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KENYA THROUGH THE SCOP

**TSAVO WEST / AMBOSELI / NAIROBI / MOUNT KENYA / SAMBURU / LAKE NAKURU / LAKE BARINGO
/ KAKAMEGA FOREST / LAKE VICTORIA / MASAI MARA**

DAY 1: Nairobi – Tsavo West National Park

Pick up from your hotel in Nairobi and depart driving via the towns of Athi River, Emali, Mtito Andei and further on to arrive in time for lunch at Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge.

You will have a brief stop at Mtito Andei to chance for the Giant Kingfisher, African Golden Weaver, Golden Palm Weaver and the Black Crowned Night-Heron.

Lunch at Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge

Afternoon game / birding drive in the park to chance for its game and birdlife.

The park is famous for its 'red' elephants called so due to the red laterite soil prevalent in the areas. The drive will also take you to Mzima Springs the source of water for Coast province where Hippo's and perhaps crocodiles can be viewed from the glass-built underwater hide.

Dinner and overnight at **KILAGUNI SERENA SAFARI LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 2: Tsavo West National Park

Full day in the park with early morning and late afternoon game / birding drives. You could also opt for a full day drive in the park with picnic lunch.



The Tsavos are home to some 50 species of mammals and over 600 species of birds not forgetting the scenic beauty.

Notable birds in the park include, Vultures, African Hawk Eagle, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Martial Eagle, Bare-eyed Thrush, Buff-crested Bustard, Chestnut-bellied and Black-faced Sand grouses, Green Wood Hoopoe, Yellow-Bellied Eremomela, Red-faced Crombec, Pygmy Batis, Rosy-Patched Shrike, Golden-Breasted Starling as well as a wide variety of Starlings, Weavers and Hornbills. Very good chances (depending on the period of travel) of spotting the

migratory Abyssinian and Eurasian Rollers amongst Whydahs and Indigo birds.



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All meals and overnight at **KILAGUNI SERENA SAFARI LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 3: Tsavo West National Park – Amboseli National Park

After breakfast, depart for Amboseli National Park to arrive in time for lunch at Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge.

Amboseli National park is famous for its highest concentration of elephants, which have been researched on for over 30 years amongst other predators, wild game and birdlife.

Afternoon bird watching around the grounds of the lodge.

Dinner and overnight at **AMBOSELI SERENA SAFARI LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 4: Amboseli National Park

Full day in the park with early morning and late afternoon game / birding drives. You could also opt for a full day drive in the park with picnic lunch.

Amboseli National Park is one of Kenya's best national park with the highlight being the breathtaking views of Mount Kilimanjaro and its large herds of Elephants.

The swamps in the park will give you an opportunity of chancing for the water birds notably the Two-banded Courser, Kittlitz's Plover, Chestnut-banded Plover and many more.



All meals and overnight at **AMBOSELI SERENA SAFARI LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 5: Amboseli National Park - Nairobi

Early morning drive to chance for more sightings. After breakfast, depart for Nairobi with short stops enroute to chance for the road side species. Picnic lunch enroute.

Arrival in Nairobi and access Nairobi National Park through cheetah gate.

Set in the edge of a capital city, Nairobi National Park is an extensive area of acacia dotted grasslands. The park has a great variety of game including, giraffes, Burchell's Zebra, Grants and Thompson's Gazelle, Impala's and Elands. The predators include Lions, Cheetah's and the Serval Cats. Bird life is prolific with good chances of spotting the Masai Ostrich, Secretary bird, Yellow Necked Spur fowl, Couqui and Shelly's Francolin, Grassland



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Pipit, Pin Tailed Whydah's on the grasslands. The Crowned Plover, Red Eyed Dove, Paradise Flycatcher, Baglafaecht Weaver will offer a superb introduction to the common birds of East Africa.

The highlight in the park will be chancing for the African Finfoot and the Marsh Owl.

Overnight at **FAIRVIEW HOTEL**. (Bed & Breakfast)

DAY 6: Nairobi – Mount Kenya National Park

After breakfast, depart Nairobi driving past Thika Town famous for its pineapple plantations and the Del Monte factory and drive onwards past the rich agricultural farmlands of the Kikuyu people to arrive Serena Mountain Lodge in time for lunch.

