

# KENYA ITINERARY

## MAGIC IN THE MAASAI MARA

THE GREAT MIGRATION SEASON: MID JUL-SEP

OTHER GOOD WEATHER SEASONS: DEC-MAR & JUN-OCT

*Speak to us for custom safari programs outside of the Great Migration period. While you may miss out on the massive herds of wildebeest, you'll enjoy lesser crowds and a more private experience throughout.*



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# Hello,

Thank you for sharing our passion for chasing big adventures and considering a trip with JAMBO! We began this journey in 2022, after an unforgettable adventure in Tanzania. Those two weeks—exploring tribal culture, building friendships with locals, and fulfilling a lifelong dream of witnessing the Great Migration—reignited our curiosity about the world. We realized there were so many landscapes, cultures, and traditions waiting to be discovered. Every time we found ourselves in awe, we wished we could share these moments with family and close friends. That's why we created JAMBO: to unlock more of these magical experiences and make them accessible for fellow adventurers.

Our vision is to make journeys to epic, off-the-beaten-path destinations easy, safe, and as stress-free as possible. Since our start, we've expanded our roster to include Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Mongolia, Kenya, Zanzibar, Egypt, Uganda, and more. Along the way, we've been lucky enough to send friends, family, and adventurous travelers like you on incredible trips, and it's been a wild ride. We're just getting started!

You may not know this, but “JAMBO” means “hello” in Swahili. We chose it because it captures the warmth of all those friendly exchanges that make travel so enriching. At JAMBO, we value the deep connections you build with both your travel crew—be they old friends or new faces—and the locals you meet who share their stories, their time, and their expertise. We also care deeply about the social impact we can create, working closely with local communities and trusted partners who bring JAMBO experiences to life.

Each of our trips reflects how we love to explore the world: respectfully, authentically, participatively, and always with an eye for those hidden gems. Our team has walked these paths, tasted the local food, built relationships with our partners, and thoughtfully crafted each itinerary to bring you the best of each place at just the right pace.

JAMBO isn't designed to cover every type of travel. Sometimes we love a road trip or getting lost in the winding streets of a new city. But here, our hope is to inspire bold journeys—whether ticking off a bucket-list destination or simply venturing somewhere new. And if that place happens to be on our map, we'd love to have you join us and experience the JAMBO magic.

Safe travels,

**The JAMBO Team**





# 01

## ARRIVAL & NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK

Welcome to Kenya! Our friendly guide will meet you at the airport with a warm *jambo* (hello in Swahili). Your adventure begins with a game drive in Nairobi National Park, the only national park in the world within a major city. It's a rare chance to see lions, zebra, buffalo, hippos, hyenas, ostriches, and impalas against Nairobi's skyline.

If you're lucky, you may even spot the endangered black rhino. The park also shelters white rhinos, and you'll learn how both species got their names. This unique sanctuary is a testament to the coexistence of urban life and nature.

For dinner, we head to the iconic Carnivore Restaurant, known for its festive atmosphere and Maasai-style service with meats roasted on swords. Alongside classic cuts, you can try ethically farmed "game meat" such as ostrich and crocodile, long-time crowd favourites and a fitting welcome to Kenya.

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Nairobi





# 02

## NAIROBI TO AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

We leave early in the morning, embarking on a long drive to one of Kenya's gems, Amboseli National Park. Renowned for its iconic elephant herds and breathtaking views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the park's unique terrain—a striking blend of wetlands, savannahs, and acacia woodlands—is home to a vibrant mix of wildlife you won't want to miss.

As you explore, keep an eye out for prides of lions, agile cheetahs, zebras, giraffes, wildebeest, and even the occasional hyena. Amboseli is especially famous for its photogenic moments, with Africa's tallest mountain, Kilimanjaro, rising majestically just across the border in Tanzania. The contrast between the park's sprawling plains and the snow-capped peak makes every sighting all the more memorable.

**Accommodation:** Safari lodge in Amboseli





# 03

## FULL DAY IN AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

Today is dedicated to a full day of exploration in Amboseli National Park. Set out early to catch the wildlife at its most active, with elephants, zebras, and giraffes roaming the open plains against the breathtaking backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro.

