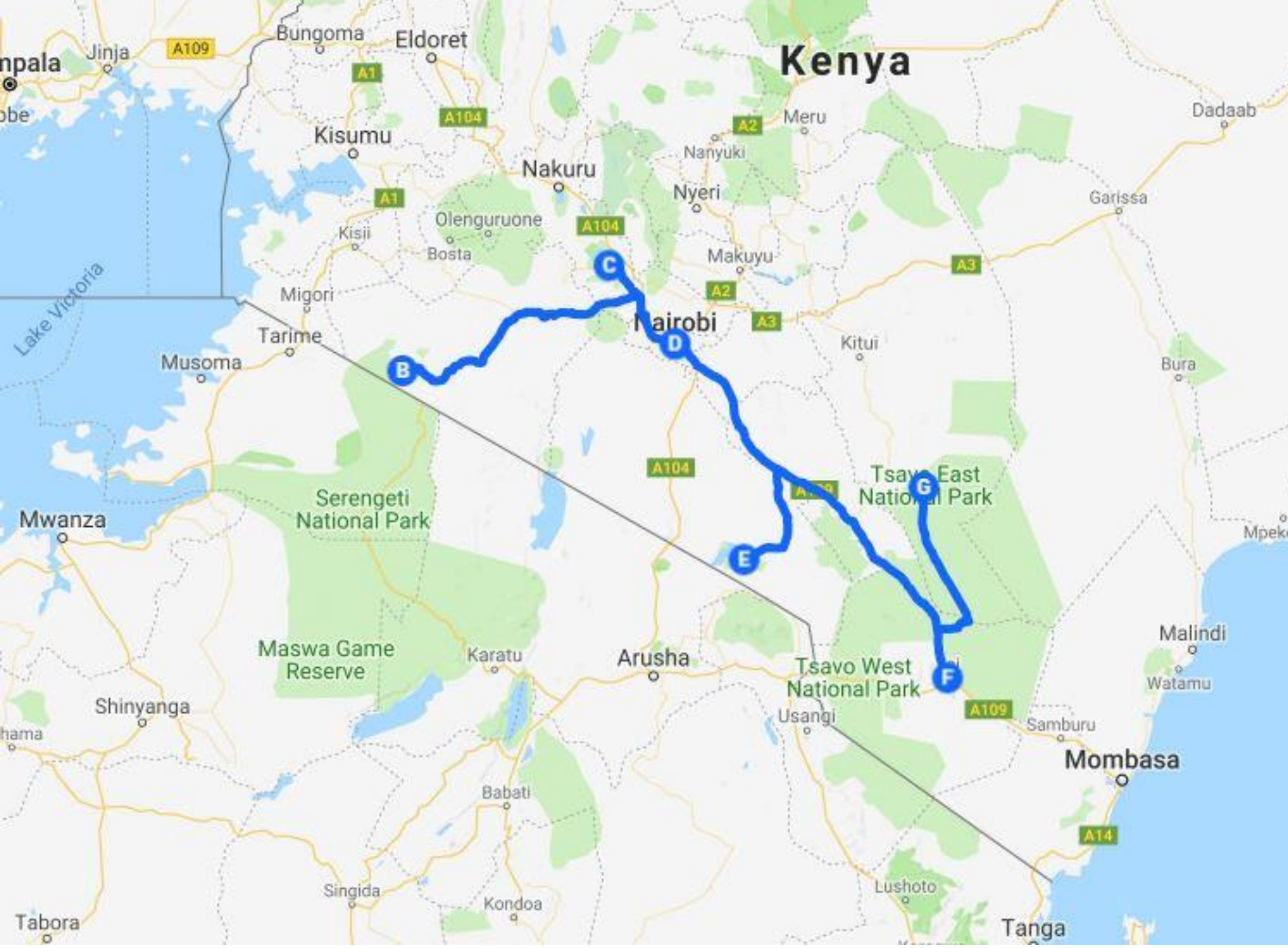




“FROM MASAI MARA TO TSAVO EAST”

Masai Mara – Lake Naivasha – Nairobi – Amboseli – Tsavo East

8 days / 7 nights



" From Masai Mara to Tsavo East "

MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

The Masai Mara is one of the best-known reserves in the whole of Africa and is globally renowned for its exceptional wildlife.

Across the vast plains of the Mara, visitors are able to witness lions, cheetahs, leopards, elephants, and an infinite variety of other species in their natural habitats. The Reserve is famous for its huge herds of Wildebeest and Zebra which migrate through Maasai Mara from the Serengeti around June-October each year.

Its tawny, wildlife-stuffed savannahs are familiar to anyone who has watched nature documentaries. Reliable rains and plentiful vegetation underpin this extraordinary ecosystem and the millions of herbivores it supports.

