

# KS0401B – Through the Rift Valley (KEEKOROK)

**Days of Operation – Monday**

Duration – 4 Days

Vehicle – Safari Minibus (Scheduled)

<b>Pick up Point</b>	<b>Eka Hotel</b>	<b>0730h</b>
<b>Drop off Point</b>	Intercontinental Hotel	1200h

Safari Briefing: Day 01 at 0700hrs  
 Departs on Day 01 0730hrs approx.  
 Returns on Day 04 1200hrs approx. (onward flights to be booked 1600hrs onwards)

This is a short but extremely rewarding safari as it allows visitors to gain a firsthand experience of the Great Rift Valley and the vast game-rich plains of the Masai Mara. The Rift Valley lakes are famous for their abundance of flamingos and other waterfowl, while Masai Mara is home to the country's greatest concentration of wildlife.

## **Day 1 Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve**

*Clients to make own way to Eka Hotel in Nairobi by 0700hrs for the safari briefing.*

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.

**Overnight at Keekorok Lodge on a full board basis.**

### **Keekorok Lodge**

Keekorok Lodge was opened in 1965 and lies at the southern end of Masai Mara National Reserve, approximately 280 kilometres from Nairobi. It is sited in the direct path of the annual migration and was the first lodge to be built in the Mara. At the height of the migration, Keekorok is surrounded by a swarming mass of animals and there is hardly need to go on a game drive. Keekorok's charm lies in the liberal use of local building materials. Sand stone, cedar wood and other indigenous materials are used in all rooms and public areas. In front of the lodge there is a 300m elevated walkway that meanders through a small riverine forest to a small bar at one end. This overlooks a dam where resident hippo and other game are regularly seen. There are no fences around Keekorok and it is not uncommon to see elephant and buffalo on the perimeter of the grounds or even strolling in. Though there are watchmen on the constant look out!

## **Day 2 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 Masai Village, returning to the lodge as the sunsets. [It is possible to pre-book an optional early morning Balloon Safari](#)

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## **Day 3 Masai Mara – 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 a siesta, there is an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets. The national park, known for its birdlife, offers a possibility to view flamingoes. It is also home to Black and White rhinos as well as the endangered Rothschild Giraffe.

**Overnight at Lake Nakuru Lodge on a full board basis.**

### **Lake Nakuru Lodge**

Lake Nakuru Lodge is situated in the heart of one of Kenya's most densely populated wetland National Parks, (Ramsar site) only two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi, through beautiful forested uplands and passing a series of lakes. On the outskirts of the bustling market town of Nakuru lies a truly remarkable national park which has achieved international fame. Both black and white rhino are being given a new lease of life in this 188 sq km, fully-fenced park - and they are carefully protected. The present rhino population is over 50 and continuing to multiply. The Rothschild giraffe is another rarity and the park has its fair share of buffalo, leopard, zebra, eland, waterbuck and lion. Lake Nakuru Lodge is in the south-east ecological niche of the park, with commanding views of the lake and the flamingos for which it is justly famous. Lush gardens surround the lodge and cottages. There is a good programme of activities and evening entertainment.

## **Day 4 Lake Nakuru - Nairobi**

Following an early breakfast, continue to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride. Leaving the Rift Valley behind, proceed to Nairobi, arriving late morning. Once in the city, clients will be dropped off at the drop off point in the city centre for ongoing travel arrangements.

*Suggested Optional Nairobi Excursions on return to Nairobi ex- Safari*

*Lunch or Dinner at Carnivore*

*Out of Africa Excursion*

*Shopping trip to Utamaduni and Kazuri Bead Factory*

*Use of Pollmans Club Lounge*

\*\*\*Due to road and traffic conditions, in order to maintain the scheduled departure timings, it is recommended that clients arrive a day prior to the programme and book a pre-night. All clients must be at the pickup point in time for briefing. The safari will continue without clients that have not arrived by the departure time and additional costs incurred to arrange for the clients to meet up with the safari group, will need to be borne directly by client on the ground.

### **Cost Includes**

Meet and greet services

All transport and game drives on safari sector will be in a safari minibus with pop-up roof (maximum 7 passengers) with a Bi-lingual English speaking driver-guide on shared basis

Guaranteed window seat

Meals and accommodation as specified

All park fees and government taxes

½ litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

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## **Cost Excludes**

Airport transfers  
Visas and international flights  
Airport taxes (clients pay direct)  
Driver-guide gratuities  
Drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage  
Personal travel, baggage and medical insurance  
Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature  
Balloon Safari

## **Passenger Information**

Passengers should bring only soft sided bags\*\*  
The tour is modular and combines with other tours so there may be need for clients to change vehicles on occasion

## **\*\*Luggage**

Due to limited luggage space in vehicles, suitcases are unsuitable for scheduled road safaris. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel/sausage bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs and 65x46 cm.

Excess luggage can be handed over to the representative at time of briefing. It will be handed over to you on your return from safari. Additional costs may apply to pick up drop off luggage at specific points.