

TRIP ITINERARY

Elewana Connoisseur Safari

Kenya



An exclusive safari which showcases some of Kenya's most famous and diverse wilderness areas. Operating on alternate days you travel on the wing. Visit Meru Park, a less visited and unique destination, before heading on the Loisaba Conservancy in Laikipia, for the opportunity to stay a night in a star bed for further enhance your trip should you wish. Venture on to the Masai Mara, famed for the annual wildebeest migration and home to the big 5. Combining light aircraft flights and overnight stops in luxurious tented camps, this ultimate safari maximises every minute of your Kenya safari.

Day 1

Welcome to Kenya. You shall arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport where upon arrival, you will be welcomed and chauffeured to your hotel in Nairobi, Hemingways Nairobi where you will spend the night on half board basis including of drinks (excluding premium drinks). Check in time 14:00.

Hemingways Nairobi is set between Nairobi National Park and the foot of the Ngong Hills. A exclusive boutique hotel far from the bustle of central Nairobi. An all-suite property providing full butter service, gourmet restaurant, a brasserie and a bar, it is perfectly placed for trips to Nairobi National Park and the capital. Hemingways Nairobi has a sophisticated and tranquil ambiance. Each of the 45 suites is a generous size, all with walk-in dressing rooms and a terrace with magnificent views of the Ngong Hills. Enjoy a light lunch in the Brasserie overlooking the well tended gardens.

Day 2

Breakfast at Hemingways Nairobi. Check-out and transfer to Wilson Airport Nairobi, for boarding the Elewana Executive Grand Caravan. Your SkySafari will now take to the Air! Arrive in Meru National Park located in the region of Mount Kenya. Landing at the Meru airstrip, the Elsa's Kopje Team will welcome you and you will be transferred to the lodge, arriving in time for lunch. After lunch, you will be offered a massage for pure relaxation, or alternatively, you will go on a game drive. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Your stay at Elsa's Kopje is for 2 nights in a Cottage Suite, and is on all-inclusive basis (includes all meals, bush activities and drinks – excluding premium drinks).

Elsa's Kopje is unashamedly romantic and beautifully styled, sculpted into Mughwango Hill, above the site of George Adamson's original camp where he raised and released orphan lions, long before conservation became fashionable. Each cottage is crafted round the rocks, with a large bedroom, open sitting room, veranda, rock-hewn bathroom, and breathtaking views.

Day 3

Full day of activities in Meru National Park including, bush lunch, day and night game drives, sundowners, dinner and overnight at the Camp.

Meru National Park, wild and remote, lies 10km north of the equator between Mount Kenya and the Nyambeni Mountains, 350km from Nairobi. Meru forms part of a larger conservation area covering 370,000 acres including the adjoining Kora, Rahole and Bisanadi Reserves. The park also incorporates an 84km2 rhino sanctuary, making Meru one of the prime destinations to see rhino in their natural habitat. The birdlife is extraordinarily colourful and abundant with over 400 species of birds. Rugged and remote, Meru National Park was rescued from oblivion thanks to Elsa's Kopje, an environmental award-winning, boutique lodge. Visitors get the whole place to themselves: all 870 km2 of it, including a thriving rhino sanctuary inside the Park. Famous for large elephant herds, lion and birdlife, and more diversity of animal species than any park in East Africa; Meru is also the only National Park to permit ranger-guided bush walks. Other activities include fishing in the streams, game drives to Kora and Bisanadi National Reserves, and night game drives back to camp.



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Day 4

Begin your day with an informative nature walk in the National Park. After the walk, have lunch at Elsa's Kopje. Transfer to the Airstrip to board your SkySafari flight to Loisaba Conservancy. Enjoy a game drive en-route to Loisaba Tented Camp. Arrive at the camp in time for drinks and dinner. Loisaba Conservancy is outstandingly beautiful, its abundant wildlife is truly wild and its accommodation is comfortable beyond measure. Loisaba is made for adventure: guests enjoy complete freedom to choose how they spend their time so the only barrier is your own imagination.

Trek through the bush with camels, mountain bike down the escarpment, raft, horseback-ride or drive through the wild canyons of the two great rivers that span the vast property.

