

EASTERN AFRICA EXPLORER

2 September 2026
17 Day Full Hosted Tour



A giraffe is the central focus of the image, shown in profile against a clear blue sky. The giraffe's long neck and distinctive spotted pattern are clearly visible. The background is a soft-focus savanna landscape with other animals, including a zebra and a lion, partially visible in the lower right. The overall tone is bright and natural.

Eastern Africa Explorer

A Journey into the Heart of Africa

Join us for an intimate 17-day hosted tour through the captivating landscapes, vibrant cultures, and incredible wildlife of East Africa. This exclusive small-group safari tour offers a personalised experience, with expert hosts and guides enriching every moment of our journey. From the bustling streets of Nairobi to the legendary Serengeti and the awe-inspiring Ngorongoro Crater, this adventure promises unforgettable memories.

Beginning our adventure in Nairobi, Kenya's bustling capital, where we explore its cultural gems, including the Karen Blixen Museum, the Giraffe Centre, and the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage. Gain fascinating insights into Kenya's colonial history and ongoing wildlife conservation efforts. From Nairobi, journey to the serene Samburu National Park, a hidden gem known for its rare wildlife, including the Samburu Special Five: Grevy's Zebra, reticulated Giraffe, Somali Ostrich, Beisa Oryx, and Gerenuk Antelope.

Continuing our safari at Lake Nakuru National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its shimmering pink Flamingos, Rothschild Giraffes, and thriving black rhino population. From there, we head to the iconic Masai Mara National Reserve, where you'll experience the thrill of spotting the Big Five and, if timed right, witness the awe-inspiring Great Migration as Wildebeest and Zebras brave the perilous Mara River crossing.

The adventure continues at the tranquil Lake Naivasha, where a scenic boat ride brings you closer to hippos and a haven of birdlife. Next, visit Amboseli National Park, famous for its spectacular views of Mount Kilimanjaro, where you'll encounter herds of Elephants and iconic African wildlife against the backdrop of the continent's tallest peak.

Crossing into Tanzania, the legendary Serengeti National Park awaits. Its vast plains are home to a staggering array of wildlife, including predators like Lions and Cheetahs and the immense herds of the Great Migration. Conclude your journey with a descent into the Ngorongoro Crater, Africa's "Garden of Eden." This unique ecosystem, teeming with Wildebeest, Gazelles, Flamingos, and elusive Black Rhinos, offers an unforgettable final chapter to your safari.

Throughout the journey, we stay in handpicked luxury lodges and camps that provide comfort and authentic wilderness immersion. Expert guides will enrich your experience, sharing their knowledge and passion for East Africa's wildlife and landscapes. With all meals, internal transfers, and park fees included, every detail is taken care of, allowing you to fully embrace the magic of this adventure.

This small-group safari is perfect for seasoned travellers and first-time adventurers alike, offering exclusive access to East Africa's most iconic destinations. Whether marvelling at the vast savannahs of the Serengeti or standing in awe of Mount Kilimanjaro, this journey promises to leave you with lifelong memories.

This journey offers a perfect blend of cultural discovery, thrilling wildlife encounters, and awe-inspiring natural beauty, creating unforgettable memories in the heart of Africa.



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2nd to 18th September 2026

WED 2 Depart Auckland to Nairobi, Kenya

The journey of a lifetime begins! Departing from Auckland, we take to the skies bound for Nairobi, Kenya. Relax and enjoy the in-flight hospitality as you settle in for the adventure ahead. Excitement fills the air as we embark on the first step of an unforgettable experience.

Meals provided in flight

THU 3 Welcome to Nairobi

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Upon arrival in Nairobi, we are warmly greeted by our local, English-speaking tour guide, who will accompany us throughout our Kenyan adventure. With their expert knowledge and insights, they will enrich our journey, offering cultural and historical context to enhance every experience.

We then transfer to our hotel, settling in for a comfortable two-night stay in Kenya's vibrant capital. This afternoon is yours to unwind and enjoy some free time, preparing for the incredible adventures that await in Africa.

About Nairobi:

As one of Africa's largest and most influential cities, Nairobi is a bustling commercial and cultural hub. Named after the Maasai phrase *enkare nyarobi*, meaning "place of cool waters," the city blends modern energy with historical charm. From bustling markets and lush parks to a striking skyline, Nairobi is a captivating gateway to Kenya's wonders.

Let the adventure begin as we look forward to exploring Nairobi's rich heritage and iconic attractions in the days ahead!

