

G A M E P L A N A F R I C A
Journeys of a Lifetime



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Home of classical safari, explore the best known landscapes of Kenya and Tanzania. Begin your adventure among the rolling hills of the Masai Mara, renowned as the home of one of the world's most spectacular natural phenomena, the Great Migration. Follow in the path of the vast wildebeest herds as you travel to the famous Serengeti National Park, where some of Africa's largest crocodile lurk in the Grumeti River, and watch the daily dramas of its resident wildlife unravel in front of your eyes.

Picturesque and diverse, Lake Manyara National Park is yet another icon of African safari, known for its tree climbing lions and the magnificence of its Rift Valley landscapes. The world's biggest caldera, the Ngorongoro Crater is shrouded in legend and myth. A staggering concentration of wildlife inhabits the floor of this extinct volcano, while the Crater's rim provides exceptional views over the breath-taking landscape.

Highlights:

- Exceptional game viewing in the renowned Serengeti National Park and Masai Mara National Park
- Peering over the edge of the world's largest intact caldera in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area
- Excellent photographic opportunities in the world renowned Masai Mara National Park

Itinerary

This adventure starts and ends at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport

DAY 1

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be met by our representative and assisted onto your transfer to Wilson Airport for your scheduled SafariLink flight to Kichwa Airstrip. On arrival at the airstrip, you will be met by a representative from Bateleur Camp and transferred to the lodge.

Blessed with an astounding year-round concentration of animals and the climax of the Great Migration, Kenya's **Masai Mara National Reserve** provides an unsurpassed wildlife experience. Covering an area of 1,510 square km, the Masai Mara is a land of breathtaking vistas, abundant wildlife, and endless plains. The Reserve is a photographer's and naturalist's paradise with abundant elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lion and cheetah alongside the migratory wildebeest and zebra. Leopards are frequently encountered, endangered black rhino find retreat in dense thickets, and large rafts of hippo and enormous crocodiles are found in the Mara River. The Mara is also home to over 450 bird species. Situated in the Kichwa Tembo Private Concession, which neighbours the Masai Mara, Bateleur Camp offers world-class accommodation in the African bush. Meaning "head of the elephant" in Kiswahili, Kichwa Tembo is located on private land leased from Maasai landlords in the remote western Mara – almost exclusively explored by fly-in guests. In addition to the excellent concentration of animals, Kichwa Tembo lies directly in the path of Africa's spectacular Great Migration.

Spend two nights at **Bateleur Camp** in a luxury ensuite tent. Your stay includes meals, soft drinks, house wine, local brand spirits and beers (excluding premium brands), tea and coffee, scheduled activities and laundry.



DAY 3

Depart the Masai Mara on your scheduled SafariLink flight to Wilson Airport, for your scheduled flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport. On arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport you will depart on your scheduled flight to Manyara airstrip where you will be met by a representative from Lake Manyara Tree Lodge who will transfer you by game drive to the lodge.

Lake Manyara National Park in Tanzania offers a wilderness experience in diverse habitats, from its Rift Valley soda lake to dense woodlands and steep mountainsides. Here, the Great Rift Valley is at its most impressive, with the escarpment dropping some 500 metres down to the lakeshore. Apart from a spectacular setting, the park is famous for its unusual tree-climbing lions and the vast elephant herds it was established to protect. The shores of the lake, encrusted with pink flamingo, attract more than 400 species of birds, many of them waterfowl or migrants. Large herds of buffalo, cheetah, Masai giraffe and impala roam the lake shores and the forested valley slopes. Troops of several hundred olive baboon appear alongside Sykes monkey and short-eared galago. Cape clawless otter, Egyptian mongoose, hippo and klipspringer are other park residents.

Spend two nights at **Lake Manyara Tree Lodge** in a tree house. Your stay includes accommodation, meals, scheduled activities, laundry, soft drinks, house wines, and local brand spirits. Night game drives can be arranged at additional charge. Please note that the camp requires 24 hours notice to do the night drive.



DAY 5

Depart on your road transfer to Manyara Airstrip where you will be met by a representative from Ngorongoro Crater Lodge and transferred to the lodge.

