



ON SAFARI IN KENYA & TANZANIA: UP CLOSE WITH THE BIG FIVE

Your 16-night journey includes: 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Nairobi; 2 nights at a Deluxe safari lodge in Amboseli National Park; 2 nights at a Deluxe safari lodge in Lake Manyara National Park; 2 nights at a Deluxe safari lodge in Tanzania; 2 nights at a Deluxe safari lodge in Serengeti National Park; 2 nights at a luxury tented camp in Serengeti National Park; 2 nights at a Deluxe safari lodge in Masai Mara National Park; 1 additional night at a Deluxe hotel in Nairobi

It's no exaggeration that this East African safari around Kenya and Tanzania is better than ever! Rated 5-stars by past travelers, the most common advice they offer is, "Just do it!" From the accommodations — including Kirawira Tented Camp in the Serengeti, a national park famed for the wildebeest migration — to interacting with the Iraqw ethnic tribe near Lake Manyara, you'll be immersed in the culture of Kenya and Tanzania.

This grand expedition is a safari in the truest sense of the word, with explorations of some of the most illustrious game reserves in Kenya and Tanzania: Amboseli, Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti, and Masai Mara. Every traveler will get a window seat in exclusive 6-passenger 4x4 pop-top African safari vehicles, where over the course of 13 professionally guided game drives, you'll fall under the spell of East Africa's big skies, vast plains, and abundant game, including those lovingly ferocious big cats.

With 21 included features and Cultural Discoveries, you'll also learn about the work of Karen Blixen, interact with the Iraqwe people, and meet local fisherman at a fishing village on Lake Victoria. By the adventure's end, your well-worn khakis will attest that you've explored a few of the best national parks on the safari of a lifetime with Vantage!

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ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

13 SAFARI GAME DRIVES



Enjoy guided wildlife drives to some of the best parks and refuges in Africa

UNFORGETTABLE ACCOMMODATIONS



Stay in top-of-the-line luxury safari camps in the best locations, including Ngorongoro Crater and the Western

IRAQW PEOPLE



Visit an Iraqw village and interact with this Cushitic-speaking ethnic group

GIBB'S FARM



See a sustainable coffee plantation and organic garden before lunch at this award-winning farm

SHANGA RIVERHOUSE



See and buy traditional high-end handicrafts made by people with disabilities at this community workshop

ROUND TRIP "LOOP" ITINERARY



This Vantage-exclusive round trip safari gives the best opportunity to see wildlife and the legendary wildebeest migration

A SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE



Make more intimate safari discoveries in a small group of 18 travelers or fewer

GUARANTEED WINDOW SEAT



You'll always enjoy the view from special safari 4x4s with a maximum 6 passengers

OLDUVAI GORGE



Visit this "Cradle of Mankind," where the first hominid fossils were discovered

LAKE VICTORIA



Before heading to the Masai Mara, stop on the banks of Lake Victoria to see life in a traditional fishing village

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 15 nights at 4 and 5-star safari camps, lodges, and hotels
- **43 meals:** 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches, and 14 dinners
- **26 included features and Cultural Discoveries** — a value of \$2,100 per person!
- **2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Serengeti National Park
- **Complimentary services of a Vantage worldwide Concierge** to assist with all your personal requests
- **Small group size** — limited to 18 travelers — with Free Single Supplements on every departure!
- **A Vantage Adventure Leader and driver-guides,** experienced and English-speaking
- **All transportation on tour**
- **All park entrance fees**
- **All transfers and baggage handling** when overseas, beginning with your first hotel
- **Vantage's 5% Travel Reward,** received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

SPECIAL INTEREST



NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Experience thrilling bush life on this adventure across Kenya and Tanzania. Aside from safaris, you'll revel in the varied landscapes and unspoiled nature this adventure offers.

Here's how:

- Visit an elephant orphanage and the Giraffe Center in Nairobi
- Seek out Africa's Big Five on game drives in east Africa's top game reserves
- Stay in a deluxe tented camp in the Serengeti for an immersive

nature experience with a luxurious twist

- Enjoy panoramic views of the bush from the private balconies of your luxury safari accommodations



UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Ngorongoro Crater, Africa's famed "Garden of Eden" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Explore the UNESCO-listed plains of Serengeti National Park



BIRDWATCHING HIGHLIGHTS

Your journey through these African countries will offer some of the most brilliant birding in the world, and the variety of habitats means a huge diversity of birds. Birdwatchers are in for a treat!

