

Company: Mohakin Travel Comfort Street Postal Code 10400 Nanyuki – Kenya

# 9 Days - Masai Mara & Lake Nakuru & Lake Naivasha & Amboseli

<b>O</b>	People	Min. 1 – max. 12
9	Meeting point	Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
<u>~</u>	Availability	<ul><li>Whole Year</li><li>Look at our Tour Calender</li></ul>
	Duration	9 Days
<del>60</del>	Drive Times	Drive times are estimated times. Because of the traffic, location of the accommodations, and several other factors, actual drive times may vary. Driving distances are approximate and do not account for exact places.
16	About your guide	All of our driver guides have extensive experience and training, certification, and knowledge of the area and all of the routes. You'll be in great hands from top to bottom and by the end of the trip, you'll be sad to say goodbye!
41	Meals	Fresh cooked meals, which is always prepared at the lodges' hotels (buffet) you can chose your desired meal.

# **Tour Description**

In this tour we will cover the four most popular destinations in Kenya – Masai Mara National Reserve (two nights), Lake Nakuru National Park (one night), Lake Naivasha (one night) & Amboseli National Park (two nights). Tour starts and ends at Nairobi. With our experienced driver guides, it will be a trip of a lifetime!

#### Day 1 - Airport to Hotel Nairobi

- Drive Time: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Hotel in Nairobi − 1 to 1.5 hours (16 km / 10 miles)

Pick up from the Airport at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to the hotel in in Nairobi, where you will spend the night- Dinner and overnight. Bed and breakfast. In the morning, we get ready to drive as per the itinerary of the safari.



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#### Day 2 - Nairobi to Masai Mara

- Drive Time: Nairobi to Masai Mara takes about 5.5 to 6 hours (284 km/ 176,5 miles)
- ⇒ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner: at the Lodge or Tented camp

Your tour starts with pick up at 7:30 AM from your Nairobi hotel or Airport and drive to Masai Mara. This drive will take about 5 to 6.5 hours with a scenic stopover at Great Rift Valley. Arrive in Masai Mara shortly after noon and check into your lodge/camp, have hot lunch and then depart for an afternoon game drive. After the game drive, we head back to lodge/camp to reach by around 5:30 or 6:00 PM, freshen up and enjoy a freshly prepared Dinner. Overnight at your lodge.

Note: The last 1-hour drive to Masai Mara is on the corrugated and bumpy road and may not be comfortable for clients with back problems. Clients with back problems can consider flying directly to (and out of) Masai Mara.

#### Day 3 - Masai Mara

- ⇒ Drive Time: stay flexible
- ➡ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner: at the Lodge or Tented camp

Today's itinerary is flexible and you can discuss with your guide on the previous evening and plan for today's schedule.

You can either have a relaxed breakfast and depart for full day game drives around 9:00 AM with packed lunch and return back to lodge late afternoon around 6:00 PM. Or you can depart at 6:00 AM on an early morning game drive (This is the best time to see the animals and a good chance to witness hunt/kill). Later return to accommodation for breakfast and relax for a bit and depart on an afternoon game drive with packed lunch. you will stop at a picnic spot for having packed lunch and later depart on a game drive till the park is closed. Around 6:00 PM return to lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

## Day 4 - Masai Mara to Lake Nakuru

- ➡ Drive Time: Masai Mara to Lake Nakuru takes about 5 to 5.5 hours (250 km / 155,3 miles)
- ➡ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner: at the Lodge or Tented camp

Wake up early in the morning and have a short morning game drive in Masai Mara. Return to Camp/Lodge for Breakfast and around 10:00 AM checkout and Depart to Lake Nakuru National Park which is about 6.5 hours drive. Upon reaching Nakuru lodge check in, have dinner and relax for the day.

Note: Depending on your itinerary, location of lodge in Nakuru and plan for the next day(if going to Amboseli for example), we might skip morning game drives in Masai Mara this day and proceed to Nakuru directly to reach by around 2:00 PM and do afternoon game drives in Nakuru.



