



KENYA & TANZANIA VENTURE SAFARI

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1: Guests met on arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (Nairobi). Assistance through customs and immigration. Transfer (by 4 x4 vehicle) to Emakoko Lodge Overnight at Emakoko Lodge

Day 2: Transfer (by 4 x4) to Wilson Airport, scheduled light aircraft transfer Wilson Airport to Lewa. Game drive transfer to Borana Lodge arriving in time for lunch. Afternoon game drive, sundowners and night drive. Overnight at Borana Lodge

Day 3: Full day shared game drives and other activities on the neighbouring Lewa Conservancy – day game drive, visit to the Conservancy Head Quarters, community crafts, village and school. Overnight at Borana Lodge

Day 4: Full day shared activities on Borana Conservancy – day and night game drives, guided bush walks, visit to Ngare Ndare Forest, sundowners. Overnight at Borana Lodge

Day 5: depart after breakfast to Lewa Airstrip. Scheduled light aircraft transfer to Mara Airstrip. Game drive transfer to Naibor Camp arriving for lunch. Afternoon game drive, sundowners in Maasai Mara Game Reserve. Overnight at Naibor Camp.

Day 6: Full day shared game drives in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve – picnic lunch or lunch at camp as scheduled (the schedule depends on the time of the year that you are travelling – migration period – you are likely to spend a full day out and around the river etc). Overnight Naibor Camp

Day 7: Enjoy breakfast and depart to Ol Kiombo Airstrip. Scheduled light aircraft transfer from Mara to Migori. Road transfer to Tarime. Scheduled light aircraft transfer from Migori to Serengeti. 4 x4 game drive transfer to Ubuntu Camp. Overnight at Ubuntu Camp (Ubuntu Camp moves around with the migration across the Serengeti so it will be in the prime location throughout the year).

Day 8 + 9: Shared 4 x 4 game drives in open vehicle in Serengeti National Park. Overnight Ubuntu Camp

Day 10: depart after breakfast to Serengeti Airstrip. Scheduled light aircraft transfer from Serengeti to Manyara. 4 x4 transfer from Manyara Airstrip to Lake Manyara National Park. Overnight Plantation Lodge.

Day 11: Full day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater with packed lunch. Overnight at Plantation Lodge

Day 12: 4 x 4 transfer by road to Tarangire National Park. Overnight at Little Oliver's Camp

Day 13 + 14: Unlimited day and night game drives, guided bush walk, sundowners and bush meals. Overnight Little Oliver's Camp

Day 15: 4 x4 road transfer after breakfast for Arusha. Dayroom at Machweo Wellness Retreat. 4 x4 transfer from Machweo Wellness Retreat to JRO for international Airport

END OF ARRANGEMENTS

The Small Print

These rates are based on a package per person sharing with a minimum of 2 persons and are subject to change due to airfare increases, hotel rate increases, currency exchange fluctuations and any other unforeseen circumstances, without prior notice

Reservation terms and conditions are dictated by Journeys of Distinction (Pty) Ltd and apply to all bookings. Please feel free to contact us should you require a copy.

Please arrange your own visas, prior to your arrival.

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The Emakoko Lodge

The Emakoko is a boutique lodge uniquely positioned on the edge of the Nairobi National Park. It is located a short 45 minute drive from either of Nairobi's airports. The drive through the park itself, with its beautiful scenery and abundance of plains game is a spectacular way to start any East African safari.

The Nairobi National Park, despite its proximity to the capital city of Kenya, boasts a spectacular assortment of birds and wildlife, with over 400 species of bird recorded in one day. With an excellent possibility of spotting four of the Big Five, many Nairobi residents find the lodge a perfect antidote to the hustle and bustle of city life.

With only 10 rooms The Emakoko offers an exclusive and personal environment for our guests to enjoy. Five rooms are situated at the main level and five built into the cliff face higher up. The climb to the upper rooms is worth it for the spectacular views!

The room designs and interiors are designed for comfort, from huge, luxurious beds to the black-out curtains. Each room has its own private veranda.

The Emakoko allows people to start and finish their safari in the wildlife environment they have traveled so far to enjoy. Within 15 minutes of clearing customs one can be viewing game in Nairobi National park.