You will have a short break in Thika on the road towards the Sewage ponds to chance for the Lesser Moorhen, African Water Rail and possibly the Striped Crake. Garganey's and the African Pintail are common here.

Time allowing, drive further to the banks of Chania / Thika River to chance for the African Black Duck, Brown-Hooded Kingfisher and the Mountain Wagtail.

After lunch at Serena Mountain Lodge, you will have a leisurely walk around the grounds of the lodge looking for the Moustached Green Tinker bird, Waller's Staring, Ruppell's Robin-Chat, White Starred Forest Robin, Doherty's Bush-Shrike and Black Headed Apalis amongst other species.

The evening will be spent game watching from the balcony of your room.

Luckily, if the weather is clear, you will enjoy the views of the snow capped summit of Kenya's highest mountain. Look out for the Olive Pigeon, Eastern Bronze-Naped Pigeon, Red Fronted Parrot, Hartlaub's Turaco, Cinnamon-Chested Bee-eater and the Silvery-Cheeked Hornbill.

Dinner and overnight at **SERENA MOUNTAIN LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 7: Mount Kenya National Park – Samburu National Reserve

After breakfast, proceed further north to arrive at Samburu Lodge in time for lunch. Look out for the road side species enroute to Samburu.





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This area is a world apart from the lush green parks of the south. This arid wilderness is a place where the waters of the Ewaso N'giro attract a profusion of game. This beautiful area is known for its large herds of elephants and elusive leopards as well as northern endemic species including the Gerenuk, Beisa Oryx, Reticulated giraffe, Somali Ostrich and the Grevy Zebra.

Afternoon game & bird watching drives in the park

Dinner and overnight at **SAMBURU LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 8: Samburu National Reserve

Full day in the reserve with early morning and late afternoon game / birding drives. You could also opt for a full day drive in the park with picnic lunch.

This reserve is within the land of the colourful Samburu people who are close cousins of the Masai. Scenically and faunally dramatic, for most of the year Samburu is sure under the unsympathetic equatorial sun.

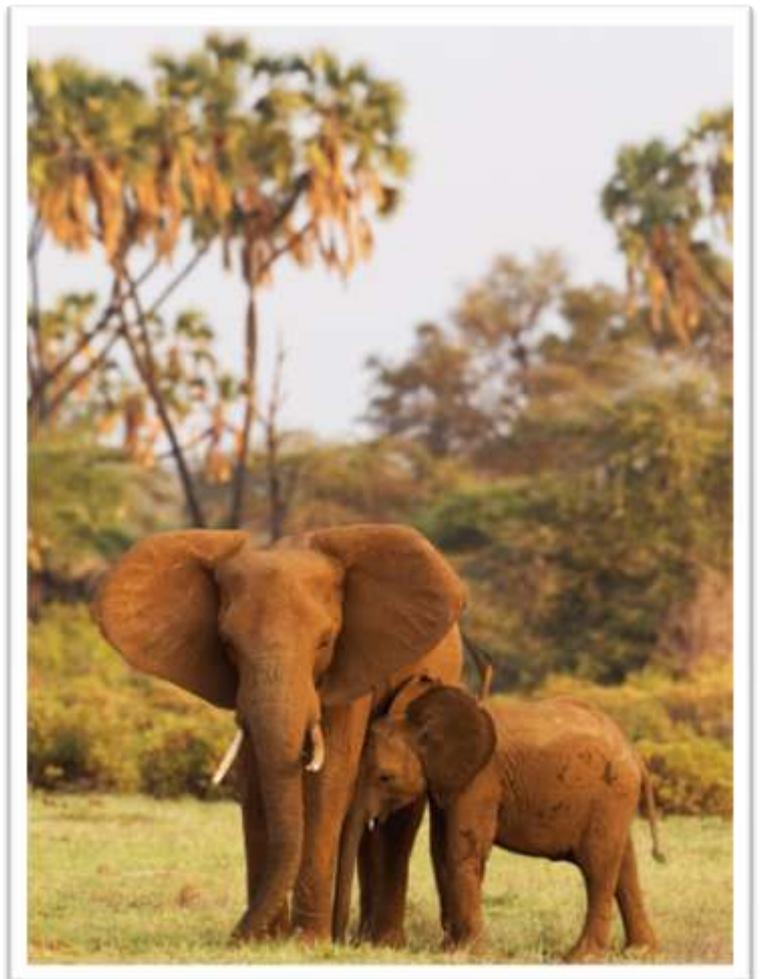
Notable species to look out for include Golden-Breasted Starling, Green Wood Hoopoe, Abyssinian Scimitarbill, Vulturine Guinefowl, Martial Eagle, Palmnut Vulture amongst other 300 different species.