The Ngorongoro Crater in Northern Tanzania, once a gigantic volcano, is the largest intact caldera in the world. Some maintain that before it erupted, it would have been higher than Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. Today, long since having collapsed and eroded, it is an extensive highland area with the famous 600 m deep Ngorongoro Crater as its focal point. Nearly three million years old, the ancient caldera shelters one of the most beautiful wildlife havens on earth. Endangered black rhino are protected within its rim, giant tusked elephants wander the forests, black-maned lions stalk the grasslands, and flamingoes crowd the soda lakes. An estimated 25,000 large mammals are resident in this bowl of plenty, including a population of approximately 6,000 resident wildebeest, 16 highly endangered black rhino and around 70 lions. Cheetah move in and out of the Crater, while leopard are most often encountered in the spectacular Lerai Forest. Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, consistently recognised as one of the world's most luxurious and elegant places to stay, sits right on the edge of the Crater, offering unbeatable views of one of the natural travel wonders of the world.

Spend two nights at **Ngorongoro Crater Lodge** in a suite. Your stay includes accommodation, meals, scheduled activities, laundry, soft drinks, house wines and local brand spirits.



DAY 7

Depart by road transfer to Manyara Airstrip to board your scheduled Tanganyika Flying Company flight to Grumeti airstrip for Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp.

Serengeti National Park boasts 35 species of plains-dwelling game and prolific birdlife. Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp is set in the remote western reaches of the Park, on a bywater of the Grumeti River, known for its wildebeest crossings and enormous Nile crocodiles. Tucked into a strip of riverine forest, guests thrill to the antics of resident hippo and spectacular pied colobus monkeys (found nowhere else in the Serengeti). Every year in June and July, Africa's annual Great Migration passes through Grumeti, and hundreds upon thousands of wildebeest, zebra and other herbivores cross the Grumeti River, risking the jaws of some of Africa's largest crocodiles.

Spend two nights at **Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp** in an ensuite tent. Your stay includes accommodation, meals, scheduled activities, laundry, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and return airstrip transfers (Grumeti Airstrip).



DAY 9

This morning you will depart on your scheduled Tanganyika Flying Company flight to Kilimanjaro Airport, where you will connect to your scheduled SafariLink flight to Wilson Airport. You will be met on arrival at Wilson Airport by a member of the our team who will assist you with a road transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your outbound flight.

2016 Costs

From US\$8,150.00 to US\$11,801.00 per person sharing*

*Cost varies depending on the dates of travel.

INCLUDES:

- Meet and greet service at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
- Accommodation inclusions as per itinerary above
- All scheduled road transfers:
 - Jomo Kenyatta International Airport/Wilson Airport
 - Manyara Airstrip / Lake Manyara Tree Lodge
 - Lake Manyara Tree Lodge / Manyara Airstrip
 - Manyara Airstrip / Ngorongoro Crater Lodge
 - Ngorongoro Crater Lodge / Manyara Airstrip
 - Wilson Airport / Jomo Kenyatta International Airport
- All scheduled flights:
 - Wilson Airport / Kichwa Airstrip
 - Kichwa Airstrip / Wilson Airport
 - Wilson Airport / Kilimanjaro Airport
 - Kilimanjaro Airport / Manyara Airstrip
 - Manyara Airstrip / Grumeti Airstrip
 - Grumeti Airstrip / Kilimanjaro Airport
 - Kilimanjaro Airport / Wilson Airport
- Tanzania national park fees
- Kenya national park fees
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance

EXCLUDES:

- Gratuities and all items of a personal nature
- Meals and drinks not specified above
- Champagne, cognacs, cellar wines, cigars and cigarettes
- Sightseeing and excursions other than those specified
- Flights to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport
- Visa fees (if required)

Additional Suggested Activities (at additional cost):

- Lake Manyara by Bicycle: Enjoy a guided scenic bike ride through the nearby Mayoka community.
- Skyship Balloon Safari: Experience the breathtaking beauty of the Masai Mara on a once-in-a-lifetime hot air balloon flight.