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Family Safari - Kenya & Tanzania

Example itinerary for a family safari in Kenya and Tanzania

Trip Summary

Day 1

Fly into Nairobi, Kenya and then Fly to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

Check in at Arusha Serena Hotel

Day 2

Meet Guide and Head to Lake Manyara

Check in at Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

Night game drive into Lake Manyara Park including dinner.

Day 3

Proceed by road to your lodge located on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater where you will have lunch.

Check in at Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge - Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

Descent into Ngorongoro Crater

Day 4

Game Viewing and visit to a remote Maasai village

Day 5

Journey to the Serengeti

Oldupai Gorge and Richard Leakey's Museum and Archeological Site -- can be replaced with Ngaren when it opens in 2026

Arrive at Serengeti National Park

Lunch at the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

Game Drive

Serengeti Shared Safari Camp

Day 6

Safari Experience - Serengeti

Day 7

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Day 8

Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport

Lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge

Drive to Amboseli, Kenya

Check in at Elewana Tortilis Camp Amboseli

Day 9

Enjoy Amboseli

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Transfer to Nairobi for flight to Masa Mara

Masa Mara

Check in at Tipilikwani Mara Camp

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Game Viewing - Masa Mara

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Hot Air Balloon Ride over the Masa Mara

Day 13

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Day 14

Return to Nairobi

Daphne Sheldrick's elephant orphanage for a private visit.

Check in at Nairobi Serena Hotel - Nairobi Serena Hotel

Day 15

Fly from Nairobi to your home location

Day 1



Fly into Nairobi, Kenya and then Fly to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

On arrival in Nairobi, Kenya this morning you will take y our connecting flight to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.



Check in at Arusha Serena Hotel

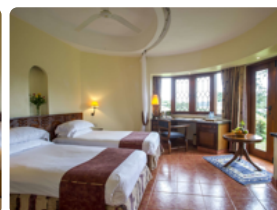
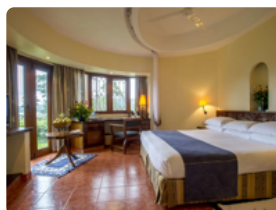
Location

[This Arusha Serena Hotel](#) welcomes guests in Arusha National Park.

Facilities

Nestled in the heart of a coffee plantation on the shores of Lake Duluti, the Arusha Serena Hotel is the perfect place to relax before or after experiencing the adventure of your safari. The hotel gives you the true experience of a coffee plantation and is designed as an African village. Guest rooms are thatched rondavels (round houses), grouped in semi-circles around tropical shade trees. All rooms have private balconies that boast magnificent views of the mi ghty snow-capped Kilimanjaro on one side and

Lake Duluti and the rugged peaks of Mount Meru on the other.



Day 2



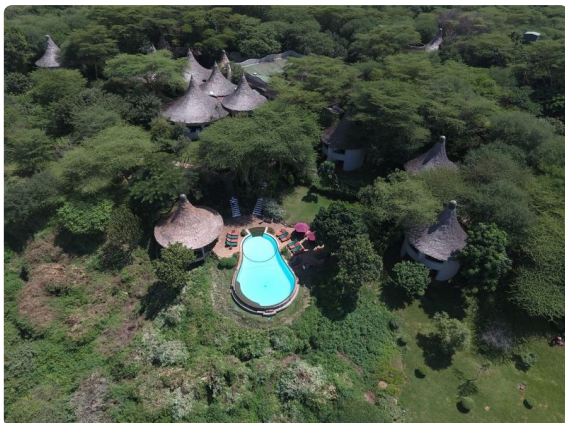
Meet Guide and Head to Lake Manyara

Enjoy a cultural walk through the Mto wa Mbu village, home to over 80 tribes. This village is located on the shores of Lake Manyara and is a living example of one of the richest linguistic mixes in Africa. This village is quite possibly the only place where you can hear Bantu, Nilotic, Khoisan and Cushitic spoken in the same market place.



Check in at Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

[Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge](#) overlooks both the Great Rift Valley, and the beautiful soda lake of Manyara with its lavish supply of bird life. The 54 rooms are decorated in bright Maasai fabrics and offer en suite facilities. The bar and restaurant feature both indoor and outdoor seating at each meal. Sumptuous menus, buffets and barbecues are served to guests alongside authentic African dishes.



Night game drive into Lake Manyara Park including dinner.

Day 3



Proceed by road to your lodge located on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater where you will have lunch.



Check in at Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

[Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge](#) is perched on the jagged rim of the crater, sensitively constructed so as to take nothing from its environment whilst affording endless vistas over the crater below. The clustered boulder-built buildings of the lodge hug the crater rim, linked by rope-lashed timber walkways that skirt the buttressed roots of ancient, liana-hung trees. Each of the 75 rooms has a private terrace overlooking the crater.



Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania



Descent into Ngorongoro Crater

Following lunch depart for the Ngorongoro Crater, descending 2000 feet by four-wheel drive vehicle for an afternoon game drive. Return to your lodge late in the afternoon.