All meals and overnight at **SAMBURU LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 9: Samburu National Reserve – Naro Moru

After breakfast, depart Samburu driving south past the equator to arrive at Naro Moru River Lodge in time for lunch.

You will spend the afternoon bird watching around the grounds of the lodge and nearby forest around a seasonal river. Look out for the Little Rock Thrush and the Montane Nightjars at dusk.





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Dinner and overnight at **NARO MORU RIVER LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 10: Naro Moru – Lake Nakuru National Park

After breakfast depart Naro Moru and drive westwards to Nakuru with a brief stopover at the famous Thomson's falls named after the Scottish explorer Joseph Thomson's.

Look out for the Slender Billed Starling on the grounds of Thompson Fall's Lodge and African Snipe, Tinkling Cisticola and Cape Wagtail on the marsh opposite the lodge.

Proceed on, down into the Great Rift Valley to Lake Nakuru National Park to arrive at Sarova Lion Hill in time for lunch.

You will have short birding breaks enroute to Lake Nakuru.

Afternoon game & birding drives in this park world famous as the location of the greatest bird spectacle on earth.

Dinner and overnight at **SAROVA LION HILL LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 11: Lake Nakuru National Park

Full day in the park with early morning and late afternoon game / birding drives. You could also opt for a full day drive in the park with picnic lunch.

Birdlife is abundant in this park known as one of the best national parks in the country. You will be looking out for the Little Grebe, Great White Pelican, Pink-Backed Pelican, African Spoonbill, Egyptian Goose, Cape Teal, Coqui Francolin, Hildebrandt's Francolin, Pied Avocet, Black-Winged Stilt, Kittlitz's Plover, Blacksmith's Plover, Grey-Headed Gull, Gull Billed, Whiskered and White-Winged Terns, Klap's, Red-Chested and Black Cuckoos, Pied Kingfisher, White Fronted Bee-eater, Red-rumped Swallow, Arrow Marked Babbler, Cliff Chat, Brown-Crowned Tchagra, Ruppell's Long-Tailed Starling, Red-Winged Starling amongst other species.

All meals and overnight at **SAROVA LION HILL LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 12: Lake Nakuru National Park – Lake Baringo

After breakfast, depart Lake Nakuru driving further northern to Lake Baringo. There are nice birding spots enroute and you will be stopping to chance for the road side species.





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Arrival at Lake Baringo Club in time for lunch.

This afternoon, you will have a leisurely walk within the grounds of the club. Depending on the water levels of the lake, there are good chances of spotting numerous wading birds which have made Lake Baringo popularly referred to as 'the ornithologist's paradise'.

Notable species in this region will include Jackson's Hornbill, Hemprich's Hornbill, Bristle Crowned Starling, Dark Chanting Goshawk, White-Faced Scops Owl, Northern Red Bishop, Yellow Bishop, Verreaux's Eagle, Gabar Goshawk, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Lanner Falcon, Pygmy Falcon, Cliff Chat, Northern Grey Tit, Purple Granadier and many more. Birding in Lake Baringo is awesome!

Dinner and overnight at **LAKE BARINGO CLUB**. (Full Board)

DAY 13: Lake Baringo

Full day in Lake Baringo. You will have an early morning bird walk at the nearby basalt cliffs. This is a nice spot to chance for the semi arid species. Look out for the Verreaux's Eagle soaring above the cliffs, a Drongo mopping a Shikra, a Heuglin's Courser well concealed on the ground or a White Faced Scops Owl dozing off after a night out hunting. You will be accompanied by a local bird guide on this walk. Thereafter, return to the club for breakfast.