Your stay at Loisaba Tented Camp is for 2 nights, and is on all-inclusive basis (includes all meals, bush activities and drinks – excluding premium drinks).

Loisaba is immense: bigger than ten of the world's fully-fledged nations. You could take months exploring this land and never encounter the same view twice. We can assure you that you will not bump into anyone else and you will see the most extraordinary natural wonders - spectacular animal life that is wild, free and exhilarating to observe and a kaleidoscopic variety of birds, both endemic and migratory. Perched on the edge of an escarpment with unhindered views across the Laikipia plains to Mt Kenya, Loisaba Tented Camp is the ultimate blend of sophistication and nature. A main bar, lounge and dining area with chic Africana decor, and a tantalizing infinity pool are designed to maximize on the expansive views.

Day 5

Begin your day with a walking safari with traditional Samburu guides. Return to camp for breakfast and a refreshing swim. Lunch at the Camp. Afternoon game drive or fishing in the river. Sundowners in the bush. Dinner under the stars.

Day 6

Early morning game drive or explore on camelback (optional). Breakfast in the bush. Lunch at the Camp. Transfer to Loisaba Airstrip. SkySafari Flight to the world famous Masai Mara. Game drive en-route to Sand River Masai Mara Camp. Located on the banks of a river from which it has taken its name, Sand River Masai Mara is located within the Masai Mara National Reserve, close to the Tanzanian border. Situated on a secluded and picturesque site, the camp replicates the heyday of exclusive permanent tented camps of the late 1920's. The interior fixtures and furnishings mirror this period perfectly, reminding all who visit of those countless Hollywood movies that have paid homage to a classic era of African adventure.

Your stay at Sand River Masai Mara is for 2 nights in a Luxurious Safari Tent, and is on all-inclusive basis (includes all meals, bush activities and drinks – excluding premium drinks)

The Masai Mara Game Reserve is often called simply "The Mara" - a Masai word meaning "mottled" - a reference to its patchy landscape. The Reserve covers 1,510 sq km (580 sq miles) and raises 1,500-2,170 meters above sea level. The terrain of the reserve is primarily grassland and riverine forest with clumps of distinctive acacia trees. It is about 270 km from the capital city Nairobi and takes about 5-6 hours by road or 40-45 minutes by flight.

The wildlife of the Masai Mara is world-renowned, with the so-called "Big Five" - buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion and rhinoceros – evident throughout the year. The "Big Nine" - including cheetah, zebra, giraffe and hippo - extends this experience. The Masai Mara also plays host to the 'Annual Migration' but whatever the time of year the resident wildlife will surely enthrall and entertain all who visit this wondrous reserve. Finally let us not forget the colorful inhabitants of this exceptional landscape. The Masai are a proud semi-nomadic cattle-rearing people with a fascinating culture, divided into a number of sub-tribes some of which share the Mara region. The Masai are an ever-present reminder of the history and cultural heritage of this sublime and enigmatic landscape, and will surely leave a lasting impression for all.

Day 7

Rise early for breakfast before a full day game drive. Enjoy a picnic lunch served in the bush. The Masai Mara is famous for its astounding numbers of wildlife. With both resident and transient populations of lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, giraffe, elephant, to name a few, as well as over 450 bird species, the vast fertile plains are dense with game.



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The area has been classified among the "Seven Wonders of the World" due to the extraordinary annual migration from July to November when over 1.3 million wildebeest and zebra cross from the Serengeti to the Maasai Mara in search of greener pastures. Then you will have the opportunity to Interact with the Masai tribe in their village. A final farewell dinner under the stars.

Day 8

Enjoy a morning game drive or relax at camp. After lunch your Sky Safari flight will take you back to Wilson Airport. You will be chauffeured to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport; before arriving there, you will stop at one of Nairobi's gourmet restaurants where dinner will be served. Arrive at the International airport for your outbound flight. Please note international flights to be booked after 22:00

Included: Accommodation on full board basis, including dinner on day 1 in Nairobi. All drinks (excluding premium). All transfers. All domestic flights in an exclusive grand caravan 8 seater. Al game drives in 4 x 4 safari vehicles with English speaking driver/guides. Bush activities and bush meals. Park entry fees

Excluded: International flights, visa's, airport taxes, gratuities, drinks and other activities not included in the package price,