



EAST AFRICA MIGRATION DISCOVERER

Join our East Africa Migration Discoverer lodge safari and follow the famous wildebeest migration! Travel through Tanzania and Kenya and discover all the secret highlights that East Africa holds. This East Africa accommodated safari is a small group safari where you will spend all of your nights in lodges / chalets or permanent tented camps. This safari starts and ends in Nairobi and includes all of the major highlights in Tanzania and Kenya.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Nairobi:	Vibrant capital city of Kenya. Witness the work of the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust at its animal orphanage. Visit to Karen Blixen Museum for a fascinating historical insight.	Mto wa Mbu Village:	Engage a variety of cultures during a visit to this colourful town, including a traditional lunch.
Amboseli:	Enjoy iconic views of Mount Kilimanjaro in the distance. Full day game drive in the park known for its large concentration of elephants	Maasai people:	Visit a Maasai Boma, learning the customs of this mesmerising & distinctive tribe.
Marangu:	Hike to waterfalls located in the lush landscape at the foot of Kilimanjaro	Tarangire:	Full day game drive in the national park, host to massive herds of elephant, wildebeest and zebra
Arusha:	Visit the bustling safari town, gateway to Tanzania's national parks	Ngorongoro Crater:	Game viewing in one of the world's largest & most scenic calderas
Lake Manyara:	Discover the park at base of the Great Rift Valley Escarpment, famous for its elusive tree climbing lions, pink flamingos and alkaline lake.	Serengeti:	Spend two days exploring the plains of a truly iconic park, home to the largest annual animal migration.
		Lake Victoria:	Stay on the shores of the lake, take a boat trip to a local fishing village.
		Masai Mara:	Visit the traditional traversing grounds of the Maasai

QUICK FACTS

Tour type:	Small group lodge safari	Meals:	14 x Breakfast 13 x Lunch 14 x Dinner
Duration:	15 days		
Start & End:	Nairobi, Kenya	Vehicle:	4x4 safari vehicle 2x4 vehicle for transfers
Countries visited:	Tanzania, Kenya	Group Size:	Min. 4* / Max. 7 *Guaranteed departures with no minimum pax available

DEPARTURE DATES 2025

MONTH	TOUR START	TOUR END	TYPE	MONTH	TOUR START	TOUR END	TYPE
January	04/01/2025	18/01/2025		July	27/07/2025	10/08/2025	
	25/01/2025	08/02/2025		August	17/08/2025	31/08/2025	GD
February	15/02/2025	01/03/2025		September	07/09/2025	21/09/2025	GD
March	16/03/2025	30/03/2025			28/09/2025	12/10/2025	
May	03/05/2025	17/05/2025		October	19/10/2025	02/11/2025	
	31/05/2025	14/06/2025		November	09/11/2025	23/11/2025	
June	21/06/2025	05/07/2025			30/11/2025	14/12/2025	
	06/07/2025	20/07/2025	GD	December	21/12/2025	04/01/2026	

GD - Guaranteed departures

THE MIGRATION

Seeing the wildebeest (gnu) migration in East Africa is one of the most spectacular wildlife sightings in the world. Almost 2 million animals roam the plains of East Africa, but it can be surprisingly hard to find them in the vast area that they cover, as their movements are governed by the rains and predicting their location can be a gamble. We designed this itinerary to include all the areas frequented by the migration on their annual route – this virtually guarantees that you will see them!

A brief outline of the migration movements –

- From **December to April** the migration spreads out over the Southern Plains of the Serengeti. Depending on the rains they move from the Gol Kopjes in the East to the Moru Kopjes in the west. This area is easily accessible from the centrally located Seronera. (We stay in the **Kisura Serengeti Camp**)
- Between **May and August** the migration slowly moves through the western corridor and into the Ikoma and Grumeti Wildlife Management Areas. These areas are outside of the Serengeti, but as there are no fences the wildlife can, and do, move around freely.
- From **September to end of November**, during the short rains, the migration crosses into the Masai Mara in Kenya. This is a relatively small park compared to the vast Serengeti and the wildlife tends to be very concentrated. (We stay at the **Mara Eden Safari Camp** to

take advantage of its proximity to the migration and not to mention its own private entrance gate to the park.)

