

WILDLIFE SAFARI | TANZANIA

9-Day Majestic Kenya Safari: Samburu to the Mara

DURATION	FROM (PER PERSON)	TRIP STYLE	TRIP CODE
9 days / 8 nights	£4,242	Wildlife Safari	AML-KE-09

Overview

Our most complete Kenya safari. Travel north to Samburu for rare species found nowhere else in Kenya's south, then on to Ol Pejeta and the rhino sanctuary of Solio Ranch, Lake Nakuru and finally the Maasai Mara.

Eight nights in five very different landscapes, ending at the Isebania border for an easy onward journey into Tanzania.

Your safari at a glance

- Samburu National Reserve (2 nights): Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, gerenuk and the Ewaso Nyiro river
- Ol Pejeta Conservancy (2 nights): rhino and the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary
- Solio Ranch (1 night): one of Kenya's top rhino sanctuaries
- Lake Nakuru (1 night): flamingos and rhino
- Maasai Mara (2 nights): big cats and the Great Migration in season

Who it suits

Travellers with time to see Kenya properly, from the dry north to the Mara, before continuing into Tanzania. Game drives, park fees and a professional driver-guide are included.

Choose Mid-range or Luxury lodges when you book.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 01

Nairobi to Samburu National Reserve

You will be picked up from your Nairobi hotel or Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) by your professional driver-guide. After a short safari briefing, depart Nairobi for Samburu National Reserve in northern Kenya. The journey takes approximately 5–6 hours through the central highlands, with views of Mount Kenya along the way. Arrive at the lodge around lunchtime, then head out for an afternoon game drive along the Ewaso Nyiro River in search of the Samburu Special Five: Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, Somali ostrich, gerenuk and Beisa oryx.

Main Destination: Samburu National Reserve

Accommodation: Samburu Sopa Lodge (Mid-range) or Ashnil Samburu (Luxury)

Meals & Drinks: Lunch & Dinner

DAY 02

Full Day in Samburu National Reserve

After an early breakfast, depart for a morning game drive in Samburu National Reserve, following the Ewaso Nyiro River and its surrounding vegetation, which attracts wildlife throughout the year. Look out for elephants, lions, leopards, cheetahs, buffaloes and the unique Samburu Special Five. Return to the lodge for lunch and some relaxation. In the afternoon, head out on another game drive to explore different areas of the reserve. Return to the lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight.

Main Destination: Samburu National Reserve

Accommodation: Samburu Sopa Lodge (Mid-range) or Ashnil Samburu (Luxury)

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 03

Samburu to Ol Pejeta Conservancy

After breakfast, check out and depart Samburu for Ol Pejeta Conservancy, in the Laikipia region at the foothills of Mount Kenya. The journey takes approximately 3–4 hours through scenic countryside and the central highlands. Arrive at Ol Pejeta around lunchtime, then depart for an afternoon game drive. Ol Pejeta is renowned for its conservation programmes and is home to the Big Five, as well as the world's last two northern white rhinos.

Main Destination: Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Accommodation: Comfort Gardens Sweetwaters (Mid-range) or Serena Sweetwaters (Luxury)

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 04

Full Day in Ol Pejeta Conservancy

After an early breakfast, depart for a morning game drive in Ol Pejeta Conservancy in search of the Big Five. Visit the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary, a refuge for rescued and orphaned chimpanzees, and, depending on access arrangements, the northern white rhino conservation area. Return to the lodge for lunch and some relaxation. In the afternoon, enjoy another game drive

through the conservancy, with further chances to spot wildlife and photograph the Laikipia landscape.

Main Destination: Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Accommodation: Comfort Gardens Sweetwaters (Mid-range) or Serena Sweetwaters (Luxury)

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 05

Ol Pejeta to Solio Ranch

After breakfast, check out and depart Ol Pejeta for Solio Ranch, a private wildlife conservancy between Mount Kenya and the Aberdare ranges. The drive takes approximately 1–2 hours through the Laikipia countryside. Arrive at Solio Ranch for check-in and lunch, then depart for an afternoon game drive. Solio is famous for its rhino conservation programme and is one of Kenya's best places to see both black and white rhinos. Return to the lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight.

Main Destination: Solio Ranch

Accommodation: Rhino Watch Safari Lodge (Mid-range) or Solio Lodge (Luxury)

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 06

Solio Ranch to Lake Nakuru National Park

After breakfast, check out and depart Solio Ranch for Lake Nakuru National Park. The journey takes approximately 3–4 hours, passing through scenic countryside and the Great Rift Valley region. Arrive at Lake Nakuru in time for lunch and check in at the lodge. After lunch, proceed for an afternoon game drive in Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for its flamingos, diverse birdlife and endangered black and white rhinos. Later, return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

Main Destination: Lake Nakuru National Park

Accommodation: Lake Nakuru Lodge (Mid-range) or The Cliff (Luxury)

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 07

Lake Nakuru to Maasai Mara National Reserve

After an early breakfast, check out and depart Lake Nakuru for Maasai Mara National Reserve. The journey takes approximately 5–6 hours, passing through the Great Rift Valley and the scenic countryside of Kenya. Arrive in the Maasai Mara around lunchtime and proceed to the lodge for check-in and lunch. After a short rest, depart for an afternoon game drive in search of lions, elephants, leopards, buffaloes, cheetahs and other wildlife. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Main Destination: Maasai Mara National Reserve

Accommodation: Mara Sopa Lodge (Mid-range) or Mara Serena Safari Lodge (Luxury)

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 08

Full Day in Maasai Mara National Reserve

After an early breakfast, depart for a full-day game drive in the Maasai Mara National Reserve with a packed lunch. Search for lions, elephants, leopards, buffaloes, cheetahs, giraffes, zebras and other wildlife. The game drive may also take you towards the Mara River where, depending on the season, you may witness the spectacular wildebeest migration. An optional sunrise hot air balloon safari and a Maasai village visit can also be arranged. Return to the lodge in the evening for dinner and overnight.

Main Destination: Maasai Mara National Reserve

Accommodation: Mara Sopa Lodge (Mid-range) or Mara Serena Safari Lodge (Luxury)

Meals & Drinks: All Meals Included

DAY 09

Maasai Mara to Isebania Border

After an early breakfast, check out of the lodge and depart the Maasai Mara for Isebania, the Kenya–Tanzania border crossing. The drive takes approximately 3–4 hours through local towns and rural settlements. On arrival, your driver-guide will assist with the drop-off and hand you over to your Tanzania safari representative, so you can complete border formalities and continue the next part of your East African adventure.

Main Destination: Isebania Border

Accommodation: No Accommodation

Meals & Drinks: Breakfast

Ready to book this trip?

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