After breakfast, you may opt to take it easy at the pool strategically positioned at the pinnacle of the camp with picturesque views.

Alternatively, take a boat ride (**not included in the cost**) to explore the lake and chance for waders.

After lunch, you will drive to the nearby Lake Bogoria National Reserve for a game / birding drive at the reserve.

Notable bird species in this reserve include Cape Teal, Fulvous Whistling Duck, Black-Necked Grebe amongst other waders. Lesser and Greater Flamingoes are numerous on the shores of the lake. Other major attractions in the reserve are the Spring Jets, Geysers and Hot Springs. This is one of the best reserves to chance for the Greater Kudu.

Return to Lake Baringo for dinner and overnight.



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Dinner and overnight at **LAKE BARINGO CLUB**. (Full Board)

DAY 14: Lake Baringo – Kakamega Forest

After breakfast, depart Lake Baringo with picnic lunches driving up the escarpment to Kabarnet and further down the Kerio Valley. You will have several birding stops enroute to chance for the road side species namely the Boran Cisticola, Little Thrush, White-Crested Turaco, Ross's Turaco and Black-Billed Weaver which are likely to be spotted on the valley.

Lunch will be at Item view point as you admire the scenic beauty of the region. Thereafter, proceed further past Kabsabet to arrive Rondo Retreat late evening.

Rest of the evening at leisure. You may opt for a leisurely walk within the grounds of the hotel to chance for the White-Spotted Flufftail and Hairy-Breasted Barbet amongst other garden species.

Dinner and overnight at **RONDO RETREAT CENTRE**. (Full Board)

DAY 15: Kakamega Forest

Full day in Kakamega birding in the forest which is a remnant of unbroken equatorial jungle that arched west to east across the continent.

You will be looking out for the endemic species in the forest namely Blue-Headed Bee eater, Western Black-Headed Oriole, Ludher's Bush-Shrike, Yellow bill, Red-Headed Malimbe, Vieillot's Black Weaver, Double-Toothed Barbet, Yellow-Billed Barbet, Jameson's Wattle-eye, Turner's Eremomela, Grey Parrot, Great Blue Turaco, Black-Bellied Turaco, Shelly's Greenbul, Red-Tailed Bristlebill, Joyful Greenbull and many more species.

You will be accompanied by a local guide during the walks in the forest.

All meals and overnight at **RONDO RETREAT CENTRE**. (Full Board)





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DAY 16: Kakamega Forest – Lake Victoria

After breakfast, depart Kakamega and drive westwards to Mumias and further on to Mungatsi. You will have a brief stop at Nzoi River bridge to chance for the Rock Pranticole. Mungatsi will offer good chances of spotting the grassland and swamp species of the region. Check out for the White- Winged Warbler and Whistling Cisticola.

Proceed to Sio Port for lunch and chance of luring the Yellow-Crowned Gonolek and Marsh Tchagra.

After picnic lunch, drive southwards towards Kisumu via Siaya with road side stops to chance for the Black-Winged Red and Black Bishop, Copper Sunbird, Black-Bellied and Bar-Breasted Firefinches, Blue-Throated Bee-eater, Brown Twinspot and other Western species.



Proceed to arrive Kisumu late afternoon. Time allowing proceed to Dunga Point for the sunset and birding around the swamp. Luckily, you could spot the Carrunther's or Winding Cisticolas.

Dinner and overnight at **IMPALA ECO LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 17: Lake Victoria – Masai Mara

After breakfast, depart Kisumu with picnic lunch and drive via Ahero, Sondu further down to Kisii, Kilgoris, Lolgorien and onward to Masai Mara Game Reserve. You will have several birding spots enroute to the Mara.

Dinner and overnight at **MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE**. (Half Board)

DAY 18 & 19: Masai Mara

Full days in Mara Triangle with early morning and late afternoon game / birding drives. You could also opt for a full day drive in the park with picnic lunch.

Meaning dotted plains in the Masai language, Mara is a vast area with scattered pockets of acacia woodland inhabiting a wide variety of fauna. It offers breathtaking views as seen in the Film 'Out of Africa' much of which was filmed here. The Mara is also the staging ground for the great Migration, one of the most awe-inspiring





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natural events in the world.