ITINERARY

B = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

DAY 1: NAIROBI

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On your arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel for relaxation and overnight.

Accommodation: The Boma Nairobi Hotel or similar

Dinner: At the Boma Nairobi or similar

Approx. distance: 20 km

Approx. driving time: 30 min (traffic dependent)

DAY 2: NAIROBI – AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

BLD

Enjoy a hearty breakfast and meet your guide and the rest of the group at reception for your pre-departure meeting at 08h00. Kindly ensure you are packed and checked out prior to your pre-departure meeting as you will depart shortly after this. The day starts with a morning game drive in Nairobi National Park. We then make our way to the Daphne Sheldrick Animal Orphanage for a visit. The institution is named after the wife of the late famous Naturalist, David William Sheldrick who was the founder warden of Tsavo East National Park in Kenya from its inception in 1948 to 1976. The baby animals are transported from the national park to the orphanage for a mud bath, and you'll have the opportunity to spend an hour with them. Lunch will follow before driving down to Amboseli National Reserve, arriving in the afternoon.

Accommodation: Kibo Safari Camp similar

Breakfast: At the Boma Nairobi or similar

Lunch: Hot lunch from the Boma Nairobi or similar

Dinner: At Kibo Safari Camp or similar

Approx. distance: 240 km

Approx. driving time: 4-5 hours.

DAY 3: AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

BLD

Today we will head into the Amboseli National Park for a full day of game viewing in one of Kenya's most famous parks. Amboseli is known for its huge elephant bulls with their magnificent tusks, which make for the ultimate safari picture with the snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro in the background.

Accommodation: Kibo Safari Camp or similar

Breakfast: At Kibo Safari Camp or similar

Lunch: Picnic lunch from Kibo Safari Camp or similar

Dinner: At Kibo Safari Camp or similar

DAY 4: AMBOSELI - ARUSHA

BLD

This morning after a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the border and then onwards to Arusha. En route, we pass the Marangu waterfalls – which is a moderately strenuous walk (we do recommend sturdy shoes and a degree of walking fitness). We continue to Arusha via Moshi town – the gateway to the Kilimanjaro National Park. Kindly be advised there will be a change of Guide and Vehicle at the border crossing into Tanzania.

Accommodation: African Tulip or similar

Breakfast: At Kibo Safari Camp or similar
Lunch: Picnic lunch from Kibo Safari Camp or similar
Dinner: At African Tulip or similar

Approx. distance: 210 km
Approx. driving time: 4-5 hours (border crossing dependent)

DAY 5: ARUSHA - TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

BLD

After breakfast, you will be collected from the hotel and set off towards Tarangire National Park for a full day's game drives. The breath-taking views of the Maasai Steppe, and the mountains to the south, make a stop at Tarangire a truly memorable experience. Tarangire is as well known for its huge elephant population and baobab trees. It forms the centre of an annual migratory cycle that includes up to 3000 elephant, 25,000 wildebeest and 30,000 zebra.

Accommodation: Tarangire Simba Lodge or similar

Breakfast: At African Tulip or similar
Lunch: Picnic lunch from African Tulip or similar
Dinner: At Tarangire Simba Lodge or similar

Approx. distance: 150 km
Approx. driving time: 4 hours

DAY 6: TARANGIRE - MANYARA NATIONAL PARK - KARATU

BLD

After breakfast, you will be collected from the hotel and set off towards Lake Manyara National Park. The spectacular reserve is located at the north-western corner of Lake Manyara, a hallow soda lake, which lies at the foot of the Great Rift Valley's western escarpment. We enjoy a scenic drive in the park known not only for its large flocks of flamingos, but also for the elusive tree climbing lions.

