

**Highlights:** Samburu Game Reserve; home to the Gerenuk and Grevys Zebra endemic to the North, Herds of Elephant crossing the Uaso Nyiro river in Samburu, visiting the Samburu tribes-people adorned in colourful red attire, beads and wonderful head-gear, Great views of the Rift valley from the Mau escarpment, Bird enthusiasts' haven; over 400 species of birds found in Lake Baringo, Bogoria and Nakuru, Boat ride on Lake Baringo in search of Hippos and Crocodiles, The spectacle of the Wildebeest migration from July / August / September and October, maximize on game viewing to increase your chances of seeing the BIG FIVE; Elephants, Rhinos, Buffalos, Lions, Leopards and other wild game, Balloon ride over the savanna with champagne breakfast (optional)

### **Holiday Summary:**

This safari ventures into the Northern part of Kenya; Samburu Game Reserve where the landscape is a mix of Savanna and arid semi-desert like environment with sights of the peculiar doum palms following the Ewaso Nyiro river and taut thorn trees giving an unusual look to the region. Some animal species are only found in the North such as the Grevy Zebras and long necked Gerenuk whilst the Samburu people abound in their vibrant dress. We will also sample the world famous Bird Sanctuaries of the Great Rift Valley Lakes Baringo, Bogoria and Nakuru, then South over the Mau Escarpment to Kenya's greatest concentration of game Masai Mara. Lake Baringo is Kenya's bird watching centre with more than 450 species sighted here as well as Hippos, Crocodiles and Monitor lizards whilst Lake Bogoria offers hot springs and various bird species as the main attraction. Lake Nakuru national park is home to the endangered Black and White Rhinos, various Antelopes, bird species, Flamingoes and the elusive Leopard whilst Masai Mara offers the best chance to see the Big 5, cats of mara and numerous herbivores.

### **Day 1: Nairobi – Samburu National Game Reserve**

Depart Nairobi in the morning heading north via the shoulder of Africa's second largest mountain, Mt Kenya to the Samburu Game Reserve. Accommodation in our semi-permanent campsite is beautifully set under a canopy of trees or we may pitch tents by the edge of Uaso Nyiro (meaning Brown in Samburu) River. Cold showers are available which are amazingly refreshing in the hot dusty climate. (Picnic lunch & Dinner)

### **Day 2: Samburu**

We spend the day game viewing in the park appreciating the diverse landscape and variety of

animal species. You may have the option of enjoying a swim or cold drink at a nearby lodge. Alternatively, visit a vibrant Samburu village (optional). Animals to look out for include the uncommon Grevy's zebra, Gerenuk antelope standing on hind legs to feed, Lions, Somali ostriches with distinct blue legs and the shy Oryx. The horn billed stork is a common sighting as well as various other birds. Elephants and Crocodiles are also sighted along the river bed. (Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner)

### **Day 3: Samburu – Lake Baringo**

Depart early in the morning (with lunch enroute) towards Lake Baringo. We arrive at this fresh water lake in the late afternoon and depending on the conditions of the lake, we enjoy an evening boat ride in search of Hippos, Crocodiles and numerous birds. A bird watcher's haven but beware this is malaria infested area so it is best to come prepared with preventive drugs and mosquito repellent. We spend the night at Roberts campsite. (Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner)

### **Day 4: Lake Baringo – Lake Bogoria – Lake Nakuru National Park**

A 30km drive south to the spectacular Lake Bogoria with hot springs and geysers being the main attractions. It has a nomad population of up to two million flamingos and numerous bird species. Lunch will be served then proceed for an afternoon game drive at the Lake Nakuru National Park which is a small but equally rewarding park which is home to the black and white Rhinos, Lions, Buffalos, Waterbucks, Flamingos, Baboons, Antelopes, the elusive Leopard and numerous bird species. We set up camp (cold night). (Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner)

### **Day 5: Lake Nakuru – Masai Mara**

Break camp after breakfast then depart towards Mai Mahiu and Narok town with lunch en route before arriving at Masai Mara Game Reserve. View game en route towards our Talek campsite situated at the edge of the park (next to Talek gate). Set up tents or use our wood cabins (if available). Hot showers and toilets are available in the camp and meals are served in the dining area. (Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner)

**Day 6: Maasai Mara**

Early morning and late afternoon game drives returning to the campsite for lunch. Optional visit to Masai village or local school. Alternatively, spend the entire day on a game drive (with packed lunch) returning to the campsite in the early evening hours. (Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner)

**Day 7: Masai Mara – Nairobi**

Depart camp and drive through the reserve viewing game as we proceed to the main Narok road where we will stop for a chance to buy souvenirs or have a cup of tea / coffee. Arrive Nairobi by late afternoon. (Breakfast & Picnic lunch)

**NB:** The above rates are subject to change without notice should necessitating factors dictate. These may be influenced by changes in government policies, intermittent exchange rates among other factors.

**Above charges are inclusive of:**

- Return road transport to Samburu, Great Lakes and Masai Mara
- Game drives
- Basic camping in tents on full board basis as reflected in the itinerary
- Camping fees & a mattress
- Meals as per the itinerary
- Services of our professional chef and driver guide

**Above charges are exclusive of:**

- Visa and any related fees
- Park entry fees
- Medical, travel & personal insurance cover
- Drinks and Boat rides

- Hire of sleeping bag (charges at KES 300 per sleeping bag per night)
- Visit to the Manyatta (optional cost ranging from KES 200 – 30 USD)
- Tips & Gratuities
- Hot Air Balloon Safari (this can be arranged at an extra cost of US \$ 460 per person subject to price confirmation at the time of booking)
- Deviation from the customized itinerary
- Any other item not mentioned in the inclusive list