



Kenya - Elephants and big cats

Safari Itinerary - 1st to 11th November 2022



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Nairobi

Day One - 1st November 2022

Arrive by air into Nairobi, Kenya at the international airport and be met by Alex and drive the short distance to the comfortable Tamarind Tree Hotel.

Once our group is assembled, Alex will talk through the upcoming safari and logistics, answering any questions you may have and share insights and inspiration for photography; discussing settings and inspiration to begin creating your own wonderful portfolio.



Giraffe Conservation Centre - Nairobi

Day Two 2nd November 2022

Your safari begins proper as we rise early for a hearty breakfast before meeting our local guide who will drive us to two prominent conservation projects in Nairobi.

Firstly, we head to a giraffe conservation project located in the beautiful grounds of Giraffe Manor where you will have opportunity to meet, interact and learn about giraffes and the conservation projects helping them to survive.

Secondly, we head to the famous Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage where you will be able to meet orphaned elephants who are being rehabilitated before eventually being released back in to the wild. Here, you will also have opportunity to 'adopt' an elephant, helping sponsor the imperative conservation work that the trust tirelessly carries out.

For lunch, we'll stop at one of the many beautiful gardens in Nairobi's Karen district, named after the famous author Karen Blixen.

The rest of the day is yours to relax before as a small group we head to the wonderful Carnivore restaurant for dinner which is famed for perfectly barbecuing all manner of dishes - don't worry, there is also a brilliant vegetarian menu for those not wishing to sample the plethora of meat dishes on offer. Just go careful on the Dawa cocktails as we have an early start the next day!



Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage - Nairobi



Tamarind Tree Hotel - Nairobi



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Amboseli

Days Three to Six - 3rd November to 6th November 2022

This morning, we're up early for breakfast and get ready for our drive from Nairobi to astounding Amboseli National Park in the southwestern region of Kenya. The drive, in a private vehicle, will take roughly four hours but we'll have plenty of opportunity to stop along the way, passing by giant baobab trees and through colourful communities.

Our home for the next four nights will be at the lovely and multi-award winning Porini Amboseli Camp, tucked away in its own private concession with the boundaries of the national park itself. This small, intimate camp has all the charm and feel of a traditional safari camp of days gone by and because of its secluded location we'll be far away from the busier areas of the national park.

For three days we'll explore by private 4x4 vehicle, remarkable Amboseli, which in my eyes, is one of the best places on the African continent to see and photograph elephants as well as other iconic species. But it's here that we focus mainly on finding huge herds of elephants and monstrous bull elephants with their impressive tusks. The flat grassy plains, dust pans, reed filled marshes all with Mount Kilimanjaro as a backdrop offer some simply stunning photographic opportunities.

A typical day on safari starts with a rousing cup of coffee and light bite to eat and set off before dawn taking advantage of the beautiful morning light and either returning to camp for breakfast or enjoying it picnic style in the midst of the African wilderness. If we haven't decided to head out for a full day of exploration, afternoon safaris will generally start as the heat of the day begins to dwindle and returning to camp after dark to enjoy dinner with the sounds of the African wilderness surrounding us.

After each safari activity there will be opportunity for photography review sessions, talking through images and informally discussing editing techniques to help curate your own portfolio of images.



Porini Selenkay Camp - Amboseli NP



Elephants in Amboseli NP



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Maasai Mara

Day Seven - 7th November 2022

This morning, we say goodbye to Amboseli and catch our local flight north to the infamous Maasai Mara which is home to some of the densest populations of big cats in Africa.

We land in the private Northern Conservancies of the Maasai Mara before lunch and settle into our home for the next four nights at Alex Walker's Serian; one of the original safari operators in this remarkable corner of Kenya.

Our charismatic, intimate safari camp is located in pristine wilderness on the banks of the Mara river where hippos lounge by day and by night you'll no doubt hear a lion's roar and feel it resonate in your chest.

Days Eight to Ten - 8th November to 10th November 2022

We will be well away from the busier areas of the Maasai Mara National Park, meaning more intimate sightings of truly wild wildlife with the ability to drive off road to get you in the perfect spot to capture stunning wildlife images.

Although this is not prime season to witness the Great Migration as it passes through the region there is still ample wildlife to be found such as buffalo, elephants, giraffe and a myriad of different antelope and bird species.

Here we'll set our own itinerary, giving us the freedom to explore the vast grassy plains and riverines, concentrating our efforts on finding prides of lions, cheetah, the ever elusive leopard all of which call this phenomenal ecosystem 'home'.

Day Eleven

This is the last day of our safari and we may have time to squeeze in one last game drive before we catch our morning internal flight from the Maasai Mara back to Nairobi. From here we say goodbye for now and no doubt you leave with a longing to return to Africa and experience her magnificence again!



Alex Walker's Serian - Maasai Mara North



Lion are bountiful in the Maasai Mara North



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INCLUSIONS

- 2x nights bed and breakfast accommodation - Tamarind Tree Hotel
- 8x nights Safari Camp accommodation - 4x nights Porini Amboseli & 4x Alex Walker's Serian Original.
- Exclusive 4x4 safari vehicle and road transport in Kenya for duration of the safari.
- All safari and culture activities as per itinerary.
- Internal flights - Amboseli to Maasai Mara. Maasai Mara to Nairobi, Wilson.
- Full-board. All meals and local house drinks whilst on safari.
- All park and conservation fees for Amboseli and Maasai Mara Northern Conservancy.
- Amref Flying Doctors Emergency Evacuation Membership
- Photography mentorship, tuition and editing sessions with your host, Alex

Booking your place

This couldn't be easier. Click the button below or send Alex an email - alex@alexroldan.co.uk or call +44 (0) 7837924 267 and begin your journey to experience remarkable wildlife

EXCLUSIONS

- International flights and appropriate visas.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Photography equipment.
- Appropriate medical, travel and other insurances.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Inbound Covid testing from your country of departure/origin.

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