



Kenya Wildlife Safari for Solo Travelers

10 days | 13 days with Zanzibar extension

Kenya is one of the best places in the world to spot animals in their natural habitat. Happily for travelers, the East African country has much to offer beyond the borders of its game reserves, too. Get a taste of it all when you join fellow solo travelers on a journey that'll take you to scenic national parks, sprawling game reserves, and communities where you'll meet artisans and other welcoming locals. See yet another side of Africa when you extend your journey to Zanzibar, a Tanzanian archipelago whose main island has a storied past and eclectic culture all its own.



Your tour package includes

7 nights in a private room at handpicked hotels
7 breakfasts
6 lunches
6 dinners
5 sightseeing tours
6 game drives
Expert Tour Director & local guides
4x4 safari vehicle

Included highlights

Sheldrick Wildlife Trust elephant nursery
Nairobi crafts workshop
Landscapes of Amboseli National Park
Lake Naivasha boat safari
Maasai Mara National Reserve
Maasai community visit

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 45 minutes daily across mostly flat terrain, including some paved roads, unpaved trails, and dirt paths.

Group size

6–12

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Nairobi today.

Nairobi → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Nairobi

Welcome to Kenya! Arrive in Nairobi and transfer to your hotel.

Please note: Most flights from North America arrive late in the evening.

Day 3: Sheldrick Wildlife Trust & Sandstorm Kenya

Included meals: breakfast, welcome lunch, dinner

Climb into 4x4 land cruisers and set out to discover notable landmarks and local culture in and around Nairobi, Kenya's bustling capital city.

- Watch elephants bathe and eat during a stop at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which has operated an orphan elephant rescue and wildlife rehabilitation program since its founding in 1977.
- Learn about the rescued, orphaned elephants, their trusted keepers, and the organization's conservation work across Kenya.
- Enjoy an included welcome lunch with your fellow travelers at a local restaurant in Nairobi.
- Visit Sandstorm Kenya, a company that began as a maker of safari tents and now employs 40 Maasai craftspeople who hand-make totes, backpacks, and other styles of bags from locally sourced canvas and leather.
- Tour Sandstorm's facilities to learn how its bags are made, from the sourcing of materials to the finished product.

Tonight, gather with your Tour Director and fellow group members at a mixer before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant.

Amboseli → 2 nights

Day 4: Transfer to Amboseli National Park & game drive

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Travel south to Amboseli National Park today. This roughly 150-square-mile natural area sits against the breathtaking backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro and is known for its population of wild African elephants.

- Enjoy an included lunch at your safari lodge or camp.
- Set out on an afternoon game drive after lunch.
- Ride along with your expert driver and naturalist guide in search of elephants, leopards, lions, baboons, cheetahs, wild dogs, buffaloes, kudus, hippos, rhinos, wildebeest, and dozens more animals.

Join your tour mates for an included dinner this evening, served with beer or wine.

Day 5: Amboseli National Park game drives & NGO visit

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

This morning, head out on your first game drive of the day and marvel at Amboseli National Park's huge herds of elephants, as well as ostriches, leopards, lions, and rhinos. Later, meet a wildlife conservation expert from a local nonprofit animal welfare organization.

- Hear how locals and park rangers work together to protect the wildlife.
- Ask the expert any questions you have about anti-poaching efforts and animal conservation.

After an included lunch, head back out for a second game drive through Amboseli National Park.

Enjoy an included dinner served with beer or wine after freshening up this evening.

Great Rift Valley → 1 night

Day 6: Transfer to Lake Naivasha & boat cruise

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Travel through scenic, highland landscapes—and make a photo stop at the equator—on your way to the Great Rift Valley. This astoundingly beautiful region is an important center of

ecological study. Its sparkling lakes and steep, rocky escarpments serve as havens for wildlife, such as black rhinos, rare Rothschild giraffes, and more than a dozen globally threatened bird species.

- Continue on to the vast and ancient Lake Naivasha, which, at nearly 6,200 feet above sea level, is the highest of the Great Rift Valley's three best-known lakes.
- Enjoy an included lunch with your fellow travelers at a local restaurant.
- Set out on a boat tour of Lake Naivasha, which is known for its substantial population of hippos and bird species.

This evening, sit down for an included dinner served with beer or wine.

Maasai Mara → 2 nights

Day 7: Maasai community visit

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Continue through the Great Rift Valley as you travel to the Maasai Mara, a nearly 600-square-mile national reserve in southwestern Kenya known for its vast plains and abundant wildlife. The region is also home to the Maasai people, an indigenous tribe of semi-nomadic pastoralists whose livelihood revolves around cattle. Brightly colored clothing and beaded jewelry are among many traditions the Maasai people have maintained, while other tribes have adopted more modern styles of living.

Immerse yourself in the Maasai way of life during a visit to a local boma, or homestead.