Trip Highlights

- **Nairobi's Cultural Gems:** Explore the Karen Blixen Museum, the Giraffe Centre, and the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage for an enriching introduction to Kenya's history and wildlife conservation efforts.
- **Samburu National Park:** Discover rare and unique species, including the Samburu Special Five—Grevy's Zebra, Reticulated giraffe, Somali ostrich, Beisa oryx, and Gerenuk antelope—set against dramatic landscapes.
- **Lake Nakuru National Park:** Marvel at the iconic Pink flamingos, Rothschild giraffes, and thriving Black rhino population in this UNESCO World Heritage site.
- **Masai Mara National Reserve:** Experience thrilling game drives and, if timed right, witness the awe-inspiring Great Migration, as Wildebeest and Zebras navigate the Mara River in search of fresh grazing lands.
- **Lake Naivasha:** Enjoy a tranquil boat ride on this serene freshwater lake, offering close encounters with Hippos and vibrant birdlife in a stunning natural setting.
- **Amboseli National Park:** Take in breathtaking views of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak, while spotting Elephants, Lions, and Giraffes roaming the open plains.
- **Serengeti National Park:** Explore the vast savannahs teeming with wildlife, including predators like lions and cheetahs, and witness the Great Migration in one of the world's most iconic safari destinations.
- **Ngorongoro Crater:** Descend into the world's largest intact caldera, often referred to as Africa's "Garden of Eden," to observe an extraordinary array of wildlife, including Wildebeest, Gazelles, Flamingos, and Black rhinos.

All in-flight meals included. Ⓟ Breakfast Ⓛ Lunch Ⓧ Dinner



FRI 4 Discovering Nairobi's Treasured Highlight (B) (L)

This morning, we delve into Nairobi's cherished treasures: the **Karen Blixen Museum**, the **Giraffe Centre**, and the **Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage**.

We begin at the Karen Blixen Museum, we step back in time to explore the life of the Out of Africa author, gaining insights into her legacy and Kenya's colonial history. Next, we visit the Giraffe Centre, where we have the unforgettable opportunity to interact the endangered Rothschild giraffes in a sanctuary devoted to their conservation. Continuing on to the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, a heartwarming experience that showcases the rescue and rehabilitation of orphaned Elephants, reflecting Kenya's commitment to wildlife conservation.

Please note: The visit order of the Giraffe Centre and the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage may vary.

After a morning of exploration, we relax over lunch at the Tamarin Brasserie, a tranquil garden setting ideal for reflection. The afternoon is yours to unwind or explore Nairobi's vibrant culture at your leisure, offering a perfect introduction to the city's rich heritage and remarkable wildlife.

SAT 5 Journey to Samburu National Park (B) (L) (D)

This morning, we leave the vibrant city of Nairobi and set off on a picturesque drive to the stunning Samburu National Park. Along the way, we enjoy a delightful lunch at the unique Trout Tree Restaurant, nestled amid lush natural surroundings.

Our safari adventure begins upon arrival, with an exciting game drive en route to our lodge. The park's dramatic landscapes and extraordinary wildlife offer a captivating introduction to this unique region. Overlooking the peaceful **Ewaso Nyiro River** in the heart of **Buffalo Springs National Reserve**, our lodge blends comfort with Samburu cultural charm. It provides the perfect retreat for our two-night stay, offering tranquility after each day's explorations.

As the sun sets, we gather for dinner and look forward to the unforgettable safari experiences that await in this remarkable destination.

Explore the Wonders of Samburu National Park

SUN 6 (B) (L) (D)

Today is devoted to discovering the hidden treasures of Samburu National Park on thrilling game drives with our expert guide.

Nestled along the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River, Samburu offers a serene atmosphere and an authentic wilderness experience away from the crowds. Its diverse landscapes, from palm groves and dense forests to arid savannahs, make it a haven for wildlife and a birdwatcher's paradise.

The combination of stunning landscapes, peaceful surroundings, and extraordinary wildlife makes Samburu a highlight of any Kenyan safari. As the day unfolds, every moment promises to deepen your connection to this unforgettable wilderness. This unique region is home to the **Samburu Special Five: Reticulated giraffe, Gerenuk antelope, Somali ostrich, Beisa oryx, and Grevy's zebra**. Along the riverbanks, herds of elephants gather, providing incredible opportunities for observation and photography.

With its breathtaking scenery, peaceful surroundings, and rare wildlife, Samburu promises an unforgettable safari experience, deepening your connection to Kenya's remarkable wilderness at every turn.

MON 7 Journey to Lake Nakuru National Park (B) (L) (D)

Today, we leave Samburu and set off on a scenic drive to the breathtaking **Lake Nakuru National Park**, one of Kenya's most breathtaking reserves and a designated UNESCO World Heritage site. Along the way, we enjoy a delightful lunch at the charming Panari Nyahururu.

