

CLASSIC KENYA

Kenya

7 day small group safari
(standard accommodation)



From the open plains of the Masai Mara, to the pink flamingos on the waters of the northern lakes and the riverbeds of Amboseli, this safari includes three of the most picturesque regions of Kenya. It also provides the perfect opportunity to spot the 'big five' and to enjoy east Africa's diverse scenery. A visit to a Maasai village adds a rare insight into this ancient culture.





Cost includes:

- meet and greet services with assistance at the airport or border
- airport transfers associated with tour
- all safari transport and game drives in 4WD safari vehicles with a maximum of seven passengers per vehicle and seven window seats
- English speaking driver-guide
- accommodation as specified
- Lake Naivasha boat ride
- Maasai village visit
- meals as listed
- all park fees and government taxes
- filtered drinking water on safari (client to bring own water bottle for re-filling).

Cost excludes:

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage, personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- optional meals.

B - breakfast
L - lunch
D - dinner

Nairobi to Nairobi

Accommodation: standard

Product code: CKSO

Departs: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Itinerary overview:

- Day 1: Kenya, Nairobi - Ole Sereni Hotel
- Day 2: Kenya, Masai Mara National Reserve - Mara Sopa Lodge
- Day 3: Kenya, Masai Mara National Reserve - Mara Sopa Lodge
(Pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari)
- Day 4: Kenya, Lake Nakuru - Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge
- Day 5: Kenya, Amboseli National Park - Amboseli Sopa Lodge
- Day 6: Kenya, Amboseli National Park - Amboseli Sopa Lodge
- Day 7: Kenya, Nairobi

Extend your time in East Africa to include Tanzania as well. Refer to our East Africa Explorer tour, which includes this Classic Kenya itinerary, plus six nights on safari in Tanzania, home to the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater.

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is a compulsory requirement for some countries in eastern and central Africa. We strongly advise you to seek advice from a travel doctor regarding inoculations.

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Day 1: Nairobi

On arrival at Nairobi airport you are greeted and transferred to the Safari Park Hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure. **Ole Sereni Hotel.**

Ole Sereni Hotel

A short drive from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, the four star Ole-Sereni Hotel is located for both convenience and an introduction to your safari as its backyard is the Nairobi National Park. Each room has an LCD flat screen television, minibar and 24-hour in-room dining services. They also come equipped with complimentary Wi-Fi and wired internet to help you stay connected. Boasting modern technology and furnishings with an African-inspired decor, all rooms have an ensuite bathroom. Ole Sereni's four dining options all offer views to the national park. Choose from fresh seafood flown in from Kenya's coast, aged steaks at Eagles' The Steakhouse, a range of international cuisines or room service. An extensive wellness centre, tours and travel desk and infinity pool facing the plains of the park complete the hotels facilities.

Day 2: Masai Mara National Reserve

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, you travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the rift escarpment on the road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. On the way spot the charming chapel built at the foot of the escarpment. Pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the valley to Narok; continue your travels across acres of wheat and barley, before reaching the Masai Mara in time for lunch. Following lunch set off on your first game drive, returning to the lodge as the sun sets. **Mara Sopa Lodge (BLD).**

Mara Sopa Lodge

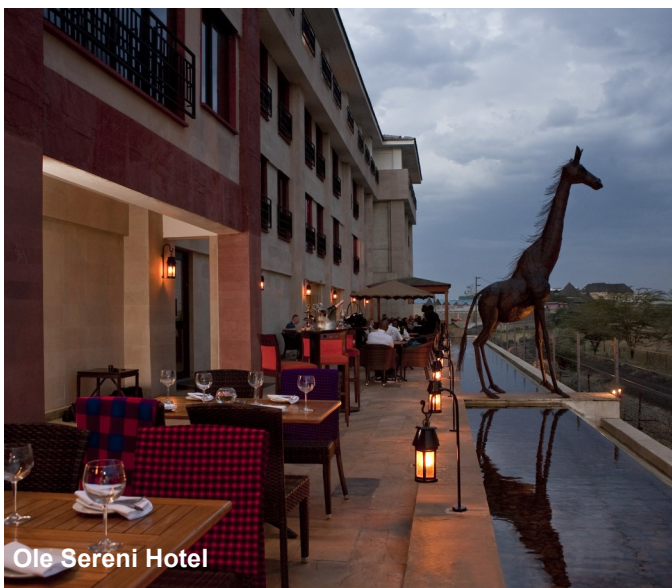
The lodge is set in the Oloolaimutia Valley and built into the surrounding hillside landscape. A wealth of wildlife, birdlife and natural flora can be seen in every direction. The lodge is luxuriously appointed with all the mod cons one would expect from a Sopa styled lodge in the bush. The bedrooms are spacious, the large pool has wonderful views and there's evening wildlife films to enjoy during down-time. All this ensures that your stay will be blissfully comfortable.

