

A savanna landscape with a giraffe in the foreground, acacia trees, and a snow-capped mountain in the background.

The Great East African Safari

A 12-Day Journey from Savanna to Source

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Journey Overview

A 12-day immersive safari experience across East Africa, exploring diverse ecosystems, wildlife, and rich cultural heritage.



Kenya Experience

- Scenic Train Journey
- Tsavo East & West National Parks
- Lake Nakuru National Park
- Kakamega rain forest



Tanzania Adventures

- Mount Kilimanjaro trekking
- Serengeti National Park
- Keys Hotel in Moshi



Uganda Exploration

- Victoria Lake crossing
- Buganda Kingdom cultural sites
- Traditional Cuisine

Additional Highlights

 Hot Air Balloon Safari

 Maasai, Luo & Nandi Cultural Experiences

 Balanced leisure, thrill & adventure

Day 1: Welcome to East Africa

Your East African adventure begins with a warm welcome and a scenic train journey.



Afternoon Briefing

1:00 PM at designated lounge
Welcome package distribution



Scenic Train Journey

3:00 PM departure
Comfortable first-class cabin



Arrival & Check-in

6:00 PM at Voi Station
Two Oceans Hotel (5-star)



Experience the comfort of Kenya's scenic SGR railway

Two Oceans Hotel

★ 5-Star Luxury

🏖 Beachfront Location

🏊 Swimming Pool

📶 WiFi Available

Dining

Hotel dinner included (buffet style)

Day 2: Tsavo East & West National Parks



The famous "red elephants" of Tsavo

Day Summary

A full day exploring the vast Tsavo East and West National Parks, observing wildlife, visiting unique landmarks, and crossing into Tanzania for an overnight stay at Keys Hotel in Moshi.

24-Hour Itinerary



Morning Safari

8:30 AM: Departure from Two Oceans Hotel
Game drive in Tsavo East National Park
Observations: "Red elephants," lions, giraffes, zebras
Visit to Alupe Dam, a popular wildlife watering hole



Lunch & Transfer

6:00 AM: Breakfast at hotel
10:00 AM: Transfer to Tsavo West National Park (1.5 hours)



Tsavo West Exploration

Visit to Mzima Springs, famous for its clear waters and hippo population
Exploration of Shetani Lava Flow, volcanic formations
Afternoon game drive to spot lions, leopards, and rhinos



Border Crossing & Dinner

12:30 PM: Lunch at local restaurant in Taveta
Border crossing at Taveta-Holili, completing immigration procedures
6:00 PM: Arrival at Keys Hotel in Moshi, Tanzania
Dinner at hotel restaurant

Day 3: Mount Kilimanjaro Trek & Cultural Exploration

Morning Trek

- 7:00 AM - Departure
From Keys Hotel for the Marangu Route to Mandara Hut
- 8:00-10:00 AM - Trekking
4–6-hour journey through rainforest to Mandara Hut at 2,700m
- 10:30 AM - Lunch
Enjoy views of during lunch at Mandara Hut

Afternoon Cultural Exploration

- 1:30 PM - Return to Hotel
Rest and refresh at Keys Hotel
- 3:00 PM - Moshi Town Visit
Explore local market and cultural centers
- 5:00 PM - Chagga Culture Experience
Learn about farming methods and underground houses



Trekking Highlights

- Marangu Route through rainforest
- Scenic views of Kilimanjaro
- Mandara Hut lunch stop

Cultural Highlights

- Chagga community visit
- Traditional farming methods
- Underground houses

Day 4: Kilimanjaro Adventures

Experience adventure and relaxation in莫希. Explore lava caves, soar above landscapes, bike through villages, and unwind in hot springs.

Lava Caves Exploration

- Start at 7:30 AM
 - Explore ancient lava tunnels formed by volcanic eruptions
 - Local guide explains the geological history and cultural significance
 - Take photos inside and around the cave

Mountain Biking and Cycling Tours

- Start at 2:00 PM
 - Cycle through Chaga farmlands and coffee plantations
 - Admire the magnificent views of Mount Kilimanjaro
 - Experience rural life and local culture up close

Kilimanjaro Paragliding Adventure

- Start at 11:00 am
 - Experience the thrill of a tandem paragliding flight
 - Soar above the majestic landscape of Mount Kilimanjaro
 - About 30-45 minutes flight time

Relax at Kikuletwa Hot Springs

- Start at 3:30 pm
 - Soak in the clear, warm natural spring water
 - Surrounded by dense vegetation opp trees
 - Return to hotel for dinner at 6:30 pm



Day 5: Journey to Serengeti National Park

Today's journey takes you from Moshi to one of Africa's most iconic landscapes - the Serengeti National Park. Prepare for an adventure of a lifetime.

