

8 days Nairobi - Nairobi

A Week in Kenya

Visiting: Kenya



what you pay

£250

PLUS the Kitty
\$292
paid in \$US in Africa

Rhinos, Nakuru National Park



At the Giraffe Park

The price covers

- A fully equipped and diesel expedition truck/vehicle including all camping and cooking gear, a fridge, gas cooker, tents, sleeping mats etc
- Services of a driver, safari leader and cook
- The ongoing advice and back up from The Absolute Team
- All road tolls and taxes are paid.

The kitty covers

- The Masai Mara • Nakuru National Park • Maasai village
- The Sheldricks Elephant Orphanage • The Giraffe Park

The kitty is also budgeted to cover camping, and breakfast and dinner whilst with the truck including a night out in Nairobi. Kitty is a group fund paid locally on day one in USD cash. Note access to some parks particularly The Masai Mara can be seasonal due to road conditions.

Experience the wilds of Africa camping in Nakuru National Park, a small but beautiful wilderness area close to Nakuru town where we stop over for some market shopping. Nakuru is famous for its greater and lesser flamingoes, usually found feeding on the lake's edge. Hippo can be seen wallowing in the lake amidst a myriad of water birds. The park also boasts black and white rhino and the rare Rothschild giraffe. Game drives take us down by the lake and through thick forests of acacia and the distinctive candelabra euphorbia. With a little luck we might find a leopard or lion. The views are breathtaking overlooking the lake from Baboon Cliffs where we have breakfast.

Enjoy the antics of the resident troop of black and white colobos monkeys at Elsamere and a boat cruise. Watch for hippo in the lake and a wide variety of bird life. A region of quite recent volcanic activity, choose between a guided walk to the jade green Crater Lake Sanctuary or a cycling safari through Hells Gate (OI Njorowa) with its volcanic plugs, steaming volcanic vents and dramatic cliffs of columnar basalt. Enjoy nature close up and at its best with stunning views over the Rift Valley and in reserves rich in wildlife - giraffe, warthog, zebra, buffalo, Coke's hartebeest, impala and Grant's and Thomson's gazelle. And safari on true bush roads through the gently rolling hills, woodland and acacia trees of the savannah plains of the Masai Mara, host to the big herds of some 500,000 wildebeest, zebra and the distinctive Thomson's gazelle on their seasonal migration from June/July onwards when the Serengeti dries out. The big herds are

regularly accompanied by hungry lions on the lookout for a kill. Crocodile are also famous for their stake outs as the herds take on treacherous river crossings. The Mara also boasts year round resident herds of elephant, as well as giraffe, black rhino, buffalo, topi, Coke's hartebeest, impala, eland, hippos, leopard, cheetah, hunting dog, spotted and striped hyenas, as well as 540 bird species including raptors.

Visit a traditional Maasai village before returning to the capital, Nairobi, for a fun morning watching the adorable baby elephants at Sheldrick's Orphanage and to hand feed a giraffe at the Giraffe Sanctuary, with a final celebratory night out in Nairobi town.



optional excursions

Approx. guide for the most popular excursions as at Dec 09. Usually paid in USD. The rate used is 1.6 USD.

- Hells Gate National Park or Crater Lake Sanctuary £16

Also to consider

- Balloon safari in the Masai Mara £340
- 3 day stay on the Kenyan Coast £50

spending money

You will also need spending money to cover drinks, lunch, souvenirs and cheap excursions costing under £10 eg. visiting the elephant orphanage. Spending money is also needed if you wish to upgrade from camping. We recommend taking between £80 to £120 for this safari.

visas

Up to £16

Remember to also budget for flights, insurance, vaccinations, any pre and post safari costs such as taxis, add on excursions etc, as well as for any equipment you might need to purchase.

If you would like assistance to work out your own personalised budget don't hesitate to contact us.

safari dates

Depart Nairobi	Finish Nairobi
14 Dec 09	21 Dec 09
5 Feb 10	12 Feb 10
29 Mar 10	5 Apr 10
19 Apr 10	26 Apr 10
22 May 10	29 May 10
4 Jun 10	11 Jun 10
12 Jun 10	19 Jun 10
12 Jul 10	19 Jul 10
25 Jul 10	1 Aug 10
10 Aug 10	17 Aug 10
5 Sep 10	12 Sep 10
26 Sep 10	3 Oct 10
9 Oct 10	16 Oct 10
15 Oct 10	22 Oct 10
14 Nov 10	21 Nov 10
7 Dec 10	14 Dec 10
14 Dec 10	21 Dec 10
20 Dec 10	27 Dec 10
4 Jan 11	11 Jan 11
6 Feb 11	13 Feb 11

Special departure details

- 20 Dec 10 - Christmas in the Masai Mara

Nakuru National Park



Sheldricks Elephant Orphanage



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