9 Days Kenya Exotic Air Safari

Highlights: **Nairobi/Amboseli/Meru/Maasai Mara/Nairobi**

Safari Itinerary

DAY 01: Welcome to Nairobi, Kenya's Bustling Capital

Once you arrive at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), you'll be warmly received by HTT Operations Manager who will give you a short brief of your safari. You will then be transferred by private vehicle to Villa Rosa Kempinski Hotel located in the heart of Nairobi's commercial, retail and entertainment suburb about 20 kilometers from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

Villa Rosa Kempinski provides easy access to the city center and diplomatic district and is the perfect base to explore Kenya's capital. The hotel offers the perfect fusion of European luxury and Kenyan hospitality.

Depending on when you arrive, you may have time to explore the city and its attractions.

Some of the most popular excursions include:-

- Visit to the Karen Blixen Museum (once home to the author of the evocative "Out of Africa" book).
- Giraffe Centre; which protects the highly endangered Rothschild's giraffe.
- David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust; an orphanage for young elephants.
- Nairobi National Park; the only wildlife national park in the world that is located within a city.

Lunch and dinner on own basis: You can have lunch/dinner at the hotel's signature restaurants that serve an array of sumptuous local and international cuisines. We can also recommend one of the several city restaurants that serve various delicious cuisines; African, Chinese, Italian, Indian and Vegetarian.

Overnight Stay: Villa Rosa Kempinski

DAY 02: Panoramic Views of Mount Kilimanjaro at Amboseli

0500hrs: Enjoy an early morning breakfast at Villa Rosa Kempinski to get you started on your safari experience to the majestic Amboseli National Park.

0530hrs: Check out. Afterwards, you'll be transferred to our domestic airport, Wilson Airport, for your flight to the Amboseli National Park.

0730hrs: Depart from Wilson Airport to Amboseli. The flight takes about **40 mins. (15 Kgs baggage allowance per person allowed).**

The short flight to Amboseli is mesmerizing. We'll fly over the Athi plains, catching a glimpse of the sweeping vistas of the spell binding scenic hills and as we approach, be welcomed by the snowy peak of Mount Kilimanjaro.

0805hrs: Arrive at Amboseli Airstrip where you'll be met by the camp's representative and be transferred towards your lodge. Enjoy enroute shared game drive as you head over to your lodge at Tortilis.

Amboseli National Park is famous for being the best place in Africa to get close to free-ranging elephants. Other attractions include spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world and opportunities to meet the Maasai people.

The park is also home to lions, cheetahs, buffalos, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests and impalas among others.
You can enjoy plenty of attractions here including:-

- Panoramic views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest freestanding mountain in the world.
- Meet the Maasai people and learn about the Maasai culture and their indigenous lifestyle.
- Visit Observation Hill, which allows an overall view of the whole park especially the swamps and elephants.

0930hrs: You'll arrive at Tortilis Camp for check in and to freshen up.

Tortilis Camp is a luxury camp located in Amboseli Park. The camp is small and private and offers amazing views, service and game drives. With the majestic backdrop of Africa's

highest mountain, Tortilis Camp is widely regarded as the prime location for witnessing the majesty of snow-capped Kilimanjaro.

The tents are all spacious, with king or twin beds and elegant ensuite bathrooms. There is a main lounge, bar and dining area, all exquisitely built with natural materials and thatched roofs, with magnificent views of Kilimanjaro.

1200hrs: Enjoy a sumptuous lunch at the camp.

Tortilis Camp has an invitingly lush and healthy vegetable garden. Its spacious dining room overlooks the Mount Kilimanjaro. The camp's menu can also be tailored for preferences and special diets such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, etc. (available only on prior arrangements).

Spend your afternoon at your own leisure.

1600hrs: Venture out on an exciting evening game drive on a shared basis. You'll enjoy a mesmerizing game drive and explore the flora and fauna of the park. Evening is an ideal time to go on game drives as there is less heat and the wildlife are slowly coming out of their hideouts onto the open plains.

1830hrs: Return to the Camp for dinner and overnight stay

During your 2 nights stay at Tortilis Camp, you will enjoy below services:-

- Full board accommodation,
- Soft drinks, beer, house wines & selected spirits,
- Safari activities including game drives, bush picnics, sundowners and guided bush walk.