🕒 Morning Departure

Depart from Keys Hotel at 8:00 AM for the 6–7-hour journey to Serengeti National Park (approximately 350km).

🌳 Scenic Landscapes

Enjoy changing views from Kilimanjaro's foothills to the iconic Serengeti savanna. Expect to see rural Tanzanian landscapes, villages, and wildlife-rich areas.

🍴 Lunch Break

Stop at approximately 12:30 PM for lunch at a local restaurant along the route.

🚗 Arrival & Check-in

Arrive at Serengeti National Park at approximately 3:30 PM. Check-in at your luxury lodge with excellent facilities and spectacular views of the vast plains.

🏠 Accommodation Options

- Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
- Melia Serengeti Lodge
- Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti



Experience luxury in the heart of Serengeti

🌙 Evening Preparation

Settle into your lodge and prepare for upcoming wildlife adventures. The Serengeti offers some of the world's most spectacular game viewing.

📷 Hot Air Balloon Safari (Day 6) 🐾 Game Drives

💡 Did You Know?

The Serengeti National Park is home to the largest terrestrial migration in the world - over 2 million wildebeests, zebras, and Thomson's gazelles move through the ecosystem annually in search of fresh grazing lands.

Day 6: Serengeti Hot Air Balloon Safari



⚙ Morning Adventures



Hot Air Balloon Safari

Departure at 5:00 AM. Experience the Serengeti from above, witnessing wildlife in the golden dawn light. Duration: 1 hour. Celebratory champagne breakfast in the bush.



Guided Walking Safari

Join expert naturalists and rangers at 9:00 AM for a 2-hour guided walk. Discover the smaller wonders of the Serengeti ecosystem - unique plants, tracks, insects, and birds.



Lunch & Cultural Experience



Serengeti Jungle Picnic

Enjoy a leisurely picnic lunch under the shade of acacia trees at 12:00 PM. Experience the vast savanna landscape while indulging in refreshments.



Maasai Village Visit

Explore a local Maasai village at 2:00 PM. Learn about their traditional lifestyle, participate in beadwork, and listen to stories from the elders about Maasai culture.



Evening Activities



Sunset Game Drive

Begin your evening at 5:30 PM with a 1.5-hour game drive. Witness predators preparing for night hunting and enjoy excellent photography opportunities.



Evening Reflection

Dine at your lodge at 7:30 PM. Relax by the fireplace and share stories of the day's adventures under the starlit Serengeti sky.

Day 6 Highlights

- ★ Sunrise hot air balloon safari
- ★ Guided walking safari with experts
- ★ Traditional Maasai cultural experience
- ★ Sunset game drive

Day 7: Lake Victoria Crossing to Uganda

- ⚙️ **Morning Departure**
 - 🕒 **6:00 AM** - Last breakfast at Serengeti lodge
 - 🚗 4-5-hour drive to Mwanza
 - 🌄 Scenic views of Tanzanian countryside
- 🚢 **Ferry Crossing**
 - ⚓ Board ferry at Mwanza port
 - 🕒 4-hour journey across Lake Victoria
 - 🌊 Views of the lake and local fishing activities
- 🏠 **Arrival in Uganda**
 - 🕒 **4:30 PM** - Arrive at Ugandan port
 - 🛂 Complete immigration procedures
 - 🏨 Check-in at Entebbe hotel



Day 7 Highlights

- 📏 **Journey Distance**
~350km from Serengeti to Entebbe
- 🍴 **Lunch**
Local Tanzanian cuisine in Mwanza

- 🕒 **Travel Time**
Approx. 8-9 hours total
- 📷 **Photo Opportunity**
Lake Victoria views

Day 8: Buganda Kingdom Exploration

Immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of the Buganda Kingdom, one of Uganda's most significant traditional centers.

8:30 AM - Kabaka's Palace (Lubiri)

Explore the official residence of the Buganda king and learn about the kingdom's royal history.

10:30 AM - Lukiiko (Buganda Parliament)

Discover the traditional parliament building and understand the governance structure of the kingdom.

1:30 PM - Namugongo Martyrs Shrine

Pay respects at this sacred site commemorating Christian martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the 19th century.

3:30 PM - Kasubi Tombs

UNESCO World Heritage site and burial place of Buganda kings, showcasing traditional architecture and cultural significance.



Cultural Significance

Experience the living traditions of one of East Africa's most influential kingdoms.



Traditional Cuisine

Enjoy authentic Ugandan dishes like matoke, luwombo, and rolex during the day's lunch break.