Here's a sample of what you could spot:

- Some 420 bird species have been recorded in Amboseli, where the swamps are crowded with egrets, herons, pelicans, crowned cranes, and flamingos
- Lake Manyara is home to over 300 bird species, including flamingos, long-crested eagles, and grey-headed kingfishers

- The plains of the Ngorongoro Crater are dotted with large numbers of grassland birds, including ostriches, kori bustards, crowned cranes, and secretary birds

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- The Serengeti-Mara ecosystem is one of Africa's Endemic Bird Areas, hosting 5 bird species found nowhere else on Earth
- The Masai Mara is rich in raptors, with 57 different birds of prey. You can spot bateleur eagles soaring above the grassy plains, while predator kills are a good place to find the six species of vultures



SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

Nothing quite compares with the thrill of a safari, and your game drives will undoubtedly be a high point of this journey. Here's a glimpse of what awaits you:

- Explore the game-rich reserves of Kenya and Tanzania, including Amboseli, Lake Manyara, the Serengeti, Masai Mara, and Ngorongoro Crater
- Travel in exclusive 6-passenger 4x4 pop-top safari vehicles, perfectly suited for this unique experience
- View some of the world's most majestic animals, including lion,

elephant, black rhino, leopard, cheetah, and Cape buffalo



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

With your game drives as the highlight of this adventure, it's important to consider equipment and environmental factors. Peak times for game viewing include dawn and dusk, two low-light times of day. Bumpy terrain is an added challenge. Here are some tips to get the best photographs on safari:

- Invest in a good quality long lens for your DSLR. You can overcome many lighting difficulties with a fast lens, and also take advantage of powerful zooming capabilities without compromising photo quality
- If you're using a compact camera, experiment beforehand with live targets to make sure your zoom and lighting settings are suitable
- Get ready for the "golden hour" around sunset, when the warm, camera-friendly light makes everything look magical
- Practice patience. It's natural to spot an animal and start clicking immediately, but with a little waiting — and keen observation — you'll often get a better shot!
- Bring an extra memory card just in case!



CULINARY HIGHLIGHTS

African cuisine is woefully underrated and misunderstood. While most of your meals will be at your lodges, you'll still get a delectable taste of the regional fare. You'll also amplify your food knowledge of this area with visits to local farms and restaurants.

- Feast on farm-fresh cuisine when we lunch at the renowned Gibbs Farm, a local institution that grows organic vegetables and coffee
- Dine on traditional Tanzanian fare on a visit to Shanga
- Enjoy 5-course gourmet meals at Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp



ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

This adventure through Kenya and Tanzania is more than just wildlife. You'll visit schools, villages, local businesses, farms, and absorb local culture in authentic settings. Here are a few highlights:

- Learn about the language and life of the Iraqw people during a village visit
- Lunch at the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden, then embark on an afternoon tour of the Karen Blixen Museum, where you'll see how the Out of Africa author lived
- Visit the Shanga Riverhouse, a nonprofit organization that fuses

African and Western design elements in textiles, jewelry, and glassblowing. During our visit, we will see how Tanzanians with disabilities create beautiful arts and crafts, and enjoy a traditional lunch with our hosts



SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS Your land adventure has been enhanced with special features catering to independent travelers, including:

- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer to get to know your fellow travelers
- Explore and make more intimate discoveries in a small group of just 24 or less like-minded travelers

- The services of a complimentary Destination Manager to enhance your adventure with added sightseeing excursions, hotel stays, restaurant reservations, and more



CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Customize your safari adventure in Kenya and Tanzania with these top Concierge suggestions:

- Private vehicle requests
- Celebrate an anniversary or occasion with a special meal or event
- Extend your accommodations due to early arrival or late departure

