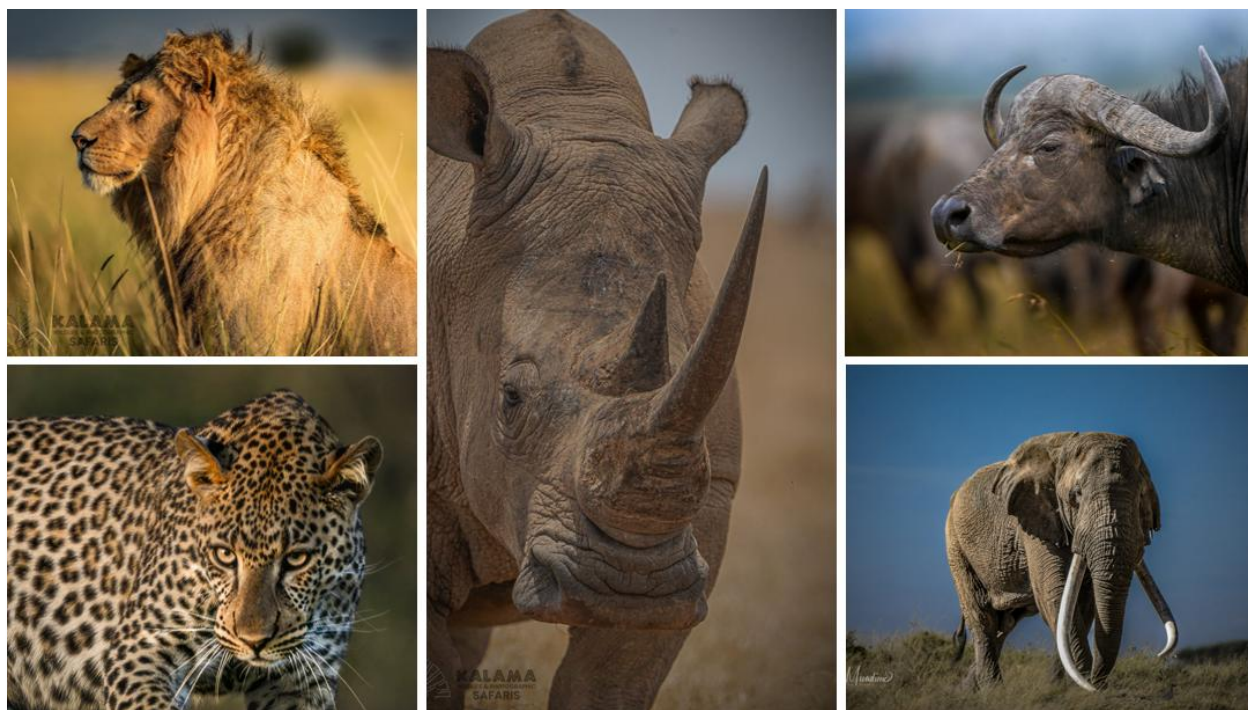


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This 14-day, 13-night safari adventure highlights Kenya's Big Five—lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and buffalo—while exploring diverse ecosystems and additional wildlife. The itinerary uses drives for shorter transfers and flights for longer ones, with game drives, conservation visits, and cultural encounters. Stays are in classic lodges or luxury tented-camps offering full-board meals unless specified. The trip begins and ends in Nairobi, aligning with international flights on Day 1 arrival and Day 14 departure.



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Day 1: Arrival in Nairobi (Sunday)

On arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya's vibrant capital, a Kalama Safaris’ representative will greet and transfer you to your hotel for check-in and relaxation.

- **Location:** Nairobi
- **Accommodation:** Nairobi Serena Hotel (1 night)
- **Meals:** Meals (dependent upon arrival time)
- **Highlights:** City orientation

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Days 2-3: Amboseli National Park (Monday-Tuesday)

Drive to Amboseli (about 4 hours). This park offers stunning Mount Kilimanjaro views and is prime for Big Five sightings: massive elephant herds, lions, leopards, and buffalo. Rhinos are rarer here. Morning and afternoon game drives explore swamps and plains, with opportunities for cheetahs and birdlife.

- **Location:** Amboseli National Park
- **Accommodation:** Amboseli Serena Lodge (2 nights) – eco-lodge with mountain vistas
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Elephants against Kilimanjaro, lion and cheetah sightings, Observation Hill panoramas



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Days 4-6: Samburu National Reserve (Wednesday-Friday)

Fly north to Samburu (around 1.5 hours). Along the Ewaso Nyiro River, spot Big Five like lions, leopards, elephants, and buffalo. The park shines with the "Samburu Special Five": reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, beisa oryx, Somali ostrich, and gerenuk. Enjoy riverbank game drives, bush walks, and Samburu tribal interactions.

- **Location:** Samburu National Reserve
- **Accommodation:** Soroi Larsens Camp (3 nights) – luxurious tents with river views
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Leopard sightings, Big Five species, river crocodiles and cultural tours



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Days 7-8: Ol Pejeta Conservancy (Saturday-Sunday)

Drive to Ol Pejeta (about 3 hours). This private conservancy hosts all Big Five, with East Africa's largest black rhino population, plus white rhinos, lions, leopards, elephants, and buffalo. Visit the chimpanzee sanctuary and the last two northern white rhinos in the world. Night drives enhance sightings (optional – added fee).

