



# Kenya & Tanzania with Zanzibar

14 days

## Tour Description

*Trade, spices and exotic animals are presented on this tour of Kenya, Tanzania and Zanzibar. Multiple opportunities exist to experience African wildlife, including rare species such as Grevy's Zebra and the Red Colobus Monkey, on visits to national parks and safari drives. Time to explore the exotic spice island of Zanzibar with its Stone Town and colorful markets.*

## Highlights

- ❖ Marvel at flamingos and hippos in Manyara National Park
- ❖ Serengeti National Park
- ❖ Morning and evening game drives at Maasai Mara National Reserve
- ❖ Panoramic Hot Air Balloon Safari
- ❖ Guided tour of the historic Stone Town of Zanzibar
- ❖ View the rare Red Colobus Monkey in Jozani National Forest
- ❖ Zanzibar Spice Plantation Tour

## Sample Tour Itinerary

### ***Nairobi, Kenya – 1 night***

#### **Day 1: Arrive Nairobi**

You will be met at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to relax, explore on own, or enjoy the hotel's amenities.

### ***Aberdare National Park – 1 night***

#### **Day 2:**

This morning after your included breakfast we depart Nairobi and head into the wilds of Kenya. Your lodge is set in the heart of the Aberdare National Park overlooking a waterhole which attracts a host of awesome wildlife and all of the "Big Five."

### ***Samburu National Reserve – 2 nights***

#### **Day 3:**

Depart via private coach to Samburu National Reserve. In the shadow of Mount Kenya, the national parks and extensive ranch and communal lands of the Samburu Heartland support some of Africa's most impressive wildlife. This evening we'll have our first evening game drive.

#### **Day 4:**

The area is arid and largely semi-desert, with a large concentration of game including some unique species not found elsewhere; such as the oryx, gerenuk, reticulated giraffe and Grévy's Zebra. Other game includes ostriches, elephants and sometimes even leopards. Enjoy a morning and evening game drive with time for lunch and to freshen up in between.



### ***Maasai Mara National Reserve – 3 nights***

#### **Day 5:**

Take a morning bush flight to Maasai Mara National Reserve. Nestled in a lush riverine forest below the Oloololo Escarpment of the Great Rift Valley, you'll enjoy spectacular views of the Maasai Mara's game-filled plains. Your tented camp offers the ultimate in seclusion. These modern semi-permanent tents will allow you to relax in classic elegance yet still benefit from modern comforts and amenities. Each tent has a private deck overlooking the vast game-filled plains of the Maasai Mara. Enjoy an evening game drive before settling in for the night.

#### **Day 6:**

Your lodge's grassland savanna is dominated by sweet pasture grasses & woodland which feed the multitudes of grazing herbivores. Seasonal marshes and swamps are home to aquatic plants and animals. The Maasai Mara is the location of the BBC television documentary – 'Big Cat Diary'. Resident lion prides defend territories throughout the Mara. Open grasslands provide ideal hunting terrain for cheetah - the planet's fastest land mammal. Elephant numbers are increasing rapidly. Enjoy both a morning and evening game drive.

#### **Day 7:**

Wake up really early this morning for a truly magical hot air balloon ride. Once aloft, the balloon floats gently over the plains, giving a bird's eye view of the game below as the sun creeps slowly over the horizon. Spread beneath you is a panorama of Africa – elephants looking improbably small; giraffe browsing amongst the treetops; antelope grazing; a pair of lionesses stalking a herd of wildebeest; and cheetah glancing up as the shadow of the huge balloon crosses their paths.

You'll be back in time for a late breakfast. The afternoon is available for a game drive or just relaxing around camp.

### ***Karatu, Tanzania – 2 nights***

#### **Day 8:**

After a leisurely breakfast transfer to Wilson Airport for the scheduled flight to Kilimanjaro Airport in Tanzania. After clearing through customs and immigrations you will be driven to Lake Manyara National Park. This charming park, tiny by comparison, lies under the wall of the Great Rift Valley escarpment and features a large shallow lake. Enjoy a game drive through the acacia woodland where lions, elephant, buffalo, gazelle and giraffe are abundant. The park is famous for its tree-climbing lions, and on the shores of the lake a wonderful birdlife selection can be viewed, as well as a well-stocked hippo pool.

After your game drive continue to your lodge near Karatu.

#### **Day 9:**

This morning we head to Ngorongoro Conservation Area for a full-day game drive through the crater. This world famous geographic feature is technically a 'caldera' - a collapsed volcano. The floor is over 102 square miles, with a large soda lake & a perfectly preserved, self-contained habitat for a huge number of animal species. A picnic lunch will be enjoyed out in the bush.



### ***Serengeti National Park – 2 nights***

#### **Day 10:**

The Serengeti is one of the largest wildlife sanctuaries in the world. The most famous features of the Serengeti ecosystem are the spectacular concentrations of plains animals, found nowhere else in the world, and the annual wildebeest migration.

This morning you will drive to your lodge in Serengeti National Park with an excursion at Olduvai Gorge en route. After checking in at the hotel and enjoying a scrumptious lunch you will head out for an afternoon game drive.

#### **Day 11:**

Enjoy a morning and evening game drive with time for lunch and to freshen up in between. Expect to see wildebeest, zebra and gazelle. Hippos will be found in their pools at any time of year. Elephants are frequently seen, as well as huge herds of buffalo & a large population of giraffe.

### ***Zanzibar – 2 nights***

#### **Day 12:**

After breakfast transfer to the airstrip for your flights to Zanzibar, via Arusha. Zanzibar was once a wealthy trading center. Your local guide will walk you through the narrow streets of Stone Town where you will get glimpses of the town's former glory.

#### **Day 13:**

Today's tour starts off with a guided walk through Jozani National Forest, home to the rare Red Colobus Monkey and other exotic endemic species. Later, your tour will visit one of the many spice plantations. These plantations were first introduced to the island by the sultan of Oman in 1873.

The remainder of the day is free for you to explore more of Stone Town on your own or head out for a dhow cruise on the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean.

#### **Day 14:**

This morning fly to Dar Es Salaam to connect with your return flight home.

### **INCLUSIONS**

- Accommodations: Nairobi 1 night, Aberdare National Park 1 night, Samburu National Reserve 2 nights, Maasai Mara National Reserve 3 nights, Karatu 2 nights, Serengeti National Park 2 nights, Zanzibar 2 nights
- Breakfast daily. Lunch and dinner outside of Nairobi
- Ground transportation and flights as stated in itinerary
- English speaking assistants and guides
- Park and reserve entrance fees