The only "transfer" delays likely to be encountered en route to or from The Emakoko are the natural pauses to watch a pride of lions or waiting for a Rhino or journey of Giraffe to cross the road.



Borana Lodge

With the snow-tipped peaks and glaciers of Mount Kenya to the south and a panorama of mountains and desert to the north, Borana provides an idyllic setting for any African experience. Come to Borana and draw on the Dyer's knowledge of this magical land to create the ultimate safari experience, or just relax in the harmonious comfort of Borana Lodge. Come and experience safari in Kenya and allow the people of Borana Lodge to turn your dreams into reality on an exciting wildlife safari.

Borana Lodge is not just a game reserve, but also a working ranch. Overlooking a large dam with fantastic views of Mount Kenya, Borana Lodge, with its eight uniquely positioned cottages, is a perfect choice for couples, families and groups of friends.

All areas of the Lodge overlook a lake that is a popular watering hole for the local animals so there is constant activity for guests to watch. Take a guide and walk down to the dam to enjoy a close-up view of elephants swimming! The Lodge is set in a verdant garden of largely indigenous plants chosen for their scents, colours and flowers.

From the infinity pool guests can watch the elephants wandering their well-trodden path to the watering hole or simply relax, read and soak up the sun. The pool veranda is a favourite place for a long, leisurely lunch watching the natural world unfold before you. In the dining room at the main lodge guests can sample fresh produce from the Ranch, fresh juice from the Borana orchard and wines from around the world. In the sitting room, sofas and armchairs surround a huge open fireplace and picture windows guarantee a continuing vista to the plains below.

The Lodge has a fleet of radio-linked, custom-built, four-wheel drive, open-sided vehicles that are driven by supremely knowledgeable driver/guides. Since Borana is private property, there are no game park rules and no one else will ever obscure your view of the big game that lives here. Night game drives - when most animals are active - are very popular, allowing guests an insight into the nocturnal life of the bush that is denied them in most of the parks. Our hugely experienced guides know the ranch intimately and can usually find the animals that guests most want to see.



Naibor Camp

Naibor Camp is a luxury tented camp, a striking combination of contemporary style and comfort, in the heart of Kenya's world famous Masai Mara Game Reserve. The camp is hidden in a grove of riverine woodland on the banks of the Talek River and consists of sweeping pale canvas tents, king-sized beds made from local fig-wood, wide sofas furnished with bolster cushions, and wool rugs - a luxurious base from which to explore the Mara.

Enjoy total privacy in your own little corner of the camp, complete with verandah and river overlook. Each tent includes a fully-equipped en suite bathroom with safari shower.

The dining tent and social fireplace area also overlook the Talek River and a resident pod of hippos. The Naibor Spa tent is also carefully secluded for the perfect ambience for enjoying a massage.

The main focus at Naibor is to drive out from camp daily to observe and photograph the extraordinary concentrations of wildlife. The Naibor vehicles are all 4wheel drive Toyota Land Cruisers, open sided with canvas tops, built in fridges; with ice cold drinks available any time. These are ideal for observing and photographing the wildlife, and for getting around in the difficult conditions characteristic of the Mara habitat. We suggest early morning and late afternoon game drives, as it is during these times when it is generally cooler that the wildlife is more active. However, if guests prefer they can also do an all day game drive with a picnic lunch (this is popular during the migration season).

Bush meals and sundowners are popular, and are often enjoyed in conjunction with a game drive extra activity. Our "Out of Africa" style bush meals are set up for any number of people in a private exclusive location. Bush breakfasts and packed lunches can all be arranged. Sundowner cocktails are a popular way to enjoy the end of the day. Relax and enjoy the surrounding bush with a drink and snack as the sun sets. Cultural visits to the nearby Maasai communities just outside the reserve can also be arranged. You can visit one of their villages, observe traditional dances and interact with these very traditional people.

Hot Air Ballooning can also be arranged for guests at Naibor. This involves an early morning wakeup to get to the balloon launch site for 6.00am, a flight of approximately 1.5hrs over the grasslands teeming with wildlife, champagne breakfast on landing and game drive back to Naibor.

For those wanting to enjoy the African night alone, Naibor can arrange private meals outside your tent, dinners under the stars are ideal for couples and honeymooners.



