



GREAT EAST AFRICA MIGRATION

Uncover some of the world's most acclaimed wildlife reserves on this popular journey through East Africa.

Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries, Luxury African Safaris



Africa, Kenya, Tanzania



12 days from AU\$28,075 pp



Private

Journey Overview

Uncover some of the world's most acclaimed wildlife reserves on this comprehensive journey through East Africa. Taking in a combination of diverse ecosystems means your game viewing is varied and abundant, and your expert safari guides are there to share outstanding wildlife encounters away from the crowds. To optimise your experience of the Great Wildebeest Migration, A&K will recommend the best Serengeti accommodation based on normal wildlife patterns during your month of travel.

Journey Highlights

- Observe the Great Migration close up in the Serengeti and Masai Mara
- Seek out the huge elephant herds of Tarangire National Park
- Toast sunset over the savannah and dine on Swahili fare by firelight at a bush dinner
- Meet the Maasai community on a cultural village visit
- Stay in authentic safari camps best placed to experience 'The Great Migration'



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Arusha

Welcome to Tanzania where you are met on arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport for your private transfer to your lodge located on the country's largest coffee plantation.

Arusha Coffee Lodge

Day 2: Arusha - Tarangire National Park

This morning you are driven (approx 2hrs) to Tarangire National Park, home to one of the country's largest elephant populations. On arrival at the park entrance gate, you will commence a full day game drive with a picnic lunch before arriving at Lemala Mpingo Ridge late in the afternoon. Your camp is situated on top of an escarpment with sweeping views across the perennial Tarangire River and valley below.

Lemala Mpingo Ridge | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Tarangire National Park

A full day on safari in custom-designed 4x4 vehicles allows time for plenty of game viewing. Other activities on offer include walking safaris and night game drives in search of elusive nocturnal animals.

Lemala Mpingo Ridge | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Tarangire National Park - Ngorongoro Highlands

Depart Tarangire for the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Explore a vibrant local market and community on a tuk-tuk ride followed by lunch at Gibb's Farm, a working coffee plantation in the highlands. Time to stretch your legs before the drive to your charming Cape Dutch style lodge.

The Manor at Ngorongoro | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater

Descend into this vast extinct volcano whose towering walls are a natural enclosure for a dazzling abundance of wildlife. See wildebeest, zebra, buffalo and gazelle on the plains, waterbuck, bushbuck and eland in the forest, a healthy elephant population, black rhino, lion, leopard, hippo and flamingo. On return to your lodge stop at a traditional Maasai village.

The Manor at Ngorongoro / Meals: BLD

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater - Serengeti National Park

This morning is a short flight to the world-famous Serengeti National Park. Depending on your month of travel, and the location of 'The Migration', A&K will recommend which camp is best suited for your stay.

Serengeti (Choice of accommodation including andBeyond Grumeti Serengeti Lodge, andBeyond Serengeti Under Canvas, Roving Bushtops and Serengeti Bushtops) / Meals: BLD

Days 7-8: Serengeti National Park

Enjoy two days exploring the never-ending savannah, where more animals roam than in any other place on earth. The Serengeti plays host to a wonderful spectacle each year – the annual migration of millions of wildebeest and zebra that follow the rains in a search for new pastures and water. This is an unforgettable experience for even the most seasoned African traveller.

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Day 9: Serengeti National Park - Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya

Fly to Tarime where you will cross the Kenyan border to Migori and continue on by air 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.

Transfer to the luxurious Ishara Mara located on the Talek River in the heart of the Masai Mara. Stay in one of the nine River Suites which are nestled along the river, or for an incredible night under the stars, Ishara offers the first Star-bed in the Masai Mara (additional cost).

Ishara Mara / Meals: BLD

Days 10-11: Masai Mara National Reserve

Venture forth for two full days of exploring the open savanna, woodlands and tree-fringed rivers of the Masai Mara, where patience is rewarded with unique sightings such as a leopard retrieving a kill from the upper branches of an acacia, or elephants protecting their young from opportunistic lions. Amid the stunning scenery, watch as Maasai tribesmen traverse the plains or herd goats and cattle. You may also have the chance to visit a neighbouring Maasai village.

Ishara Mara / Meals: BLD

Day 12: Masai Mara National Reserve - Depart Nairobi

Return by air to Wilson Airport and transfer to Nairobi Airport or your hotel.

Meals: B

Map



Accommodation

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

The Manor at Ngorongoro



Set on the 1,500 acre Shangri-La coffee estate, Elewana The Manor at Ngorongoro is truly a unique experience. The Cape Dutch architecture and decor of the 20 luxurious guest cottages and the main Manor House, brings you back to a bygone era of elegance and splendour yet mixing it with the traditional East African safari experience. All of the 20 guest cottages have breathtaking views of the estate and are secluded to offer you all the privacy you would want. Each cottage has ensuite bathrooms with a claw foot baths and rain shower. The indoor and outdoor fireplaces are very welcomed in the cooler months of the year. The main Manor House has a lounge and bar area with access to outdoor decks and fire pits.

Why we like it

- An excursion to the Masai Market, Mto wambu will not be forgotten
- Explore the estate by mountain bike
- Take a guided walk of the estate and enjoy some coffee tasting
- Horseback ride through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Roving Bushtops, Serengeti



Set within the vast Serengeti, Roving Bushtops is an authentic safari camp. There are no fences, meaning your safari sightings can continue even when daily wildlife-watching excursions are at an end. The camp is also semi-permanent. This enables the location to change according to wildlife distribution.

Offering panoramic views over this fabled landscape, the unique tented accommodation includes many luxury amenities. Spacious bedrooms are equipped with 24-hour power, and three of the walls can be collapsed to enhance the views. An on-hand butler service ensures you're completely pampered throughout your stay. Spend long evenings on the private deck with hot tub. You're also treated to carefully prepared meals throughout your stay.

Private game drives take you to the Serengeti's most wildlife-abundant reaches, while expert-led nature walks allow you to look deeper into your surroundings. The Bushcraft Challenge encourages younger visitors to get engaged with these fantastic surroundings. You also have the option to book a hot-air balloon safari with a Champagne bush breakfast.

Why we like it

- Witness the Great Migration between November and April
- There are no fences, enabling unbroken views of the Serengeti
- Enjoy atmospheric outdoor dining experiences
- Treat yourself to a massage on your private deck

andBeyond Grumeti Serengeti River Lodge



Offering exceptional year-round game viewing, the lodge lies in peaceful seclusion in a remote river valley. This is a haven from which to experience the beating heart of Africa. Every year during the Great Migration, hundreds of thousands of animals cross the Grumeti River, risking the jaws of some of the world's largest crocodiles. The excitement is mirrored in the ten elegant guest suites set along the riverbank, each with an en suite bathroom and romantic al fresco shower open to the sun and stars. The sparkling pool and main deck are captivating, while the cuisine is exceptional.

Why we like it

- Perfectly situated for sightings of the Great Migration crossing the Grumeti River, normally around June and July
- Situated in Tanzania's premier wilderness area of the Serengeti National Park
- An understated luxury lodge, earthy tones welcome and invigorate.
- Troops of black and white colobus monkeys are found only in the Grumeti riverine forest and nowhere else in the Serengeti
- On the banks of the Grumeti River, home to some of Africa's largest crocodiles

Dates & Pricing

From \$28,075 per person twin share (low season) and from \$40,075 per person twin share (high season). Solo travellers on request.

As this Tailor Made Journey can be personalised to your specific requirements, it is not available for online booking. Depending on your preferred dates and arrangements, final pricing will vary.

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