

# PAINT KENYA SAFARI

## SAFARI OVERVIEW

In such a fast-paced world, we rarely get time to connect with nature, time to carefully appreciate the elements or even unwind. Would you like to experience some peace, good comradery, safari experience and space to go within? Then join us as we slow down time, visit the unique GoDown Arts Center for some experiential art pieces and enjoy painting some the most scenic, wild spaces on earth. Enjoy a safari to the prime game reserves in Kenya while staying at an ideally located hotel in Nairobi, beautiful lodge in Amboseli, and an exquisite tented camp with magnificent views in Masai Mara. The safari will be led by a painter who will train you on hand painting in the magnificent rolling savannah's in the wilderness in between pre-dawn and late afternoon game viewing drives in the destinations that you will be visiting to witness the abundant wildlife of Kenya, pausing to visit an authentic Maasai Village in Amboseli and other interesting sites on your safari.

## Trip Highlights

- An all-inclusive vacation program
- Embark on daily morning and afternoon game drives with expert driver-guides in custom-built safari vehicles
- Visit an authentic Maasai Village to learn about the customs and traditions of these nomadic herders
- Witness the great annual wildebeest migration at the Masai Mara
- Visit a local school and interact with the children
- Enjoy sundowner cocktails during your stay at the Masai Mara

## DETAILED ITINERARY

### DAY 1: DEPART HOME EN ROUTE TO KENYA

Your experience begins today with a flight from home to Nairobi, Kenya.

### DAY 2: NAIROBI

Upon arrival in Nairobi – Kenya's capital, we will be met by MG Travel Ground Handlers and we will be transferred to the [Sankara Nairobi Hotel](#). **Meal Plan:** Dinner

Sankara is designed with the belief that modern travelers seek out a greater, more authentic connection to Nairobi. Personalized attention is what you get during your stay; from knowing how you take your coffee to which local newspaper you prefer, all without your reiterated asking – this is the experience that awaits you at the luxurious Sankara in the Westlands residential area of Nairobi, located 12 miles from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and just over 2 miles from Nairobi's Central Business District. The 156 guest rooms are perfectly suited to meet your needs, whether you are on a personal MG Travel vacation in East Africa.

### DAY 3: NAIROBI

After breakfast, our group will be met for a safari briefing before we start our Nairobi tour to the [GoDown Arts Centre](#), thereafter enjoy lunch at the [Urban Coffee Cafe](#) and later, we will have an optional visit to the former home of Karen Blixen – written as Isak Dinesen, author of *Out of Africa*, one of the most evocative books ever written about any earthly place or return to the GoDown Arts

Centre to view the displayed art and interact with the local artists some more as they produce their creative art pieces. We will return to Sankara Hotel in the late afternoon and thereafter we will have dinner. **Meal Plan:** *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

The GoDown Arts Centre is the first arts centre of its kind in East Africa and plays host to various forms of visual and performing artists. Currently, it contains 10 separate arts studios, outdoor work areas, offices and workshops, and rehearsal and performances spaces. Performing arts practiced at the GoDown include theatre arts, dance, puppetry, acrobatics, musicians, and filmmakers. The Centre has become a hub for Nairobi's burgeoning arts scene, and is regularly used for shows and exhibitions by both resident and non-resident artists, as well as for book launches, workshops, and rehearsals.



#### **DAY 4: AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast we will be picked for a transfer to the Wilson Airport where we will board our flight to Amboseli National Park. We fly south over the Athi Plains to the natural wonderland. Mount Kilimanjaro, the still-glaciated monarch of Africa, presides over Amboseli. Upon arrival we will be met by our driver guide who will transfer us to the Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge with a game viewing drive en-route. Thereafter familiarize with the lodge before enjoying lunch, and rest before heading out for a late afternoon game drive and returning before dark for dinner and overnight [Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge](#). **Meal Plan:** *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Set against the magnificent backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, the glittering Mount Kilimanjaro, the luxury **Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge** enjoys a uniquely privileged position at the heart of this world-famous national park. Secluded within a grove of acacia trees, the safari lodge looks out over the golden savannah plains, with uninterrupted views of the mountain itself.