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#### Day 5 - Lake Nakuru to Lake Naivasha

- Drive Time: Lake Nakuru to Lake Naivasha takes about 1.5 to 2 hours (67 km / 41,6 miles)
- ⇒ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner: at the Lodge or Tented camp

After early breakfast, proceed to Nakuru for morning game drives and continue till around noon. Post lunch, proceed to Lake Naivasha and proceed with boat ride in Lake Naivasha and hike in crescent island before heading to your Naivasha accommodation for dinner and overnight.

## Day 6 – Lake Naivasha to Amboseli

- ➡ Drive Time: Lake Naivasha to Amboseli takes about 6 to 6.5 hours (313 km / 194,4 miles)
- ➡ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner: at the Lodge or Tented camp

After breakfast, depart to Amboseli which is about 5.5 hours drive. Upon arrival, check-in to lodge, have lunch and start your afternoon safari in Amboseli. You can do game drives till about 6:00 PM before returning to your camp/lodge for a freshly prepared dinner. Overnight stay at your Camp/Lodge.

### Day 7 - Amboseli

- ⇒ Drive Time: stay flexible
- ➡ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner: at the Lodge or Tented camp

After breakfast, depart for morning game drives around 7:00 AM and continue till about 10:30 AM. Return back to camp to relax and have lunch and then in the afternoon around 3:00 PM proceed for afternoon game drives for 3 hours and return to camp before 6:30 PM.

Note: Since Amboseli is relatively hot, game drives around noon are not usually recommended but can be arranged if you are interested.

## Day 8 – Amboseli to Nairobi

- ⇒ Drive Time: Amboseli to Nairobi takes about 4 to 4.5 hours (216 km / 134,2 miles)
- ⇒ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner: at the Lodge or Tented camp

Wake up early in the morning and proceed to Amboseli for game drives around 6:15 AM. Continue with game drives till around 9:00 AM and then head back to camp for breakfast. After breakfast, check out from camp and proceed to Nairobi to reach by around 3:00 PM.



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## Day 9 - Nairobi Hotel - Jomo Kenyatta International Airport

Drive Time: Hotel Nairobi – Jomo Kenyatta Intl Airport — 1 to 1.5 hours (16 km / 10 miles)

After breakfast, we prepare for the travel back to the Airport. Here you check for your personal preparations going back to the Airport, also checking for the documentation IE your visa and passport, or so.

# Included in the price

- ✓ Airport pick-up and drop-off
- ✓ all Park Fees
- ✓ Daily game drives while on Safari
- ✓ A professional driver/guide
- √ 4x4 Land Cruiser or Safari Van
- ✓ English-speaking driver-guide
- ✓ all overnight stays with full board
- ✓ All Taxes and VAT
- ✓ Every Meal in a Lodge or Camp
- ✓ Drinking water while on safari
- ✓ Preparatory talk on the phone (WhatsApp)

# NOT Included in the price

- International flights
- × Tips for the support team
- × Personal Items (Souvenirs, Travel Insurance, Visa Fees, etc.).
- ★ Government imposed increase of Taxes and or Park Fees.
- **X** Any activities not mentioned in the itinerary.



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#### Terms and Conditions

Reservations: A deposit of 35% is required at the time of booking and the balance at least before the tour begins or full payment/part payment before treks or safaris arranged on short notice. Although special payment can be made direct with the office.

Cancellation: Any monies paid will be refunded less 35% of the cost and any cost levied by hotels or any additional food expenses. Rates: Includes all expenses in respect of vehicles or drives as per itinerary/general information. Also includes meals on safari and entrance fees to National parks/Game reserves.

*Transportation:* Cars, minibuses, 4WD's, coaches or trucks will be provided according to the route and number of clients. The right is reserved to employ the services of sub-contractors as appropriate. English speaking driver/guide are provided.