Upon arrival, an exciting game drive unveils the park's stunning landscapes and diverse wildlife. Originally established to protect the iconic **Flamingos**, the park has become a sanctuary for rare species like the Black rhino and Rothschild giraffe. We also encounter Buffalo, Zebra, Waterbuck, and predators such as Lions and Leopards. Lake Nakuru's shimmering alkaline waters transform into a mesmerizing sea of pink when flocks of flamingos gather—a truly unforgettable sight. Our eco-lodge, nestled within the park, offers serene views of the lake and its wildlife. We spend the evening relaxing at leisure in this tranquil retreat before sharing reflections over dinner.





Journey to the Iconic Masai Mara National Reserve

TUE 8 (B) (L) (D)

After breakfast, we leave Lake Nakuru and travel to the world-renowned **Masai Mara National Reserve**, celebrated for its stunning landscapes and unparalleled wildlife. This iconic destination harks back to an era of unspoiled wilderness, where animals roam freely across vast savannahs

Upon arrival, we check in at our lodge, our home for the next two nights. After a delightful lunch, we embark on an exciting afternoon game drive, exploring the Masai Mara's sprawling plains. Renowned for its thriving wildlife, including the **Big Five**, the reserve offers unforgettable safari experiences.

As the day winds down, the evening is yours to relax and unwind. You might enjoy a refreshing dip in the lodge's swimming pool or simply soak in the tranquil surroundings. Later, we gather together for dinner, reflecting on the day's incredible encounters and building anticipation for the adventures that await in the Masai Mara.

WED 9 Discover the Magic of the Masai Mara (B) (L) (D)

Today, we experience the magic of the **Masai Mara National Reserve** with guided morning and afternoon game drives, promising unforgettable wildlife encounters and breathtaking scenery.

Renowned as Africa's premier wildlife reserve, the **Masai Mara** boasts golden savannahs framed by the Ngama Hills and Oololo or Siria Escarpment. Here, Gazelle, Wildebeest, and Zebra thrive, attracting Lions, Cheetahs, and Hyenas for thrilling predator-prey encounters.

Marvel at iconic black-maned lions, Elephants, and countless bird species, or, if lucky, witness the dramatic Mara River crossings during the **Great Migration**, a spectacle of survival and beauty.

Between game drives, relax at your lodge, embracing the serene ambiance of this extraordinary destination. The Masai Mara offers a safari like no other, blending stunning landscapes, abundant wildlife, and the timeless allure of Africa.

THU 10 Journey to the Tranquil Lake Naivasha (B) (L) (D)

This morning, we depart the sweeping plains of the Masai Mara and travel to the serene Lake Naivasha, a freshwater gem nestled in Kenya's stunning Rift Valley. Known for its natural beauty and vibrant birdlife, this destination provides a peaceful retreat.

Upon arrival, we check into our lodge for the night and enjoy a delicious lunch, taking in the lake's calming atmosphere.

About Lake Naivasha:

recognised by organisations such as Tusk Trust and Born Free Trust for its dedication to wildlife conservation and community support. Its tranquil waters and focus on sustainability make it an ideal escape for nature enthusiasts.

This afternoon, a scenic boat ride allows us to get closer to the lake's fascinating wildlife, including Hippos and an array of bird species.

The evening is yours to relax and enjoy the lodge's peaceful surroundings before gathering for dinner, reflecting on the serene adventures of the day in this picturesque setting.

FRI 11 Journey to Amboseli National Park (B) (L) (D)

This morning, we bid farewell to the peaceful shores of Lake Naivasha and travel to the awe-inspiring **Amboseli National Park**. Nestled at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest and most iconic mountain, the park's breathtaking scenery sets the stage for an unforgettable safari.

Upon arrival, we settle into our lodge, perfectly positioned for stunning views of **Kilimanjaro**. After a delicious lunch, we head out for an exhilarating afternoon game drive. Amboseli's diverse landscapes and abundant wildlife offer incredible opportunities to spot **Elephants, Lions, and more**, all framed by the majestic backdrop of the mountain that inspired Ernest Hemingway's *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*.

As the day winds down, we return to the lodge to relax. Over a delightful dinner, we reflect on the day's adventures and look forward to the unforgettable experiences awaiting us in this magical destination.





Amboseli National Park - A Day of Wildlife

SAT 12 Exploration

(B) (L) (D)

Today, enjoy a full day exploring Amboseli National Park, renowned for its stunning views of **Mount Kilimanjaro** and remarkable wildlife diversity.