NAIROBI TO MASAI MARA

DAY 1:	Depart home for Nairobi, Kenya	DAY 16:	Drive to Nairobi and a Farewell Dinner among friends <i>Nairobi Serena Hotel or similar</i>
DAY 2:	Arrive in Kenya's capital city, Nairobi <i>Nairobi Serena Hotel or similar</i>	DAY 17:	Farewell Africa — time to go home
DAY 3:	A day of close-up animal encounters: Touch orphaned elephants, feed giraffes, and visit Karen Blixen's home <i>Nairobi Serena Hotel or similar</i>		
DAY 4:	Arrive in Amboseli National Park and take an afternoon game drive <i>Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge or similar</i>		
DAY 5:	Explore Amboseli and spot wildlife on two game drives <i>Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge or similar</i>		
DAY 6:	Drive from Kenya to Tanzania and onto Lake Manyara, stopping for a Tanzanite Experience and visit the Shanga Riverhouse <i>Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge or similar</i>		
DAY 7:	Visit a local village and embark on an afternoon safari to see tree-climbing lions <i>Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge or similar</i>		
DAY 8:	Tour Gibbs Farm coffee plantation and arrive at Ngorongoro Crater <i>Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge or similar</i>		
DAY 9:	Spend the day exploring the Ngorongoro "Garden of Eden" <i>Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge or similar</i>		
DAY 10:	Visit the "Cradle of Mankind" and arrive in the famous Serengeti National Park <i>Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge or similar</i>		
DAY 11:	Sensational optional balloon ride and two game drives in Serengeti, the "big cat country" <i>Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge or similar</i>		
DAY 12:	Enjoy a classic safari experience in a tented camp in the Serengeti <i>Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp Western Serengeti or similar</i>		



DAY 1: Depart home for Nairobi, Kenya

Today, you'll depart the U.S. for an overnight flight to Nairobi, Kenya. If you chose the pre-tour extension, you will be spending a couple of nights on safari at Sweetwaters Serena Tented Camp, and then join the rest of the group when they arrive tomorrow.

DAY 2: Arrive in Kenya's capital city, Nairobi

When you awake from your overnight flight, you'll find yourself in Nairobi, Kenya. Expect a warm welcome from your Vantage representative, who will be waiting for you at the airport to take you to your Deluxe hotel just outside the city.

Take the rest of the day and evening to relax and

unwind; the hotel offers air-conditioned rooms, tropical gardens, a heated swimming pool, patisserie, gelateria, coffee shop, and restaurants, as well as a spa and health club. This combination of comforts should serve to refresh you before we set off on our grand safari tomorrow.

Nairobi Serena Hotel or similar

DAY 3: A day of close-up animal encounters: Touch orphaned elephants, feed giraffes, and visit Karen Blixen's home

After breakfast this morning, we will have a safari briefing before setting out. Today is all about close-up animal encounters. We take a short drive to Nairobi National Park. Look out for animals as we drive slowly to the far side of the park! We soon arrive at the famous Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, which is the most successful orphan elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world. Seeing these adorable babies will incite deep compassion in you! One of the orphanage's conservationists will give us a talk about these youngsters and we'll be able to get very close to them.

Our next stop is the Giraffe Center, which

protects the endangered Rothschild's giraffe, a subspecies only found in East Africa. Here, we'll hand-feed these gentle creatures and see how extraordinarily long their tongues are — around 18-inches! Perfect for getting between acacia thorns to reach succulent leaves.

There's no more evocative film about Kenya than *Out of Africa*, and we'll next stop for lunch at the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden, honoring the woman portrayed in the film by Meryl Streep. After lunch, we'll saunter through the Karen Blixen Museum and revisit that golden era of safari, about which Blixen declared, "There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows."

Your Welcome Dinner will be served in the hotel restaurant tonight.

Included Features:

- Visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage
 - Hand-feed giraffes at the Giraffe Centre
 - Visit the Karen Blixen museum
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Nairobi Serena Hotel or similar

DAY 4: Arrive in Amboseli National Park and take an afternoon game drive

After breakfast, we step aboard our safari vehicles for our first experience of rural African roads — a bit bumpy in places. But we are in 4x4s that have been specially built for adventure. So, Amboseli National Park here, we come!

The most iconic image of East Africa is that of elephants or giraffes wandering across Amboseli's savanna, with Mount Kilimanjaro towering in the background. Given a clear day and animals in just the right spot, you too may be

able to view such remarkable image.

We arrive at our Amboseli lodge in time for lunch. Relax and settle in before meeting on the veranda for a safari briefing.