## DAY 5: AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

Early start with a cup of Kenyan coffee or tea with light snacks before we start out day with an early morning game drive to track wildlife foraging the plains and Big Cats on action. Thereafter, we will return to the Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge for a full breakfast and in the mid-morning visit the Incurra Maasai Village. Return to the lodge for lunch, enjoy the lodge facilities before we head out again on our last game drive and enjoy a spectacular sundowner before returning to the lodge for freshening up, dinner and overnight. **Meal Plan:** *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Amboseli is one of the original parks to be established. Much of its magic is derived from the fact that it is towered over by the snow-capped bulk of Mount Kilimanjaro which, at 19,343 feet above sea level is Africa's highest mountain. Comparatively compact, the park is dotted with a series of bright green swamps, in which great herds of elephants, buffalo and hippo can often be seen half-submerged amongst the papyrus grasses. As renowned for its photo-opportunities as it is for its large elephant population, Amboseli remains one of THE great safari destinations.



## DAY 6: MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

After breakfast you will be transferred to Amboseli Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Masai Mara National Reserve. Upon arrival you will be met by your host driver guide who will transfer you with a game viewing drive en route to the [Karen Blixen Camp](#). Your arrival will be in good time for lunch. Acclimate in the afternoon before enjoying the first game drive and returning before dark for freshening up, then dinner and overnight. **Meal Plan:** *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*



## DAY 7: MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Enjoy an early morning cup of Kenyan coffee or Tea with light snacks before heading out on an early morning game drive. Around mid-morning return to camp for a full leisurely breakfast. Mid-morning is spent painting the vast scenic rolling savannah landscape and wildlife viewable from the Karen Blixen Camp. In the late afternoon, we set off on another action-packed game drive in search of the Big Cats before returning for freshening up, have dinner and overnight at Karen Blixen Camp. **Meal Plan:** *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

The Maasai Mara is actually an extension to the north of the world famous Serengeti in Tanzania. Covering an area of 585 square miles, the Mara is situated west of Nairobi City and is world-renowned as the finest wildlife reserve. Everything about this reserve is stunning – the specialty being the abundant plains wildlife, Big Cats and the scenic rolling savannah plains.



## DAY 8: MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Enjoy an early morning cup of Kenyan coffee or Tea with light snacks before heading out on an early morning game drive, tracking the wildebeest and hopefully get to see them as they cross the nearby Mara River from Serengeti National Park. Return for a full breakfast at the camp. Mid-morning is left for painting or to enjoy your choice of optional activity indulgence, we may visit a nearby Maasai village which can be arranged at the camp. In the afternoon, we will enjoy another fun-filled game drive. All meals, dinner and overnight at [Karen Blixen Camp](#). **Meal Plan:** *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*



## DAY 9: NAIROBI – END OF SAFARI

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the Masai Mara Airstrip for your flight departing to Nairobi's Wilson Airport where upon arrival you will be transferred to the [Carnivore Restaurant](#) for a sumptuous farewell meal and thereafter you will enjoy visits to the [Giraffe Center](#) and Utamaduni Craft Center where you can repack your bags for the departure flight before we are transferred to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your homebound flight. **Meal Plan:** Breakfast & Late Lunch

## SUGGESTED GROUP TRAVEL PERIOD

✓ June, 2018

## GROUP TRIP COSTS

### **Per Person Sharing Room:**

Each of 2 Persons \$7,755, Each of 4 Persons \$5,970, Each of 6 Persons \$5,380

**Single Room Supplement:** US \$735

## What's Included In Your Safari

- **All Airport Transfers** by Woni Safaris - MG Travel Ground Handlers
- **All internal flights** between national parks
- **Transportation** in exclusive use of a specially built safari vehicle, fitted with a viewing and driven by English Speaking Driver Guide.
- **Accommodation, meals, game drives and all entrance fees** as outlined in the proposed itinerary.
- **Flying Doctors Service Membership** which entails all safari participants to one emergency aero-medical evacuation to Nairobi; medical expenses are not included.
- **Iced Mineral Water** in Safari Vehicles.

## What's Excluded In Your Trip

- **All items of personal nature** i.e. laundry, telephone calls, drinks etc.
- **International Airfare and Visa Fees.**
- **International Travel Insurance** – which we strongly recommend that you take.