



# 8 Day Samburu, Great Rift Valley & Masai Mara Safari

## Overview:

The Great Rift Valley is part of an intra-continental ridge system that runs through Kenya from north to south. It is part of the Gregory Rift, the eastern branch of the East African Rift, which starts in Tanzania to the south and continues northward into Ethiopia. It was formed on the "Kenyan Dome" a geographical upwelling created by the interactions of three major tectonics: the Arabian, Nubian, and Somalian plates. In the past, it was seen as part of a "Great Rift Valley" that ran from Madagascar to Syria. Most of the valley falls within the former Rift Valley Province.

The valley contains the Cherangani Hills and a chain of volcanoes, some of which are still active. The climate is mild, with temperatures usually below 28 °C (82 °F). Most rain falls during the March–June and October–November periods. The Tugen Hills to the west of Lake Baringo contain fossils preserved in lava flows from the period 14 to 4 million years ago. The relics of many hominids, ancestors of humans, were found here.

## The Itinerary:

### DAY 1: Nairobi-Samburu National Park

Pick up from Nairobi and drive north for 6 hours to Samburu Game Reserve arriving in time for Lunch. In the afternoon you will have a game drive. L-D

Option A) Camping – Budget

Option B) Samburu Sopa Lodge – Midrange

Option C) Sentrim Samburu Lodge – Luxury

### Day 2: Samburu National Park

Whole day of game drives in Samburu. Samburu Park lies in the semi-arid north and is the home of the Samburu "Special Five" – Grevy's zebra, Somali ostrich, reticulated giraffe, gerenuk and the Beisa oryx, the five rare and endemic northern animal species. Return to the camp for relaxation and overnight stay B-L-D

Option A) Camping – Budget

Option B) Samburu Sopa Lodge – Midrange

Option C) Sentrim Samburu Lodge – Luxury

## Tour Information

### Day 3: Maralal- Camel Riding

Morning game drive at Samburu. Depart at 1000 Hrs and drive further north through Wamba trading centre in the northwest of Samburu to Maralal, a small town in the vast Samburu country. Maralal is the administrative headquarters of the Samburu region and is famous for camel riding. There will be a stopover along the way for picnic lunch and we arrive at Maralal in the afternoon. The rest of the afternoon at leisure in this hot and dry region B-L-D

Option A) Camping – Budget

Option B) Ngari Hill Eco-Lodge – Midrange

Option C) Maralal Safari Lodge – Luxury

### Day 4: Maralal – Nature walk and Camel Riding

Breakfast and then spend this camel riding and walking.

Later return to the camp for relaxation and overnight B-L-D

Option A) Camping – Budget

Option B) Ngari Hill Eco-Lodge – Midrange

Option C) Maralal Safari Lodge – Luxury

### Day 5: Maralal – Lake Nakuru

Descend into the Great Rift Valley and drive to Lake Nakuru National Park for game drives. Lake Nakuru is a world famous bird and rhino sanctuary where thousands of flamingos congregate to feed on Spirulina platensis, a blue-green alga that grows naturally in the lake. Found here as well are plenty of other interesting wildlife and birds such as the white rhino, leopard, lion, waterbuck, buffalo, impala, warthog, pelicans and a plethora of other birds. Camp overnight inside the park B-L-D

Option A) Wildlife Clubs Guesthouse– Budget

Option B) HillCourt Resort – Midrange

Option C) Lake Nakuru Lodge – Luxury

### Day 6: Lake Nakuru – Masai Mara

Breakfast and then have a morning game drive before returning to the camp for check out. Depart at 1000 Hrs and transfer to Narok for lunch. From Narok, we head to Masai Mara arriving in the afternoon and game drives en route to our lodge. Game includes Rhinos, Wildebeests and Lions among others. There after head back for relaxation and overnight B-L-D

Option A) Camping – Budget

Option B) Ol Moran Tented Camp – Midrange

Option C) Mara Leisure Camp – Luxury



## The Itinerary:

### **Day 7: Masai Mara National Park**

Breakfast and then spend the whole day on game drives in search of elephants, zebras, leopards and other plain game.

Option A) Camping – Budget

Option B) Ol Moran Tented Camp – Midrange

Option C) Mara Leisure Camp – Luxury

### **Day 8: Masai Mara – Nairobi**

After breakfast, check out and head back to Nairobi for departure flight back home.

#### **INCLUDED IN PACKAGE**

Ground transportation in a safari customized vehicle with gasoline/fuel

Mineral water in the vehicle,

Services of an English speaking Driver/guide,

Accommodation as shown at the lodges mentioned in the itinerary,

Meals as shown (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner),

All Park Entrance Fees,

#### **EXCLUDED IN PACKAGE**

International Airfares; Excess baggage charges;

Entry Visa Fees

International travel Vaccinations and Inoculations;

Items of personal nature such us Room service,

Beverages, Communications charges (telephone, fax, internet),

Laundry, etc.;

Postage fees, Porterage fees, Tips and Gratuities for your Driver/guide and Hotels staff,

Shopping charges for Curios and Crafts,

International Airport Departure Taxes,

Optional activities unless specified as included,

Any other services not expressly shown in the itinerary or indicated as included.