The areas around the escarpment are good for Tabora and Rock Cisticola's, Usambiro Barbet and Bush Pipit. The diverse habitats in the reserve will offer you the chance of sighting different species.

All meals and overnight at **MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE**. (Full Board)

DAY 20 & 21: Masai Mara

After breakfast, you will proceed to the main reserve with game / birding drive enroute.

You will spend the next two days in the main reserve with morning and afternoon game / birding drives as per your convenience.

Notable bird species to look out for include, vultures (6 different species have been recorded here), Woodland Kingfisher, Red-Fronted Barbet, Usambiro Barbet, Grey Kestrel, Black-Chested Snake Eagle, Nubian & Cardinal Woodpeckers, Flappet Lark, Yellow-Throated Long Claw, Northern Anteater, Sooty Chat, Tawny Flanked Prinia, Ashy, Northern Black and African Blue Flycatchers, African Wattled Plover, Grey-Headed Sparrow, Cinnamon-Breasted Rock Bunting and many more.

All meals and overnight at **ASHNIL MARA CAMP**. (Full Board)

DAY 22: Masai Mara – Nairobi - Departure

After breakfast, depart with picnic lunches for Nairobi. You will have brief stops enroute to chance for any new species. Look out for the Greater Kestrels on the telephone lines and Schalow's Wheatear as you approach Longonot.

As you approach Nairobi, you will stop at Limuru Ponds which holds a complete range of East African ducks and other waders. Look out for the White-Backed, Yellow Billed and Maccoa Ducks, Red-Billed and Hottentot Teals, Southern Pochard, Little Grebes, Knob-Billed Ducks, Fulvous & White-Faced Whistling Ducks, Red-Knobbed Coot, Yellow Billed Stork, Sacred Ibis, African Spoonbill amongst others.

Arrival in Nairobi and transfer to Country Lodge for room occupancy until departure.

Depending on your outbound flight, you will be transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your outbound flight.

This will mark the end of an exciting birding experience in Kenya

END OF SERVICES



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TOUR COST (based on minimum 2 persons): From US\$. 7,750.00 per person sharing.

Safari Package includes:

- ❖ Airport transfers in Nairobi upon arrival & departure
- ❖ Exclusive use of our customized and safari equipped 4 x 4 Toyota Land cruiser
- ❖ Experienced English speaking driver / guide
- ❖ Services of local bird / guide as indicated
- ❖ Services of a professional birder for the entire safari
- ❖ All Park / reserve entrance fee as indicated
- ❖ Game drives as indicated
- ❖ 2 nights full board accommodation at Kilaguni Serena Safari Lodge
- ❖ 2 nights full board accommodation at Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge
- ❖ 1 night bed & breakfast accommodation at Fairview Hotel
- ❖ 1 night full board accommodation at Serena Mountain Lodge
- ❖ 2 nights full board accommodation at Samburu Lodge
- ❖ 1 night full board accommodation at Naro Moru River Lodge
- ❖ 2 night full board accommodation at Sarova Lion Hill Lodge
- ❖ 2 nights full board accommodation at Lake Baringo Club
- ❖ 2 nights full board accommodation at Rondo Retreat Centre
- ❖ 1 night half board accommodation at Impala Eco Lodge
- ❖ 3 nights full board accommodation at Mara Serena Safari Lodge
- ❖ 2 night full board accommodation at Ashnil Mara Camp
- ❖ Picnic lunches as indicated
- ❖ Mineral water in the vehicle while on safari
- ❖ Activities as indicated
- ❖ Emergency Evacuation insurance with Flying Doctors Society of Kenya

Not included in the package:

- ❖ Tips for lodge / camp staff & your driver / guide
- ❖ Beverages, Laundry, Souvenirs in the various lodges / camps
- ❖ Travel and Cancellation / Medical Insurance
- ❖ Any items of personal nature
- ❖ All activities unless where indicated e.g. balloon safari, cultural visits, boat rides e.t.c
- ❖ Visa fees for Kenya
- ❖ Return international Air fare