Accommodation: Where possible rooms with a private shower are provided. Single rooms are available at an additional cost but cannot be guaranteed. Hotels/lodges are named as an indication of category and room may be reserved at similar hotels and lodges. Accommodation is specific to client's requirements as budget class, middle class and luxury class is available as per accommodation information.

Alteration to Tours/treks: We reserve the right to alter arrangement or cancel the operation of scheduled trek/safari should the circumstance necessitate. We also reserve the right to decline or accept or retain any person as a member of any tour at any time, in which case an equitable amount will be refunded. Prices are based on tariffs and other costs prevailing at the time of printing and are subject to change without notice, but a full explanation will be given.

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*NOTE:* All expeditions involve an element of personal risk and times can be hazardous nature, Expedition members must accept this risk, we are not liable for any loss, damage, Injury, expense, delay or inconvenience caused to your baggage as a result, whether directly or indirectly, or any matter or whatever nature which is outside our control. All participants are advised to take out an insurance policy to cover personal accidents and medical expenses. We can arrange this at low cost. The guide reserves the right to withdraw participants from treks, safari due to inclement weather, irresponsible behaviors, poor health or any other sound reason the guide gives.

## Quality Guarantee

Mohakine Travel clients can expect the following guarantees to ensure proper service:

- Your guide will introduce himself and your driver, and cover the laid out tour/safari itinerary in advance.
- o We will double-check that all gear and supplies are prepared for your custom tour/safari.
- During the tour/safari, we will ensure that your needs are met and you are well cared for.
- We will address any issues that arise out of our control, to give our clients the smoothest and most enjoyable adventure possible.
- We will ensure the drivers/sub contractors are on time and presentable.
- o We will give information about surrounding areas and points of interest.
- o Each day, we set time aside to let our clients know what is happening for that day.
- o At the end of your tour/safari, we will ask for your feedback to ensure the quality of our service.



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#### Health and Safety

Mountains in the world can sometimes be dangerous and hazardous – especially in high altitude. It is therefore important to:

- 1. Be well equipped
- 2. Let your expedition leader know your health history
- 3. Have good communication system
- 4. Have good basic first aid kit and know how to use it
- 5. Be able to identify mountain illnesses.

#### HOW TO RECOGNISE ALTITUDE RELATED ILLNESS

At high altitudes the amount of oxygen decreases dramatically. This can result in medical urgency that must be a concern to every hiker.

#### AMS (Acute Mountain Sickness)

Signs include: Headache, nausea, fatigue, malaise, loss of appetite and difficulty in sleeping. *Treatment* 

Slow down, stay in camps, drink water and rest while the body adjusts to the altitude. If symptoms persist after 48 hours descend.

#### **HAPE** (High Altitude Pulmonary Aedema)

Symptoms include: Shortened breath during exercise progressing to shortened breath while resting, a dry cough deteriorating to a frothy sputum, audible gurgling (rales) from the chest area, increased heart and breathing rate.

Treatment

Descend immediately and seek medical attention. Descending is the treatment. It can progress quickly to a point where the patient cannot walk. It doesn't improve with rest at the same altitude.

#### **HACE** (High Altitude Cerebral Aedema)

Symptoms include:- Ams that progress to severe headaches, loss of co-ordination, slurred speech, irrational behaviour, coma and death.

Treatment

Descend immediately, Hace can quickly progress to lethal stage.

Prevention of AMS, HAPE and HACE

Allow 2 nights at 10,000ft or at higher nuts at around 14,000ft Before proceeding higher, increase fluid intake to 4-6 liters per day. Avoid extreme physical exertion and eat a light diet rich in carbohydrates. Take symptoms seriously. Rest and acclimatize if Ams is suspected. Report to ranger rescues station and descend immediately is Hape or Hace is suspected.

However it is important to drink plenty of water slowly to allow your body get used to the altitude.