

# MT KENYA NATIONAL PARK – LAKE NAIVASHA – MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

*ROAD PACKAGES*

*(06 DAYS / 05 NIGHTS)*

## MT KENYA NATIONAL PARK

Mt. Kenya National Park is located to the east of the Great Rift Valley. Climbing to 5,199 meters, Mount Kenya is the second tallest mountain in Africa. The scenery surrounding this designated World Heritage Site is breath-taking. It's described as one of the most impressive landscapes in Eastern Africa with its rugged glacier-clad summits, Afro-alpine moorlands and diverse forests that illustrate outstanding ecological processes. It is pristine wilderness with lakes, tarns, glaciers, dense forest, mineral springs and a selection of rare and endangered species of animals, high altitude adapted plains game and unique montane and alpine vegetation while mountain's rugged glacier-clad peaks providing the perfect backdrop.

## LAKE NAIVASHA

Lake Naivasha is a beautiful freshwater lake, fringed by thick papyrus. The lake is almost 13kms across, but its waters are shallow with an average depth of five metres. At the



beginning of the 20th Century, Naivasha completely dried up and effectively disappeared. The resulting open land was farmed, until heavy rains a few years later caused the lake to return to existence, swallowing up the newly established estates.

Afternoon wind and storms can cause the Lake to become suddenly rough and produce high waves. For this reason, the local Maasai christened the lake Nai'posha meaning "rough water", which the British later misspelt as Naivasha. Much of the lake is surrounded by forests of the yellow barked Acacia Xanthophlea, known as the yellow fever tree. These forests abound with bird life, and Naivasha is known as a world class birding destination. The region surrounding the Lake is well worth exploring. There are two smaller lakes nearby, Oloidien, and Sonachi, a bright green crater lake. Boat trips on the lake are widely available, and are a great way to spend an afternoon or morning. Sunsets are always stunning, with the haunting call of a Fish Eagle high over the Lake bringing the day to a perfect end.

### **MAASAI MARA NATIONAL GAME RESERVE**

The Masai Mara is one of the best-known and most popular reserves in the whole of Africa. Masai Marais the most famous National Reserve in Kenya, with its open rolling grasslands and abundance of wildlife renowned for its good game viewing. It sustains all the big five as well as an astonishing wealth of other game. Often a whole range of different species is in view all at one time. Each year usually in July/August the Mara is host to millions of wildebeests who migrate north from Serengeti. The marvelous wide open views and interplay of light and shadow are themselves worth a visit to the Mara.



### **ITINERARY:**

#### **Day 1 - Nairobi / Mount Kenya National Park**

Pick from your hotel in Nairobi and drive north through the breath taking view of the Central Highlands where you will see coffee and tea plantations to arrive at lodge for check-in and lunch. Rest of the afternoon and evening spent on the open air verandahs or in the public areas, watching the animals and birds as they come to drink. Dinner and overnight of game viewing at the Tree Lodge.

#### **Day 2 - Mount Kenya / Lake Naivasha**

After breakfast, leave Mount Kenya and descend into the Great Rift Valley where Naivasha is located. Lunch at the lodge and at 1500hrs enjoy a boat and a Walking Safari at the Crescent Island. The shores host abundant birdlife especially huge numbers of pelicans, cormorants and fish-eagles with their haunting cry. There are more animals per acre than any other Kenyan Park, hence many film companies have been to the Island to film the herds of Wildebeeste, Waterbuck, Zebra and Gazelle. We are not fenced to allow the wildlife on the mainland to come in as they

lose their habitat to development and the ever increasing population.