As you venture deeper into the park, explore Amboseli's marshlands, home to hippos and countless bird species such as African fish eagles and vibrant kingfishers. These wetlands attract a wide array of animals, offering excellent opportunities for close-up photography and peaceful moments in nature. End the day with a stunning sunset, as Kilimanjaro's peak glows against the fading light, a perfect close to your time in Amboseli.

**Accommodation:** Safari lodge in Amboseli





# 04

## AMBOSELI TO CRATER LAKE

Enjoy a slower morning in Amboseli, a welcome change of pace after two days of thrilling game drives. If she's been shy, this may be your last chance to see Mount Kilimanjaro emerge from the clouds, often most visible in the early hours.

By late morning, we wrap up our time in Amboseli and begin the long drive toward Crater Lake. We'll pause for lunch in Nairobi before continuing into the Naivasha region, a fertile area known for its freshwater lake, abundant birdlife, and sweeping rose plantations that make Kenya one of the world's top flower exporters.

This evening, we arrive at Crater Lake Conservancy, a hidden volcanic lake surrounded by lush forest. Tonight brings a special treat: a night game drive, where you may spot bushbabies leaping between the trees and hippos walking up from Lake Naivasha to graze. It's a whole new way to experience the wild after dark.

**Accommodation:** Safari lodge in Crater Lake





# 05

## NATURE WALK IN CONSERVANCY, LAKE NAIVASHA BOAT SAFARI & CRESCENT ISLAND

Begin the day with a guided nature walk in the private Crater Lake Conservancy, where rangers explain how wildlife is protected in non-intrusive ways. Along the trail, learn to read hoofprints, uncover fun facts from animal droppings, and, if lucky, watch a “mini animal kingdom” gather at the watering hole, one of the most special experiences given the privacy of the reserve.

After lunch, head to Lake Naivasha for a boat safari across waters teeming with hippos and birdlife, from African fish eagles to pelicans and kingfishers. Rising water levels here have reshaped the shoreline, swallowing estates, and adding a dynamic edge to the scenery.

We end with a walk on Crescent Island, named for its distinctive shape, where you can stroll among giraffes, zebras, and antelopes. This was also a filming site for Out of Africa, a fitting finale to a day of fresh perspectives on Kenya's wild side.

**Accommodation:** Safari lodge in Crater Lake





# 06

## VIEWPOINT HIKE & JOURNEY TO MAASAI MARA

This morning can unfold in two ways. For the active and ambitious, take a 3.5hr trek around the rim of Crater Lake. Along the trail you'll see obsidian rock formed by ancient volcanic activity and enjoy viewpoints overlooking the surrounding lakes, including Naivasha and Olodien, now merged into one due to rising water levels. Or, if you prefer, spend a slower morning by the lake, watching sunrise from your room or sipping a coffee as the forest stirs to life with birdsong and the croaking calls of colobus monkeys. As we leave, take a short 30min hike to the nearest viewpoint before we head off.

By mid-morning, we begin the long drive to Kenya's most iconic safari destination, the Maasai Mara. Along the way, you'll pass through rural villages and open farmland, with the chance to stop for a local favorite: freshly roasted corn picked up from roadside vendors. It's a simple but delicious snack that gives you a real taste of Kenyan life outside the cities. As we arrive, your guide will introduce the Maasai Mara Conservancy, part of the greater Serengeti ecosystem and home to some of the most celebrated wildlife viewing on earth.

**Accommodation:** Safari lodge near the gates of Maasai Mara national park





# 07

## MAASAI MARA NATIONAL PARK (MIGRATION SIGHTINGS)

Wake up bright and early with packed lunches in hand, ready for a full-day game drive in the Maasai Mara. Today, we focus on one of nature's greatest spectacles — the Great Migration. This mass movement of wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle is driven by the search for greener pastures, and while the herds themselves are incredible to see, the famous river crossings are an added gift from mother nature, never guaranteed.

If signs point to a likely crossing — swelling herds gathering nervously on the banks — we'll make haste to the river. It's a game of patience and luck, sometimes waiting for hours before the moment comes. Across Kenya's parks, guides share updates over the radio, though only after quietly messaging their closest friends first. This camaraderie ensures we don't miss the action, though it also means the best sightings can get busy quickly. Either way, the anticipation, suspense, and sudden eruption of movement make the Mara's migration season unforgettable.

