



GERLING SAFARIS Tanzania & Kenya "Migration Hunter" Itinerary

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This itinerary takes in the best of Northern Tanzania and Kenya, and is aptly named 'Migration Hunter' as we spend time in BOTH the Serengeti and Masai Mara famous game parks.

Our journey starts in Arusha, and we then head through to Tarangire, Ngorongoro and of course the Serengeti... enjoying time spent under canvas, but in private sites with all the camp duties being taken care of by our professional, friendly staff. The tents are large (6.5 x 3.5m), with en-suite bathroom (bush shower and portaloos) with camp beds, mattresses, linens and towels supplied.

After the Serengeti, we say farewell to our camp crew, and then head toward Lake Victoria for a couple of nights, before traversing into Kenya to enjoy time in the Mara, Nakuru and Naivasha areas.

The style of safari is a mix of EXPLORER MOBILE tented (Tanzania) and ACCOMMODATED in good quality lodges and hotels for the Kenya portion and at Lake Victoria. Or can be run fully accommodated in both countries. Prices will vary depending on season and number of guests.

We use private 4x4 vehicles with game viewing hatches for your Safari from Arusha, including experienced English speaking guide, fuel, entry fees for vehicle and guide, all game drives, and Public and Passenger Liability. Including bottled water in game vehicle throughout.

Arrival Night – Welcome to Arusha! You will overnight at the Arusha hotel after being gathered from the Kilimanjaro Airport upon your arrival. If your flight arrives in the morning you can opt to start your trip the same day and head to Tarangire without staying the night in Arusha.

Day 1

You will be met at the Arusha Hotel by your guide for a short briefing before heading off to TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK with a picnic lunch, for the balance of the day, to enjoy game viewing inside this pretty national park.

The safari crew will have gone ahead of the guests to set up camp, in a private site, and guests will be greeted with a cold drink and a hot shower at the end of their first day.

Overnight TARANGIRE, tented, all meals included.

Day 2

Drive up to Ngorongoro Highlands, via the lively village of Mto-Wa-Mbu, where you can stop and do some curio shopping... and then continue to the Karatu farming highlands of the region, before entering Ngorongoro Conservation area.

Here you will overnight on the crater rim which can be VERY chilly at night so take some warm clothing for this evening, tented camp.

Day 3



Today, after an early breakfast, we descend to the crater floor. We explore this amazing area which home to the Big Five and enjoy a picnic lunch on the Crater Floor. You are almost guaranteed to see 3 or 4 of the Big Five here, as well as hyena, hippo, and a myriad of smaller animals and birds. This is rightly one of the Natural Wonders of the World. Please note that permits may be changed to allow 6 hour visits, either in the morning or the afternoon - we will adjust our travel accordingly should this occur.

Overnight Ngorongoro all meals included

Day 4, 5, 6

From Ngorongoro highlands, we head down into the Serengeti via Olduvai Gorge. *Serengeti* is Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its annual migration when some six million hooves - not only wildebeest but also zebra and gazelle - march as one in search of fresh grazing. And even when the migration is quiet, the Serengeti offers scintillating game viewing: great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe, and thousands upon thousands of eland, topi, kongoni, impala and gazelle. The spectacle of predator versus prey dominates. Golden-maned lions feast on an abundance of plain grazers. Solitary leopards haunt acacia trees along the Seronera River, while greyhound-like cheetah's prown the open plains. All three African jackal species occur here, alongside the spotted hyena and a host of more elusive small predators, from the insectivorous aardwolf to the beautiful serval cat. There is more to the Serengeti than large mammals. There are also wooded hills and towering termite mounds, rivers lined with fig trees and acacia woodland stained orange by dust. Gaudy agama lizards and rock hyraxes scuffle around isolated granite kopjes. A full 100 varieties of dung beetle have been recorded, as have 500 plus bird species, making the park endlessly rewarding to birders. Above all, there is the liberating sense of space that characterizes the sunburnt plains, as they stretch to shimmering golden horizon at the end of the earth. After the rains, this golden grassy expanse is transformed into a lush green carpet flecked with wildflowers. Popular the Serengeti might be, but its vastness is such that you might be the only human audience when a pride of lions masterminds a siege, focused unswervingly on its next meal.

We will have a private site in the Serengeti for three nights... allowing plenty of time to explore the park and be on the lookout for the Migration animals.

Morning and afternoon, or full day game drives in Serengeti National Park. If you would like to go on an early morning balloon safari over the Serengeti, this may be possible - but it is largely dependent on the position of your pre-booked campsites and the season that you travel. Please note that balloon safaris can only be organized by pre-arrangement and there is an additional cost for this.

Overnight Wilderness Camp or Mobile Camp – All meals included.

Day 7 & 8

Depart Serengeti via the western corridor, to Lake Victoria for two nights. Accommodation at Speke Bay Lodge on a full board basis – all meals included.



Speke Bay Lodge is located on the south-eastern shore of Lake Victoria. The main buildings and luxury accommodation are round in form, built to perfection, painted white and thatched with a grass roof in the traditional style of the local tribe, the Sukuma.