Then, it's time for our first game drive within this national park, renowned not just for large herds of elephants, but big old tuskers. While runoff from Mt. Kilimanjaro provides permanent water rising to the surface in swampy springs, the terrain can turn from lush grasslands to dust depending on local rains. Amboseli comes from the Maasai word meaning "salty dust," and is sometimes referred to as "Amboseli powder." What you can be sure of is big skies and far horizons, dotted with plentiful game like impalas, wildebeests, zebras, buffaloes, giraffes and lions, epitomizing everything good about an East African safari.

We return to our charming lodge for dinner and a good night's sleep.

Included Feature:

- Morning game drive
 - Afternoon game drive
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 5: Explore Amboseli and spot wildlife on two game drives

We take our cue from the animals and rise early today for morning game drives to catch a glimpse of predators before they sleep off the heat of the day. Then, we'll head out again for an afternoon game drive, when predators start to wake and animals head to the waterholes.

With 1,700 elephants in this park, it's impossible

not to see them on a game drive. There are more than 420 species of birds too, including 10 varieties of eagles and 12 types of heron. It's fun to see how many of each you can spot.

Your guides are brilliant at spotting even the most elusive wildlife and positioning the vehicle to give everybody great photo opportunities. Their knowledge and understanding of wildlife, ecology, and the local tribes will certainly enrich your tour.

During the morning, we stop at a Maasai village and find out how, despite western influences, a traditional mud-hut way of life remains intact. Robed in red and with their spears and rungu (knobkerrie) always in hand, the Maasai warriors will perform their traditional jumping dance, revealing how high they can leap. A lifestyle where drinking milk mixed with cow's blood is part of their diet — this is just one revelation of how different the Maasai existence is to your own.

Lunch is back at the lodge, with afternoon snoozing time factored in before the late-afternoon game drive. A delicious three-course dinner awaits you this evening.

Included Features:

- Morning game drive
- Afternoon game drive

Cultural Discovery:

- Visit a Maasai village
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 6: Drive from Kenya to Tanzania and onto Lake Manyara, stopping for a Tanzanite Experience and visit the Shanga Riverhouse

After breakfast, we leave Amboseli and cross the border from Kenya into Tanzania. Our destination is Lake Manyara National Park. Our drive may be long, but we'll take a break in Arusha — Tanzania's safari gateway town — with a stop at the Tanzanite Experience. This precious stone, only discovered in 1967, is found only in the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro and ranges from palest blue to violet. The Maasai have an age-old affinity with the color blue, which is regarded as sacred, healing, and, above all, representative of new life. Many people now see a precious tanzanite as the ultimate adornment.

We'll have lunch at the Shanga Riverhouse in Arusha and explore their community project, which employs people with disabilities who create unique and high-quality handmade jewelry, glass, and homeware incorporating recycled materials. Their shop is full of beautiful African arts and crafts made right here.

After lunch, it's less than a two-hour drive to our luxury lodge inside Lake Manyara National Park, where the Rift Valley escarpment towers 1,950 feet high. All the bedrooms are spread along a cliff edge, with incredible views from your private veranda across the rift valley to the vast Lake Manyara below.

Dinner tonight is at the lodge.

Cultural Discovery:

- Lunch and visit to Shanga Riverhouse community arts and crafts project
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 7: Visit a local village and embark on an afternoon safari to see tree-climbing lions

After breakfast, we visit an Iraqw village for a fascinating insight and interaction with this Cushitic-speaking ethnic group, who have assimilated many foreign groups into their culture and speak a fascinating linguistic mix.

We'll have a leisurely lunch back at the lodge, then take our window seats for an afternoon of game viewing in Lake Manyara National Park. We can expect to see buffalo, Masai giraffe, gazelle, and impressively tusked elephant. The park often shimmers in a heat haze created by the soda lake, which attracts masses of birdlife, including huge flocks of flamingoes. The park's other claim to fame is tree-climbing lions (lions are not usually found in trees), and we'll see if we can find them.

Enjoy a delicious dinner at the lodge.