Return to the lodge as the sunsets. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

### **Day 3 - Lake Naivasha / Maasai Mara National Game Reserve**

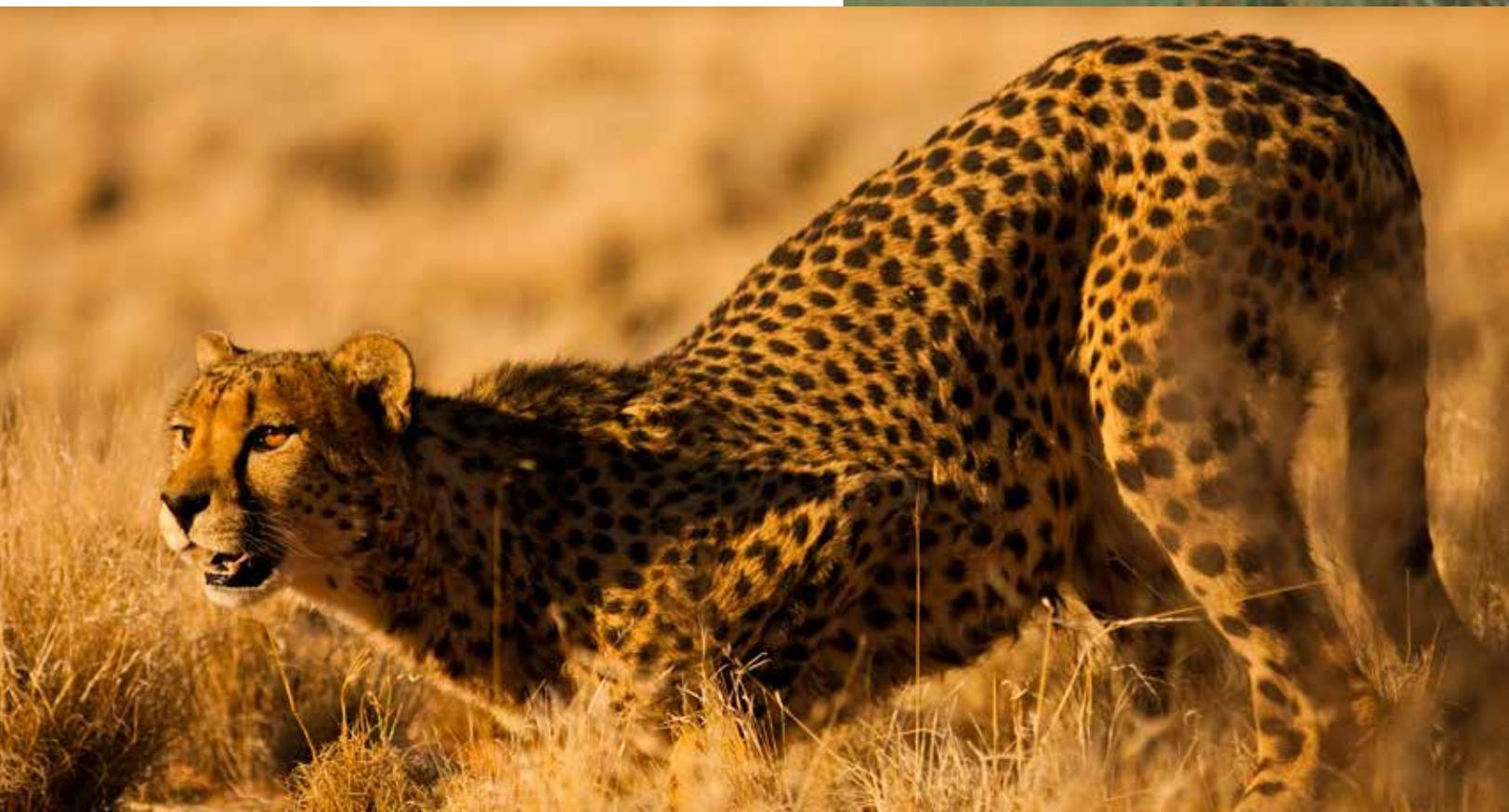
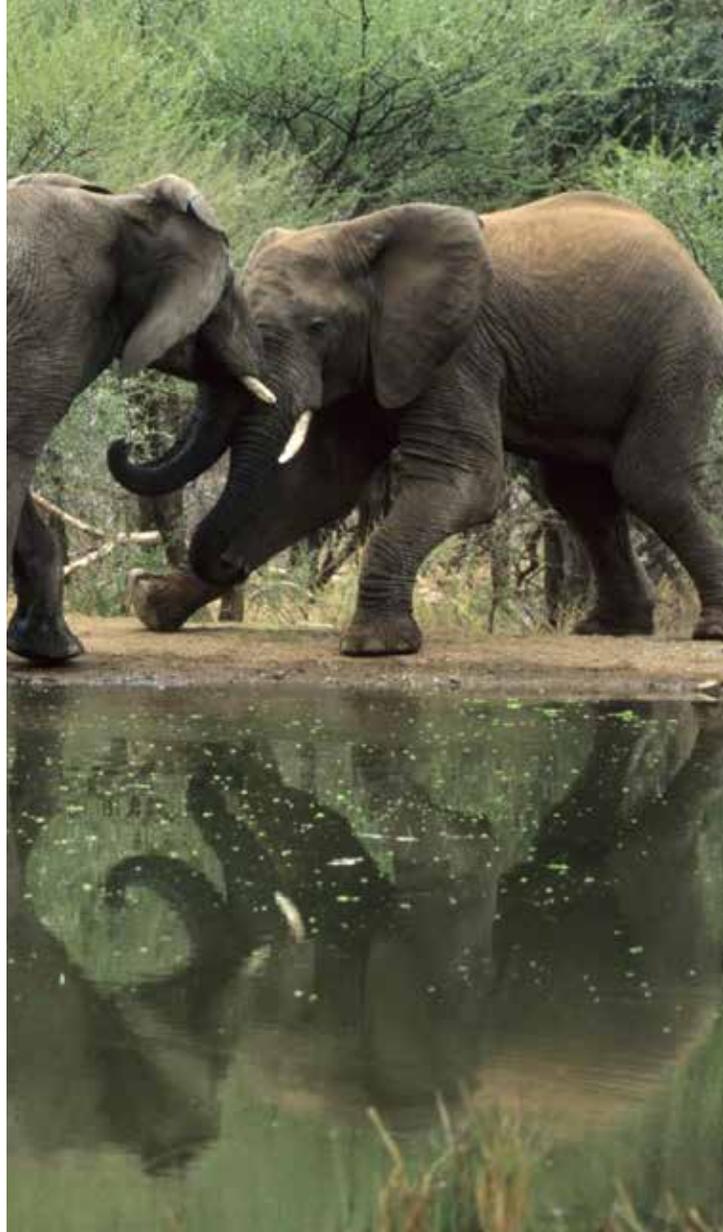
Depart Naivasha after an early breakfast and drive on the floor of the Rift Valley to the world renowned Maasai Mara National Game Reserve arriving at the lodge for check in and lunch. Short siesta and at 1600 hrs enjoy an afternoon game viewing drive in the park. Dinner and overnight at your lodge.

