



KENYA & TANZANIA WILDLIFE SAFARI - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Small Group Journeys, Luxury Small Group Journeys



Africa, Kenya, Tanzania



12 days from AU\$22,580 pp



18 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Discover Africa's astounding diversity, including the iconic Big Five, in custom-made vehicles with an unobstructed view from every seat
- Experience incredible up-close encounters with East Africa's diverse wildlife thanks to the in-depth tracking skills of our handpicked safari guides
- Visit the Canines for Conservation training centre for a special behind-the-scenes experience and to meet the talented dogs who sniff out illicit animal products
- Stay on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, a privileged location that affords you early access to the crater floor for a quieter, less-crowded safari experience
- Privately visit Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakey family discovered fossils linking man to his distant ancestors
- Visit a Maasai village to learn about the customs and traditions of these nomadic herders



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

Arrive in Nairobi, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. A microcosm of the African continent, this capital city is your gateway to a dramatic procession of natural spectacles in Kenya and Tanzania, among the most thrilling destinations in the world.

Nairobi Serena Hotel

Day 2: Amboseli National Park | Game and Mountain Vistas

Drive to Amboseli National Park, known for its thriving big-game population, especially elephants, more than 1,000 of which live in the park. From a distance, take in views of the highest mountain in Africa, the snowcapped Mount Kilimanjaro, with its impressive Uhuru Peak soaring to 5,895 metres. Arrive at your lodge set beneath acacia trees in the shadow of Kilimanjaro. After lunch, explore the acacia woodland, freshwater swamps, scrub brush and open plains in search of wildlife. Part of the park is composed of a driedup lake bed, where mirages rise from the shimmering heat. This evening, share in a special welcome dinner with your fellow guests.

Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Amboseli National Park | Mountainside Sightings

Set out on early morning and afternoon game drives, crisscrossing the landscape in search of the park's large herds of elephants, as well as zebra and wildebeest, along the salt pan trails. Prepare for predator sightings as opportunistic animals begin roaming the plains in search of prey. Return to your lodge for dinner, followed by a relaxing evening under African skies.

Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Arusha, Tanzania | Canines for Conservation

Cross the border into Tanzania and continue to your hotel on the picturesque slopes of Mount Meru. This afternoon, stop at the kennels of the Canines for Conservation training centre for a special behind-the-scenes visit with the K-9 cadets trained to detect illicit wildlife products in cargo and luggage. Return to your hotel, enjoying a refreshing Scenic Sundowner on the edge of Lake Duluti before gathering for dinner.

Arusha Serena Hotel, Resort & Spa | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater | Spot the Tree-Climbing Lion

Drive from Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park for a morning game drive, searching for nonchalant baboons, dik-diks that forage for food beneath acacia trees, and large herds of buffalo, wildebeest and zebra, which gather on the grassy, sun-drenched plains. Along a narrow belt of acacia woodland, you may even spot the region's storied tree-climbing lions, ascending branches for a cool breeze. After lunch, travel to Ngorongoro Crater, ascending its outer wall through dense vegetation. Ngorongoro is the largest unbroken ancient caldera in the world and a likely place to view lions, elephants, hyenas and gazelle. This afternoon, participate in a Chef's Table demonstration in the hotel kitchen, preparing and sampling local dishes.

Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater | Explore a Natural Wildlife Haven

This morning, descend into the crater, arriving ahead of most visitors — thanks to the ideal location of your accommodations on the crater's rim — to view the resident wildlife at its most active time of day. The prairies of this "Lost World" are great spots for watching buffalo and elephants as well as the countless other species that roam the crater's 260-square-kilometre floor. You may even sight flamingos (when in season) or rare black rhinos. Following lunch, visit a Maasai village to gain a better understanding of the nomadic cattle herders' daily life and culture.

Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Serengeti National Park | In Ancient Footsteps

Drive to vast, wildlife-rich Serengeti National Park and through its spectacular mix of savanna grassland and volcanic hills, stopping en route for a privately guided tour of Olduvai Gorge, one of the key sources of prehuman hominid fossils. Renowned palaeontologists Mary and Louis Leakey made many notable finds here, including "Nutcracker Man", who lived approximately 1.75 million years ago. Visit the on-site museum, take in views from the lookout point and examine the excavations, which revealed 3.7-million-year-old footprints and the 1.8-million-year-old skull of a human. Continue to your lodge, which is framed by commanding views of this land of lions, leopards, hyenas, cheetahs, giraffes and topi. The park also serves as a setting for the Great Migration when it passes through each year. Enjoy your room's blend of elegant and contemporary design with influences from the traditional Maasai culture.

Meliá Serengeti Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Serengeti National Park | Iconic Safari Quarry

Today, revel in true safari country, searching for iconic species, such as lions, leopards, Cape buffalo and elephants, as well as giraffes, gazelle and zebra. Along the rivers and rocky outcrops, you may also spot some of the Serengeti's more diminutive denizens, such as leopard tortoises and rhinoceros beetles.