Ubuntu Camp

Shadowing the wildebeest's every move, Ubuntu Camp uncovers fascinating and unexplored corners of this great wilderness, ensuring that first-class game viewing is never far away. With their unwavering focus on keeping pace with the migration, Ubuntu's guides have an enviable reputation for bringing this remarkable natural phenomenon to life. The camp itself is intimate and personal, and the seven spacious tented suites epitomise traditional East African safari charm.

In Swahili 'Ubuntu' stands for kindness and generosity towards others – and this small and intimate camp certainly lives up to its name. The close-knit team of friendly staff and experienced guides ensure that warm hospitality, great food and a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere remain at the heart of Ubuntu Camp.

Ubuntu's seven suites are spacious under-canvas safari tents, designed to balance traditional safari authenticity with true comfort. Each room has king-sized beds (twin beds are available) and en-suite bathrooms with hot-water safari bucket showers and flushing toilets.

The open-plan main area spills into the surrounding wilderness – impressive views of the landscape stretch as far as the horizon. Here you can explore the library or spend a lazy afternoon watching game on the sprawling plains. Breakfast and lunch are served under canvas in the next-door dining tent, while dinner is often enjoyed under the stars beside the glowing embers of the campfire, to the soundtrack of the Serengeti's nocturnal animals.



Plantation Lodge

Plantation Lodge, first opened in 1998, lies between Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Lake Manyara National Park, a short distance from the bustling Tanzanian market town of Karatu. Set in three hectares (seven acres) of beautifully maintained gardens, it is staffed entirely by local residents.

The main house – incorporating the lounge, dining rooms and bar – is fresh, light and airy. White walls act as the perfect backdrop for black-and-white photographs and African curios. Straw mats cover the cool tiled floors, and high-beamed ceilings ensure a bright and spacious feel.

Meals are served either outside – perhaps in the cool courtyard, a covered veranda or in the extensive gardens – or in one of two large and elegant dining rooms. One of these caters for up to 25 guests, the other up to 40, with guests seated either in large groups or at individual tables, depending on their preferences and the composition of the groups staying. Stylish metal chandeliers hang from high vaulted ceilings over tables lined with white-canvas directors' chairs, and white curtains frame floor-length windows and french doors. At each end of the rooms are exposed brick fireplaces, one of which is surrounded by cushioned chairs and a sofa.

Stone stairs lead up to a mezzanine level offering more comfortable seating, and to the side of the bar is a small lounge with comfortable chairs, low tables and a log-burning stove. A decked area in front of the bar has lovely view over the gardens and is a great place to relax with a drink or over lunch under the shade of umbrellas.

Stone paths lead from the main house to Plantation Lodge's 23 rooms and suites, which are spread around the garden. Some are fully detached cottages while others are adjacent to each other in small groups.



Little Oliver's Camp

In the heart of Tarangire National Park, one of the most magnificent places in Africa for game viewing, Little Oliver's is perfectly situated to make the most of the spectacular wildlife and landscapes this strikingly unspoilt wilderness area has to offer.

Small and very exclusive, Little Oliver's is just a kilometre downstream from bigger brother, Oliver's Camp, overlooking a flood plain of the Minyoyo Pools. The camp is intimate and personal – ideal for small groups or families looking for a totally private safari. Small enough to call your own, and with the Oliver's highly personal service and experienced guides, Little Oliver's is simply unbeatable.

Delicious meals and drinks are served under canvas in the spacious dining area at the heart of the camp. While away the afternoon in the separate mess tent – a wonderful spot to sit back, relax and watch the never-ending ebb and flow of wildlife on your doorstep.

Little Oliver's five well-appointed tents are beautifully furnished with handmade pieces crafted from the timber of old trading dhows that plied the East African coast in earlier times. Each tent has full en-suite facilities with both indoor and outdoor showers as well as a large, private deck that overlooks the sweeping floodplain beyond.



Machweo Wellness Retreat

Just outside of Arusha, but away from the chaos and mayhem of the city, a sanctuary of tranquility has been created. Machweo is a refuge for anyone who needs to unwind after a safari adventure and relax in the unrivalled peace of our lush gardens. Take an energizing dive in the pool, treat yourself to an invigorating massage and indulge in the luxury of the room. Sample some of the most delicious food and get treated like a king or queen by the staff.