The bungalows are situated along the shore of the lake. Each bungalow is a separate structure designed to ensure your privacy. The roofs are thatched with a thick layer of grass, providing excellent insulation. The custom-made furniture in solid Mkola wood adds to the warm and elegant atmosphere. An entrance hall gives access to a bathroom and a spacious main room, with a lockable cupboard and a writing table.

Day 9 & 10

We head today into Kenya. Due to recent changes in regulations in parks, we will be meeting up with our partners there to change into their vehicles (also landcruisers).. with our guide staying on for continuity, as well as a local Kenyan guide.. so you get the benefit of two experts instead of one!!

Two nights spent in the Masai Mara area, at Siana Springs Intrepids luxury tented camp or similar – all meals included.



Set on the southern side of the Masai Mara, not far from the Tanzania border and the famous Serengeti, Siana Springs Intrepid Camp borders the Mara-Serengeti ecosystem. Built on the Siana conservancy belonging to the local Purko Maasai, the tented camp takes its name from the conservancy, for Siana in Maa means 'plentiful' and Siana Springs has the largest number of water springs in the Mara system.



Set on spacious grounds, the 39 standard luxury tents are set beneath forest creepers, gigantic fig trees and the African acacias. The camp is surrounded by the perennial springs with the resident bushbucks, colobus monkeys and tree hyrax for company. Spacious and with plenty of light, the tents open on to a private veranda where guests can enjoy watching birds and other wildlife, including the resident bushbucks browsing in the gardens.

Day 11

Today we leave the Mara and head up the escarpment to NAKURU.

Accommodation at The Lake Nakuru Lodge in a Standard Room on a Full Board basis for 1 night – all meals included.

This will allow time to be spent in the NAKURU PARK, famous for its rhino population and flamingoes!



Lake Nakuru Lodge - Situated in a wonderland which lies in the heart of one of Kenya's most densely animal-populated wetland National Parks (Ramsar Site), The Lake Nakuru Lodge blends well with its environment, allowing commanding views of the Lesser Flamingo interspersed with the Greater Flamingo, for which Lake Nakuru is justly famous. This also allows other animals like giraffe, buffalo and zebra to browse peacefully close to the lodge and its environs, much to the fascination of the visitors.



The rooms all have impressive balconies which overlook the Lake Nakuru National Park. Each room is beautifully furnished with large four-poster beds, handmade wooden furniture and modern en-suite bathrooms. Protective mosquito nets cover the beds, and the rooms have complimentary mineral water, toiletries, and other amenities to make the guests' stay more comfortable.

Day 12 & 13

From Nakuru we will enjoy time in the Naivasha area, including Elsamere and a boat trip on the lake – which is a great birding spot! Plus visit Hell's Gate.

Accommodation at Lake Naivasha Country Club in a Standard Room on a Full Board basis for 2 nights – all meals included.



Lake Naivasha Country Club is situated on the southern shores of Lake Naivasha and was once the gateway to Kenya when the British Overseas Airways flying boats used to land in the Nile south. The public areas are in a single storey building with a long, shady veranda along the front. The lounge is cozy and comfortable with a magnificent fireplace and the dining room is light and airy at one end of the spacious veranda.



Elsamere Conservation Centre is the former home of the late Joy Adamson, the author of "Born Free". The centre now focuses on lake ecology and environmental awareness. Local wildlife is monitored and over 200 species of birds have been recorded at Elsamere. An on-site museum features a memorial room with some of Joy's paintings and artifacts.



Crescent Island is a preserved sanctuary of wildlife where you can wander among tiny herds of mammals, creating a peaceful experience. Giraffe, antelope, gazelle, eland, zebra and many species of birds can be seen.

Day 14

Return to Nairobi – arriving around lunchtime (picnic lunch will be provided). You will overnight in the bustling capitol and get an opportunity to see some local attractions and pick up some last minute curios. If your flight leaves late night you can forego the room as you will be back in time to still do some shopping with your guide before heading to the airport. Kindly let me know once your airfare is secured. End of services

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INCLUDES:

- Pre night hotel in Arusha and post night in Nairobi (based on your flights these could be dropped and those costs removed)
- Transfer from airport on arrival and dropped at Arusha hotel
- Services of driver/guide
- Park entrance fees.
- Fully backed up mobile camps in Tanzania – all services and meals plus bottled water provided with supply vehicle ahead of guests.
- Large en-suite tents with stretcher beds, duvet and linens, pillows, towels.
- Full staffing including safari chef, waiter, tent attendants.
- All nights are spent in parks or conservation areas unless noted above. In Kenya (and Lake Vic) accommodation will be a combination of lodges and permanent tented camps.
- Drop off Nairobi hotel/airport.

Price excludes:

- Visas (\$100 to enter Tanzania, \$50 to enter Kenya, both can be obtained upon arrival)
- Personal travel insurance which I sell and is a MUST to protect your investment and physical self in the event you needed any medical care while in Africa.
- Drinks & tips.
- Balloon safari optional in Serengeti/Mara \$500 per person – but MUST be booked and paid for, in advance.
- Yellow Fever inoculation is required to enter Tanzania and Malaria pills are highly recommended (see your local health department).