Meliá Serengeti Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya | Into the Wild

Fly to the vast Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya's finest wildlife spectacle, offering excellent game viewing year-round. The unending landscape hosts some 450 bird species, 95 animal species and all of the great predators, including the country's largest lion population. After familiarising yourself with your classic tented accommodations, ideally situated at the confluence of the Mara's four game-viewing regions, drive through the famed reserve.

Mara Intrepids | Meals: BLD

Note: Accommodations vary by departure date. See Journey Details for more information.

Day 10: Masai Mara Game Reserve | Endless Discovery

Explore a region bestowed with over 1,295 square kilometres of savannas, woodlands and tree-fringed rivers on morning and afternoon game drives. You may observe crocodiles basking in the sun, see ever-alert hippos wallowing in muddy water or catch the antics of mischievous monkeys overhead. Watch, too, as African elephants rumble along the forest edge and giraffes snatch leaves from branches high above.

Mara Intrepids | Meals: BLD

Note: Accommodations vary by departure date. See Journey Details for more information.

Day 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve | A Final Look

Venture forth on a morning game drive or enjoy an optional hot air balloon ride (at an additional cost), viewing the Masai Mara and its wild inhabitants from a new perspective. After lunch back at camp and time to relax, head out on a late afternoon game drive for a final look at the Mara's treasures. Later, enjoy a Scenic Sundowner, sipping traditional cocktails while marvelling at the incredible open plains just before dusk — a relaxing prelude to a memorable farewell dinner with your fellow guests.

Mara Intrepids / Meals: BLD

Note: Accommodations vary by departure date. See Journey Details for more information.

Day 12: Depart Nairobi

Return to Nairobi. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in a reserved dayroom before your international departure flight home.

Nairobi Serena Hotel (dayroom) / Meals: B

Journey Details

Internal Air: Serengeti/Tarime; Migori/Masai Mara/Nairobi

Minimum age is 10 years.

Each guest on this journey will receive an A&K Safari Duffel.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: hotel transfer at 12:15 p.m. on Day 12.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Please note that alternative accommodations for Days 9-11 will be featured on the following departure dates: Jan 14, Feb 11, Jun 10, Jul 1, Jul 11, Jul 18, Jul 29, Aug 5, Aug 12, Aug 26, Sep 9, Sep 23, Oct 7, Oct 14 and Dec 23, 2025. Guests will be staying at the *Little Zebra River Camp*.

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- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
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Map



Accommodation

Nairobi Serena Hotel



Located a short walk from downtown Nairobi, the Nairobi Serena blends a charming ambience with full five-star facilities in a surprisingly green and peaceful setting. The large and luxuriously-furnished rooms are all well appointed, with views over the lush gardens or the green expanse of Central Park. The Serena boasts one of the country's finest health centres, the Maisha Health Club, and several restaurants catering to a wide variety of tastes, including the acclaimed and newly-refurbished Mandhari Restaurant.

Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge



Nestled in the foothills of Kilimanjaro, hidden beneath a copse of giant acacia trees and beside a gently flowing natural spring lies Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge. With Kilimanjaro's 6,000-metre-high snow-capped peaks rising behind the lodge and presiding over the landscape, the setting is nothing short of magnificent. The lodge has 96 beautifully appointed rooms and a swimming pool filled with fresh water from a spring flowing from Mount Kilimanjaro.

The Amboseli National Park covers several variations of terrain and thus attracts diverse species of game. Along with elephant, buffalo, giraffe and hippo, there are interesting smaller mammals such as black-backed jackals and the delightful bat-eared fox. Over 47 different kinds of birds of prey have been recorded here, including two rarities - the Taita falcon and the Southern Banded harrier eagle. You may even be lucky to see an elusive lion.

Full day spent at Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge enjoying morning and afternoon game viewing activities. Activities on offer include game drives; sundowners on Observation Hill; traditional feasts and tribal dancing overlooking a waterhole where big game gather; musical evenings and visits to the traditional manyattas of the Amboseli Masai.

Arusha Serena Hotel Resort & Spa



Hidden in the depths of a coffee plantation Arusha Serena Hotel Resort & Spa offers a haven of calm just 15 minutes' drive from the bustle of Arusha town. Set in the lush gardens of a coffee planter's farmhouse, the lodge has wide timbered decks with wonderful views over Lake Duluti and forty-two traditionally designed, rondavel rooms with makuti thatch. Each private room is comfortably furnished in traditional safari style and embellished with Makonde carvings. Arusha Serena Hotel Resort & Spa is 15kms from Arusha town and 40kms from Kilimanjaro Airport.

