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MIGRATION HIGHLIGHTS



PRIVATE HOST & GUIDE

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A CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL PRIVATE GUIDE WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE GUIDING IN BOTH SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AFRICA. A PUBLISHED AUTHOR, MUSICIAN, TV PRESENTER AND RACONTEUR OF NOTE - JAMES WILL ADD ENORMOUS VALUE TO ANY SAFARI, WITH HIS SIGNATURE WIT, IN-DEPTH NATURALIST KNOWLEDGE AND UNPARALLELED ABILITY TO ENTERTAIN WHILST UNLOCKING THE WONDERS OF THE AFRICAN BUSH.

EAST AFRICA PRIVATELY GUIDED



ABOUT THE SAFARI

Our privately guided East Africa safari is an adventure through one of Africa's iconic safari destinations, Kenya, exploring its wildlife highlights.

Boasting a huge amount of wildlife in spectacular surroundings, this is the classic African safari experience! James will guide you through Kenya's famous wildlife areas, including the Masai Mara. It is here that you will witness drama on a truly epic scale: migrating herds undergo all manner of challenges and hardships as they move from region to region, and are constantly under attack from predators, none more so than from Africa's big cats and the notoriously huge crocodiles that lie in wait at various river crossing points.

An epic, once-in-a-lifetime safari!



HIGHLIGHTS

- Privately guided safari by James Hendry
- Excellent wildlife viewing throughout safari
- Stay at the small & exclusive Borana Lodge
- 'Travel with a purpose' at Borana Conservancy, and encounter Kenya's wildlife in some of the most thrilling, unique and authentic ways
- Stay at stunning Angama Mara Lodge in the Masai Mara
- Experience the incredible Great Migration, and watch as thousands of wildebeest take the plunge across the Mara River



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Day 1 Nairobi

Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport Hotel



Welcome to Kenya. You will be met at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Crowne Plaza at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

Situated in along the Nairobi River in beautiful Kenya, the capital of Nairobi is East Africa's most cosmopolitan city. It serves as an excellent starting point for African safari trips around Kenya. Nairobi is Africa's 4th largest city and is a vibrant and exciting place. There are some fascinating attractions in this city, including its cafe culture, unbridled nightlife, the National Museum, the Karen Blixen Museum and most notably just 20 minutes from the city centre wild lions and buffalo roam in the world's only urban game reserve.

Crown Plaza Nairobi Airport Hotel is the only official hotel located at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. The hotel offers 144 spacious, adaptable, contemporarily designed rooms, with a large ergonomic working area consisting of suites, interconnecting rooms, double and twin rooms, convenient for business, family and leisure travellers. The hotel features a contemporary café with round the clock menu offering local and global cuisine, and a coffee shop a conference centre and 3 meeting rooms.

INCLUDED

- Private guiding services of James Hendry for the duration of your safari
- Meet and greet at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
- Road transfer from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport
- One night at Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport Hotel (bed & breakfast)
- Road transfer from Crowne Plaza Nairobi Airport Hotel to Wilson Airport



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Day 2 - 5 Borana Conservancy

Borana Lodge

The Borana Conservancy is a non-profit conservation organisation dedicated to the sustainable conservation of critical habitat and wildlife. The conservancy's mission is to provide a sustainable ecosystem for critically endangered species on the brink of extinction such as the Patas monkey, Jackson's hartebeest, reticulated giraffe, greater kudu, African wild dog, elephant, rhinoceros and more. Borana has a dedicated team of over a hundred men, who are deployed day and night to protect the wildlife from commercial poaching. Visitors to the area can enjoy riding safaris, game drives, guided walks, mountain biking, helicopter trips, conservation activities, as well as buggies and quad bike safaris.

