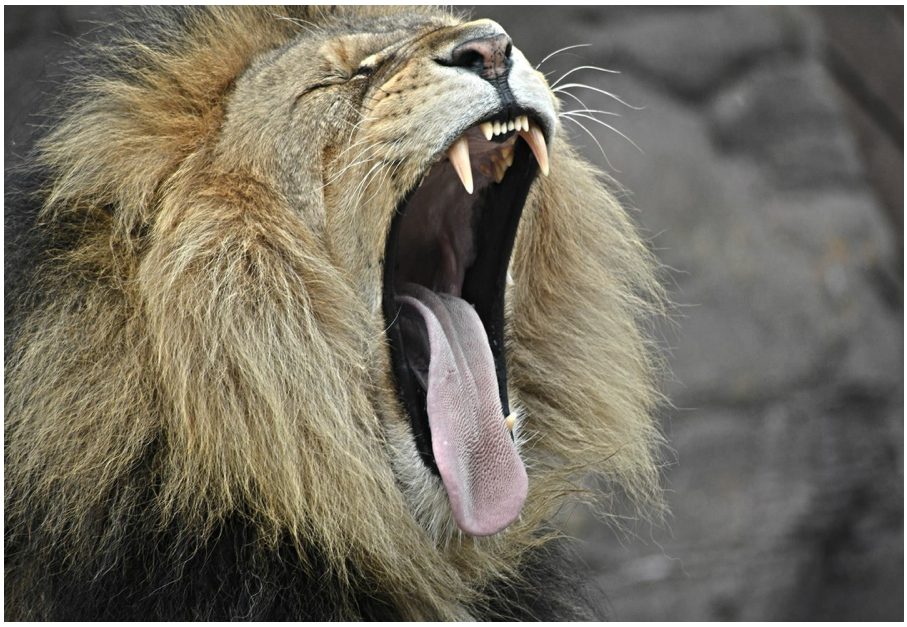
*Full Itinerary*

# SAVANNAHS & LAKES SAFARI OF KENYA.



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## JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 1

DESTINATION:

Savannahs & Lakes Safari of Kenya

DURATION:

8 days, 7 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Arrive into Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta Airport [NBO] on Day 1 and depart from [NBO] after 6pm on Day 8

PICKUP LOCATION:

Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]

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# OVERVIEW

Choose your own departure date for your group

Spectacular wildlife by day and African sunsets, nocturnal wildlife and starlit skies by night.

In Swahili, the word safari means 'journey' and this particular journey is deserving of the number one spot on your bucket list. Exploring the African savannah, its rivers, lakes and bushland by specially modified 4x4 vehicles with an expert driver guide, this tour takes you into the heart of the African bush. Here you will see for yourself the iconic wildlife of Africa; elephants, zebra, hippopotamus, rhino, lions and much, much more. This is a truly spectacular safari taking in the wild savannahs and abundant lakeside wildlife.

# ITINERARY SUMMARY

**DAY 1 -** Welcome to Nairobi, Kenya

**DAY 2 -** Nairobi Railway to Tsavo West National Park

**DAY 3 -** Game Drive in Amboseli National Park

**DAY 4 -** Lake Naivasha National Park

**DAY 5 -** Lake Naivasha National Park

**DAY 6 -** Game Drives in the Masai Mara

**DAY 7 -** Game Drives in the Masai Mara

**DAY 8 -** Nairobi and Home

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# FULL ITINERARY

## DAY 1 - WELCOME TO NAIROBI, KENYA

Just south of the equator, Nairobi enjoys a spring-like climate and it has always attracted world attention as the centre of big-game safaris for the rich and famous. - Teddy Roosevelt needed 500 porters to carry supplies- on this safari you will not need quite so much luggage! You will be met at the airport from your flights and transferred to the hotel in Nairobi where you will meet your Big Journey Company Tour Director and the rest of our tour group.

## DAY 2 - NAIROBI RAILWAY TO TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK

After an early breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to the Mombasa–Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway station to take the train to Voi. This new, high speed passenger service has excellent views as we travel over viaducts, embankments and cuttings. When we arrive in Voi, we will be met at the station and transfer to Tsavo West National Park.
This afternoon we will enjoy our first game drive. Tsavo West is a beautiful, rugged savannah, with grasslands and acacia forest. Belts of riverside provide perfect opportunities for spotting Hippos, lions, cheetahs and enjoying the many diverse plant and bird species.