Embark on thrilling morning and afternoon game drives with your expert guide, traversing the park's varied landscapes, from open plains and lush wetlands to acacia woodlands and dried lake beds. Amboseli is famous for its large herds of elephants and provides exceptional opportunities for up-close wildlife encounters.

Spot predators like lions and cheetahs, alongside Giraffes, Zebras, Buffalo, and an impressive variety of birdlife. The park's unique ecosystems create a haven for photography and observation, offering unforgettable moments in the wild.

Between game drives, relax at your lodge and soak in the tranquil surroundings. Conclude the day with a delicious dinner, reflecting on the unforgettable experiences shared in one of Kenya's most iconic safari destinations.



SUN 13 Crossing into Tanzania and Exploring Lake Manyara National Park

(B) (L) (D)

This morning, after breakfast, we depart Amboseli and drive to the **Namanga border**, where we complete immigration formalities and **transition into Tanzania**. Here, we bid farewell to our Kenyan driver-guide and meet our Tanzanian driver-guide, who will accompany us for the rest of our safari adventure.

We continue to **Arusha**, where we pause for a relaxing lunch before journeying onward to the stunning **Lake Manyara National Park**. Upon arrival, we embark on an **afternoon game drive**, immersing ourselves in the park's diverse ecosystems and abundant wildlife.

About Lake Manyara National Park:

Nestled at the base of the **Great Rift Valley Escarpment**, this unique park spans 330 square kilometers, with much of its area covered by the shimmering lake. Its varied habitats, including lush wetlands, evergreen forests, and acacia woodlands, support a vibrant array of wildlife.

The park is renowned for its elusive **tree-climbing Lions**, a rare and captivating sight. It's also home to Elephants, Buffalo, Hippos, mongoose, and a dazzling array of birdlife, including Flamingos that paint the lake's surface pink. Streams, waterfalls, and bubbling hot springs enhance the park's serene yet dynamic landscape, making it a wildlife haven.

After our game drive, we proceed to our lodge near **Karatu**, where we spend the night. With its breathtaking views and tranquil ambiance, the lodge provides the perfect retreat to unwind and reflect on the day's adventures.

We gather for a delicious dinner, sharing stories from our journey and looking forward to the wonders that await in Tanzania.





Journey to the Legendary Serengeti National Park

MON 14 (B) (L) (D)

This morning, we travel to the iconic **Serengeti National Park**, one of Africa's most celebrated wildlife destinations and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Upon arrival, we settle into our exclusive camp, nestled in the heart of the **Seronera region**. Blending comfort with wilderness immersion, this intimate retreat offers a perfect base to experience the Serengeti's untamed beauty. After a delicious lunch, we prepare for our first Serengeti adventure.

This afternoon, we set off on an exhilarating game drive across the Serengeti's vast plains. Home to an extraordinary variety of wildlife, from majestic predators like Lions and Cheetahs to herds of Wildebeest, Zebras, and Gazelles, the Serengeti's biodiversity is unparalleled.

As the day comes to a close, we return to camp to unwind in its serene surroundings. We gather for a dinner, reflecting on the day's incredible encounters and the magic of the Serengeti.

TUE 15 A Full Day in the Serengeti (B) (L) (D)

Today, we dedicate ourselves to exploring the wonders of **Serengeti National Park** with thrilling **morning and afternoon game drives**.

As we traverse the park's vast plains, each turn reveals extraordinary wildlife encounters. Spot iconic predators like Lions and Cheetahs, herds of Elephants, Wildebeest, and Zebras, and marvel at the Serengeti's incredible biodiversity. This dynamic ecosystem brims with life, offering awe-inspiring moments and unforgettable insights into Africa's wild heart.

Between game drives, we return to the camp to enjoy lunch and relax in the serene embrace of this untamed wilderness.

As the sun sets, we gather for another memorable dinner beneath the starlit Serengeti sky, reflecting on the day's incredible sightings and soaking in the magic of the African night.

Journey to the Spectacular Ngorongoro Conservation

WED 16 Area (B) (L) (D)

After breakfast, we bid farewell to the Serengeti and travel to the awe-inspiring **Ngorongoro Conservation Area**, home to the world famous **Ngorongoro Crater**.

Upon arrival, we descend into this extraordinary natural amphitheater for an unforgettable game drive. Often referred to as Africa's "**Garden of Eden**," the UNESCO World Heritage site offers diverse habitats and a remarkable array of wildlife. Surrounded by iconic species, we pause for a packed lunch amidst the crater's breathtaking scenery.