Why we like it

- Arusha Serena Hotel Resort & Spa boasts 42 rooms and suites in Banana-stem thatched huts
- A selection of ensuite rooms and suite all with a private balcony
- Elegant dining room, library and garden terraces
- Activities on offer are guided walks, canoeing or mountain biking
- The perfect base for an overnight in Arusha before or after climbing Mount Kilimanjaro

Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge



Ngorongoro Serena Safari clings to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, the largest and most perfect caldera on Earth. Long and low, the lodge, which takes architectural inspiration from the nearby Cradle of Mankind, Olduvai Gorge, is built from local river stone and camouflaged by a cloak of wild vines. Designed to blend into the landscape, it is entirely invisible from the floor of the crater 600 meters below whilst simultaneously granting fabulous views of Mother Nature's biggest amphitheater; enormous picture windows frame a staggering panorama so that you can drink it in wherever you are in the lodge.

The lodge's link with the discovery nearby of the first human species, in Olduvai, is celebrated in its design; the walls are decorated with stylized prehistoric cave paintings and lit by flaring torches. Here you are perfectly poised to enjoy the crater and all it has to offer: exceptional game viewing, crater rim walks and some of most spectacular sun up and sun downs on the planet.

Mara Intrepids, Masai Mara



Overlooking the Talek River at the centre of the Mara's four game viewing areas, Mara Intrepids enjoys one of the most incredible wildlife-spotting locations in the world. Just a short drive from the Mara River, between July and August you can spot wildebeest and zebra as they make their dangerous annual migration, while for the rest of the year the camp offers some of the world's finest game viewing including all the Big Cats, elephant, rhino, buffalo and more.

The 30 tents are spread across a large riverside site to ensure complete privacy, and are spacious with their own private verandas so you can enjoy infinite views of the Mara. The interiors are a picture of old world elegance and furnished in the classic style of gran African safaris with large four-poster beds, fine wooden furniture and modern en suite bathrooms complete with flushing toilets and electricity. The spacious family tents are a true home away from home - underneath canvas, they are lovingly decorated in African ethnic pieces and afford a spacious lounge as well as an outside deck overlooking the plains.

The main area of the camp features a swimming pool and sunbathing terrace as well as a bar and dining areas nestled underneath groves of acacia and fig trees. If you fancy heading out to explore, the camp's knowledgeable guides will take you on an epic adventure into the Masai Mara on foot or by open-sided 4WD. Photographic safaris are also available, while kids are sure to be entertained with an adventure safari. After a busy day, if dining in camp is a little too tame for you, Mara Intrepids can arrange the ultimate African appetiser - a sundowner in the wild, before enjoying a bush dinner with the animals and nature surrounding you.

Why we like it

- Located in the heart of the Masai Mara overlooking the Talek River
- Year round opportunities for great game viewing and birding
- A family friendly camp with spacious tents and an innovative kids club
- Relax and cool off in the swimming pool after a dusty safari
- Enjoy bush breakfasts and dinners under the fiery African sky

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Jan 14, 2025 - Jan 25, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$22,580 pp	AU\$5,350	Included	Limited Availability

Jan 28, 2025 - Feb 8, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$22,580 pp	AU\$5,350	Included	Call for Availability

Feb 11, 2025 - Feb 22, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$22,580 pp	AU\$5,350	Included	Available

Feb 25, 2025 - Mar 8, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$22,580 pp	AU\$5,350	Included	Call for Availability

Mar 4, 2025 - Mar 15, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$22,580 pp	AU\$5,350	Included	Available

Jun 10, 2025 - Jun 21, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Jun 17, 2025 - Jun 28, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Call for Availability

Jun 24, 2025 - Jul 5, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Jul 1, 2025 - Jul 12, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Jul 8, 2025 - Jul 19, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Limited Availability

Jul 11, 2025 - Jul 22, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Call for Availability

Jul 15, 2025 - Jul 26, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Jul 18, 2025 - Jul 29, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Jul 22, 2025 - Aug 2, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Jul 25, 2025 - Aug 5, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Call for Availability

Jul 29, 2025 - Aug 9, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Aug 1, 2025 - Aug 12, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Aug 5, 2025 - Aug 16, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Aug 8, 2025 - Aug 19, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Aug 12, 2025 - Aug 23, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Aug 19, 2025 - Aug 30, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Aug 26, 2025 - Sep 6, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Sep 2, 2025 - Sep 13, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Sep 9, 2025 - Sep 20, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Sep 16, 2025 - Sep 27, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Sep 23, 2025 - Oct 4, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Sep 30, 2025 - Oct 11, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Oct 7, 2025 - Oct 18, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Oct 14, 2025 - Oct 25, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Oct 21, 2025 - Nov 1, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$24,920 pp	AU\$5,810	Included	Available

Nov 4, 2025 - Nov 15, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$22,580 pp	AU\$5,350	Included	Available

Nov 11, 2025 - Nov 22, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$22,580 pp	AU\$5,350	Included	Call for Availability

Dec 9, 2025 - Dec 20, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$22,580 pp	AU\$5,350	Included	Available

Dec 23, 2025 - Jan 3, 2026

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$26,950 pp	AU\$6,575	Included	Available

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