**Included meals:** Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

## DAY 3 - GAME DRIVE IN AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

We depart this morning for the Amboseli National Park. Writers have described this area as 'a home for the Gods'. With the backdrop of Africa's highest mountain Mount Kilimanjaro, this is one of the best spots in the world to watch for elephants. WE will enjoy an afternoon game drive before heading to our accommodation for this evening.

**Included meals:** Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

## DAY 4 - LAKE NAIVASHA NATIONAL PARK

Today the road leads us to the eastern arm of the Great Rift Valley, to Lake Naivasha National Park. Lake Naivasha is the highest of the lakes that form the Great Rift Valley and it is surrounded by a series of volcanoes and calderas. Lake Naivasha's name comes from the Masai word meaning "heaving" or "to and fro", in reference to how turbulent the waters can get in the afternoons.
We will enjoy a late lunch on arrival and spend the afternoon at leisure, giving you time to explore our accommodation and follow your own interests.

**Included meals:** Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

## DAY 5 - LAKE NAIVASHA NATIONAL PARK

Lake Naivasha is an ornithologist's paradise, as well as having excellent fishing, with tilapia and black bass first introduced by the early settlers. This is the perfect place to relax, walk with a guide or sit under a canopy of mature shady Yellow Fever trees and listen to the sound of hippos and view the rich bird life. Today will be spent at leisure, giving you the opportunity to explore the area further and take inspiration in the same region that inspired the backdrops for the Lion King and where Joy Adamson worked and wrote Born Free.

**Included meals:** Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

## DAY 6 - GAME DRIVES IN THE MASAI MARA

An early breakfast this morning before proceeding to Kenya's richest and most famous game reserve: Masai Mara. The jewel in Africa's crown, Masai Mara is host to the most spectacular array of wildlife. 1,510 sq.km of open savannah, woodland and tree-lined rivers create an eco-system which supports huge numbers of bird and mammal species. Lions are found in abundance throughout the park as are elephant, giraffe, a variety of gazelle species and zebra. Cheetah and leopard are also regularly seen and you may also be lucky enough to find rhino.
In the afternoon, we will enjoy a game drive in the reserve before returning to camp early evening for dinner.

**Included meals:** Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

## DAY 7 - GAME DRIVES IN THE MASAI MARA

Today we will spend the whole day on game drives in the national park, hoping to complete our spotters list of the 'Big 5'. Patience here is often

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rewarded with unique sightings: a pride of lion stalking their prey; a solitary leopard retrieving its kill from the high branches of an acacia tree; male wildebeest sparring to attract females into their harem.

**Included meals:** Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

## DAY 8 - NAIROBI AND HOME

Today we depart after breakfast to return to Nairobi. We will be able to use the facilities at the Akorn Lodge in Nairobi before transfers and drop off at the airport for onward flight arrangements. Flights home on this final day must depart after 6pm local time.

**Included meals:** Breakfast
**Accommodation:** none

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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet at Airport on arrival.
- Transfers as detailed in the itinerary
- SGR train tickets from Nairobi to Voi
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- Transportation in 4x4 vehicle
- All activities, visits and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- Park Entrance Fees into specified Parks and Reserves
- Experienced English speaking tour guides
- Tour Director from The Big Journey Company as well as the local tour guide (subject to minimum group size of 20 being reached)
- 3 x 1/2 Litre Mineral Water Bottles per person, per day in Safari vehicle.

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights arriving and departing from Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport [NBO]
- Transfers on arrival or departure, to/from the airport(s), outside of the journey dates.
- Drinks
- Gratuities
- Visas, travel or medical insurance
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Any optional activities offered
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please arrange your flights to arrive into Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) on Day 1 and to depart out of Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) after 6pm (local time) on Day 8
- Vaccinations are recommended for Kenya. Please consult your doctor for advice.
- British, Canadian and US Passport holders require a Visa to visit Kenya.
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2-3pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 – 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable. Balance payments due 14 weeks prior to departure. Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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