

KS0401C – Through the Rift Valley (SOPA)

Days of Operation – Wednesday & Friday

Duration – 4 Days

Vehicle – Safari Minibus (Scheduled)

Pick up Point	Safari Park Hotel	0730h
Drop off Point	Intercontinental Hotel	1200h

Safari Briefing: Day 01 at 0700hrs approx.
 Departs on Day 01 0730hrs approx.
 Returns on Day 04 1200hrs approx. (onward flights to be booked 1530hrs 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 Safari Park 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 Mara Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Mara Sopa Lodge

The lodge is set in the Oololaimutia Valley and built into the surrounding hillside landscape. The accent around the lodge is on the indigenous Masai people and the fabulous wealth of wildlife, birdlife and natural flora 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 and CNN to enjoy during the down-time. All this ensures that your stay will be blissfully comfortable.

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 Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge

Located on a range of hills that form the western limits of Africa’s Great Rift Valley, the newest member of the Sopa family, Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge offers spectacular views over the vastness of Africa.

Overlooking Lake Nakuru and its surrounding National Park, it is a paradise for bird watchers and wildlife lovers alike.

Only a two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi, through beautiful forested uplands and passing a series of lake, 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 Rothschilds giraffe is another rarity and the park has its fair share of buffalo, leopard, zebra, eland, waterbuck and lion.

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

(Please refer to separate local excursion rate sheet for pricing and other Nairobi local excursions).

***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.

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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

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.