### **Day 4 & 5 - Full Day Maasai Mara**

Full Days in Maasai Mara with game drives at 0630 hrs and 1600 hrs. The Maasai Mara is one of the best known and most popular reserves in the whole of Africa. At times and in certain places it can get a little overrun with tourist minibuses, but there is something so special about it that it tempts you back time and again. All and overnight at your lodge.

### **Day 5 - Departure**

Early breakfast followed by a game drive as you exit the park and drive back to Nairobi.



## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS



### **SERENA MOUNTAIN LODGE**

Sailing like an ark amid the primeval forests of Kenya's highest mountain, Mount Kenya, this timbered tree hotel offers champagne-clear mountain air. Located at 2,134, this Mount Kenya lodge is cool, tranquil and hushed for optimum game-sightings. The open-air viewing-deck looks down on to its own water hole and salt-lick, which attracts numerous herds of elephant and buffalo. There is also a tunnel leading to a photo-hide, which offers spectacular viewing and photographic opportunities just metres away from the wildlife at the water hole. Raised on stilts above the forest canopy, a timbered drawbridge leads from the Mount Kenya forest and up on to the wooden 'decks' of this tree hotel. Inside, the impression of having boarded a ship is perpetuated by a combination of log panelled walls, timbered game-viewing decks and winding stairs leading to a selection of snugly comfortable, cabin-styled rooms.



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**LAKE NAIVASHA SOPA LODGE**

Set in one hundred and fifty acres of grassland studded with Acacia bushes and trees, the lodge is not only home to some of the resident Giraffe, Waterbuck and both Vervet and Colobus monkeys, but it is also a night stop for the hippos when they leave the lake every night to come and trim the grass on our expansive lawns. With Sopa's traditional and conscientious care for the environment, all building of the property were positioned in such a way not any of the many trees there had to be fell down. As a result of this, the lodge had to come up with a radically innovative and artistic design for the main public area building which now snakes its way between the trees with long and graceful curves.



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**GREAT RIFT VALLEY LODGE**

From its panoramic perch above Lake Naivasha, the Great Rift Valley Lodge enjoys one of humankind's oldest views – over the sweeping floor of the world's largest valley.

## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS



### **SAROVA MARA GAME CAMP**

By virtue of its location and layout, the Camp offers an unparalleled plethora of activities and experiences from luxury tented living to bird-watching, mini golf, sport fishing and a unique insight into the Maasai culture at the adjoining Maasai village.

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### **MARA LEISURE CAMP**

Set in what is considered Kenya's prime wildlife area; Mara Leisure Camp is located along the Talek River, at the confluence of the Masai Mara's four wildlife viewing areas, on the northern boundary of the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The camp is located within one of the most spectacular locations in the entire Masai Mara Game Reserve. One of the most exciting spectacles in the world is that of the 'Great Migration'.

## **SAFARI PACKAGE RATES**

### **OPTION ONE:**

**Serena Mountain Lodge, Great Rift Valley Lodge & Mara Leisure Camp**

**Aug 2016**

<i>Per Adult Sharing each of 2</i>	<b>USD 1565</b>
<i>Per Adult Sharing each of 4</i>	<b>USD 1330</b>
<i>Per Adult Sharing each of 6</i>	<b>USD 1255</b>
<i>Single Room Supplement</i>	<b>USD 354</b>

### **OPTION TWO:**

**Serena Mountain Lodge, Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge & Sarova Mara Game Camp**

**Aug 2016**

<i>Per Adult Sharing each of 2</i>	<b>USD 1910</b>
<i>Per Adult Sharing each of 4</i>	<b>USD 1675</b>
<i>Per Adult Sharing each of 6</i>	<b>USD 1595</b>
<i>Single Room Supplement</i>	<b>USD 550</b>

#### **Package includes:**

- 05 Nights Accommodation on Full Board
- Transport using a 06 seater safari mini bus
- Game drives as per itinerary
- Professional, English speaking safari guides
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Park Entrance Fees
- Complimentary Safari Hat per person

#### **Package excludes:**

- International flights
- Additional sightseeing or deviation from the itinerary
- Personal items such as tobacco, laundry, phone calls & drinks
- Any Other Item not mentioned above
- Medical and Travel insurance

### **Cancellation and No show charges.**

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06 days to 03 days prior to arrival: 65%

02 days to 01 days prior to arrival: 80%

No Show: 100%

### **Passenger Information**

Baggage allowance for domestic flights is 15kgs per person including hand luggage.

Soft-sided luggage or duffels are preferable to hard luggage for storage on safari vehicles within East Africa. Large suitcases of dimensions greater than 24"x 17"x 7" are impossible to store in vehicles and on aircraft and should not be used. (Baggage and personal effects are at owner's risk throughout the tour and baggage insurance for members is strongly advised).

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