Included Feature:

- Afternoon game drive

Cultural Discovery:

- Interaction with Iraqw villagers
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 8: Tour Gibbs Farm coffee plantation and arrive at Ngorongoro Crater

Today, we head for the world famous Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This is the world's biggest intact caldera, a collapsed volcanic crater covering over 100 square miles with a concentration of about 25,000 large mammals, including a very healthy population of black rhinos (all monitored to prevent poaching), giant tusked elephants, black-maned lions, cheetahs, pink flamingoes flocking to the soda lakes, and red-robed Maasai herding

cattle alongside predators and prey. Get ready to visit an unforgettable place!

We have time stop for a tour and lunch at Gibbs Farm, which grows, processes, and roasts Arabica coffee and cultivates organic fruit and vegetables to supply its guest house and kitchen. Where better than this award-winning plantation to have lunch and feast on their farm-to-table bounty?

After lunch, we drive into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area to our spectacular safari lodge, perched on the rim of the crater. No lodges are allowed on the crater floor — that's set aside for animals and Maasai — so we'll look down from above until tomorrow.

Enjoy a memorable dinner tonight, with sensational views.

Cultural Discovery:

- Visit to Gibbs Farm coffee plantation and organic fruit and vegetable garden
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 9: Spend the day exploring the Ngorongoro "Garden of Eden"

You are in for a magnificent full-day safari in what is Africa's veritable "Garden of Eden." We'll drive deep down into the crater and explore the soda lakes, grasslands, swamps, and patches of forest, fed by springs and streams. There are thousands of animals in this UNESCO World Heritage Site, living peacefully alongside the cattle-herding Maasai. We'll stop for a picnic lunch and see if we can clock up the Big Five before returning to the lodge in late afternoon.

Vantage Exclusive:

- Picnic lunch inside the UNESCO-listed Ngorongoro Crater

Included Feature:

- Full-day game drive safari inside the Ngorongoro Crater

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 10: Visit the “Cradle of Mankind” and arrive in the famous Serengeti National Park

Our journey through this part of Tanzania is all within the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which is of global biodiversity importance. The area includes the Ngorongoro Crater, where we start the day; the Olduvai Gorge, known as the “Cradle of Mankind,” where we stop en route; and the famed Serengeti migration preserve, where we end our day.

The Olduvai Gorge is one of the most important paleoanthropological sites in the world. Archaeologists Louis and Mary Leakey had been finding fossil evidence of early man in the Olduvai Gorge since 1913, but it was in 1978 that Mary uncovered the oldest hominid footprints known to man, estimated at 3.6 million years old. We'll stop here and let the displays and presentations bring the past to life.

We'll continue into Serengeti National Park, whose seasonal grasslands are the driving force behind the migration of thousands of wildebeest and other grazing animals. Migration sightings depend on the time of year and rain levels, but there are plenty of resident animals to keep us busy on game drives.

We'll stop in the Serengeti for a picnic lunch and spot animals on a game drive all the way to our lodge in the very heart of the park, where we'll freshen up and relax before dinner.

Included Feature:

- Game drive inside Serengeti National Park

Cultural Discovery:

- Visit the Olduvai Gorge “Cradle of Mankind”
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 11: Sensational optional balloon ride and two game drives in Serengeti, the “big cat country”

Spend the morning at leisure or join an optional bucket-list opportunity to rise before dawn and take flight in a hot air balloon, floating effortlessly over the Serengeti at the whim of the wind. Such is the skill of the pilot that one moment you'll be sky high, and the next you'll be skimming the tree tops, all the while spotting game from above. Within seconds of landing, the crew following your progress in support vehicles will carve a meadow in the grass and set up tables for a scrumptious champagne breakfast to toast the morning's new experiences.

After breakfast, we'll all go on a morning game drive through a section of the park renowned for abundant game and famed big cats like lions, leopards, and cheetahs. We return to the lodge for lunch. Then, we'll head out again later in the afternoon for another game drive and stop for sundowner drinks to watch the Serengeti savanna turn golden in the setting sun.

Included Features:

- Morning game drive
 - Afternoon game drive
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner

Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 12: Enjoy a classic safari experience in a tented camp in the Serengeti

We're going to explore a different section of the Serengeti today on a morning game drive to our next safari camp in the far west of the park. The western terrain has two rivers feeding verdant plains, woods, hills, and rocky outcrops, and it's from an elevated hilltop position that we look out from our camp to sweeping views of the Serengeti. Our lodge also replicates the colonial luxury of an old hunting lodge, with a gorgeous little swimming pool. Massages are offered on your private balcony.