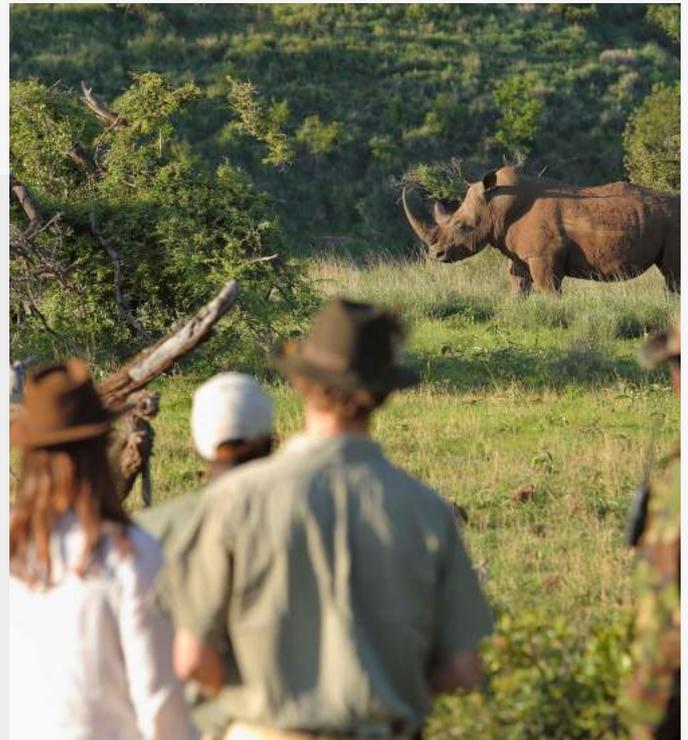
Borana Conservancy lies at the foot of Mt Kenya, a few miles North of the equator at 6,500 feet (almost 2,000 meters) above sea level. The Conservancy has a unique geographical situation which makes it a haven for a huge diversity of wildlife including black and white rhino, elephant, lion, leopard, Jackson's hartebeest, buffalo and great herds of antelope in the plains; while the cooler forest and rivers shelter bush buck, otters and leopard.

Borana Lodge is the heart of Borana Conservancy, with a fantastic view of Mount Kenya. The lodge is perched on a hillside above a dam, where herds of elephant regularly gather to bathe at lunch time. The combination of privacy, natural beauty and an abundance of wildlife creates a unique setting for a truly memorable safari experience.

With two strings of experienced safari horses, game walks, mountain bikes, an abundance of birds, cross-cultural experiences and plenty of excuses for meals and nights in the bush there is never a dull moment at Borana Lodge. Topped off with an in house Safari Spa, there is something for everybody. This truly is travelling with a purpose.

INCLUDED

- Light aircraft transfer from Wilson Airport to Borana Lodge
- 4 nights at Borana Lodge (fully inclusive all meals, all drinks, all game viewing activities & entry fees)



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One of Kenya's undisputed natural highlights is the Masai Mara National Reserve, which sprawls across more than 1500 square kilometres of the country's southwest. The park protects a phenomenal array of game, including charismatic species such as elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo, as well as crocodile and hippopotamus in the Mara River. The birdlife is no less impressive, with over 450 resident bird species. However, the true highlight here is the Great Migration, recognised as one of the Seven New Wonders of the World.

To survive the dry months of July to September, some 1.7 million wildebeest, migrate from the parched plains of the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. Along with much smaller numbers of antelope buffalo and zebra, they move to the more forgiving grasslands of the Masai Mara. In their wake come predators such as lion, hyena and cheetah, for whom these giant herds are an easy source of prey.

Day 6 - 9 Masai Mara National Reserve Angama Mara Lodge

Angama Mara Lodge is a remarkable owner-run safari lodge. Located high above the floor of Africa's Great Rift Valley, Angama Mara Lodge overlooks Kenya's Masai Mara, considered by many as the loveliest game reserve on the continent.

Guests will find two intimate camps of just fifteen tented suites each, a private airfield and access to the Mara below, tailor-made safari days and a famously warm Kenyan welcome. Days are as action-packed or as gentle as guests choose them to be. The Mara Triangle is home to Africa's great mammals, a mere 10 minute drive from the lodge, and guests can experience hot air ballooning, walking safaris, cultural visits to neighbouring Maasai villages – or simply do nothing at all.

