



**College Study
Tours**

KENYA AFRICAN SAFARI



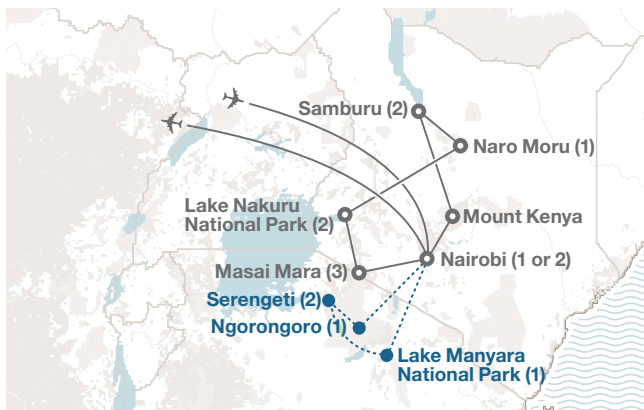
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The wind-swept wilds of Africa are raw and liberating. And while the same can be said throughout most of Kenya, the city of Nairobi is an industrialized metropolis surrounded by several expanding suburbs.

Astonishingly, there is still a unique harmony between the wired life and the wildlife. Learn from Masai locals who monitor this delicate balance, and talk to children who have grown up with some of the world's most exotic animals just within reach. You might be surprised to find giraffes

stretching monstrosly on the horizon, or a pride of lions resting by a cluster of road signs on the city outskirts—but they certainly aren't.

As you can imagine, tracking the Big Five (lion, leopard, rhino, Cape buffalo and elephant) across the country's richest reserves is really no task at all. With more safaris than you can count on both hands, this adventure will keep students' hearts beating throughout, and your minds contemplating humankind's true place in the animal kingdom.



Days 1-2: Fly to Kenya

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Nairobi.

Day 3: Nairobi

Arrive in Nairobi: Touch down in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to settle in and explore the city on your own.

Giraffe Center: See the Giraffe Center, founded in 1979 to protect the endangered Rothschild Giraffe, which lost its Western Kenyan natural habitat.

Daphne Sheldrick Conservancy: Inside Nairobi National Park, visit Kenya's foremost wildlife foundation and animal orphanage, founded by Dame Daphne Sheldrick. Groups arriving in Nairobi later in the day will instead visit the Karen Blixen Museum, former home of the Danish author known for her memoir, "Out of Africa."

Day 4: Samburu

Samburu National Reserve: Pass through the markets of the town of Nanyuki, on your way to the Samburu National Reserve. This is the ideal place to view wildlife exclusive to northern Kenya's dry climate.

Afternoon game drive: Keep your eyes peeled for zebra, including the endangered Grey's zebra, and the three big cats: lions, leopards and cheetahs.

Day 5: Samburu

Morning game drive: Catch waking wildlife (or nocturnal animals turning in for the day) on a morning game drive. Look out for a feeding gerenuk—it stands on its hind legs to eat. Then, attend a lecture on the Samburu tribe.

Free time: Enjoy free time after lunch to study, explore, relax or hang out with friends.

Afternoon game drive: The Ewaso Ngiro River, which runs through the reserve, makes the area an ideal home for the reserve's more than 300 species of birds.

Day 6: Naro Moru

Travel to Naro Moru: Make your way to Naro Moru along the breathtaking slopes of Mount Kenya.

Equator: Visit the market town of Nanyuki, where you will stand on latitude zero at the Equator.

OI Pejeta Conservancy: This afternoon's game drive takes you deep into the private, 90,000-acre wildlife conservancy OI Pejeta, where you can see Big Five game.

Day 7: Lake Nakuru National Park

Bird-watching walk: Keep your eyes (and ears) open for African Golden Weavers and Purple Crested Turacos as you begin your day with an early morning bird-watching walk.

Coffee and tea estate tour: Make your way through Nyahururu to Subakia, where you will visit the estate of one of the world's most recognized tea and coffee companies. Sip on samples and learn how these beverages are produced.

Travel to Lake Nakuru National Park: Head for Lake Nakuru National Park, which features a shallow alkaline lake that is one of the most famous bird sanctuaries in the world. The area is a mixture of marshy grasslands, rocky hillsides and yellow-barked acacia woodlands. During your afternoon game walk and evening game drive, expect to see a variety of wildlife, such as reedbucks, waterbucks and rhinos.

Day 8: Lake Nakuru National Park

Morning game drive or bird-watching walk: Venture to the Lake Elmenteita area for an early morning game drive or bird-watching walk. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife—which could be flamingoes, zebra, gazelle, warthogs and more.

School visit: Meet local students and gain insight into Kenya's education system while visiting an area school. Then, take part in a community project. (Please note: During school closings, groups will visit students' homes.)

Day 9: Masai Mara

Masai Mara Game Reserve: Located in southwest Kenya, Masai Mara Game Reserve is home to millions of large mammals, including buffaloes, elephants, leopards, lions and rhinos. On your game drive, see how many animals you can spot.

Day 10: Masai Mara

Game drive and hippo viewing: Spend a full day exploring new corners of the reserve on your game drive. Be on the lookout for hippos during your expedition.

Day 11: Masai Mara

Masai village: This morning, take an unforgettable visit to a *manyatta* (tribal village). Here, meet the Masai, a semi-nomadic people who live on the reserve.

Game drive: Masai Mara is home to cheetahs, jackals and warthogs. Your guide will show you the places that these fascinating creatures are known to frequent.

Days 12-13: Depart for home

Transfer to the airport and check in for your overnight flight home.

5-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Days 12- 16: Nairobi | Ngorongoro | Serengeti National Park | Lake Manyara National Park

Free time in Nairobi: Return to Nairobi and enjoy some free time.

Olduvai Gorge: Explore the prehistoric past of the Olduvai Gorge. Proto-human remains found here helped scientists piece together the evolution of human beings.

Serengeti National Park: Situated on the Kenyan border, Serengeti is another of Africa's spectacular game parks. Your guide leads both morning and afternoon game drives.

Lake Manyara National Park: Take your final game drives here. Keep your eyes on the tree limbs overhead—the thick branches are a favorite perch for sleeping leopards.

Ngorongoro Crater tour: Visit the awe-inspiring 13-mile-wide Ngorongoro Crater. With a grassy meadow and a lake at its center, Ngorongoro attracts lions, jackals, elands and more.

Days 17-18: Depart for Home


Transfer to the airport and check in for your overnight return flight. Arrive home on Day 18.


INCLUDED ON TOUR:

 Round-trip flights on major carriers


 Full-time Tour Director

 Land transportation

 9 overnight stays in hotels, lodges or tent accommodations or 13 *with extension*

 3 meals daily; 5 *light breakfasts*, 3 *lunches* and 4 *local dinners with extension*

 **Sightseeing tours**
Game drives and walks led by expert local guides

 **Entrances**
Giraffe Center; Daphne Sheldrick Conservancy or Karen Blixen Museum

 **Experiential Learning**
1 education visit; 1 lecture

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