Accommodation: Karatu Simba Lodge or similar

Breakfast: At Tarangire Simba Lodge or similar
Lunch: Picnic lunch from Tarangire Simba Lodge or similar
Dinner: At Karatu Simba Lodge or similar

Approx. distance: 130 km
Approx. driving time: 2-3 hours

DAY 7: CULTURE TOUR – LAKE MANYARA – KARATU	BLD
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After breakfast, we set out to experience the cultural diversity of Mto-wa-Mbu, starting at the market and visiting a Chagga family producing banana beer and passing by many different farms. On the way, your guide will introduce you to the various fruits and vegetables growing in the area and explain the irrigation system that sustains local crops. After having a delicious, home-cooked meal in a local Mama's home, we enjoy a visit to the Maasai Boma for the cultural encounter of a life time. The Maasai people are semi-nomadic herders, who choose to live a traditional lifestyle and are known for their distinctive traditional attire.

In the late afternoon we embark on a walking tour to Lake Papyrus. Here clients can view this magnificent lake filled with abundant birdlife and hippos. If time allows we can do some light trekking up to the waterfall. From here you will view the lake on top of the Rift valley wall; then onto the banana plantation and rice field, ending off the tour with a local village visit. On completion we return to the lodge for dinner & overnight.

Accommodation: Karatu Simba Lodge or similar

Breakfast: At Karatu Simba Lodge or similar

Lunch: At a local Mama's house

Dinner: At Karatu Simba Lodge or similar

DAY 8: KARATU – NGORONGORO – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK	BLD
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This morning we have an early departure for a game drive in the world renowned Ngorongoro Crater. For many, this wildlife spectacle is the pinnacle of their safari experience. The Ngorongoro Crater boasts all of the 'Big 5', including a small population of endangered black rhino. After a picnic lunch, we head towards the Serengeti through the stunning Southern Plains. This is the area that the Serengeti is best known for – the endless, undulating grass savannah with rocky outcrops that serve as isolated wildlife refuges.

Accommodation: Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar

Breakfast: At Karatu Simba Lodge or similar

Lunch: At Karatu Simba Lodge or similar

Dinner: At Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar

Approx. distance: 300 km (including the Crater)

Approx. driving time: 5-6 hours (mostly at game drive speeds)

DAY 9: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK (SERONERA)	BLD
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Today you will be spending a full day game driving around the Seronera area of the Serengeti. The Serengeti is divided into three main areas: Seronera is the most central and accessible region and this is where the Park HQ is based, as well as most of the larger lodges and communal campsites. This part of the Serengeti is characterised by open plains of grassland, packed with animals. The Seronera River is the lifeblood of the Serengeti and this area is renowned for great game viewing all year round. It is also particularly good for lion and cheetah sightings, as well as the most elusive of all big cats, the leopard.

Accommodation: Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar

Breakfast: At Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar

Lunch: Picnic lunch from Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar

Dinner: At Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar

DAY 10: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK (SERONERA)

BLD

We have another exciting day of exploring the Serengeti National Park ahead of us. With lunch boxes provided we continue with game drives throughout the afternoon, scanning the endless plains, spotting many animals and truly realizing just why this national park is so famous. In the late afternoon we drive back to the lodge for overnight.

Accommodation: Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar
Breakfast: At Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar
Lunch: Picnic lunch from Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar
Dinner: At Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar

DAY 11: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – LAKE VICTORIA

BLD

After breakfast we make our way to Lake Victoria. We pass through the villages of the Sukuma tribe, who grow ground nuts, sorghum and cassava as well as keeping livestock. Life carries on here simply as it has done for ages, but with a few poignant reminders of the 20th century. Some leisure time in the afternoon, or to possibly take a bird walk along the lake shore.

Accommodation: Serenity on the Lake or similar
Breakfast: At Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar
Lunch: Picnic lunch from Kisura Serengeti Camp or similar
Dinner: At Serenity on the Lake or similar
Approx. distance: 250 km
Approx. driving time: 4-5 hours (including game drive speeds)

DAY 12: LAKE VICTORIA – MASAI MARA

BLD

This morning you have the opportunity to take part in a boat excursion to one of the local fishing villages, before we bid Lake Victoria farewell and continue our journey northwards across the border into Kenya. Here we head to the Masai Mara, the traditional land of the Maasai people, who are permitted to graze their cattle in this area. The Masai Mara covers an area that includes the riverine forests along the banks of the Mara and Talek Rivers, acacia forests and the open plains of the savannah. Kindly be advised there will be a change of Guide and Vehicle at the border crossing into Kenya.

