



Ethiopian Experiences

in Kenya



Welcome to our

Kenyan Experience

Dates for 2024

Wed Nov 15th (evening flight) – Tue Nov 28th (daytime flight)

Here is a land of world-famous wildlife and magical culture.

We are thrilled to announce our new tour for 2023.

When one thinks of Kenya, one immediately thinks of African wildlife in all its extraordinary variety. But Kenya as a country has so much more than just the wildlife. Tribal culture, especially that of the Maasai tribe, gives great colour to the country as a whole, while the beautiful coastline of the Indian Ocean provides quite different wonderful experiences.

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A twelve-day tour of extraordinary variety, culminating in a three-day full-on safari in the world-famous Maasai Mara National Park, but also exploring the rich heritage of this colourful and exciting country.

£2795

plus flights and visa

The itinerary

KE Day 0: Evening flight from Heathrow to Addis Ababa

KE Day 1: A relaxed start to the day before meeting our guide and starting our exploration of this incredibly bustling and busy **city**. We shall be taken to a colourful **Maasai tribal market** with a huge range of desirable goods on sale. We shall then continue our city trail to discover landmarks and notable buildings. And we shall enjoy at least one of the modern, excellent coffee shops for some downtime. After a light lunch, we shall take transport to the leafy edge of the city where we shall spend a couple of hours in one of the most attractive and informative **museums** we have ever visited. Dinner will follow some relaxation and free time.

KE Day 2: Although we shall return to Nairobi at the end of the tour, today we take a short flight to the south, to the somewhat quieter and very different city of **Mombasa**, facing out onto the Indian Ocean. After checking into our modern, air-conditioned hotel, we meet our experienced guide who gives us a very basic introduction to the city in

preparation for tomorrow's activities. We then all take our first dinner together in this ancient city.

KE Day 3: In a substantial day of exploration, our guide is first going to introduce us to the ancient part of this city, with its characterful old buildings and lots of finely carved wooden doors and balconies. Once we have lunched together, we are going to have an early afternoon period of relaxation so as to reserve energy for our early evening trip to Mombasa's most famous historic site, **Fort Jesus**, where we shall witness an impressive Sound and Light show in this sturdy 16th century stronghold that has protected the city for more than four centuries. Dinner may well be taken during the show, or else we shall visit a carefully chosen restaurant on the edge of the city.

KE Day 4: Today we leave the city behind us and travel just a few kilometres by tuk-tuk into the countryside to visit a beautifully relaxed **Haller Park** and our very first sighting of Kenya's stunning animal life. Giraffes, elands, crocodiles and enormous tortoises await us in very leafy and enjoyable surroundings. Kenyan families will also be there to find relaxation and amusement. We'll return to the city for lunch and have some more time to relax or discover Mombasa before we prepare ourselves for our road trip starting the next day.

KE Day 5: Today we start our short trip using private transport along the coast of the Indian Ocean on our way to the attractive small town of Malindi where we shall stay the night. We shall take a stop for lunch at the equally attractive town of **Kalifi** where we might also have time to do a little exploration before continuing our journey. We have chosen the most wonderfully leafy and shady hotel in **Malindi**, very close to the coast and occupying a beautifully peaceful site. But we certainly intend to take you first to the world-famous **Falconry of Kenya**, just on the edge of town, where more than twenty species of beautiful birds of prey are protected and flown for visiting guests. It's an unforgettable experience! You will also meet one of the oldest and hugest tortoises in captivity!

KE Day 6: We are off into the countryside this morning for an hour's drive to **Hell's Kitchen**, an extraordinary natural formation of orange, white and pink rocks that will remind some of our guests of the 'New York' canyon that they might have visited with us in southern Ethiopia. We return to Malindi for a relaxed lunch before preparing ourselves for our afternoon flight to the next place on our wonderful itinerary, the island community of **Lamu**. We shall be taken by boat from the airport to our hotel in the centre of this extraordinary place that has no roads and no motor vehicles. Just donkeys! and the occasional boy-racer on his motorbike!

KE Day 7: We are staying three nights in this ultimately peaceful and colourful place, the oldest continually inhabited town in Kenya, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and one of the original Swahili settlements on this coast. We are here to relax, to learn about this unique culture, and to enjoy a very special place indeed. We shall meet our private guide today and explore **Lamu Town**. But we shall allow ourselves lots of free time to enjoy our traditional hotel, to swim in a private pool just a few metres away in the sister hotel, and to relax. We may well take a boat along the coast a little way to have dinner and cocktails in the slightly upmarket area called Shela

KE Day 8: We shall top up our exploration of Lamu this morning by visiting the **Fort** and its small heritage **museum**. And we shall have lots of time to wander the narrow streets, both along the coast and behind the town. Anyone feeling bold enough may take a

motorcycle taxi along the coast if wished, or even take a calmer ride on one of the essential local donkeys. We could also visit a very traditional small hotel in the Shela area and use their very pleasant pool. If sea-bathing is your choice, the small **Shela beach** is a chosen spot. You will not forget being amid this very unusual and calming community.

KE Day 9: Our time in this peaceful place has ended and we are now heading for the true climax of this very special tour. We leave Lamu by boat and are heading for the airport and our relatively short flight back to the capital city, **Nairobi**. We shall have good time to prepare ourselves for our three-day Maasai Mara experience, but will probably also wish to reconnect with some of the areas near our very central hotel, including some excellent coffee shops.

KE Days 10, 11 and 12: From here on, we are all in the very capable hands of our Nairobi-based safari experts who are arranging the whole package on your behalf. After breakfasting in our hotel on day 10, we shall make an early start and move towards the world-famous **Maasai Mara National Park**. We shall remain in a private group for all of the three days, sleeping our two nights on the edge of the park near a Maasai tribe village. Accommodation is in tented rooms with proper beds but simple surroundings. Most meals will be taken in our tented compound and we can promise simple but tasty fare, eaten either in the dining room or around our own camp fire.

Day 10 will see us immediately out on **safari** once we have arrived, and the whole of the next day likewise. On our final day, we shall have a private visit to a **Maasai village** and be welcomed with tribal dancing (join in if you like!) and be shown just how these knowledgeable people light their fires for cooking and heating, but with not a match in sight.

After our Maasai experience is done, we travel back to Nairobi and to our comfortable modern hotel once again. But before we sleep, we hope to take you for a very special banquet on the edge of the city with traditional dancing and entertainment provided by the **Safari Cats Dancers**.

KE Day 13 Homeward bound, taking with us memories a-plenty.