About Ngorongoro Crater:

Created by the collapse of an extinct volcano over 25 million years ago, the Ngorongoro Crater is a vast caldera encircled by towering walls nearly 2,000 feet high. This unique ecosystem is home to approximately 20,000 animals, including Wildebeest, Buffalo, Gazelle, and Zebra, which attract predators such as Lions, Leopards, and Hyenas.

Its varied landscapes - grasslands, lakes, forests, and swamps - teem with life. Hippos thrive in the swamps, Flamingos adorn the soda lake, and the forested rim shelters Elephants, Bushbuck, and Monkeys. The conservation area also includes cultural landmarks like Olduvai Gorge, known as the "Cradle of Mankind," where early human fossils were discovered, shedding light on our origins.

After the game drive, we travel to our lodge in Karatu. As the evening settles, we gather for dinner, reflecting on the day's remarkable experiences in the tranquil ambiance of our lodge

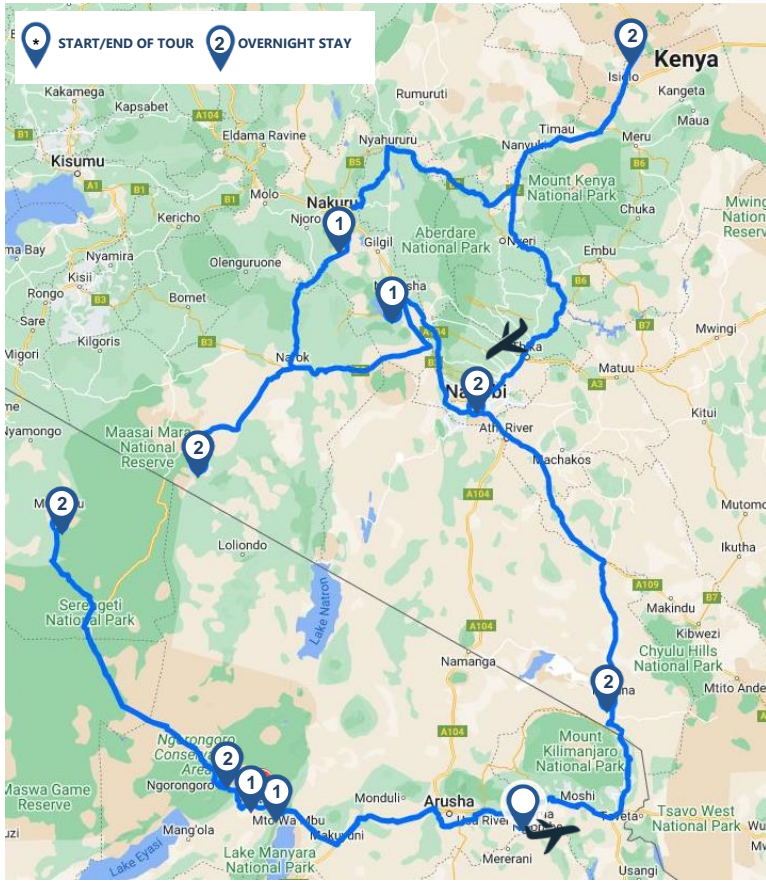
THU 17 Farewell to Africa (B)

Today, we leave Karatu and transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for our flight home. As we bid a heartfelt farewell to our guide, we carry with us treasured memories of Africa's extraordinary wildlife, awe-inspiring landscapes, and rich cultural heritage.

Our journey concludes as we arrive in **New Zealand on 18th September**, bringing back unforgettable stories, new friendships, and countless remarkable experiences. Along the way, take time to reflect on the breathtaking moments and unique encounters that have made this adventure truly extraordinary - a journey to cherish for a lifetime.



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17 DAYS • FULLY HOSTED SMALL GROUP TOUR

COUNTRIES Kenya & Tanzania

DEPARTS 2 to 18 September 2026

- Fully Hosted from New Zealand with a **YOURTours Host**
- International Economy Class flights ex Auckland
Flight upgrades available upon request
Home Pick-up/drop-off T&C's apply
- Premium accommodation
- Transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Game Drives as per the itinerary
- All Meals as per itinerary
- All gratuities to local guides
- Services of local English-speaking guides throughout
- Departs 2 September 2026
- Price from \$22,450 pp twin share or double room
- Single Price from \$26,995 pp



You are invited to join us on our fully hosted small group tour, with a maximum number of guests is 18.

Based on the beautiful Kapiti Coast with our guests joining us from all corners of New Zealand, we believe you will be pleasantly surprised by just how much we include in our tour price.

You can be reassured that your tour host will always be one of our friendly well-experienced YOURTours Hosts, ensuring everything is taken care of from start to finish, allowing you to relax and enjoy your tour.



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