

A large African elephant with prominent tusks stands in a savanna landscape. The elephant is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing forward. The background features a line of acacia trees under a clear sky. The foreground is filled with tall, golden-brown grass.

Kenya

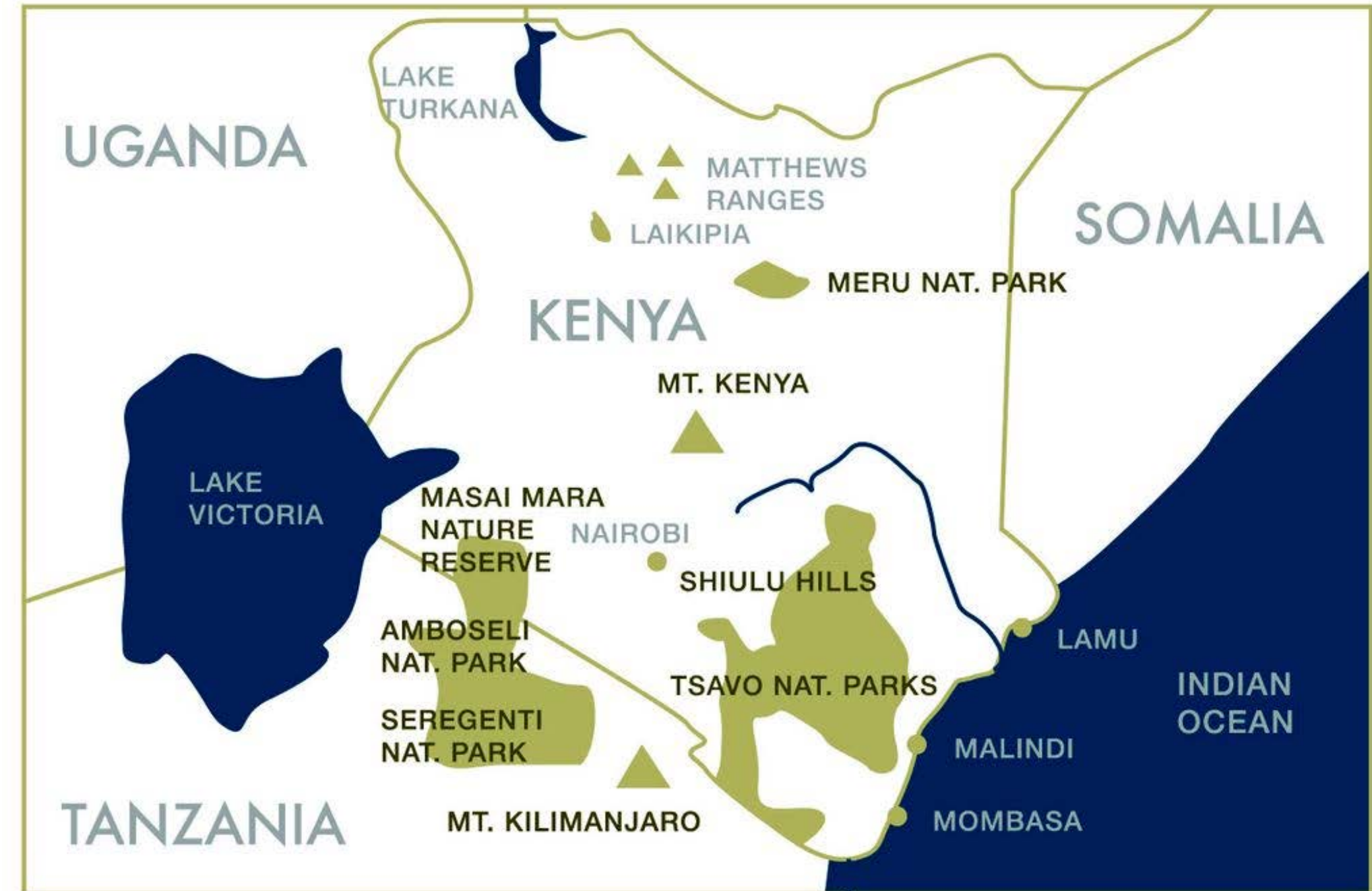
NAIROBI, SAMBURU, MAASAI MARA & LAMU

10 DAYS

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Overview

No safari is complete without time spent under canvas in the style of the old explorers. Nigel Archer private mobile-tented camps allow us to visit some of the most beautiful and remote wilderness areas in East Africa. They give us the flexibility to follow the movement of the wildlife and position our camps for the best game viewing possible. Designed from decades of experience, the camps provide the ultimate in luxurious exclusivity whilst allowing for an intimate wildlife experience. A full crew of exceptional safari staff are there to look after your every need. Whether it is preparing a beautifully laid dinner under the stars or a piping hot shower upon return from your afternoon's adventures.



