

KS0501A – Mt Kenya & Masai Mara Adventure (KEEKOROK)

Days of Operation – Thursday

Duration – 5 Days

Vehicle – Safari Minibus (Scheduled)

Pick up Point	Intercontinental / Safari Park	0800h / 0900h
Drop off Point	Intercontinental Hotel	1300h

Safari Briefing: Day 01 at 0800hrs (approx.) at Intercontinental Hotel & 0900hrs (approx.) at Safari Park Hotel

Departs on Day 01 0830hrs approx. from Intercontinental & 0930hrs approx. from Safari Park Hotel

Returns on Day 05 1300hrs approx. (onward flights to be booked 1600hrs onwards)

Travelling north from Nairobi through the lush farming communities from Thika to Nyeri, the landscape drops away to the west into the Great Rift Valley, creating a dramatic back-drop to the journey. The bird-watching and views around Mt Kenya and the lakes are spectacular, while the big-game in Masai Mara is unforgettable.

Day 1 Nairobi – Aberdares

Clients to make own way to pick-up hotel (listed above) in Nairobi in time for safari briefing and drive north and into the forests of the Aberdare Mountain range arriving at Outspan for lunch and then afternoon transfer to Treetops. This is a tree lodge set in a forest glade with a waterhole that attracts all sorts of wildlife during the day and night. The waterhole is floodlit and there is an underground viewing platform.

Overnight at Treetops on a full board basis.

Treetops - the Aberdares

Treetops is Kenya's original tree lodge, legendary for its historical royal connection, for the animals it attracts and for the sheer joy of exploring a tree house visited by rhino, elephant, buffalo, lion, bushbuck, waterbuck and many other species. Guests generally depart the Outspan after lunch for the ten-mile drive to Treetops. Here, guests are met by a ranger who advises guests on common sense rules of behaviour necessary for safety and good animal viewing. The lodge rises dramatically out of the ground on stilts and overlooks a water hole and salt lick. It has four decks and a rooftop-viewing platform. Solely dedicated to game viewing, the accommodation is compact and cosy. At 6,450 feet above sea level it is chilly at night at all times of the year, especially from June to September. During these months, you will need sweaters and hats for comfort and warmth. The bedrooms are small, neat and cosy, like cabins on board a ship. Dinner is served at refectory tables with bench seating which is intimate, relaxed and very friendly.

Day 2 Aberdares - Lake Nakuru

An early morning start first takes you north-west heading towards Nyahururu followed by travel in a southerly direction to your next destination, the spectacular Lake Nakuru. Once in the park, view game en route to the lodge. Following lunch and a siesta, there is an afternoon game drive returning

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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 3 Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve

After an early morning breakfast, drive to Narok town via Mai-Mahiu with a brief a rest stop and proceed on to Mara arriving in time for lunch at the Lodge. After lunch, depart for an afternoon game drive returning back to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Keekorok Lodge on a full board basis.

Keekorok Lodge - the Masai Mara

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 4 Masai Mara Game Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives. [\(It is possible to pre-book an optional early morning Balloon Safari\)](#)

Overnight at Keekorok Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 5 Masai Mara Game Reserve - Nairobi

After breakfast depart the Masai Mara and head across acres of rolling wheat and barley farms to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. From here cross the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley whilst keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle before heading up the rift escarpment. Arrive into Kenya's bustling capital in the early afternoon. Once in the city, clients will be **dropped off at the drop off point in the city center for ongoing travel arrangements.**

***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 pick up 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.