Day 9: Uganda to Kisumu - Luo Culture

✈ Morning Flight

6:00 AM - Breakfast at hotel
8:00 AM - Flight from Entebbe to Kisumu
9:00 AM - Arrival at Kisumu International Airport

☂ Dunga Beach Exploration

9:30 AM - Transfer to Dunga Beach
9:30-11:00 AM - Boat tour on Lake Victoria
11:30 AM - Explore local fishing communities and bird watching

🍴 Lakeside Lunch

1:00 PM - Traditional Luo lunch by the lake
Features: Fresh tilapia, ugali, osuga (local greens), and tropical drinks

Kisumu Museum

2:30 PM - Explore Luo culture and heritage
2:30-4:00 PM - Learn about traditional homes, artifacts, and history

🎵 Evening Luo Culture Experience

7:00 PM - Experience vibrant Luo Benga and Rhumba music
7:00-9:00 PM - Enjoy live performances, local drinks, and street food
Options: Roasted corn, nyama choma (roasted meat), and chapati



Luo Culture Highlights

- 📍 Discover the rich cultural heritage of the Luo people
- 📍 Learn about traditional music, dance, and storytelling
- 📍 Experience the vibrant nightlife of Kisumu

💡 Did You Know?

Luo people are known for their exceptional musical abilities and colorful traditional attire. The Luo Benga music style is characterized by its energetic rhythms and is an important part of their cultural expression.

Day 10: Kisumu to Nakuru - Adventure & Cultural Exploration

A 4.5-hour journey from Kisumu to Nakuru, exploring Kakamega Forest Reserve and Koitalel Samoei Mausoleum to learn about Nandi heritage before arriving at the stunning Lake Nakuru.



7 Morning Departure

-  Enjoy a hearty breakfast at your Kisumu hotel
-  Begin journey to Kakamega Forest Reserve at 9:30 AM

10 Cultural Exploration

-  Explore Kakamega Forest Reserve, Kenya's only rainforest
-  Visit Koitalel Samoei Mausoleum and Museum at 1:30 PM

3 Arrival & Evening

-  Continue to Lake Nakuru, arriving at 5:30 PM
-  Check in to Sarova Woodlands or Lake Nakuru Lodge

Day Highlights



Kakamega Forest

Kenya's only rainforest with unique wildlife



Nandi Heritage

Learn about Koitalel Samoei's resistance



Lake Nakuru

Home to flamingos and diverse wildlife

Day 11: Lake Nakuru National Park

A full day exploring the UNESCO World Heritage Lake Nakuru National Park, famous for its flamingos and diverse wildlife, followed by an afternoon visit to Makalia Falls and local experiences.

6:30 AM

Breakfast

7:30 AM

Park Entry

12:00 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM

Makalia Falls

3:00 PM

Local Experience

5:30 PM

Return Hotel

7:00 PM

Dinner

Lake Nakuru National Park

- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Famous for flamingos and diverse wildlife
- Game drives to spot rhino, giraffe, zebra
- Baboon Cliff for panoramic views

Makalia Falls

- Scenic waterfall and picnic spot
- Short walk to the base of the falls
- Nature photography opportunities
- Relaxing atmosphere

Nakuru Town Experience

- Visit local market
- Purchase handmade crafts and souvenirs
- Optional community project or workshop
- Learn about local culture and traditions

Today's Highlights

Photography opportunities at flamingo lakes

Short walk to Makalia Falls

Traditional Kenyan lunch

Day 12: Return to Nairobi

Conclude your 12-day East African safari adventure with a scenic drive back to Nairobi, followed by a farewell lunch and personalized transfers.



Special Notes

- Lofty Quest provides personalized service for a smooth conclusion to your journey.
- Total travel time: approximately 3-4 hours depending on traffic and stops.

Accommodation Highlights

Experience luxury and comfort at these premium accommodations throughout your East African Safari journey.



Kenya Properties

Two Oceans Hotel

5-star hotel in Mombasa with beachfront access, swimming pool, and fine dining.

Maasai Mara Safari Camps

Luxury tented camps offering game drives and cultural experiences.



Tanzania Properties

Keys Hotel Moshi

4-star hotel with views of Mount Kilimanjaro, located in Moshi town.

Serengeti Luxury Lodges

Options include Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge, Melia Serengeti Lodge, and Four Seasons Safari Lodge.



Uganda Properties

Kampala Marriott Protea Hotel

5-star hotel in Kampala with modern amenities and Victoria Lake views.

Nakuru Lakeview Lodge

Luxury lodge on the shores of Lake Nakuru with wildlife viewing opportunities.



Premium Features

 Fine Dining Options

 Airport Transfers

 Swimming Facilities

 Cultural Activities

Thank You!

For Joining Our East African Safari

We hope you enjoyed your journey through Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. May your memories last a lifetime!



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