We'll have lunch at the camp, then enjoy an afternoon game drive to see what animals and birds are to be found in this more rugged area of the Serengeti.

You'll get a sense of Out of Africa tonight, when the camp's colonial theme continues at dinner in the opulent dining tent, with its Edwardian-styled furnishings and waiters in Swahili white robes and turbans.

Included Features:

- Morning game drive
- Afternoon game drive

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp Western Serengeti or similar

DAY 13: A full day of exploring the legendary Serengeti

Ernest Hemingway once said, "I never knew of a morning in Africa when I woke up that I was not happy." These sentiments are shared by all our safari adventurers, especially today because we've added an extra night for you here in the

glorious Serengeti!

Every day brings special moments and new sightings, so we'll see what the western Serengeti has to offer us on morning and afternoon game drives. We'll be back at the camp for lunch, with time to relax by the pool, have a massage, or take an afternoon snooze.

Dinner will be a culinary surprise, at the camp or even in the bush.

Included Features:

- Morning game drive
- Afternoon game drive

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp Western Serengeti or similar

DAY 14: Visit a local fishing village on your way to the famed Masai Mara

Today, we'll drive from Tanzania's Serengeti into Kenya's Masai Mara, spotting game along the way. After lunch, we'll stop to meet the folks of a fishing village on Lake Victoria — Africa's largest freshwater lake and source of the ancient Nile. Being a fisherman is a tough life, with no guarantees of a good catch. We'll have a chance to ask some questions and find out what life is like on the banks of this gigantic tropical lake, inhabited by crocodiles and hippos.

Our East African safari continues on its circular route, which takes us north across the Kenyan border into the Masai Mara National Reserve today. The landscape is an extension of the Serengeti and, when wildebeest migrate, they go from one to the other across the notorious Mara River, with its huge Nile crocodiles.

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Our very special lodge for tonight looks down on the Mara River from atop a hill, commanding sweeping views of this savanna, made famous on the big screen in *Out of Africa*.

We'll dine tonight in the Masai-inspired dining room, decorated with traditional Masai motifs, with inside and outside seating views down to the river and beyond.

Included Features:

- Morning game drive on the way from the Serengeti to the Masai Mara
- Afternoon game drive inside the Masai Mara en route to our lodge

Cultural Discovery:

- Interaction with locals at a fishing village on Lake Victoria

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Mara Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 15: Explore the Masai Mara on game drives and consider another incomparable balloon safari

This morning, you have a second chance at a once-in-a-lifetime optional balloon ride over the Masai Mara. Enjoy the serene elation of floating silently over the open savanna and tree-lined Mara River as the sun comes up. Hold on tight as you come down to earth, where a splendid champagne bush breakfast is set up wherever you land, amongst whatever animals are around.

For the rest of the day, we'll explore the Masai Mara on a morning and afternoon game drive and see which of the Big Five we can see. We are situated in the Mara Triangle, famed for predators and documented in the BBC's *Big Cat Diary*, which has been following prides and individuals since 1996.

Lunch and dinner are at the lodge today.

Included Features:

- Morning game drive
 - Afternoon game drive
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Mara Serena Safari Lodge or similar

DAY 16: Drive to Nairobi and a Farewell Dinner among friends

Enjoy your final breakfast on a safari before settling back into the 4x4 for a day's drive back to Nairobi, where we began this extraordinary adventure. The lodge will pack us a picnic box lunch, which will sustain us during the journey to Kenya's capital. Tonight, we'll gather for a Farewell Dinner where we'll recall our most vivid safari memories.

Included Feature:

- Farewell Dinner at your hotel
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner
Nairobi Serena Hotel or similar

DAY 17: Farewell Africa — time to go home

What an adventure you've had, with memories to last a lifetime! Enjoy breakfast and do some last-minute gift shopping at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. You can now consider yourself amongst the most experienced of safari travelers, having accomplished a round-trip route through Kenya and Tanzania and back again, visiting the most renowned game reserves in Africa and witnessing nature in all its great abundance. Well done!

Included meals: Breakfast

Important Notice: The above day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Vantage

Adventure Leader or regional expert.