NAIROBI, SAMBURU, MAASAI MARA & LAMU ITINERARY AT-A-GLANCE

DAY 1

Nairobi

Arrive Nairobi Airport.
Overnight Tamarind
Tree

DAY 2

Samburu

Private Luxury Camp,
Samburu

DAY 3

Samburu

Private Luxury Camp,
Samburu

DAY 4

Samburu

Private Luxury Camp,
Samburu

DAY 5

Maasai Mara

Private Luxury Camp,
Maasai Mara

DAY 6

Maasai Mara

Private Luxury Camp,
Maasai Mara

DAY 7

Maasai Mara

Private Luxury Camp,
Maasai Mara

DAY 8

Lamu

Overnight Peponi Hotel

DAY 9

Lamu

Overnight Peponi Hotel

DAY 10

Depart

Nairobi touring and
International Departure



DAY 1: NAIROBI

Upon landing at JKIA you will be met by our driver who will transport you to the Tamarind Tree Hotel, Nairobi for your first night accommodation.

The Tamarind Tree Hotel is a modern concept hotel, imbued with an African flavour, perfectly situated between Nairobi's two airports. The nearby Langata and Karen suburbs are among the liveliest and most popular in Nairobi with world-class shopping malls and excellent restaurants. The spacious rooms, excellent free wi-fi, satellite TV, business and conferencing facilities plus a gym and heated lap pool. The public areas are a blend of social, work and relaxation zones with a 24-hour 'grab and go' food duka along with all day dining and bars.

The world renowned Carnivore Restaurant can be accessed by way of a nature trail through the expansive grounds of the property. The Tamarind Tree Hotel will offer a unique experience in Nairobi.

Overnight Tamarind Tree Hotel

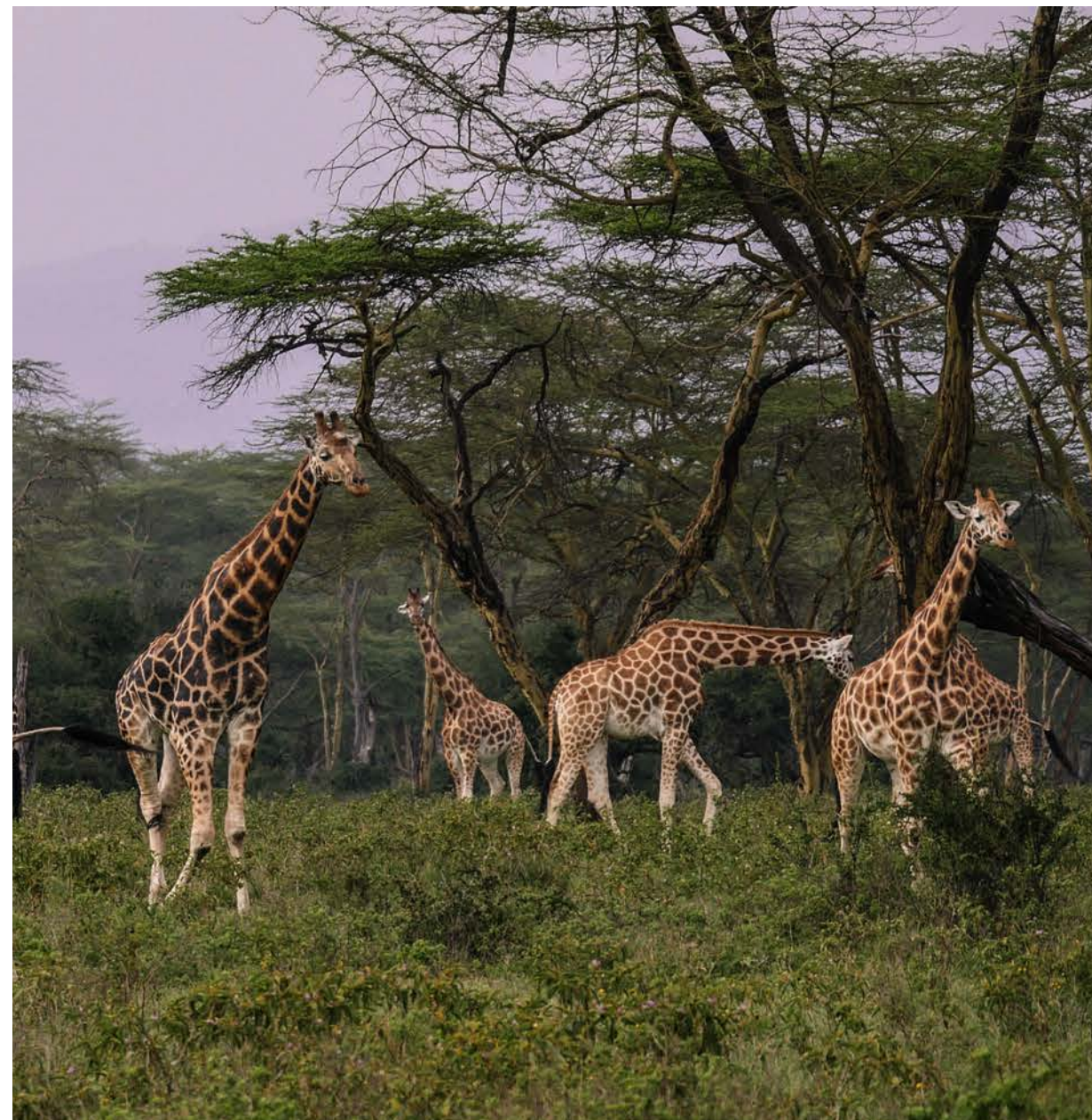


DAY 2-4: SAMBURU

After breakfast you will be met and transferred to Wilson Airport for your private charter flight to Samburu. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the camp.

Samburu National Reserve is a rugged semi-desert reserve located 350kms from Nairobi, within the Samburu district in the Rift Valley Province of Kenya. Covering an area of 165 km² and with altitude ranging from 800-1230m above sea level, the Samburu National Reserve is the home of the nomadic, pastoral Samburu tribe. For the Samburu people, the Acacia Grasslands hold the promise of well fed cattle, while herds of elephants and other wildlife to take advantage of a well-watered corridor bordered to the south by the Ewaso Nyiro River and the Buffalo Springs National Reserve. Samburu National Reserve is teeming with wildlife; from the giant herds of Samburu elephants drinking from the waterholes, leopard basking on rocky outcrops, to the roaming endangered African Wild Dog packs traversing the plains. Samburu National Reserve is lucky to be home to the rare endemic species, including Samburus Special Five: The Grevy's Zebra, Reticulated Giraffe, Beisa Oryx, Somali Ostrich and Gerenuk. Samburu National Reserve was one of the two areas in which conservationists George and Joy Adamson raised Elsa the Lioness. Their story was made famous by the bestselling book and award-winning movie "Born Free".

Overnight Samburu Private Luxury Camp (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)





DAY 5-7: MAASAI MARA

After an early breakfast you will be transferred to your private charter to continue the adventure in the famous Maasai Mara National Reserve.

The world famous Maasai Mara covers an area of some 700 square miles and was established in 1961. Its Southern boundary is contiguous with Tanzania's Serengeti National Park, basically encompassing the same eco system. The Maasai Mara is famous for its rich and diverse wildlife especially the amazing annual migration spectacle.

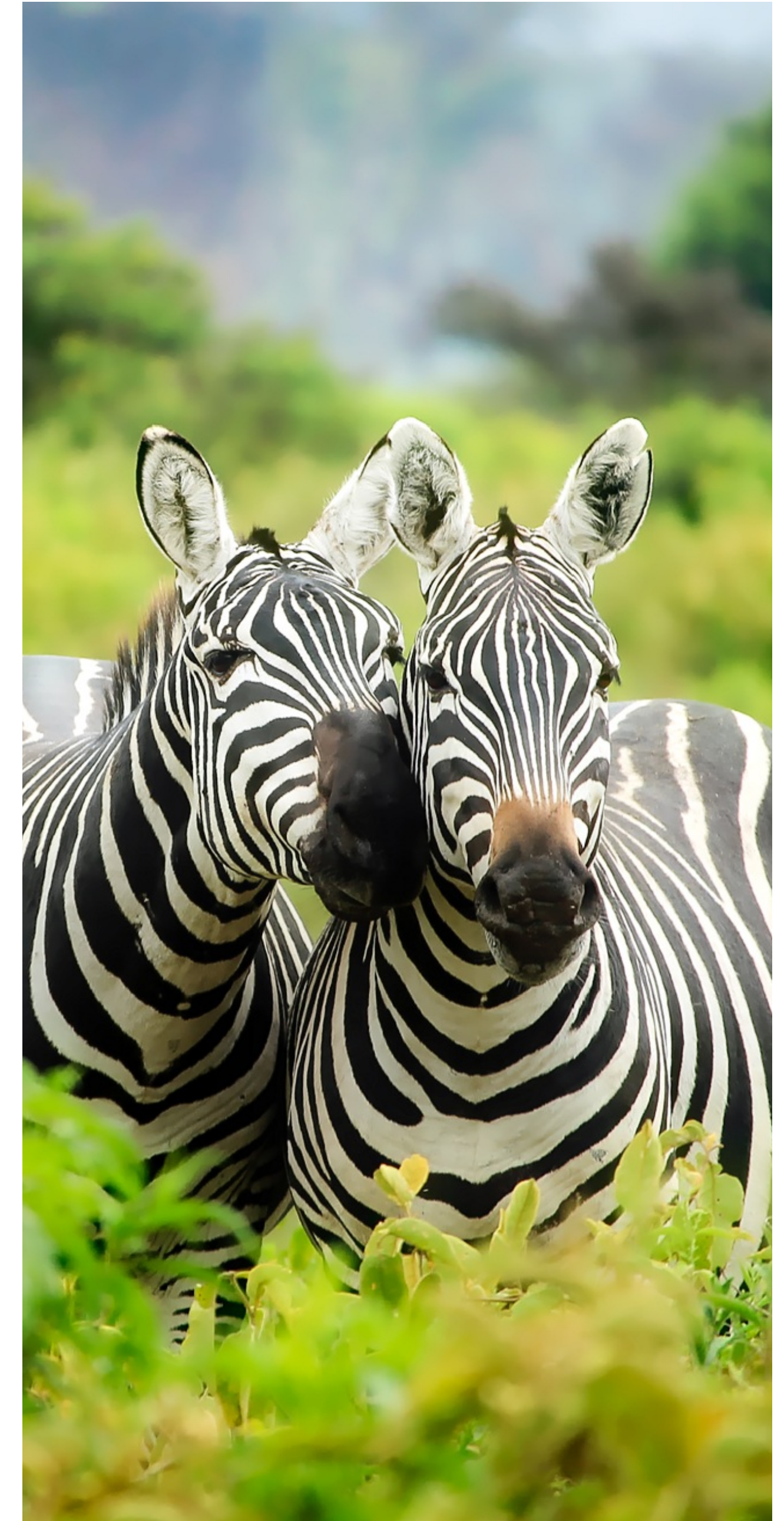
Overnight Luxury Mobile Tented Camp, Maasai Mara (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



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Maasai Mara National Game Reserve

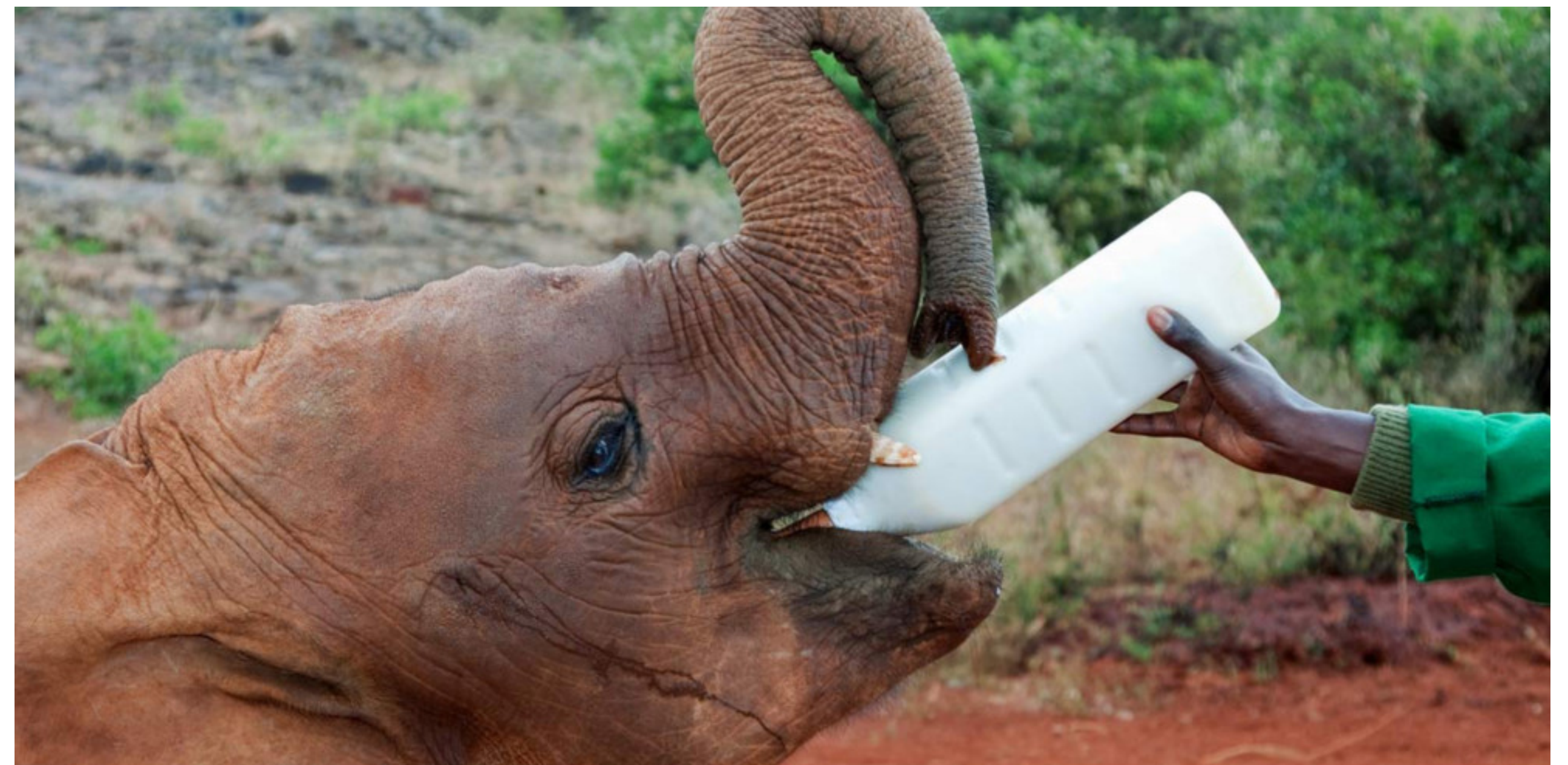
The wonderful vistas boast a wide variety of antelope and gazelle species together with their associated predators. It is a country of breath-taking views, a panorama of vast rolling plains and rounded hills, of intermittent groves of acacia woodlands and dense thickets of scrub. This wilderness area is bisected by the Mara and Talek Rivers, which are accompanied by interesting riverine forests and woodlands. The Mara possesses the largest population of Lions to be found in Kenya, and also supports good elephant herd populations. The big 5 can be regularly encountered including the rare Black Rhino



DAY 8: NAIROBI & LAMU

After an early breakfast, you will board your final private charter to spend the morning in Nairobi before heading for your scheduled flight to Lamu.

Spend the morning exploring Nairobi, visiting the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, Giraffe Centre, Karen Blixen Museum or even indulge in some retail therapy.



DAY 8-10: LAMU

After a morning of shopping and sight seeing in Nairobi you will be transferred to your scheduled flight to your coastal destination, the exotic, Lamu.

Peponi is a small boutique hotel with just 24 rooms, all with ocean views. All rooms have overhead fans, mosquito nets, showers, fresh flowers, and personal safes. Peponi's legendary bar is a favourite watering hole for guests and Shela village inhabitants alike. The gardens boast one of the largest and most varied collections of tropical palms and exotic plants on the Kenyan coast. Swing hammocks under the shade of coconut trees and a fresh water free form swimming pool under two giant Baobab trees offer the perfect places to relax.

Flanked by ancient sand dunes, the beach is one of the few remaining untouched, empty stretches of coastline in Kenya. White sands, excellent swimming and an idyllic setting for a walk at dawn or sunset.

While staying at Peponi's a number of extra curricular activities can be organized such as tours around Lamu Town, deep sea fishing, dhow trips, scuba diving or a visit to the turtle conservation project.

Overnight Peponi Hotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



DAY 12: DEPARTURE

Spend the day using day rooms at Peponi Hotel before a late afternoon scheduled flight back to Nairobi.

Upon arrival at Wilson Airport you will be meet and transferred for a final dinner at the famous Carnivore restaurant before being transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your international flight.







ACCOMMODATIONS

TAMARIND TREE, NAIROBI Ideally located just 5 kms southwest of the City within the spacious Carnivore grounds and its iconic Carnivore Restaurant, Tamarind Tree Hotel has easy access to Nairobi, its national park, and the country's diverse attractions.



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A sunset over a savanna landscape. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, with a large, bright sun partially obscured by a light blue circular graphic. In the foreground, the silhouette of a large acacia tree stands prominently. The horizon is dark, with a few smaller trees visible in the distance.

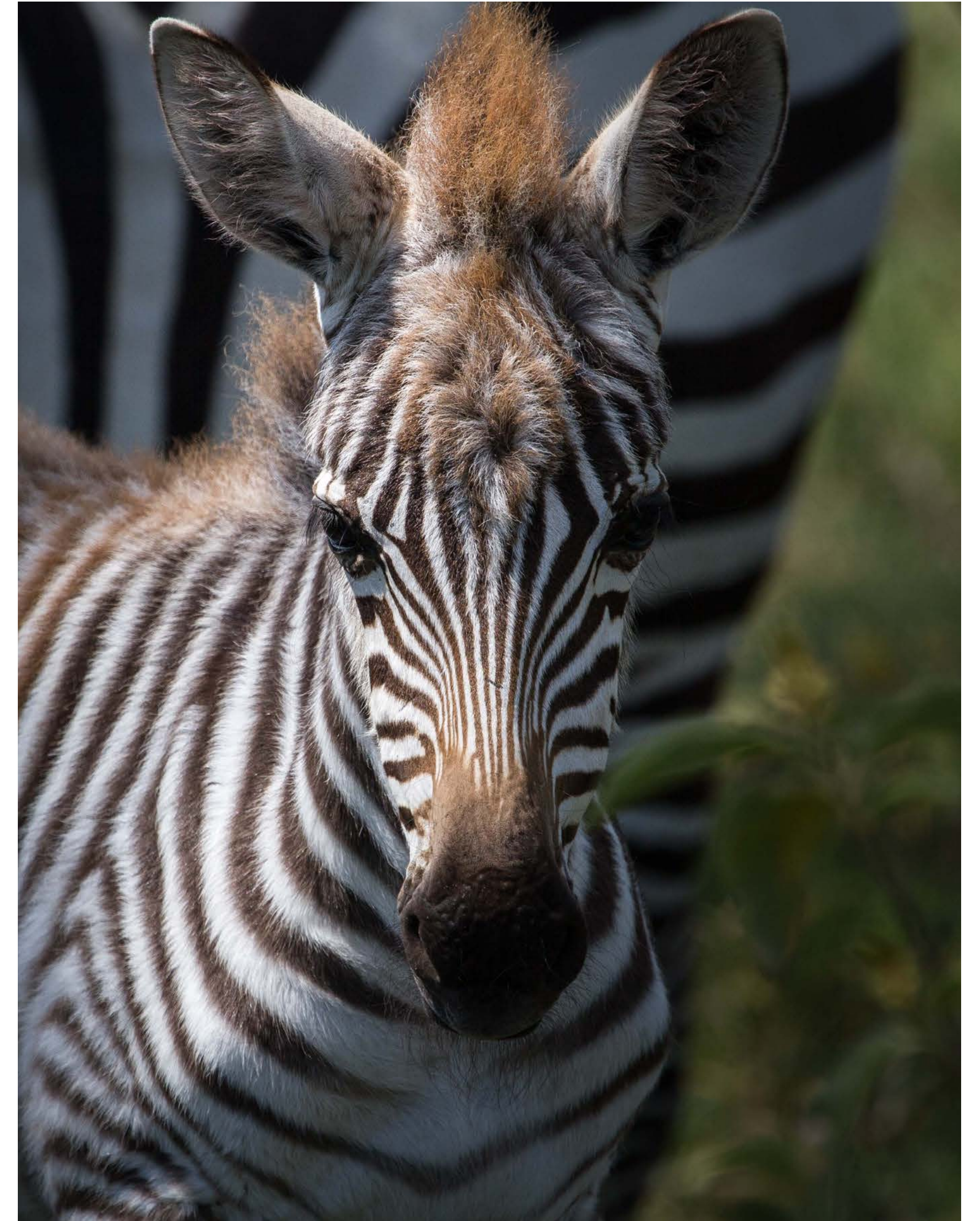
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The Republic of Kenya is a country in East Africa, made up of 42 different ethnic tribes. Lying along the Indian Ocean to its southeast and at the equator, Kenya is bordered by Somalia to the northeast, Ethiopia to the north, Sudan to the northwest, Uganda to the west and Tanzania to the south. The country is named after Mount Kenya, a significant landmark and second among Africa's highest mountain peaks.

Kenya originates from the Kikuyu, Embu, and Kamba names of Mount Kenya, whose pre-historic volcanic eruptions (now extinct) resulted in an association with divinity and creation among the indigenous Kikuyu-related ethnic groups who are the original native inhabitants of the vast agricultural land surrounding Mount Kenya. From the coast on the Indian Ocean the Low plains rise to central highlands. The highlands are bisected by the Great Rift Valley; a fertile plateau in the east. The Kenyan Highlands comprise one of the most successful agricultural production regions in Africa. Fossils found in East Africa suggest that primates roamed the area more than 20 millions years ago. In 1984, Richard Leakey a palaeoanthropologist discovered the skeleton of a Turkana boy belonging to Homo erectus from 1.6 million years ago.

In the centuries preceding colonization, the Swahili coast of Kenya was part of the east African region, which traded with the Arab world and India especially for ivory and slaves. Close to 90% of the population on the Kenya coast was enslaved. Swahili, a Bantu language with Arabic, Persian, and other Middle Eastern and South Asian loan words developed as the trade language between the different peoples. The colonial history of Kenya dates from the establishment of a German protectorate over the Sultan of Zanzibar's coastal possessions in 1885, followed by the arrival of the Imperial British East Africa company in 1888. What followed was the building of the Kenya-Uganda railway, where there was a significant inflow of Indian peoples who provided the bulk of the skilled manpower required for construction. While building the railroad through Tsavo, a number of Indian railway workers and African labourers were attacked by two lions known as the Tsavo maneaters. Kenya has considerable land area of wildlife habitat, including the Masai Mara, where blue wildebeest and other animals participate in a large scale annual migration to find forage in the dry season. This migration occurs between June and September.



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Entry Requirements

Kenya Visas are issued on arrival. US Citizens / other Nationals pay \$50 per person and these Visas can be arranged beforehand as well. A passport valid for six months after date of entry is required. Visitors must hold return/onward tickets and all documents required for their next destination.

Vaccinations

Kenya requires proof of a valid Yellow Fever immunization certificate. (Immigration officials might force a visitor to get immunized, which is at an extra cost). Hepatitis A and B, Tetanus, and Typhoid immunizations are recommended for all travelers. Malaria prophylaxis is recommended and you should consult your local doctor or physician to advise which malaria medication is best suited for you. Information on vaccinations and other health precautions, such as safe food and water precautions and insect bite protection, may be obtained from the CDC's Internet site at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel>

Weather

Nairobi, Kenya

MONTH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
AVE. HIGH	77	79	77	75	72	70	70	70	75	75	73	73
AVE. LOW	54	55	57	57	55	54	52	52	55	55	55	55

Communication

Kenya – country code +254. Most areas will have mobile access and Internet available. Some areas while trekking or on safari may not have mobile access.

Electricity

Kenya - Electrical current is 230 volts, 50Hz (Type D; electrical plug has three circular pins) (Type G; electrical plug has three flat prongs)

Gear List

**A comprehensive gear list will be provided for essential clothing items to bring whilst on safari or activities.

Travel Advisories

Make two photocopies of valuables such as your passport, tickets, visas and travelers' cheques. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home. Be sure to inform your credit card company as well as your bank you will travel internationally into Africa. This will eliminate any credit card holds for fraudulent activity.

Currency

Carrying cash, an ATM or traveler's check card and also a credit card that can be used for cash advances in case of emergency is advisable. The best places to exchange money are normally bureau de change, which are fast, have longer hours and often give slightly better rates than banks. Local currency is Kenyan Shillings (KSH), however most places accept USD. Better hotels, lodges, and camps will accept credit cards, however it is advised to withdraw cash when visiting remote areas and villages.

Government

Kenya – is a democratic republic with a President as head of state and head of government.

Religion

Kenya – the predominant religion is Christianity adhered by 4/5 of the population. Other faiths include Hinduism, Islam, and traditional African religions. Muslims make up a portion of religion practiced near the coastal areas.

Ethnic Groups

African peoples indigenous to Kenya, who now form 98% of the population, fall into three major cultural and linguistic groups: Bantu, Nilotic, and Cushitic. Although most of the land area is occupied by Cushitic and Nilotic peoples, over 70% of the population is Bantu. The Luo, a Nilotic people, live in an area adjacent to Lake Victoria. Other Nilotes – Turkana, Maasai, Pokot, Nandi, Kipsigis, and Tugen – occupy a broad area in the west from Lake Rudolf to the Tanzanian border. Cushites such as the Galla and Somali live in the eastern and northeastern parts of the country. The Bantu reside mainly in the coastal areas

and the southwestern uplands; the most significant bantu peoples are the Kikuyu, Kamba, and Luhya. The Kikuyu, who constitute the largest single ethnic group in Kenya, live for the most part north of Nairobi and have played a major role in the nation's political and social development.

Languages

Kenya – Swahili and English are the two official languages. 62 languages are spoken in Kenya.

Economy

Kenya's economy is market-based, with a few state owned infrastructures enterprises and maintains a liberalized external trade system. The country is generally perceived as Eastern and central Africa's hub for Financial, Communication and Transportation services. There is a large pool of English speaking professional workers and high computer literacy rate among youth. An increasingly significant portion of Kenya's foreign inflows is from remittances by non-resident Kenyans who work in the US, Middle East, Europe and Asia. Compared to its neighbors, Kenya has a well developed social and physical infrastructure. It is considered the main alternative location to South Africa for major corporations seeking entry into the African continent. The agriculture sector continues to dominate Kenya's economy. The principal cash crops are tea, horticultural produce, and coffee; horticultural produce and tea are the main growth sectors and the two most valuable of all of Kenya's exports. Tea, coffee, sisal, pyrethrum, corn, and wheat are grown in the fertile highlands, one of the most successful agricultural production regions in Africa. Livestock predominates in the semi-arid savanna to the north and east. Coconuts, pineapples, cashew nuts, cotton, sugarcane, sisal, and corn are grown in the lower-lying areas

Climate

Kenya has a tropical climate. It is hot and humid at the coast, temperate inland and very dry in the north and northeast parts of the country. There is a lot of rain between March and May (the long rains) and moderate rain in October and November (the short rains). The temperature remains high throughout these months. The country receives a great deal of sunshine all the year round. It is usually cool at night and early in the morning.

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Nairobi, Samburu, Maasai Mara & Lamu 10-Day Tour

Includes:

- Shared accommodation
- Bed and breakfast at Tamarind Tree Hotel
- Full board accommodation including house drinks; local spirits, house wines and soft drinks in Samburu and Maasai Mara camps
- Full board accommodation excluding drinks at Peponi Hotel
- Dinner on final day at Carnivore Restaurant, Nairobi
- Day rooms on the final day at Peponi Hotel
- Park & Conservation fees
- Laundry at Samburu and Maasai Mara Camps
- Private guides throughout
- Internal flights throughout Kenya, Charter and Scheduled
- All internal ground transfers as stipulated in the itinerary
- Guided game drives in 4x4 safari vehicles
- Temporary AMREF medical evacuation membership within Kenya

Excludes:

- International Flights
- Tourist Entry visa for Kenya
- Travel or Personal Health insurance
- Evening meal and drinks at Tamarind Hotel on the first night.
- Lunch and drinks on final day at Peponi Hotel
- Drink, laundry, Scuba diving and other water based activities at Peponi Hotel.
- Champagne and Premium drinks at all locations
- Gratuities
- Any items of personal nature
- Phone calls
- Cigars and cigarettes
- Spa Treatments
- Hot Air Balloon- Maasai Mara \$450 per person
- Excursions whilst in Nairobi-i.e. entrance into Elephant orphanage, Karen Blixen Museum