INCLUDED

- Light aircraft transfer from Borona Lodge to Angama Mara Lodge
- 4 nights at Angama Mara Lodge (fully inclusive all meals, all drinks, all game viewing activities & entry fees)



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Transfer by light aircraft from Angama Mara Lodge directly to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your onward flight.

Day 10 Nairobi

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
Safari ends

INCLUDED

- Light aircraft transfer from Angama Mara Lodge to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport







GENERAL SAFARI INFO

KENYA:

Resting in the magnificent Great Rift Valley and presided over by the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, Kenya is characterised by hauntingly beautiful natural landscapes of forested hills, patchwork farms, wooded savanna and vast forests brimming with an extraordinary abundance of wildlife. The nation's diverse range of traditional African cultures is influenced by over 70 unique ethnic groups from the Maasai, Samburu, Kikuyu, and Turkana tribes to the Arabs and Indians that settled on the coast. Add to this: an exquisite tropical coastline fringed with breathtaking golden sand beaches; gorgeous coral gardens providing excellent snorkeling and diving opportunities; and a slew of lively beach resorts, and it is easy to see why so many visitors flock here from around the world to experience a truly unique African adventure in one of the world's most pristine safari destinations.

Banking and Currency

Currency

The currency in Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (KES; symbol KSh). 1 Kenyan Shilling = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of KSh1,000, 500, 200, 100 and 50. Coins are in denominations of KSh20, 10 and 5.

Foreign currency can be exchanged at the major banks, bureaux de change or authorised hotels. The banks at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and Moi International Airport have 24-hour exchange services. The easiest currencies to exchange are US Dollars, Pounds Sterling and Euros.

There are no restrictions on the import or export of local or foreign currency. However, amounts exceeding US\$5,000 or equivalent must be declared.

Banking

Banking hours: Monday-Friday 09h00-16h00, Saturday 09h00-12h00. Banks in Mombasa and the coastal areas typically open and close half an hour earlier.

Credits Cards are widely accepted in all major hotels and more upmarket establishments, with the most recognized being Master Card and Visa. American Express and Diners Club cards are occasionally accepted. However, you will need some cash handy because smaller shops will only accept cash.

Almost every bank now has an ATM, and they are increasingly being installed at petrol stations in cities and large towns.

Travellers cheques are no longer accepted in Kenya.



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Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Nairobi has two airports for domestic and regional flights: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and Wilson Airport (www.kaa.go.ke). Kenya has over 150 domestic airports and airstrips and there are daily flights to the most popular destinations. In addition to the scheduled airlines, several private charter companies operate out of Wilson Airport.

Kenya Airways (www.kenya-airways.com), Air Kenya (www.airkenya.com), Fly 540 (www.fly540.com), Mombasa Air Safari (www.mombasaairsafari.com) and Safarilink (www.flysafarilink.com) serve the most popular safari destinations, plus many others such as Lake Victoria.

On smaller, domestic planes the baggage allowance is restricted to 10-15 kg (22-33 lbs). Arrangements can be made to leave excess luggage with hotels or airlines.

Main roads between the major cities and towns are generally in good condition, and easily navigable in a normal saloon car. Most highways in the south are paved, but that's not the case in the north. Vehicles are driven on the left side of the road.

While major roads are generally in a good condition, most minor gravel roads have deep potholes which deteriorate further in the rainy season. Dirt roads, including those in the parks and reserves, are extremely rough, and some are only passable with a 4-wheel drive.

You can hire self-drive and chauffeur-driven cars from travel agents and international hire companies. Drivers must be at least 23 years of age. Budget (www.budget.com) and Europcar (www.europcar.com) have outlets at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Budget also has a desk at Moi International Airport in Mombasa, while Europcar has an office in town. Car hire can be expensive and rates vary significantly. A driving licence from a home country (and a translation if this is not in English) or an International Driving Permit is required. Third-party insurance is mandatory when hiring a car and it's recommended to take out the additional collision damage waiver. A valid credit card is also needed.

