

THIS IS A NINE-DAY SAMPLE ITINERARY. REMEMBER THAT WE CAN CREATE A JOURNEY TO KENYA OF ANY LENGTH TO MEET YOUR EXACT SPECIFICATIONS.



Kenya. 1860.

You've come for the wildest wildlife, and the East African nation of Kenya won't disappoint. We visit two of Kenya's finest game reserves, Samburu and the Masai Mara. Samburu was one of the two reserves in which conservationists George and Joy Adamson raised Elsa, the lioness made famous in the book *Born Free*. The Masai Mara is known all over the world for its tremendous herds of wildebeest, zebra, and other big game—and the predators who follow them in search of a meal. How's that for wild?



R. Crusoe gets you up close and personal.

At the conclusion of your Spark Ventures adventure in Victoria Falls, Zambia, fly to *Johannesburg, South Africa*. On arrival, you are met and driven to the Saxon Hotel in the exclusive suburb of *Sandton*. This was home to Nelson Mandela after his release from prison, and it was here that he penned his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*. Twenty-six suites surrounded by lush gardens exhibit African art, and they look out onto the tranquil pool area or gardens. The hotel also has a gym, steam rooms, and a spa. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

The following afternoon, catch your flight to *Nairobi*, the nation's capital and largest city. Upon arrival, you are transferred to your lodgings, the BLU Hotel Nairobi.

The following day, take a short flight to *Samburu Game Reserve* in the arid fringes of Kenya's north. It falls within the lands of the Samburu pastoralists, relatives of the Masai. In Samburu, the Adamsons raised Elsa, but this is also the home of Kamunyak, a lioness famous for adopting oryx calves.



During game drives here, watch for six big game species rarely seen elsewhere: Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffes, and shy, long-necked gerenuks, antelopes that spends much of their time on their hind legs foraging for succulents among scrub trees that dot the sparse terrain. Other residents? Oryx, lions, cheetahs, leopards, elephants,

buffalo, hippos, olive baboons, warthogs, Grant's gazelles, Kirk's dik-diks, impalas, and waterbucks.

Our home away from home is Elephant Bedroom Camp. Luxurious tents are furnished with a sofa or lounge chairs, wool rugs, handmade cushions, and queen beds. En-suite bathroom have hot and cold running water and flush toilets. Unwind in a small, private plunge pool off your tent's veranda.

Devote another full day to safaris in Samburu. Each outing is unique—one never knows what's around the next bend. Every day is quite different.

Next, we depart on a scenic bush flight over the Great Rift Valley. Destination? *Masai Mara National Reserve*. Settle into Kichwa Tembo, our excellent tented camp.

Contiguous with Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, the Masai Mara is famous for its populations of lions, leopards, and cheetahs. It is also on the path of the Great Migration, in which immense herds of wildebeests (and their predators) travel between the Mara and the Serengeti to eat and breed.

Though the Mara terrain, primarily open grassland with seasonal riverlets, supports large numbers of migrating wildebeests, Africa's Big Five—lions, Cape buffalo,

elephants, rhinoceros, and zebras—also reside here year round. Hippos and Nile crocodiles do, too. So does the distinctive Masai giraffe.

Numerous antelopes can be found, including Thompson's and Grant's gazelle, impala, eland, duiker, and Coke's hartebeest. Roan antelope and bat-eared fox, rarely spotted elsewhere in Kenya, can be seen within the Mara.

More than 470 species of birds have been identified here, including 60 raptor species. Birders take note: Species that call this area home for at least part of the year include vultures, marabou storks, secretary birds, hornbills, crowned cranes, ostriches, long-crested eagles, African pygmy falcons, and lilac-breasted rollers.

Enjoy the following two days on game drives around some of the Mara's 583 square miles.

After a final morning game drive, we fly back to Nairobi. Upon arrival, visit the Giraffe Center, where we can hand-feed endangered Rothschild's giraffes. Continue to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust elephant

orphanage, where we observe these gentle creatures and hear how their caretakers support them.

Then fly home, Kenya under your belt.



Elephant Bedroom Camp, our home away from home in Samburu Game Reserve.



Masai giraffes keep an eye on the visitors.



A million wildebeest cross the Serengeti and the Masai Mara. But who's counting?

Discovering Kenya on Safari.

* **Day 1: Livingstone, Zambia; Johannesburg, Sandton, South Africa**
Monday, 18 July 2016

Fly to Johannesburg, drive to hotel, leisure time. *Saxon Hotel.*

* **Day 2: Nairobi, Kenya**
Tuesday, 19 July 2016

Fly to Nairobi, leisure time. *BLU Hotel Nairobi.*

* **Day 3-4: Samburu Game Reserve**
Wednesday & Thursday, 20-21 July 2016

Fly to Samburu, morning and afternoon safaris, leisure time.
Elephant Bedroom Camp.