Wildebeest, zebras, impalas, elephants, Masai giraffes and several species of gazelle all call the Mara home. This vast concentration of game accounts for high predator numbers, including cheetahs, leopards and the highest lion densities in the world.



1 Day

H. 06.00 Departure from Nairobi in direction of Masai Mara National Reserve

On the way we will stop for coffee

H. 13.00 Arrival at the Lodge / Camp – Accommodation and Lunch

This is the territory of the Masai, a people of hunters. The landscape is varied and magnificent: hills, forests of acacias, green banks of the Mara River. The most represented habitat is that the savannah.

H. 16.00 Game drive in Masai Mara Reserve until sunset

H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge / Camp

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight





2 Day

H. 06.30 Breakfast

H. 07.00 Game drive in Masai Mara Reserve

H. 12.00 Back to the Lodge / Camp

H. 13.00 Lunch (Picnic - lunch on request)

H. 16.00 Game drive in Masai Mara Reserve until sunset

H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge / Camp

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight





3 Day

H. 06.00 Breakfast

H. 06.30 Game drive and departure in direction of Naivasha Lake

Arrival at the "Elsamere Lodge" in what was once the Joy Adamson's home

We are on the shores of Lake Naivasha, in Elsamere, in what was the home of Joy Adamson, the writer of "Born Free"; that incredible story of the lioness Elsa that moved the world, grown in captivity and then reinserted into its natural environment.

H. 13.00 Lunch

H. 15.30 Safari boat at Naivasha Lake until sunset

H. 17.00 Back to the Lodge

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight







LAKE NAIVASHA

Lake Naivasha is a freshwater lake. It is part of the Great Rift Valley. The name derives from the local Maasai name *Nai'posha*, meaning "rough water" because of the sudden storms which can arise.

Lake Naivasha is at the highest elevation of the Kenyan Rift valley at 1,884 metres (6,181 ft) in a complex geological combination of volcanic rocks and sedimentary deposits from a larger Pleistocene era lake. Apart from transient streams, the lake is fed by the perennial Malewa and Gilgil rivers. There is no visible outlet, but since the lake water is relatively fresh it is assumed to have an underground outflow.

The lake is home to a variety of types of wildlife including over 400 different species of bird and a sizeable population of hippos. The fish community in the lake has been highly variable over time, influenced by changes in climate, fishing effort and the introduction of invasive species. The most recent shift in the fish population followed the accidental introduction of common carp in 2001. Nine years later, in 2010, common carp accounted for over 90% of the mass of fish caught in the lake.

4 Day

H. 06.30 Breakfast

H. 07.00 Departure in direction of Nairobi

H. 11.00 Visit the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Orphanage

H. 13.00 Lunch included

H. 15.00 Visit the Giraffe Center and Karen Blixen Museum

H. 17.30 Back to the Hotel

H. 20.00 Free dinner (Carnivore Restaurant on request)





DAVID SHELDRIK WILDLIFE TRUST ORPHANAGE

Born from the passion of a family for Kenya and its wild nature, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is today the most successful elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world and one of the pioneering conservation organizations for wildlife and animal protection, and for the habitat in East Africa.

GIRAFFE CENTER

The Africa Fund for Endangered Fauna (AFEW) in Kenya was founded in 1979 by the late Jock Leslie-Melville, a Kenyan citizen of British origin, and his American-born wife, Betty Leslie-Melville.

They founded the Giraffe Center after discovering the sad condition of the Rothschild Giraffe. A subspecies of the giraffe that is found only in the East African grasslands.

KAREN BLIXEN MUSEUM

The Karen Blixen Museum was once the home of a farm at the foot of the Ngong Hills owned by Danish author Karen and her Swedish husband, Baron Bror von Blixen Fincke. The farm has become internationally famous with the release of the film "Out of Africa" (La mia Africa).



5 Day

H. 06.30 Breakfast

H. 07.00 Departure in direction of Amboseli National Park

H. 13.00 Arrival at the Lodge / Camp – Accommodation and Lunch

The Kilimanjaro with its 5,895 meters, is the highest solitary mountain peak in the world that offers from southern Kenya a breath-taking view that is the background of the savannah: one of the most beautiful and most representative of the uniqueness of this land. Large underground springs create numerous swamps, real oases in an otherwise inhospitable environment.

H. 16.00 Game drive until sunset

H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge / Camp

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight







MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Mount Kilimanjaro with its three volcanic cones, "Kibo", "Mawenzi", and "Shira", is a dormant volcano in Tanzania. It is the highest mountain in Africa, with its summit about 4,900 metres (16,100 ft) from its base, and 5,895 metres (19,341 ft) above sea level.