Accommodation: Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar
Breakfast: At Serenity on the Lake or similar
Lunch: Picnic lunch from At Serenity on the Lake or similar
Dinner: At Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar
Approx. distance: 270 km
Approx. driving time: 6-8 hours (border crossing dependent)

DAY 13: MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

BLD

Today we spend the whole day game viewing in the world famous Masai Mara National Park. Here the various habitats are home to a great variety of game including lion, leopard, cheetah, zebra, wildebeest (gnu), giraffe, buffalo, jackal, topi, gazelle, impala and elephant. Hippopotamus and crocodile are also plentiful in the rivers and the bird life is very abundant.

Accommodation: Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar

Breakfast: At Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar

Lunch: Picnic lunch from Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar

Dinner: At Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar

DAY 14: MASAI MARA - NAIROBI	BLD
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After breakfast we head off towards Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya. We visit the Giraffe Centre and Karen Blixen Museum. The museum is the beautiful and historic farmhouse where Karen Blixen, author of "Out of Africa", lived between 1917 and 1931 until she left Kenya after a series of personal tragedies. In the late afternoon arrive at your hotel. If time allows, we visit the Kazuri Beads Centre and workshop for those interested in shopping. Kazuri means "small and beautiful" in Swahili and it describes each striking ceramic bead which is shaped by hand by the women employed at the Kazuri workshop. Nairobi is a cosmopolitan, lively and interesting city. Its central business district is nicely compact and it is therefore a great place to tune into modern urban African life. Later in the afternoon, we head to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: The Boma Nairobi Hotel or similar

Breakfast: At Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar

Lunch: Picnic lunch from Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar

Dinner: At the Carnivore Restaurant or similar

Approx. distance: 280 km

Approx. driving time: 5-6 hours

DAY 15: NAIROBI	B
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The tour ends after breakfast this morning and you will be transferred to the airport for your outbound flight.

Breakfast: At the Carnivore Restaurant or similar

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

DEPARTURE:

The Migration Discoverer Safari departs from the The Boma Nairobi Hotel in Nairobi. When arriving in Nairobi on day one, you will be picked up from the airport and transferred to your hotel. Should you arrive prior to day one, pre-tour accommodation can be arranged and you will be picked up from your hotel on the morning of day.

After breakfast on day 2, there will be a pre-departure meeting presented by your guide at your accommodation. It is imperative that all clients attend this meeting so as not to miss out on any critical information.

Whilst it is our every intention to adhere to the above mentioned itinerary, there may on occasion be a necessity to make alterations in order to make the tour more enjoyable or practical. Therefore please treat the itinerary as a guide only.

TRANSPORT:

Jenman African Safaris uses fully equipped, customized, 4x4 safari vehicles, Toyota Land Cruisers, or other appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, all window seats for game viewing and a music system. These non-air-conditioned vehicles are equipped with pop-up roofs to facilitate the best game viewing. All luggage, besides hand luggage and photo equipment, is carried on the vehicle roof rack or trailer to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle.

TRAVELLING TIMES AND DISTANCES:

All travelling times are affected by road conditions, border crossings, detours and weather conditions, therefore on certain days travelling times may be longer than anticipated especially where there is a lot of distance to be covered. Please keep in mind that the time it takes to travel 100 km in your home country is not equivalent to the time it takes to travel 100 km on African roads, therefore we encourage you to sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery Africa has to offer. Where possible additional stops will be made to ensure your travelling comfort at all times.

ACCOMMODATION:

For this fully accommodated lodge safari, we make use of typical, mid-range African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in national parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps, all with en-suite facilities. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

MEALS:

Breakfast and dinner will be prepared by the lodge where you are staying. They will also prepare lunch or a lunch pack depending on the itinerary for the day. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

TIPPING GUIDELINES FOR GUIDES

It is recommended that you tip between \$5 - \$10 per person per day.

VISAS:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required for a visit to Tanzania and Kenya prior to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman African Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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