Reserve**

Fly south to the boundless plains of the world-famous Masai Mara. The reserve's wide-open spaces and rich biodiversity make for effortless game viewing, particularly in this corner, considered one of the finest areas for wildlife in all of Africa. The unending landscape hosts some 450 bird species, 95 animal species and all of the great predators, including the country's largest lion population. Transfer to the luxurious Sanctuary Olonana, an exclusive hideaway set on a private stretch of the Mara River.

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

## **Days 6-7: Masai Mara National Reserve**

At Sanctuary Olonana, game viewing starts from the camp. Meet a pod of hippos that live in the river close by and venture forth for two full days of exploring the savanna, woodlands and tree-fringed rivers of the Masai Mara. Sanctuary's experienced guides take you to all the hidden spots in open safari vehicles with views from every angle. You might see a leopard retrieving its kill from the upper branches of an acacia, or an elephant protecting its young from opportunistic lions. Amid the stunning scenery, watch as Maasai tribesmen traverse the plains or herd goats and cattle. You will also be able to participate in the AKP Tree Planting Project, visit the neighbouring Maasai village or the AKP safe water initiative. Later, sip sundowners as you take in the beauty of the sunset colouring the Mara plains.

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

## **Day 8: Masai Mara National Reserve - Bwindi Impenetrable National Park**

Fly to Entebbe and onwards to Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, where once-in-a-lifetime encounters with Uganda's endangered gorillas await. Arrive at your luxurious Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp, situated uniquely inside the national park. Bwindi's mist-covered hillsides are blanketed by one of Uganda's oldest and most biologically diverse rainforests. The 'impenetrable forest' protects an estimated 459 mountain gorillas — roughly half of the world's population — including several habituated groups, which can be tracked.

***Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp | Meals: BLD***

## **Days 9-10: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park**

Spend two days trekking through the forest to find a gorilla family. The walk is rigorous, up and down steep forested slopes and through thick jungle vegetation, however sighting the gorillas in the undergrowth is an inspiring moment. Spend time observing the family as they interact with each other, play and forage. The camp will pack a delicious picnic including fresh fruit, sweet and savoury delights. Once back at camp, enjoy drinks under the stars by the roaring campfire as you discuss your amazing adventure. Dinner is a three-course silver service overlooking the rainforest.

***Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp | Meals: BLD***

## **Day 11: Bwindi Impenetrable National Park - Depart Entebbe**

Return to Entebbe for your onward flight connection.

***Meals: B***



# Map



## Accommodation

### Sanctuary Gorilla Forest Camp, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest



Located deep in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in western Uganda, this intimate lodge offers luxury in the midst of one of Africa's most amazing natural environments. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Bwindi is one of the most biologically diverse areas on earth including 113 species of mammals (including a herd of the rare forest elephant), 200 species of butterfly and over 360 species of birds. In addition, Bwindi is home to seven species of primates of which the most endangered is the elusive mountain gorilla. Only 700 of these magnificent animals remain worldwide and Bwindi is home to just over half of them.

Gorilla Forest Camp has a bar and dining cottage as well as a natural raised platform for open-air dining. At night, a traditional African campfire is lit where the gorilla briefings take place. Cuisine and service has been described as the best in Uganda. Experienced guides will accompany you on your gorilla trekking where a maximum of eight visitors are allowed to each gorilla family group. Tracking can take anything between half an hour and up to nine hours dependent on the family you are visiting. You will also be trekking at altitudes of 5200 feet so a good level of fitness is required.

#### Why we like it

- Perfect luxury base to go gorilla tracking

- Other activities on offer include bird watching, forest tracking and visits to the local market and villages
- Eight spacious tents on raised wooden platforms with en suite bathrooms
- A superb mini spa offering various treatments and massages
- Children are welcome at the camp but only children aged 15 and above are able to track the gorillas



## 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

## Sanctuary Tambarare, Ol Pejeta



Boutique-meets-bush at this Kenya camp nestling in the shadow of Mount Kenya. Sanctuary Tambarare epitomises the hallmark of A&K – adventure by day and luxury by night.

Overlooking the vast plains of Ol Pejeta Conservancy, home to the last two northern white rhino on Earth, our expert guides will lead your daily safari drives to spot the Big Five. On your return, you can relax in one of the 10 contemporary canvas tents.

Enjoy your own *Out of Africa* moment as you sleep under the flowing white curtains offset by the Masai-inspired artworks and teak floors. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame the landscape which can be viewed from the super king-sized beds. Each luxury tent includes an en suite bathroom with walk-in shower, double basin, plush towels, and a private veranda.

Inside the camp's spacious main tent, with a colour palette inspired by nature, you will find inviting sofas and chairs to relax before dinner. Despite being deep in the bush, the camp's chef prepares freshly cooked breads and salads along with any special dietary requests you may have.

Days can be spent on bush walks, horse riding or on an exciting cycle safari. You can also embark on a night-drive to see the more nocturnal leopard before returning to camp and toasting your day with a sundowner overlooking the boma and yellow-hue of the fever trees.

### Why we like it

- Luxurious tented camp featuring a private veranda and Masai-inspired décor
- This A&K Favourite is in the shadow of Mount Kenya on Ol Pejeta Conservancy - home

to the Big Five

- View the last two northern white rhinos on Earth on the daily safari drives with our expert guides
- Embark on night-time game drives to view the nocturnal wildlife
- Bespoke meals prepared by the camp chef and fresh bread is baked in the bush
- Enjoy a sundowner under the yellow hue of the fever trees

## 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

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