**Accommodation:** Safari lodge near the gates of Maasai Mara national park





# 08

## MAASAI MARA, MIGRATION & LION PRIDES

If day one didn't deliver a river crossing, we'll try again, no two days in the Mara are ever the same. But migration aside, there's a reason this reserve is Kenya's crown jewel. With over 95 mammal species and 470+ bird species, the Mara teems with life even outside the migration season. Large prides of lions dominate the plains, their complex social dynamics offering endless fascination. The Marsh, Topi, and Rekero prides are among the most famous, often featured in documentaries.

Beyond lions, you may encounter cheetah families scanning the horizon, hyenas patrolling in packs, or elephants moving in stately groups across the grasslands. Today is about slow tracking, immersing ourselves in the rhythm of the ecosystem, and discovering the quieter stories that make the Mara more than just a stage for the migration, but a living, breathing wilderness of its own.

**Accommodation:** Safari lodge near the gates of Maasai Mara national park





# 09

## HOT AIR BALLOON SAFARI, RETURN TO NAIROBI

For those opting for the hot air balloon safari (USD 550 per person), today begins before sunrise. As the burners roar and the balloon lifts, the Mara unfolds in a way few ever experience. Float silently above golden plains as dawn breaks, watching wildebeest and zebra gallop below, hippos stir in the rivers, and elephants move through the morning mist. After landing inside the park (with balloon re-entry and landing fees included), a sumptuous breakfast awaits in the bush, complete with champagne to toast this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. The drive out of the park doubles as your final game drive, a last chance to bid farewell to Kenya's wildlife kingdom.

For others, after two early mornings, enjoy a well-deserved lie-in and a final breakfast at the lodge before beginning the long journey back to Nairobi. Back in the city, a comfortable hotel is arranged for you to rest and refresh. In the evening, gather for a farewell dinner with old and new friends, sharing stories of the bush, favourite wildlife moments, and plenty of laughter to close the adventure on a high.

**Accommodation:** Hotel in Nairobi





# 10

## NAI NAMI WALKING TOUR OR A COFFEE PLANTATION VISIT, DEPARTURE

On your final day in Nairobi, choose how you'd like to experience the city. One option is the Nai Nami walking tour, guided by former street kids who share their stories as they lead you from downtown to uptown Nairobi. Trigger warning: themes of drug abuse, sexual violence, and poverty may arise. The tour is safe, deeply moving, and directly supports programs that feed, school, and empower underprivileged youth.

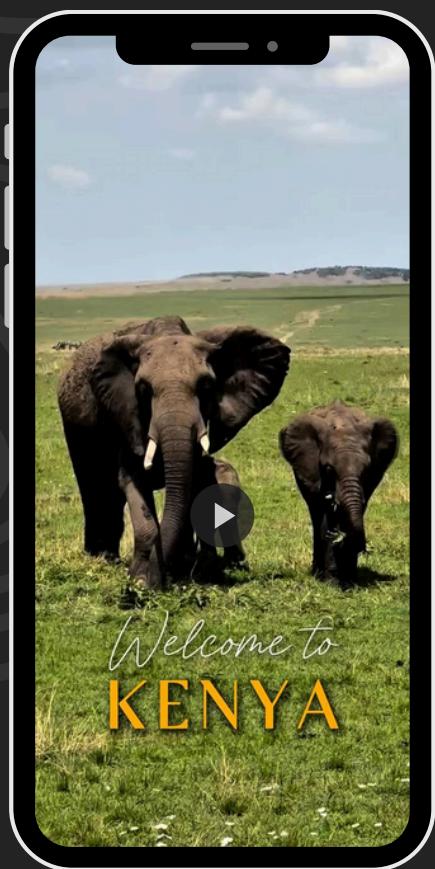
Alternatively, visit the Fairview Coffee Estate for a guided experience where you'll stroll through lush plantations and learn the journey from coffee cherry to roasted bean to a freshly prepared cup of coffee that you'll get to sample.