Day 3: Masai Mara National Reserve

Following an early breakfast, depart on a morning game drive, returning to the camp mid - morning. After lunch, and perhaps a siesta, set off on another game drive and visit to the Maasai village, returning to the lodge as the sunsets. *(It is possible to pre-book an optional early morning balloon safari for an additional cost).* **Mara Sopa Lodge (BLD).**

Day 4: Lake Nakuru

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, travel across the 'breadbasket' of Kenya, where acres of wheat and barley litter the landscape as you head north to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. Now travel across the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley, keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mai - Mahiu, before arriving at Lake Nakuru around midday. Once in the park, view game en route to the lodge. Following lunch and siesta, there is an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets. The national park, known for its birdlife, offers the possibility of viewing flamingos. It is also home to black and white rhinos as well as the endangered Rothschild Giraffe. **Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge (BLD).**



Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge



Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge

Located on the range of hills that form the western limits of Africa's Great Rift Valley Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge offers spectacular views over the lake and its surrounding National Park. Opened in 2015, the lodge is a showcase for modern African décor. Each of the sixty suites has an open balcony, private en suite, mini-bar and Wi-Fi.

Day 5: Amboseli National Park

Following an early breakfast, continue to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride. Leaving the Rift Valley behind, proceed to Nairobi for an early lunch (*or picnic lunch dependent on road conditions*) and continue south towards Amboseli, arriving at your lodge by late afternoon. **Amboseli Sopa Lodge (BLD)**.

Amboseli Sopa Lodge

Set on 200 acres of private land on the foothills of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, the lodge is perfectly poised to provide a luxurious base from which to explore the park and get some great pictures of this incredible mountain. Each of the 47 rooms has its own private veranda on which to relax, sunbathe and take in the views. All rooms have an en suite and are modern, spacious and comfortable. Meals are a cosmopolitan combination of European, African and Asian dishes, all made with fresh produce and served from a colorful buffet.

Day 6: Amboseli National Park

After breakfast, depart for a full day game drive,* later enjoy a hot picnic lunch. Return to the lodge in the late afternoon giving you time to unwind in your room or lounge, or even take a quick dip in the pool before dinner.

Amboseli Sopa Lodge (BLD). * this may be replaced by a morning and afternoon game drive.

Day 7: Nairobi

Following an early breakfast, catch your last views of the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro as you depart Amboseli. From here turn north across the beautiful and seemingly never-ending Athi Plains, arriving in Kenya's bustling capital city of Nairobi by mid-day. Once in the city, you will be dropped off at the Nairobi Intercontinental Hotel in the city centre, or Nairobi's JKI airport. Please book onward flights for travel after 4.00 pm. **(B)**.

Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator. On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- Transfers may be in a two-wheel drive seven passenger minibus or 24 passenger coach.
- During peak season multiple vehicle departures may occur and vehicles may travel together.
- River crossing sightings during the months of the migration are not guaranteed as animal movements are seasonal and unpredictable. However, every effort will be made to see animals cross the Mara River.
- This tour includes some long days of road travel which are necessary in order to visit all the listed regions of Kenya.
- The times and duration of safaris may change on tour in order to maximise wildlife viewing opportunities.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.

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- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Children younger than seven are unable to join seat-in-vehicle safaris, however we would be pleased to book a private safari for families with young children.
- Due to limited luggage space in vehicles, suitcases are unsuitable for scheduled road safaris. We recommend inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs and 65 x 46 cm.