Ngorongoro Crater is the largest unflooded, intact caldera in the world. Known as the eighth wonder of the world, its vastness and beauty are truly overwhelming. Ngorongoro Crater itself is but a small portion of the 3,200-square-mile Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a World Heritage site that is characterized by a highland plateau with volcanic mountains as well as several craters, extensive savannah and forests.

Altitudes range from 4,430 to 11,800 feet.

Ngorongoro Crater is about 12 miles wide and its rim rises 1,200 -1,600 feet off of its expansive 102 - square-mile floor. The steep descent into the crater along winding roads takes 25 -35 minutes from the crater rim. The crater floor is predominantly grasslands (making game easy to spot) with two swamps fed by streams, and the Leraï Forest. The walls of the crater are lightly forested. Ngorongoro contains possibly the largest permanent concentration of wildlife in Africa, with an estimated average of 30,000 large mammals. In addition, this is one of the best reserves in Africa in which to see black rhino. Large concentrations of wildlife make Ngorongoro Crater their permanent home. Game viewing is good year-round. Because there is a permanent source of fresh water, there's no reason for much of the wildlife to migrate as they must do in the Serengeti.

Day 4



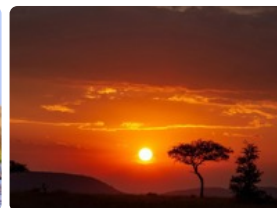
Game Viewing and visit to a remote Maasai village

This morning depart to the Crater Rim and descend for a morning of game viewing on the crater floor. Have lunch at the lodge and continue on an afternoon visit to a remote Maasai village.

Day 5



Journey to the Serengeti


Oldupai Gorge and Richard Leakey's Museum and Archeological Site -- can be replaced with Ngaren when it opens in 2026

Continue to the Serengeti stopping en route at Oldupai Gorge for a visit to Richard Leakey's Museum and Archeological Site where traces of early man were unearthed. Drive via the Shifting Sands.



Arrive at Serengeti National Park



Lunch at the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge



Game Drive



Serengeti Shared Safari Camp

The **Serengeti Shared Safari Camp** makes use of a traditional mobile tented camp on a shared-use basis, periodically moving location within the Serengeti according to Migration game movements and weather conditions. Although the camp will NOT move during your actual stay, the chances of being within reach of the wildebeest migration, which is one of the principle goals of any visit to the Serengeti, are greatly enhanced by this mobility.

The camp has up to 16 guests staying at anyone time in its eight luxury tents with en suite bathrooms. The focus of the camp is a large dining tent with a shaded 'sitting out' area. As well as a fully -stocked complimentary bar, there is a small reference library of African books and a variety of games. There is a campfire every evening, around which guests can share the day's adventures with like-minded souls.

Guests at the Serengeti Safari Camp meet up and mingle with each other during the evening over pre - dinner drinks and candlelit dinners, but during the day you will set off on your own, with your own private guide and vehicle. By having your own vehicle and guide you can ensure you can do what you want when you want to do it - be that following the wildebeest, sitting by a waterhole or just waiting too get that perfect photograph.



Day 6



Safari Experience - Serengeti

A day of game viewing usually consists of morning and afternoon game drives. On your return to the camp after a morning game drive you may have an excellent late breakfast or your met picnic lunch when you then may relax on the veranda of your tent. Afternoon tea and a further game drive is followed by iced cold drinks and a delicious dinner. All your meals are excellent and are taken in a separate dining tent.

You may wish to be flexible on your game drives and take a packed breakfast departing at sunrise and return for a late lunch. Or if you prefer, have an early breakfast in camp and take a picnic lunch returning to camp for dinner.

Day 7



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Day 8



Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport

Take a game drive en route to the airstrip where you will board your scheduled charter flight to Kilimanjaro Airport.



Lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge



Drive to Amboseli, Kenya

After lunch you will be driven to the Namanga border post where you will complete immigration formalities cross over into Kenya and be met on the other side by the camp vehicle and drive to Amboseli game viewing along the way.

Amboseli is one of the most popular parks in East Africa. With magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro in the background you may have an opportunity to photograph an elephant with the mountain as a backdrop. Elephants are often found in the lower forest and swamp areas and hippos in the pools, with a prolific bird life found in the surrounding swamp. Lion and cheetah are often seen on the salt flats and giraffe may be seen walking past doum palms.



Check in at Elewana Tortilis Camp Amboseli

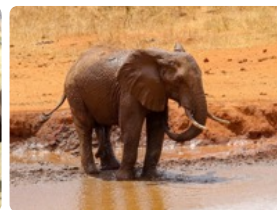
Tortilis Camp is a luxury permanent tented camp that has stunning view towards Mount Kilimanjaro. On a clear morning you can view the mountain from your bed! There are 17 thatched tents set on wooden platforms, a dining/lounge area serving north Italian traditional recipes, and a swimming pool. Activities include game viewing in the park on open-sided safari Land Rovers; walk with a trained Maasai guide, sip sundowners on top of Kitirua hill as the sun sets coloring the snows of Kilimanjaro pink, bush breakfasts out on the plains or a visit to one of the Maasai manyattas (villages) to meet the Maasai women, watch the Morans (young warriors) dance and experience their age-old existence.



