

9-Day Kenya Safari: Aberdare, Samburu, Ol Pejeta, Lake Nakuru & Masai Mara

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Destination	Nairobi, Aberdare, Samburu, Ol Pejeta, Lake Nakuru & Masai Mara, Kenya
Duration	9 day(s)
Difficulty	Easy

Itinerary

- Day 1 - Nairobi:** Arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay.
- Day 2 - Aberdare National Park:** After breakfast, drive north through rolling farmland and coffee plantations to Aberdare National Park, stopping for lunch en route. In the afternoon, transfer to a forest lodge built around its own floodlit waterhole and salt lick, where elephant, rhino, buffalo, bushbuck and, if you're fortunate, the rare bongo antelope come to drink after dark. Overnight on a full-board basis (lunch, dinner and breakfast). A warm jacket is recommended for the cool highland evenings.
- Day 3 - Samburu:** Drive north via Nanyuki to the Samburu National Reserve, a rugged, semi-arid landscape along the Ewaso Nyiro River. Arrive in time for lunch, then head out on an afternoon game drive. Overnight on a full-board basis.
- Day 4 - Samburu:** A full day of game drives across Samburu, home to species found nowhere else in Kenya's southern parks - Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, gerenuk and Beisa oryx among them. An optional visit to a local Samburu village can be arranged. Overnight on a full-board basis.
- Day 5 - Ol Pejeta Conservancy:** Drive south on a scenic route towards Mount Kenya to Ol Pejeta Conservancy, arriving in time for lunch. This private, non-profit conservancy is one of East Africa's leading black rhino sanctuaries and also shelters a sanctuary for rescued chimpanzees. Afternoon game drive across its plains, home to the Big Five alongside its rhino population. Overnight on a full-board basis.
- Day 6 - Lake Nakuru:** Drive to Lake Nakuru National Park, arriving for a late lunch. Afternoon game drive around the lake shore for its rhino sanctuary and, in good years, dense flocks of flamingos. Overnight on a full-board basis.
- Day 7 - Masai Mara:** Continue west across the Rift Valley to the Masai Mara, the northernmost extension of the Serengeti ecosystem, arriving in time for an afternoon game drive. Overnight on a full-board basis.
- Day 8 - Masai Mara:** A full day of game drives across the Mara's plains, with the best chance of the trip for lion, leopard, cheetah and, in season, the Great Migration. An optional Maasai manyatta visit or sunrise hot air balloon safari can be arranged locally. Overnight on a full-board basis.
- Day 9 - Departure:** After breakfast, check out and drive back to Nairobi for your transfer to JKIA and onward flight.

What's Included

- All transport in a 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof
- Park and conservancy entry fees for Aberdare, Samburu, Ol Pejeta, Lake Nakuru and Masai Mara
- 8 nights' accommodation as per itinerary (full board throughout, except bed & breakfast on arrival night)

- Professional English-speaking driver-guide

What's Excluded

- International flights
- Hot air balloon safari and village visits (optional, paid locally)
- Travel insurance and visa fees
- Tips and gratuities
- Drinks and items of a personal nature