- Join members of the Maasai tribe in their signature *adamu*, or jumping dance.
- Tour a functioning Maasai boma—a collection of mud-hut homes—and discover the tribe's history and heritage.
- Visit a market where Maasai people sell handiworks and crafts, and learn how money from visitors' purchases sustains the tribe.
- Receive your own Maasai name and learn the meaning behind it.

Sit down for an included dinner this evening, served with beer or wine.

Day 8: Maasai Mara game drives

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, farewell dinner

Today, get to know the awe-inspiring animals of the Maasai Mara National Reserve.

- Rise before the sun for an early morning game drive and an exhilarating opportunity to spot leopards, rhinos, Cape buffalo, lions, and elephants—known collectively as the Big Five.
- Head back to your tented safari camp for an included lunch.
- After lunch, climb aboard a safari vehicle for an afternoon game drive, keeping your eyes peeled for prides of lions snoozing in the shade, giraffes ambling among leafy trees, and sturdy, shaggy-maned warthogs trotting through tall grass.

Celebrate your trip at tonight’s farewell dinner, served with beer or wine.

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 9: Travel to Nairobi & departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to Nairobi this morning. Then, relax in a dayroom before boarding your flight home tonight or early tomorrow morning, or extend your stay to explore Zanzibar.

Arrive Home

Day 10: Travel day

Arrive home today.

+ Zanzibar extension

Not ready for your East Africa adventure to end? Extend your tour and get a taste of island life on Zanzibar, a semi-autonomous archipelago roughly 25 miles off the coast of Tanzania. Although Zanzibar is officially part of Tanzania, its politics, religion, culture, and food are distinctly different, thanks to multicultural influences that remain from Indian, Middle Eastern, and African slave and spice traders who came here to conduct their business. With a local guide leading the way, you’ll spend your stay on Zanzibar’s main island exploring its storied past, its architectural treasures, and its colorful landscapes and cuisine.

Stone Town → 3 nights

Day 9: Transfer to Nairobi & flight to Stone Town

Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Transfer to Nairobi this morning. Then, board a flight to Stone Town, located on the island of Zanzibar, this afternoon and sit down for an included dinner tonight served with beer or wine.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Stone Town

Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Spend a free morning in Stone Town or add an excursion.
Join a local guide this afternoon for a sightseeing tour of Stone Town, a UNESCO-recognized area of Zanzibar City.

- Walk through a local fruit and vegetable market.
- Learn about the enslaved East African people who were forced into the Middle Eastern slave trade during a visit to Christ Church, which was built on the site of a former slave market.
- Enter the Sultan’s Palace to learn more about the island’s interesting history.
- Step inside the House of Wonders, which was designed by Second Sultan of Zanzibar Barghash bin Said.
- See the colonial mansions, stroll along the narrow alleyways, and visit the Livingstone House.
- Enter the Old Fort of Zanzibar, a military fortification that’s also the oldest building in Stone Town.

Sit down for an included dinner this evening served with beer or wine.
+ Swahili Cooking Class & Lunch

Day 11: Sightseeing tour of Nungwi Village

Included meals: breakfast, lunch
Head to the northern tip of the island to visit Ngunwi village, which is known for the pristine white-sand beaches.

- See how local fishermen make their boats from scratch.
- Visit the Mnarani Natural Aquarium, a coral lagoon that’s home to a variety of endangered sea turtles and fish.
- Enjoy a Swahili-style lunch in the village before heading back to Stone Town.

Spend free time in Stone Town or add an excursion.
+ Dhow Sunset Cruise & Dinner

Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast
This morning, head to the airport and fly to Nairobi, where you’ll relax in a dayroom before boarding your flight home tonight or early tomorrow morning.

Arrive Home

Day 13: Travel day

Arrive home today.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.com/KE6 | 1-800-597-0350

Extension excursion options

Day 10: Swahili Cooking Class & Lunch

\$85/\$95* (5 hours, departs in the morning, lunch included)

Learn how to make authentic Swahili food during today's market visit and cooking class. The day begins with a visit to a market in Stone Town where locals shop for grains, meat, and seafood used in traditional recipes. Then, continue on to a spice farm. Swahili cuisine is known for the bright, flavorful spices incorporated into each dish. Some of the most popular spices include turmeric, cumin seeds, curry powder, and tamarind. After you've learned about the flavors and roots of East African dishes, learn how to cook an authentic meal you'll find served at restaurants and in home across Zanzibar. Your meal may include local ingredients such as beans, yams, sweet potatoes, rice, spices, and plantains.

Day 11: Dhow Sunset Cruise & Dinner

\$115/\$125* (3 hours , departs in the evening, dinner included)

Make your way to the shores of Stone Town and step aboard a dhow, a traditional Arab pearling boat. You'll sail on the boat, led by a skilled crew, and head about a half-a-mile off the coast of Stone Town. From here, the crew will put the sails up and you'll have time to sit back, relax, and enjoy the peacefulness of the ocean as you watch the sunset. Savor a cold drink in view of the city's magnificent shoreline. After the sun sets, head back to Stone Town and enjoy an included dinner. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms