

# **Mara Migration Special**

#### **Tour Overview**

Experience the breathtaking spectacle of the Great Migration with this special, highly discounted safari that offers you a front-row seat to one of nature's most dramatic events. Every year, millions of wildebeest, zebras, and other herbivores embark on a perilous journey from Serengeti National Park in Tanzania to Kenya's Masai Mara National Reserve, in search of fresh pasture and water. As they move, they must brave treacherous river crossings, where hungry crocodiles lie in wait, and navigate through the vast savannahs patrolled by predators such as lions, cheetahs, and hyenas.

This incredible migration occurs between July and October, with August being the prime time to witness the massive river crossings and the heart-stopping encounters between prey and predator. Alongside the Great Migration, this safari also offers thrilling game drives, encounters with the Big Five, and opportunities to immerse yourself in Maasai culture. Whether you are a wildlife enthusiast, photographer, or first-time safari-goer, this journey promises an unforgettable adventure filled with breathtaking landscapes and unparalleled wildlife sightings.

### Day 1: Nairobi to Amboseli National Park (Approximately 4-5 hours by road)

Your adventure begins at 0700 hrs after a comprehensive tour briefing. You will then depart for Amboseli National Park, driving south through the scenic landscapes of Namanga, a town situated at the Kenya-Tanzania border. As you journey toward Amboseli, enjoy stunning views of the countryside, with glimpses of Mount Kilimanjaro—Africa's tallest peak—on clear days.

Upon arrival, check in at Ol Tukai Lodge and enjoy a delicious lunch before settling in. In the late afternoon, embark on your first game drive through the park, where you will encounter large herds of African elephants, buffaloes, zebras, giraffes, and a variety of predators such as lions and cheetahs. Amboseli's open plains provide excellent opportunities for photography, especially against the majestic backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro.

After an eventful day, return to Ol Tukai Lodge for dinner and an overnight stay.

# Day 2: Amboseli Game Viewing

Your day begins early at 0600 hrs with a thrilling morning game drive in Amboseli National Park. The early morning hours offer the best chance to see predators in action and capture stunning views of Mount Kilimanjaro before the clouds set in. After the game drive, return to Ol Tukai Lodge at 0830 hrs for a hearty breakfast.

Spend the rest of the morning at leisure, relaxing by the lodge's swimming pool or opting for an optional nature walk at a small fee. Take in the tranquil surroundings as you unwind amidst the breathtaking landscapes of Amboseli.



At 1600 hrs, set out for an afternoon game drive, exploring the vast plains until dusk. Amboseli is world-renowned for its large elephant herds, often seen roaming against the striking backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro. The park is also home to a variety of wildlife, including buffalo, zebras, wildebeests, lions, cheetahs, giraffes, and numerous bird species.

Photography enthusiasts will be captivated by the dramatic scenery, especially as animals move across the golden plains beneath the towering peak of Kilimanjaro.

After an unforgettable safari experience, return to Ol Tukai Lodge for a delightful dinner and a restful overnight stay.

Dinner and overnight at Amboseli Ol Tukai Lodge.

### Day 3: Amboseli to Lake Nakuru (Approximately 7-8 hours by road)

Your journey continues as you check out at 0700 hrs and drive towards Lake Nakuru National Park, a scenic route that takes you through Kenya's breathtaking landscapes. Along the way, you will stop for a hot lunch, giving you time to relax before proceeding to Nakuru.

Upon arrival at Lake Nakuru National Park, embark on an evening game drive, exploring the park's diverse ecosystems. Lake Nakuru is famous for its large flamingo population, sometimes numbering in the millions, creating a stunning pink hue along the lake's shoreline. The park is also home to over 400 bird species, making it a paradise for bird watchers.

Beyond birdlife, Lake Nakuru National Park is an important sanctuary for endangered wildlife, particularly the Rothschild's giraffe and both black and white rhinos. You'll also have the opportunity to spot lions, waterbucks, buffalos, baboons, and other resident wildlife.

As the sun sets, check in at Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge, where you will enjoy a delicious dinner and spend the night in comfort.

Dinner and overnight at Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge.

# 4: Lake Nakuru to Masai Mara (Approximately 5-6 hours by road)

After breakfast at 0800 hrs, depart from Lake Nakuru and embark on a scenic drive via the Great Rift Valley ridge of Mau Summit towards the world-famous Masai Mara National Reserve. Along the way, enjoy stunning views of the Kenyan countryside before stopping for a packed lunch en route.



Upon arrival at Masai Mara, enjoy an afternoon game drive as you make your way to your camp. The reserve is home to over 450 species of wildlife, including the Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and rhino), as well as hippos, crocodiles, giraffes, wildebeests, zebras, warthogs, hyenas, jackals, and various antelopes.

Masai Mara is also the stage for one of nature's greatest spectacles—the Great Migration. Each year, millions of wildebeest and zebras cross the Mara River from the Serengeti in search of fresh grazing lands, followed closely by predators such as lions, cheetahs, and hyenas.

As the day comes to an end, check in at Mara Ashnil Camp, where you will enjoy a delicious dinner and unwind for the night in the heart of the wild.

Dinner and overnight at Mara Ashnil Camp.

#### Day 5 & 6: Ultimate Masai Mara Experience

Spend two incredible days in the Masai Mara National Reserve, immersing yourself in one of Africa's most renowned wildlife havens. You can choose between morning and evening game drives or opt for a full-day game drive with a packed picnic lunch, allowing for uninterrupted exploration of this vast savanna.

If visiting during the Great Migration season, spend the day at the Mara River, watching the breathtaking spectacle of thousands of wildebeest and zebras braving the crocodile-infested waters, while predators like lions and cheetahs wait nearby. Alternatively, explore the endless plains, tracking the movements of the Big Five and other iconic wildlife.

In the evenings, return to the comfort of Mara Ashnil Camp, where you can relax under the starlit sky, enjoy a sumptuous dinner, and listen to the distant calls of the wild.

Dinner and overnight at Mara Ashnil Camp.

#### Day 7: Depart for Nairobi

After an early breakfast at Mara Ashnil Camp, check out at 07:30 hrs and begin your scenic drive back to Nairobi. Enjoy the breathtaking landscapes of the Great Rift Valley along the way, with optional stopovers for photography and stretching.

You will arrive in Nairobi around midday, where you will be treated to a farewell lunch at a restaurant of your choice, offering a variety of Kenyan and international cuisines. After lunch, you will be transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) for your onward travel or dropped off at your hotel, marking the end of your unforgettable Kenya safari adventure.