Day 9



Enjoy Amboseli



Day 10



Transfer to Nairobi for flight to Masa Mara

This morning you will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi and onwards connecting flight to the Mara.

On arrival you will be met and begin the drive to camp game viewing along the way.



Masa Mara

The Maasai Mara is undoubtedly the finest wildlife area in Kenya. All of the big game is here: elephant, lion, leopard, cheetah and buffalo. Commonly seen species include zebra, wildebeest, Thomson's gazelle, Defassa waterbuck, eland and Maasai giraffe. This is the only place in Kenya where topi are common.

Maasai Mara National Reserve, a northern extension of the Serengeti Plains (Tanzania), is located southwest of Nairobi and covers 590 square miles. Open plains, acacia woodlands and riverine forest along the banks on the Mara and Talek Rivers are home for many hippo, crocs and waterfowl.

As the park teems with resident wildlife, game viewing is good year-round. The migration is when great herds of wildebeest (1.4 million) and zebra (250,000) reside in the Mara, from approximately July to October. During the migration, prides of 40 or more lion may be seen. From the southern Serengeti a major portion of the migration moves northwest toward Lake Victoria, then north across the Mara River into Kenya in search of grass, usually returning to Tanzania in late October. The best time to witness large numbers of wildebeest and zebra crossing the Mara River is from mid/late July to mid/late September.



Check in at Tipilikwani Mara Camp

[Tipilikwani Mara Camp](#) is set on the banks of the Talek River overlooking the Mara plains and features spectacular views. Twenty luxury tents offer en suite facilities including flush toilets, hot-water showers and private verandahs. Two large adjoining tents sharing a common verandah are the ideal setting for families. The main lounge and dining area feature a large verandah where you can enjoy a glass of wine while watching the sunset.

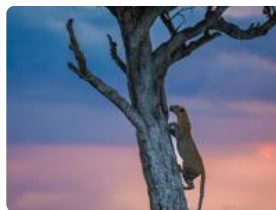
Activities include morning and afternoon game drives, guided bush walks, bush breakfasts and dinners.

Optional balloon safaris, night game drives and cultural visits to a nearby Maasai village can be arranged at an additional cost.

Day 11



Game Viewing - Masa Mara



Day 12



Game Viewing - Masa Mara



Hot Air Balloon Ride over the Masa Mara

As the sun rises over the plains of Africa you will have a bird's eye view of the world below and the chance to see game from a completely different perspective. After landing, there is a champagne breakfast in the bush.



Day 13



Game Viewing - Masa Mara

Day 14



Return to Nairobi

This morning board your scheduled charter flight to Nairobi (departs 10:15 am, arrives at 11:45) You will be met at Wilson Airport and enjoy a city tour including lunch at a local restaurant.



Daphne Sheldrick's elephant orphanage for a private visit.

The [Elephant Nursery](#) is overseen by Dr. Daphne Sheldrick, whose elephant experience spans a lifetime, and with the cooperation of the Kenya Wildlife Service, for the first time ever now offers hope for any orphaned elephant fortunate enough to be found alive. It took Daphne Sheldrick 28 years of trial and error during the years that her husband, David, was Warden of Kenya's largest and most important elephant Sanctuary, Tsavo East National Park, to perfect the milk formula and complex husbandry necessary to rear the orphaned infant African elephants. Today, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is proud to have saved what amounts to a herd; over 60 orphaned infant calves that would otherwise have perished. The elephants have all been relocated to Tsavo and are flourishing.



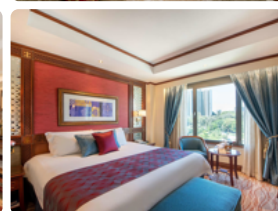
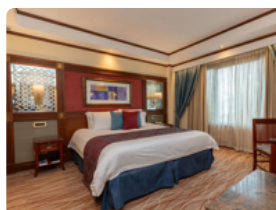
Check in at Nairobi Serena Hotel

Location

This urban hotel is located in Nairobi.

Facilities

Guests can enjoy the pleasant ambience of one of the 5 junior suites, 16 suites and 163 double rooms. The reception desk is open around the clock. Amenities include a baggage storage service, a safe and a currency exchange service. Wireless internet access allows guests to stay connected while on vacation. The tour desk offers assistance with booking excursions. The hotel has a range of facilities for guests with disabilities. An elevator and wheelchair-accessible facilities are available. A fireplace creates a cozy atmosphere. There are a number of shops, including a supermarket and souvenir shop. The grounds of the hotel feature a playground and a lovely garden. Guests arriving by car can park their vehicles in the garage or in the parking lot. Further services include a 24-hour security service, a babysitting service, a childcare service, a car rental service, a transfer service, 24-hour room service, a wake-up call service, a laundry service, a hairdresser, a coin-operated laundry and a hotel shuttle bus. Complimentary newspapers are available. A business center with fax machine and projector is available.





Nairobi Serena Hotel
Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi, Kenya

Day 15



Fly from Nairobi to your home location