* **Day 5-7: Masai Mara**
Friday-Sunday, 22-24 July 2016

Fly to Masai Mara, morning and afternoon safaris, leisure time. *Kichwa Tembo Camp.*

* **Day 8: Masai Mara, Nairobi**
Monday, 25 July 2016

Morning game drive, fly to Nairobi, Giraffe Center, optional shopping, David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust elephant orphanage, fly home.
Dayroom at House of Waine.

* **Day 9: United States**
Tuesday, 26 July 2016

Welcome home.

Price: Per person sharing room for this nine-day Kenya sample itinerary from \$6,520
This price is based on the sightseeing, hotels, camps, meals, and number of days included in this sample itinerary.
R. Crusoe will create a tour to meet your specific needs.

* **Inclusions.** Accommodations based on double occupancy; internal air; hotel taxes; ground transportation; transfers; sightseeing and meals as indicated; entrance fees and park fees; game drives; shared driver-guides and vehicles in some camps; Temporary Flying Doctor (AMREF); emergency evacuation to Nairobi.

* **Exclusions.** International airfare; costs of passports and/or visas; activities listed as optional; game and nature walks; personal expenses such as laundry, meals or beverages not listed; room service, excess baggage fees; portage;

communication charges; airport and port taxes; any increase in government taxes or fuel surcharges beyond our control; all gratuities; personal insurance coverage. *Please note: Any traveler on this safari must be able to provide proof of insurance coverage.*

* **Dining with Your Guide.** While touring with your guide, you are typically given the opportunity to choose from restaurant menus and to pay on the spot. This is also an opportunity to either have a break from the guiding or to continue learning. The choice is yours. If you simply need assistance from your guide in selecting from a menu, just ask. After advising you, the guide then gives you time on your own. If you invite your guide to join you for a meal, it is customary for you to pay for your guide's meal.

* **Health Status.** Touring during this program requires travelers to be in good health. Walking on uneven surfaces and climbing stairs are part of many of these excursions. If you have any health or mobility issues, we urge you to discuss them with us.

* **Registration.** A nonrefundable deposit of 25 percent of the total tour price is required at the time you book. The remainder of the cost of your trip is due 90 days prior to your departure date. Payment can be made by personal check, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. If your reservation is made within 90 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of confirmation.

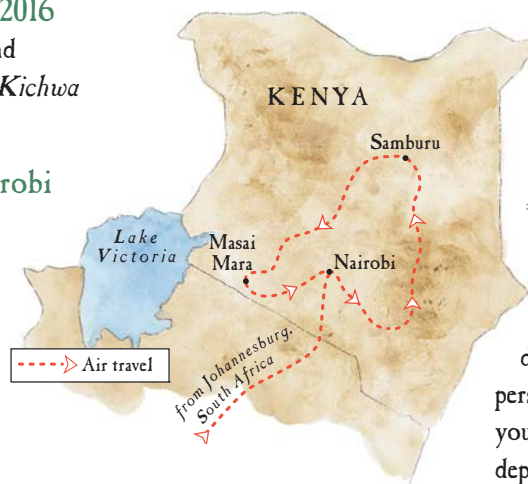
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For more information or to book this journey with R. Crusoe & Son, please call 800-585-8555.

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Eligibility: Participation in R. Crusoe's programs requires that travelers be in generally good health. Walking and stair climbing are commonly part of many tours. Travelers with physical disabilities must make them known to R. Crusoe & Son at the time of booking. It is also essential that persons with any medical problems or related

dietary restrictions inform R. Crusoe & Son well before departure. All travelers are expected to be ready to experience cultural differences with grace.

Travel Documents: All travel documents (air and cruise tickets, passport, destination-specific vaccination records, and inoculation verification) are the traveler's responsibility. It is also the responsibility of the traveler to obtain any necessary visas and public health documents for all applicable destinations and to comply with all customs requirements. Without the required documents, travelers may be denied entry into a particular destination. R. Crusoe & Son is not liable for such denial.

Air Transportation: International air prices are a separate cost in addition to the land prices of tours. Should a traveler cancel or change an air reservation before or after his or her departure, cancellations penalties may apply.

Baggage: Baggage handling is at the traveler's risk throughout the tour. Baggage restrictions may apply. If so, R. Crusoe & Son is not responsible for excess baggage fees.

Smoking: Smoking is not permitted during situations that involve fellow travelers. This applies when travelers are in restaurants, sightseeing vehicles, trains, ships and other water transport, air transport, and when participating in group activities.

R. Crusoe & Son Travel Protection Plan

Even on a perfectly planned vacation there are forces of nature that R. Crusoe & Son cannot prevent. There is the possibility that luggage is lost en route, an illness pops up, or even the sudden need for emergency cash. To ensure that your voyage provides you with a lifetime of pleasant memories, this program contains a broad package of benefits for our travelers including:

- * insurance coverage for trip cancellation or interruption
- * insurance coverage for illness or injury while abroad
- * emergency medical evacuation
- * reimbursement for baggage loss, theft, or damage
- * 24-hour assistance anywhere in the world

Complete details (including terms, condition limits, costs, and enrollment procedures) are sent upon confirmation of your tour reservation.

For pre-existing condition coverage, the premium must be paid within 21 days of the initial deposit.