Matatus (shared minibus taxis) hop from town to town, starting and finishing at bus stations. Fares are paid to the conductor. Private taxis can also be hired for long-distance journeys.

It is not possible to rent motorbikes or mopeds but some of the beach resorts hire out bicycles.



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Numerous private bus companies operate in Kenya. Most vehicles are old and tend to depart when full, which means there are no set timetables. Petty theft on the vehicles and at bus stations can be a problem. Nevertheless, buses are cheap and link all long-distance destinations. Plus, seatbelts are now mandatory, so buses are relatively safe.

Nairobi and Mombasa have efficient local bus systems and there are also frequent matatus, but reckless driving and petty theft makes them a dodgy option for tourists. Three-wheeled auto rickshaws are popular in town centres and carry up to three passengers.

The newer fleets of taxis (usually painted white with a yellow band) are reliable and have meters. The older yellow taxis do not have meters, so fares should be agreed in advance. In Nairobi, there is a fleet of London-style black cabs. A 10% tip is expected. Cabs cannot be hailed in the street, but can be found parked in taxi ranks.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Bottled water is advisable for the first few weeks of your stay. When buying bottled water, check the seal of the bottle is intact. Never drink tap water unless it has been boiled, filtered or chemically disinfected (such as with iodine tablets). Never drink from streams, rivers and lakes. It's also best to avoid drinking from pumps and wells - some do bring pure water to the surface, but the presence of animals can still contaminate supplies. Avoid ice and washed salads and fruit except in upmarket hotels and restaurants. Milk is pasteurised and dairy products are safe for consumption. Food prepared by unlicensed vendors should be avoided at all times.

Nairobi has some of the finest eating establishments in Africa. Many different cuisines and types of restaurants are available, from fast food to fancy. Many five-star hotels have excellent restaurants. Restaurants are called "hotels" and there are many in Nairobi. The local cuisine is also worth trying out, particularly Pilau-a chicken and rice dish, cabbage and rice; and the staple food in Kenya-Ugali, made from maize flour.



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Many restaurants can be found downtown and in the areas of Westlands and Hurlingham but these areas are filled with tourists and places like Ayani, Olympic, Kibera, and other places have more authentic food. Among the many cuisines available are Indian, Brazilian, Chinese, Thai, Japanese, German and French restaurants. Fast food restaurants, mostly by South African chains (Steers, Nandos), are common in the larger urban areas.

Climate and Weather

Kenya lies on the equator and has a pleasant tropical climate, but there are large regional climatic variations influenced by several factors, including altitude. Temperatures drop by about 6°C for every 1000m you climb (or 3.5°F per 1000ft). Kenya's daytime temperatures average between 20°C/68°F and 28°C/82°F, but it is warmer on the coast. The coast is hot and humid all year round, but the heat is pleasant and tempered by the monsoon winds. Kenya is too close to the equator to experience a real winter and summer. There is, however, both a dry and wet season. The wet season is from November to May and the Dry season is from June to December.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Comfortable, casual clothing that is lightweight is the best bet while on safari. It can be quite cool in the early mornings, so you'll want to dress warmly in layers, until the sun has a chance to warm up the air. "Kenya Convertibles", khaki pants with zip-off legs, are perfect for cool early morning game drives that turn warm before you're back in camp. Walking shorts, long pants, cotton shirts and tees are just right. A cotton bush jacket or wind-breaker will be useful along with a warm sweater or fleece jacket for the cool nights. And, a hat that ties on is a must. There is not a good deal of long walking or hiking on most safaris, so a comfortable pair of walking shoes or tennis shoes and a pair of sandals should be adequate. You will need thorn-proof soles.

In Kenya's major cities the dress code is conservative but not overly formal - jeans and decent tops for women are fine.

Swimsuits are acceptable on the beach but you'll need to cover up in public places.

Electricity and Plug Standards

Electric Power is 220V - 240V running at 50Hz. The Plug type used in Kenya is the 3 large flat prong (UK). If your appliances are compatible with 220V-240V electrical output, an adapter is all that you will need, if not a voltage converter will be necessary.