DAY 03: Explore the Wonders of Amboseli National Park

Option 1:
0700hrs: Be woken up by the sounds of chirping birds. You can opt for an early morning coffee/tea.

0730hrs: You'll depart for a full day shared game drive with a delicious picnic lunch to enjoy in the middle of the bush. Activities for this day will include game drives, bush picnics, guided bush walks and sundowners.

1830hrs: Return to the camp for dinner and overnight stay.

Option 2:
0700hrs: Be woken up by the sounds of chirping birds. You can opt for an early morning coffee/tea.

0730hrs: Depart for a morning game drive in open vehicles where you'll be able to see a wide variety of wildlife. Early morning game drives are recommended as you'll easily witness predators seeking out their prey and animals lounging in the warmth of the morning.

0930hrs: Return to the lodge for a sumptuous breakfast and then spend the rest of the morning relaxing and admiring the picturesque Mount Kilimanjaro. You can also opt for the various activities offered by the camp. Safari is also a holiday and a rest – a break from every day's frenetic lifestyle. Enjoy the scintillating massages after a long day's game drive.

You'll enjoy your lunch and afterwards spend the afternoon at your own leisure.
Have a dip in the pool and enjoy the cool waters in the heat of the day! Within the lush green gardens, the pool is shaded by palms and acacia Tortilis and a haven for tropical birds.

1600hrs: Evening game drive followed by an exciting sundowner; stop and watch the spectacular African sunset with a drink in hand. Truly epic.

1830hrs: Return to the camp for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 04: Meru National Park

0630hrs: Wake up to an early buffet breakfast at Tortilis Camp and then check out.

0700hrs – You'll be driven to the Amboseli Airstrip where you'll board your flight to Wilson Airport, Nairobi (**You will depart for Wilson Airport at appx. 0815hrs time).**

0850hrs: Arrive at Wilson Airport, Nairobi and board a connecting flight to Meru (You will have approximately 10 mins to freshen up i.e. visiting the wash rooms).

0915hrs: Depart Wilson Airport, Nairobi for Meru National Park. The flight takes approximately **1hour 15mins. (Baggage allowance is 15 kgs per person).**

1115hrs: Arrive at Meru National Park Airstrip where you'll be warmly received by the lodge's representative and transferred to Elsa's Kopje Lodge. You'll enjoy an enroute game drive.

1230hrs appx: Arrive at Elsa's Kopje Lodge in time for check in. After you have settled, you can then proceed to have a sumptuous lunch.

Unashamedly romantic and beautifully styled, Elsa's Kopje is sculpted into Mughwango Hill, above the site of George Adamson's original camp where he raised and released orphan lions, long before conservation became fashionable. Each cottage is crafted around the rocks, with a large bedroom, open sitting room, veranda and spacious bathroom, each with breathtaking views.

Spend the afternoon at your own leisure.
1600hrs: Enjoy an evening game drive on shared basis to the expansive Meru plains.

Meru National Park is wild and beautiful. Straddling the equator and bisected by 13 rivers and numerous mountain-fed streams. It is an especially beautiful area of Kenya with diverse scenery from woodlands at 2,000ft 600m on the slopes of the Nyambeni Mountain Range north east of Mt Kenya to wide open plains with meandering riverbanks dotted with doum palms.

The Park is most famous for the Joy Adamson's autobiography "Born Free" a film has since been produced based on the same book about her research and life with lions and cheetahs.

Game to view include: Lion, Elephant, Cheetah, Leopard, Black Rhino, Zebra, Gazelle, Oryx and some of the rarer Antelope Lesser Kudu and Duiker also the more common Dik Dik one of Africa's smallest antelope.

Activities include: game viewing, fishing, bird watching, biking, hiking and boat rafting.

1830hrs: Return to Elsa's Kopje lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

Below are the services that you'll enjoy during your 2 day stay at Elsa's Kopje:-

- Full board accommodation, soft drinks, beer, house wines & selected spirits
- safari activities including:- game drives, bush picnics, sundowners, guided bush walk
- airstrip transfers
- Laundry.

DAY 05: Enjoy the Whole Day in Meru National Park

0630hrs: Wake up for a refreshing hot cup of coffee or tea. Then depart for a morning game drive to explore Meru National Park and its intriguing wildlife.

0830hrs: Return to the lodge for a full buffet breakfast and spend the morning at your own leisure.

1230hrs: Enjoy a scintillating buffet lunch at the lodge.

Afternoon spent at leisure, this may be a good time to relax by the swimming pool

1600hrs: Depart for an evening game drive.

1830hrs Return to the Lodge for a Sumptuous dinner and then overnight at the very elegant Elsa's Kopje Lodge.

DAY 06: Maasai Mara Game Reserve, 8th Wonder of the World

0630hrs: Wake up to an early buffet breakfast at Elsa's Kopje Lodge and then check out.

0800hrs – You'll be driven to the Meru Airstrip where you'll board your flight to Masai Mara. (**You will depart for Mara Airstrip at appx. 0935hrs time; baggage allowance is 15 kgs per person).**

NOTE: (The flight may route via Wilson airport Nairobi)

0935hrs: Depart Meru Airstrip for Maasai Mara Game Reserve. The flight takes approximately **1 hour 50 minutes.**

1130hrs: Arrive at Maasai Mara Airstrip where you'll be warmly received by the lodge's representative and transferred to Sanctuary Olonana Safari Lodge. You'll enjoy an enroute game drive.

1230hrs appx: Arrive at Sanctuary Olonana Safari Lodge in time for check in. After you have settled, you can then proceed to have a sumptuous lunch.

Sanctuary Olonana is an exceptional luxury safari lodge set on a private stretch of the Mara River in the heart of Kenya's most famous game reserve, the Masai Mara. Featuring 14 glass-sided suites, Sanctuary Olonana is inspired by the Maasai Mara's breath-taking natural wonders, an abundance of wildlife, and a dramatic river which runs right past its forest setting. Game drives, cultural visits, bush dinners, sundowners, scenic flights and balloon rides at Olonana makes for a wonderful African safari.

Spend the afternoon at your own leisure. You can relax in your comfortable tent.

1600hrs: Enjoy an evening game drive on shared basis to the expansive Mara plains.

The Maasai Mara National Reserve is one of the most popular safari destinations in Africa. The Maasai Mara is regarded as the jewel of Kenya's wildlife viewing areas. There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles and over 450 birds species recorded on the reserve.

Nowhere in Africa is wildlife more abundant, and it is for this reason a visitor hardly misses to see the big five **(buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion, and rhino).** Other animals that can be spotted here include hippos, cheetahs, gazelles, antelopes, zebras, giraffes, dik-dik, and warthogs among others.

The annual wildebeest's migration alone involves over 1.5 million wildebeests, zebras, gazelles and other animals that cross over from the Serengeti to the Maasai Mara in search of pasture and water. They cross the Mara River in July and make the return journey in late October/November. The migration, especially the Mara River crossing has been dubbed one of the 8th wonders of the modern world.

1830hrs: Return to Sanctuary Olonana lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

Below are the services that you'll enjoy during your 3 day stay at Olonana:-

- All meals, non-alcoholic beverages and alcoholic beverages (with exception of premium brands and Champagne).
- All game viewing activities, nature walk, a visit to a Maasai village and bush meals.
- Laundry services and emergency medical evacuation.

DAY 07/ 08: Enjoy Captivating 2 Days in the Maasai Mara

0630hrs: Wake up for a refreshing hot cup of coffee or tea. Then depart for a morning game drive to explore the Mara plains and its intriguing wildlife.

Alternatively:-
You can opt for a Hot Air Balloon Safari instead of a morning game drive.
This is truly a fun and exciting way to see Africa's landscapes and wildlife.

The trip is magical: spend about one hour floating over the Mara plains. You float in the sky, drift with the whim of the wind, overlooking the plains, just in time to experience a breathtaking sunrise and catch a bird's eye view of the reserve.

Please Note:
BALLOON SAFARI IS BOOKED AT EXTRA COST AS SHOWN BELOW IN OUR EXTRAS.
The cost includes Balloon Safari + Out of Africa Bush Breakfast. A certificate will be presented by the pilot after the ride.
For a seamless experience, we recommend that you book your Balloon Safari with HTT.

0830hrs: Return to the lodge for a full buffet breakfast and spend the morning at your own leisure.

1230hrs: Enjoy a scintillating buffet lunch at the lodge.
Afternoon spent at leisure. You can relax by the swimming pool or you can visit a traditional Maasai Village where you'll get insight into the vibrant and traditional way of life of the Maasai.

1600hrs: Depart for an evening game drive.
1830hrs Return to the Lodge for dinner and then overnight at Sanctuary Olonana Safari Lodge.

DAY 09: from Maasai Mara to Nairobi and Onward

0730hrs: Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the lodge and then check out.
1000hrs: You'll be driven to the Mara airstrip by Olonana lodge representative for your connecting flight to Nairobi.

1100hrs: Flight departure: Say goodbye to the sights and sounds of the Mara Plains below as you hold on to the memories of the last few days and mentally plan for your return.
(15kgs baggage allowance per person allowed).

1300hrs: Flight arrival: You'll be met at our domestic airport (Wilson Airport, Nairobi) by our representative, who will drop you off at the Nairobi airport for your flight back home.
Please Note: 3 hours prior check-in is required.

YOUR SAFARI EXPERIENCE IN KENYA ENDS TODAY,
WE HOPE YOU'VE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME,
& FORMED MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME!

We Look Forward to Hosting You Again.

Cost Includes:-

- Bed and breakfast accommodation for 01 night at Villa Rosa Kempinski.
- Full board accommodation and meals on safari 07 nights at Elsa's Kopje, Tortilis and Sanctuary Olonana lodges.
- Game drives in a safari vehicle (Non A/C - shared usage) with a pop up roof for maximum game viewing comfort with a professional English-speaking driver/guide.
- All park entrance fees
- Game package details as shown above in itinerary
- Return flight tickets from Wilson/Amboseli/Wilson, Wilson/Meru, Meru/Mara, and Mara/Wilson; including taxes.
- All domestic airport / International airport transfers.

Cost Excludes:-

- The cost of obtaining visas - USD 50 per person and children under 16 years of age do not pay visa.
- Expenses like laundry, bar bill, telephone, mineral water, tips, poterage etc.
- International flights.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- All other expenses that are purely of a personal nature.
- All other items that are not mentioned in 'our price includes'.

Extras while on safari:

→ **Balloon safari in Masai Mara**

Please note

1. Soft-sided luggage or duffels are preferable to hard luggage for storage on safari vehicles within East Africa. Large suitcases of dimensions greater than 24"x 17"x 7" are impossible to store in vehicles and on aircraft and should not be used. (Baggage and personal effects are at owner's risk throughout the tour and baggage insurance for members is strongly advised). **Luggage limit of one soft bag per person during travel in Kenya/Tanzania. Hard cases should be avoided as they cannot fit in safari vehicles.**
2. Baggage on Internal Scheduled Flights: if applicable
   Baggage allowance is 15 kg per person.
   Extra luggage will be charged each kilo basis subject to availability of space.
3. **Non A/C Vehicles are used for transfers in Nairobi and on Safari in Kenya & Tanzania**
4. Passport should be **valid at least 6 months** beyond period of stay.
5. It is the duty of the client to check visa requirements for the travel.
6. Check-in at the hotels are 1400hours & check-out 1000hours.
7. Missed or delayed flights can lead to changes in the itinerary and at client's expense, should the case arise.
8. We recommend travel insurance to be taken out to safeguard against any cancellations charges levied.

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Why Choose HTT as Your Safari Partner

- HTT has over 30 years' experience in the tourism industry providing unrivalled quality and service to our clients with utmost dedication.

- We have highly professional staff who will treat you like royalty, from the moment you embark from your plane to your transfer to your hotel/lodge until your last day of safari.

- HTT offers well-planned, customized itineraries that stray off the beaten path. Our safaris are guaranteed to provide you with exceptional. From breathtaking vistas, thrilling game drives, epic sundowners to magical bush dinners under the starry African sky.

- To make your safari as memorable, enjoyable and comfortable as possible we do the following: -

    - Inspect all the lodges before we recommend it to you. We make sure they are in the best location within the park to ensure excellent game drives.

    - We also inspect each camp to ensure they are to the highest standards in terms of accommodation, food and amenities.