- **Location:** Ol Pejeta Conservancy
- **Accommodation:** Sweetwaters Serena Camp (2 nights) – tented camp with waterhole views
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Rhino tracking, chimpanzee sanctuary, Big Five game drives



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Days 9-10: Lake Nakuru National Park (Monday-Tuesday)

Drive to Nakuru (around 3 hours). The soda lake draws flamingos, while woodlands host four Big Five: lions, leopards, buffalo, and rhinos (black and white). Elephants are less common. Game drive sightings include baboon families and rare Rothschild's giraffes (only here).

- **Location:** Lake Nakuru National Park
- **Accommodation:** The Cliff (2 nights) – boutique lodge with lake overlooks
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Rhino sightings, flamingo flocks, lion and leopard hunts

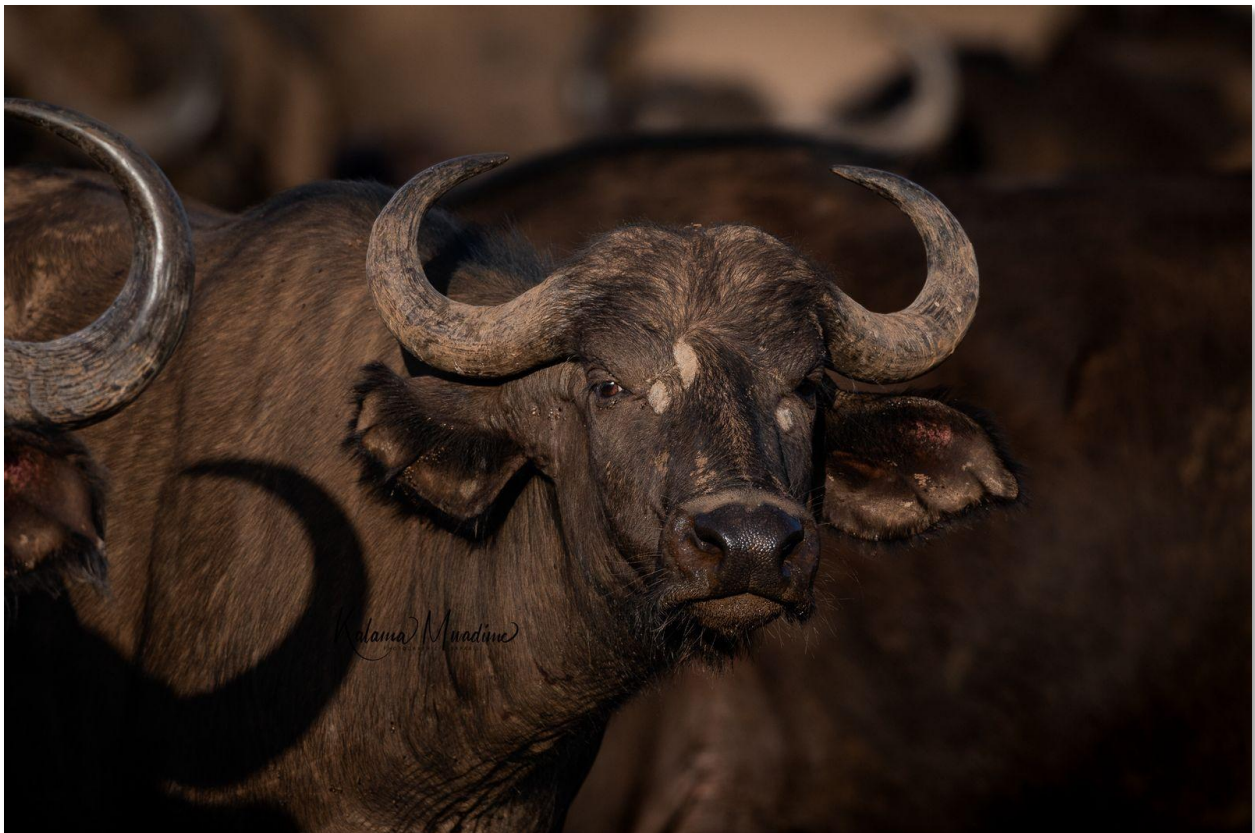


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Days 11-13: Masai Mara National Reserve (Wednesday-Friday)

Drive to the Masai Mara (about 5 hours). Famous for all Big Five, plus the Great Wildebeest Migration (July-October). Spot lion prides, leopards in trees, elephant herds, rhinos, and buffalo amid vast plains. Optional hot-air balloon safari with champagne breakfast (fee ~\$500); Maasai village visits.

- **Location:** Masai Mara National Reserve
- **Accommodation:** Ilkilian/etim Camp (3 nights) – authentic Maasai-style lodging
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Big Five encounters, migration river crossings, balloon rides and Maasai culture



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Day 14: Masai Mara to Nairobi (Saturday)

After breakfast, fly back to Nairobi (45 minutes). Enjoy a farewell dinner. Use a day room for rest before airport transfer. Safe travel home!

- **Location:** Masai Mara to Nairobi
- **Accommodation:** Four Points by Sheraton (day room, no overnight)
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Last wildlife sightings, souvenir shopping



Management Photo Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport

Additional Notes

- **Transportation:** Drives on Days 2, 7, 9, 11; flights on Days 4 and 14. Internal flights via light aircraft.
- **Inclusions:** Accommodations, meals as noted, game drives, park fees, transfers. Extras like balloon rides (~\$500per person) optional.
- **Customizations:** Adjust for group size or interests; contact [Kalama Safaris](#) for bookings.
- **Gorilla Trekking:** This 4-day extension to Rwanda can be added to this itinerary.