

## The Great Rift Valley Lake Safari

### Tour Overview

The Great Rift Valley Lake Safari is an immersive journey through stunning landscapes and diverse ecosystems, showcasing the scenic beauty, abundant wildlife, and rich birdlife of East Africa's Rift Valley. This region, shaped by dramatic escarpments and volcanic formations, is home to a series of picturesque lakes that attract a remarkable array of wildlife and bird species.

During this safari, you will explore Lake Naivasha, Lake Nakuru, and Lake Bogoria, each offering unique experiences. Enjoy a boat safari on Lake Naivasha, spotting hippos and fish eagles, and marvel at the flamingo-covered shores of Lake Nakuru, home to the rare black and white rhino. The journey also includes encounters with big game such as elephants, buffalos, and predators like lions and leopards.

Beyond wildlife, this adventure provides insight into local cultures and conservation efforts, with opportunities to visit Maasai villages and learn about initiatives protecting these fragile ecosystems. Designed for nature lovers, photographers, and adventurers, the Great Rift Valley Lake Safari blends relaxation, exploration, and thrilling wildlife encounters, making it an unforgettable East African experience.

### Day 1: Day 1: Nairobi – Lake Naivasha (Approximately 2 hours by road)

You will be picked up from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport or your overnight hotel by our office representative and driver-guide. After a detailed safari briefing, begin your journey towards Lake Naivasha, traveling along the scenic Great Rift Valley escarpment. Along the way, enjoy breathtaking views of the vast valley below, with opportunities to stop for photos at designated viewpoints.

On arrival at Lake Naivasha, check in at your lodge and enjoy a sumptuous lunch while taking in the tranquil surroundings. In the afternoon, set out on a relaxing boat ride across the freshwater lake, where you can spot hippos wallowing in the water and an abundance of birdlife, including fish eagles and pelicans. After the boat ride, proceed to Crescent Island for a guided walking safari, offering a unique opportunity to walk among freely roaming wildlife such as zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, and antelope against the backdrop of the shimmering lake.

As the sun sets, return to your lodge to unwind and enjoy a delicious dinner, followed by a peaceful overnight stay.

**Meals and Overnight: Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort or similar (FB)**

### Day 2: Lake Naivasha – Lake Nakuru – Lake Elementaita (Approximately 2.5 hours by road)

After an early breakfast, depart for Lake Nakuru National Park, with a brief stop at the stunning Lake Elementaita, a serene soda lake that is home to flocks of flamingos and other waterbirds. Take in the breathtaking views before continuing your journey to Lake Nakuru, a world-renowned bird sanctuary and rhino conservation area.

Upon arrival, embark on an exciting mid-morning game drive, exploring the diverse landscapes of the park, from acacia woodlands to open savannahs and the shimmering lake shores. Lake Nakuru is famous for its population of both black and white rhinos, as well as buffalo, giraffes, waterbucks, zebras, and the elusive leopard. The park is also home to thousands of flamingos and other bird species, making it a paradise for birdwatchers.

By midday, check in at your lodge and enjoy a relaxing lunch, followed by leisure time to soak in the serene surroundings. At 16:00 hrs, set out for an evening game drive, when wildlife is most active, providing excellent opportunities to spot predators such as lions and hyenas.

As the sun sets over the shimmering lake, return to the lodge for dinner and an overnight stay, surrounded by the tranquil sounds of nature.

**Meals and Overnight: Sarova Lion Hill Lodge or Similar (FB)**

### **Day 3: Lake Nakuru – Lake Bogoria – Lake Baringo (Approximately 3.5 hours by road)**

After an early breakfast, depart for Lake Bogoria, a fascinating alkaline lake known for its steaming hot springs and geysers. Upon arrival, embark on a scenic game drive and birdwatching tour, where you can witness the mesmerizing sight of thousands of flamingos painting the lake pink. The lake is also home to a variety of wildlife, including greater kudu, impalas, warthogs, and baboons.

Take a break at the hot geysers, where you can witness boiling water bubbling up from the earth—a spectacular natural phenomenon. Enjoy a relaxing lunch at a lodge by the lake, taking in the breathtaking views of the Rift Valley's dramatic landscape.

In the afternoon, continue exploring the shores of Lake Bogoria, with opportunities to spot different bird species such as fish eagles, cormorants, and kingfishers. Later, drive to Lake Baringo, a freshwater lake famous for its rich biodiversity and vibrant birdlife.

Upon arrival, check in at your lakeside lodge and enjoy a peaceful evening, with time to relax or take a leisurely nature walk along the lake, observing the hippos and crocodiles that inhabit the waters.

**Meals and Overnight: Island Camp Baringo or similar (FB)**

### **Day 4: Lake Baringo – Nairobi (Approximately 5-6 hours by road)**

Wake up to the tranquil sights and sounds of Lake Baringo, a freshwater lake renowned for its abundant birdlife and diverse aquatic ecosystem. After breakfast, embark on a scenic boat ride, where you'll have the chance to spot hippos, crocodiles, and a variety of bird species, including fish eagles, kingfishers, and herons. The boat ride also provides an opportunity to see the local Njemps fishermen using traditional fishing methods.

After the morning excursion, check out and begin the journey back to Nairobi, with a stop at Lake Elementaita for a relaxing lunch. Lake Elementaita is one of the lesser-visited Rift Valley lakes, offering a serene environment with stunning views, flamingos, and other bird species.



After lunch, continue with the scenic drive through the Great Rift Valley, arriving in Nairobi in the early evening. You will be dropped off at your pick-up point or transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your onward flight, marking the end of your memorable Great Rift Valley Lake Safari.

**NB:** This safari can also be combined with 2 to 4 days in Maasai Mara.

**Extras:**

**On this package**

**NOTE: Number of vehicles used; (NB: Tour Vehicles designed to carry a maximum of 8pax per vehicle)**