We round off the trip at Nairobi's local markets for some last-minute shopping. Expect touty but generally respectful vendors as you browse woven baskets, Maasai shukas (blankets), colorful fabrics, and T-shirts aplenty. With bags a little fuller and hearts very full, we say narudi (see you later), Kenya.



# Trip Summary

Day	Trip highlights
1	Arrival, Nairobi National Park, Game Drives
2	→Amboseli National Park, Game Drives
3	Amboseli National Park, Game Drives
4	→Crater Lake, Night Game Drive
5	Nature Walk in Private Conservancy, Lake Naivasha, Boat Safari, Crescent Island Walking Safari
6	Crater Lake Rim Walk or Short Hike to View Point, →Maasai Mara
7	Maasai Mara, Game Drives, Migration Sighting Opportunity
8	Maasai Mara, Game Drives, Migration Sighting Opportunity
9	Hot Air Balloon Safari, →Nairobi
10	Nai Nami Walking Tour or Visit to Coffee Plantation, Central Market, Departure



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# Because your comfort matters to us...

Throughout your journey with us, you will be staying in properties that we have carefully curated. The following pictures are intended to give you an idea of the quality and level of comfort you can expect when travelling with Jambo. These are a selection from some of the preferred accommodation partners we work with and could differ across trips and based on availability at the time of your booking.



# Follow the Trail of Your Adventure

Every Jambo itinerary is crafted from the ground up after weeks spent exploring routes, testing experiences, and collaborating with local experts who share our vision. Each journey is designed with a thoughtful rhythm and balance, ensuring that travel days, activities, and moments of rest flow naturally together. Every national park and stop along the way has been carefully chosen, each offering something unique, from diverse wildlife encounters to changing landscapes and rich cultural experiences. In the map below, you'll see how your adventure unfolds, with the route and progression of your journey clearly marked. The numbered circles indicate where you will spend each night.



# Guide on Recommended Flights

Flight schedules often change, so please treat this as a general guide. We've omitted exact timings as they vary throughout the year. This overview highlights routes that best meet our priorities:

- Minimizes leave days by using back-to-back weekends
- Convenient arrival/departure windows
- Reasonable total travel time
- Minimal layovers
- Reliable, comfortable carriers
- Good price to value

## **Additional note if you are looking to join an open group trip:**

We aim to start and end together. Where possible, please try to book the recommended flights. If you're flying separately or arriving early, please plan to be at the airport when the main group arrives. Kindly share your flight details with us, and let us know if you need help arranging separate airport transfers.

	<b>Ethiopian Airlines</b>	<b>Qatar Airlines</b>
<b>Membership</b>	Star Alliance	One World
<b>Outbound:</b>	<b>SIN &gt; ADD &gt; NBO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Departs SIN: Post-midnight ~2am<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦  17 Schedule: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun</li></ul></li><li>• Layover in Addis Ababa: ~4.5hrs</li><li>• Arrives NBO: Afternoon, ~1pm</li></ul>	<b>SIN &gt; DOH &gt; NBO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Departs SIN: Night, ~8pm<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦  17 Schedule: Daily</li></ul></li><li>• Layover in Doha: ~3hrs</li><li>• Arrives NBO: Next day morning, ~8am</li></ul>
<b>Return:</b>	<b>NBO &gt; ADD &gt; SIN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Departs NBO: Evening ~6pm<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦  17 Schedule: Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat</li></ul></li><li>• Layover in Addis Ababa: ~4hrs</li><li>• Arrives SIN: Next day afternoon ~3pm</li></ul>	<b>NBO &gt; DOH &gt; SIN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Departs NBO: Evening ~5pm<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦  17 Schedule: Daily</li></ul></li><li>• Layover in Doha: ~4hrs</li><li>• Arrives SIN: Next day afternoon ~3pm</li></ul>
<b>Ideal schedule:</b> 10-day ground tour, utilizing two weekends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Depart SIN: Sat</li><li>• Arrive JRO: Sat</li><li>• Depart JRO: Mon</li><li>• Arrive SIN: Tue</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Depart SIN: Wed, Thu, Fri</li><li>• Arrive NBO: Thu, Fri, Sat</li><li>• Depart NBO: Sat, Sun, Mon</li><li>• Arrive SIN: Sun, Mon, Tue</li></ul>



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