Please Note: The hotels listed are preliminary and subject to change. Although we contract our hotels a year in advance, unforeseen situations do occasionally occur. Should it be necessary to change a hotel, one of equal quality and value will be substituted. You will receive verified hotel information with your final itinerary. Hotel ratings are based on the hotel and a leading travel industry authority on hotels throughout the world.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Nairobi Serena Hotel ★★★★★

A member of the Leading Hotels of the World, the Superior First-Class Nairobi Serena Hotel is considered one of the finest hotels in Nairobi, set in lush tropical gardens with panoramic views of the city's Central Park and the sparkling downtown skyline. Despite its central location, the hotel offers a serene setting amid the bustle of one of Africa's most dynamic cities. Relax and enjoy all the comforts of home, including satellite TV, a minibar, safe, and more. Hotel amenities include five restaurants and lounges, an outdoor pool, fitness center, and a spa.



Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge ★★★★★

The Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge is framed against the glorious Mt Kilimanjaro and patrolled by vast herds of elephants. This very traditional yet supremely luxurious lodge is the safari destination of a lifetime. The rooms, each with an uninterrupted view over the ever-changing African plains, are decorated in a traditional Maasai theme. Enjoy a swim in the palm-shaded pool, relax on the natural timber game viewing decks, and sip a drink looking out over a water hole for African wildlife.



Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge ★★★★★

Standing high on a bluff above the flamingo-frosted expanse of Lake Manyara, the Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge commands panoramic views across the Great Rift Valley. The lake is home to over 300 migratory birds, and the lodge has been designed to mimic this extraordinary birdlife. Architectural motifs feature swooping avian curves and vibrant wall frescoes depict the intricacy of bird migratory patterns. Rooms are in double-story, cliffside "rondavels" to allow for incredible views, and each room has its own veranda.



Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge ★★★★

Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge blends the indescribable beauty and magnitude of the Ngorongoro Crater with unparalleled standards for comfort and service. Clinging to the crater rim beneath a cloak of native vines, the lodge is seamlessly entwined with the landscape. Each room has a private stone balcony opening onto the blue-green vastness of the crater floor below. Interiors feature brass lamps, embossed leather headboards, wildwood mirrors, Maasai carvings, and stylized cave paintings. Your experience is enhanced with Wi-Fi and 24-hour room service.



Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge ★★★★

Set high on a tree-clad ridge, commanding panoramic views over the Serengeti's rolling reaches, the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge is the ultimate fusion of traditional African architecture and world-class style. Drawing inspiration from rondavel dwellings and winding paths of Maasai villages, the lodge features traditional thatched, domed rooms set amongst indigenous tree groves and gardens cooled by papyrus-fringed ponds. From your private balcony, you'll have a ringside seat for a series of timeless African vistas, from lilac-streaked sunrises to diamond-domed nights.



Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp Western Serengeti ★★★★★

Escape to the Africa of legend and myth at this luxury tented safari camp in the Serengeti's famous Western Corridor. Styled to replicate legendary hunting camps, Kirawira Serena Camp welcomes you to a destination where unforgettable safari adventures are complemented by professional service and 5-star amenities. The splendidly appointed tents are raised on timber platforms and steeped in Edwardian charm. Exquisite bathrooms feature carved mahogany furniture and tiled floors. As an added luxury, enjoy the personal attention of your very own valet.



Mara Serena Safari Lodge ★★★★★

Mara Serena Safari Lodge invites you to a world where dramatic sights and experiences are enhanced by gracious service and 5-star amenities. As the only safari lodge in the famed Mara Triangle, it offers a setting and views matched by few other hotels in the world. Rooms are inspired by the local Maasai heritage and surrounding natural splendor, and merge Africa's untamed beauty with modern sophistication. Each room has its own private balcony with sweeping river and savannah views.



Serena Sweetwaters Tented Camp ★★★★★

This Superior First Class rated tented camp is situated within the 90,000-acre private Ol Pejeta Conservancy, which abounds with wildlife, including all members of the Big Five, and is unfettered by the more rigorous strictures of the Kenyan National Parks. The camp itself offers a charming blend of under-canvas ambience and uncompromising luxury. The tents are clustered around a water hole where wild animals come to drink both night and day. Without leaving the camp, you'll be able to see elephants, rhinos, gazelles, giraffes, and much more just a few feet away from you. Sit and have a glass...