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This 14-day, 13-night **(April to June)** captures the Great Wildebeest Migration's northward trek after calving, alongside diverse wildlife and cultural experiences. During this period, expect lush landscapes from recent rains, with herds moving from southern plains through central Serengeti toward the north, offering dramatic sightings of wildebeest, zebras, and predators. The itinerary blends scenic drives and flights for efficiency, with stays in luxurious tented-camps and comfortable lodges providing full-board meals unless specified. Starting and ending in Nairobi, it aligns 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). Renowned for elephant herds against Mount Kilimanjaro, the park features swamps and plains teeming with lions, cheetahs, giraffes, and over 400 bird species. Morning and afternoon game drives focus on wildlife and landscape photography.

- **Location:** Amboseli National Park
- **Accommodation:** Amboseli Serena Lodge (2 nights)
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Large elephant groups, Kilimanjaro views, diverse birdlife and predators



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Day 4: Drive to Arusha (Wednesday)

Cross the border into Tanzania and drive to Arusha (about 4-5 hours, including customs).

Stay at the Gran Meliá Arusha is a luxurious 5-star hotel is set amid lush gardens, providing a tranquil escape from the bustling city while being close to amenities.

NOTE: Gibbs Farm may be available if the tour is booked well in advance. You can relax in a spacious cottage amid lush coffee plantations and gardens. Take a guided walk through the organic gardens or enjoy the scenic views, private verandas, indoor/outdoor fireplaces, and en-suite bathrooms with indoor/outdoor showers.

- **Location:** Arusha, Tanzania
- **Accommodation:** Gran Melia or Gibbs Farm (1 night)
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Scenic border drive, farm walks through coffee estates and forests



Management Photo Gibbs Farm, Tanzania



Management Photo – Gran Melia Arusha

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Day 5: Gibbs Farm Activities and Ngorongoro (Thursday)

Morning activities at Gibbs Farm, such as vegetable harvesting, coffee roasting, or birdwatching, followed by a fresh organic lunch. Drive to the Ngorongoro rim (about 2 hours) for crater overlooks and evening relaxation. Formed approximately 2-3 million years ago when a massive volcano exploded and collapsed inward, the crater is often called the "Garden of Eden" due to its lush, self-contained ecosystem. The crater floor features diverse landscapes, including grasslands, swamps, forests, and Lake Magadi—a soda lake that attracts flamingos. It's part of the larger Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979.

- **Location:** Gibbs Farm to Ngorongoro
- **Accommodation:** Ngorongoro Serena Lodge (1 night)
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Farm-to-table experiences, crater rim views, birdwatching



Rim of the Ngorongoro Crater Photo © David Kalama Mwadime – Kalama Safaris

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Days 6-8: Ngorongoro Crater to Ndutu (Friday-Sunday)

Descend into Ngorongoro Crater for an early morning safari (about 5 hours), spotting up to 30,000 animals including lions, rhinos, elephants, and flamingos at Lake Magadi. Then drive to Ndutu (1-2 hours), where in April-June, post-calving herds linger with predators active. Enjoy game drives amid grasslands. This is the place to go off-roading to see lions, cheetahs, elephants, birds, and other wildlife up close and personal.

- **Location:** Ngorongoro Crater and Conservation Area (Ndutu)
- **Accommodation:** Ndutu Luxury Lodge (3 nights)
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** High-density Big Five in crater, wildebeest herds and calves in Ndutu, predator hunts



Wildebeests Photo © David Kalama Mwadime – Kalama Safaris

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Days 9-11: Serengeti National Park (Monday-Wednesday)

Drive to Northern Serengeti (4-6 hours). In May-June, migrating herds approach the north, with river crossings possible at Grumeti. Spot elephants, lions, leopards, and resident wildlife on game drives. If lucky, you might see a spectacular river crossing of wildebeests and possibly zebras.

- **Location:** Northern Serengeti National Park
- **Accommodation:** Northern Serengeti Camp (3 nights)
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Northward migration movement, Grumeti River activity, diverse predators and plains wildlife



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Days 12-13: Masai Mara National Reserve (Thursday-Friday)

Fly to Masai Mara (about 1 hour). By June, early migration arrivals bring herds to the plains, with Big Five sightings and optional hot-air balloon rides (~\$500 per person). Engage in game drives and Maasai cultural visits.

- **Location:** Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya
- **Accommodation:** Mara Serena Lodge (2 nights)
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner
- **Highlights:** Emerging migration herds, lion prides, balloon safaris over plains



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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 to refresh and rest before airport transfer for your onward journey. Safe travel!

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



Management Photo Four Points by Sheraton Nairobi Airport

Additional Notes

- **Transportation:** Drives on most days; flights on Days 12 and 14 via light aircraft. Border crossings require visas; Kalama Safaris provides information about visas.
- **Inclusions:** Accommodations, meals as noted, game drives, park fees, transfers. Extras like balloon rides (~\$500/person) optional.
- **Customizations:** Tailor for group preferences; consult a [Kalama Safaris](#) for bookings.
- **Gorilla Trekking:** This 4-day extension to Rwanda can be added to this itinerary.