The first people known to have reached the summit of the mountain were Hans Meyer and Ludwig Purtscheller, in 1889. The mountain is part of Kilimanjaro National Park and is a major climbing destination. The mountain has been the subject of many scientific studies because of its shrinking glaciers and disappearing ice fields.

Kilimanjaro is a large stratovolcano composed of three distinct volcanic cones: Kibo, the highest; Mawenzi at 5,149 metres (16,893 ft); and Shira, the lowest at 4,005 metres (13,140 ft). Mawenzi and Shira are extinct, while Kibo is dormant and could erupt again.

Kibo is the largest cone on the mountain and is more than 24 km (15 mi) wide at the Saddle Plateau altitude. The last activity here, dated to 150,000–200,000 years ago, created the current Kibo summit crater. Kibo still has gas-emitting fumaroles in its crater.

6 Day

- H. 06.30 Breakfast
- H. 07.00 Game drive in Amboseli National Park
- H. 13.00 Back to the Lodge / Camp - Lunch
- H. 16.00 Game drive until sunset
- H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge / Camp
- H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight





AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

“Home of the African Elephant”

Crowned by Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, the Amboseli National Park is one of Kenya's most popular parks. The name "Amboseli" comes from a Maasai word meaning "salty dust", and it is one of the best places in Africa to view large herds of elephants up close.

Nature lovers can explore five different habitats here ranging from the dried-up bed of Lake Amboseli, wetlands with sulphur springs, the savannah and woodlands.

The park is famous for being the best place in the world to get close to free-ranging elephants. Other attractions of the park include opportunities to meet Maasai and visit a Maasai village. The park also has views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world. Amboseli National Park offers some of the best opportunities to see African wildlife because the vegetation is sparse due to the long, dry months. The protected area is home to African bush elephant, Cape buffalo, impala, lion, cheetah, spotted hyena, Masai giraffe and blue wildebeest. A host of large and small birds occur too.



7 Day

H. 06.30 Breakfast

H. 07.00 Game drive

Transfer to Tsavo East National Park

H. 13.00 Arrival at the Lodge / Camp – Accommodation and Lunch

H. 16.00 Game drive until sunset

H. 18.30 Back to the Lodge / Camp

H. 20.00 Dinner and overnight





TSAVO EAST NATIONAL PARK

“Theatre of the Wild”

Tsavo East National Park is one of the oldest and largest parks in Kenya at 13,747 square kilometres. Situated in a semi-arid area previously known as the Taru Desert it opened in April 1948, and is located near the town of Voi in the Taita-Taveta County of the former Coast Province.

The park is divided into east and west sections by the A109 road and a railway. Named for the Tsavo River, which flows west to east through the national park, it borders the Chyulu Hills National Park,

The sight of dust-red elephant wallowing, rolling and spraying each other with the midnight blue waters of palm-shaded Galana River is one of the most evocative images in Africa. This, along with the 300 kilometres long Yatta Plateau, the longest lava flow in the world, make for an adventure unlike any other in the Tsavo East.

The park forms the largest protected area in Kenya and is home to most of the larger mammals, vast herds of dust-red elephant, Rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, pods of hippo, crocodile, waterbucks, lesser Kudu, gerenuk and the prolific bird life features 500 recorded species.

8 Day

H. 06.30 Breakfast

H. 07.00 Game drive before leaving the park and departure for the Coast where the arrival is expected after about 2 hours.

“What you’ve done becomes the judge of what you’re going to do, especially in other people’s minds. When you’re traveling, you are what you are right there and then. People don’t have your past to hold against you. No yesterdays on the road.”

William Least Heat Moon





Included:

- Transfer from / to your residence
- Safari in Jeep Land cruiser
- Driver /Certified Professional Guide (KPSGA)
- Italian Certified Professional Guide (KPSGA)
- Water in the jeep during the safari
- Entrance fees to National Parks and Reserves
- 1 Hour boat ride at Naivasha Lake
- Fees entry at David Sheldrick, Giraffe Center and Karen Blixen Museum
- Six nights in Lodge / Camp in full board excluding drinks
- One night at Nairobi in B&B
- Lunch at Nairobi excluding drinks

Not included:

- Tips
- Personal insurance
- Drinks at the Lodge / Camp during the lunch at Nairobi
- Dinner at Nairobi
- Tips in lodges and camps, and drivers (recommended in camps and lodges if satisfied with the service and obligatory for the driver)
- Anything not specified in "included"

P. S. The cost of this program could change / increase prices due to the increase in entrance fees for national parks and reserves, government taxes and accommodation rates for the current year and / or changes in exchange rates.

Confirmation of this safari is subject to the availability of selected Lodge / Camps at the time of booking.

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