

# A Walker's World

## EAST AFRICA: THE GREAT MIGRATION

Tanzania & Kenya

15 Days/14 Nights Guided Safari ex Arusha, 2020

Join our East Africa Great Migration lodge safari and follow the famous wildebeest migration, often referred to as “the greatest show on earth”! Travel through Tanzania and Kenya and discover all the secret highlights that East Africa holds.

This East Africa accommodated safari is a small group safari where you will spend all of your nights in lodges / chalets or permanent tented camps. This safari circuit has departures from Nairobi and also Arusha and includes all of the major highlights in Tanzania and Kenya.



### The Migration

Seeing the wildebeest (gnu) migration in East Africa is one of the most spectacular wildlife sightings in the world. Almost 2 million animals roam the plains of East Africa, but it can be surprisingly hard to find them in the vast area that they cover, as their movements are governed by the rains and predicting their location can be a gamble. This itinerary is designed to include all the areas frequented by the migration on their annual route which virtually guarantees that you will see them!

A brief outline of the migration movements –

□ **From December to April** the migration spreads out over the Southern Plains of the Serengeti. Depending on the rains they move from the Gol Kopjes in the East to the Moru Kopjes in the west. This area is easily accessible from the centrally located Seronera. (We stay in the Kisura Kenzan Tented Camp)

- **Between May and August** the migration slowly moves through the western corridor and into the Ikoma and Grumeti Wildlife Management Areas. These areas are outside of the Serengeti, but as there are no fences the wildlife can, and do, move around freely.
- **From September to end of November**, during the short rains, the migration crosses into the Masai Mara in Kenya. This is a relatively small park compared to the vast Serengeti and the wildlife tends to be very concentrated. (We stay at the Mara Eden Safari Camp to take advantage of its proximity to the migration and not to mention its own private entrance gate to the park.)

### Day 1: Arusha

Upon arrival, you will be collected from the airport and transferred to your lodge in the lush forests surrounding the town of Arusha. If you arrive early enough, you will have an opportunity to explore the lodge grounds, take a dip in the swimming pool or partake in any of the offered additional activities available.

**Accommodation:** Moivaro Coffee Plantation Lodge or similar. Dinner at your hotel.



### Day 2: Arusha - Manyara National Park - Lake Manyara

After breakfast, depart your hotel and set off towards Lake Manyara National Park. Manyara NP is not only known for its large flocks of flamingos, but also for the elusive tree climbing lions.

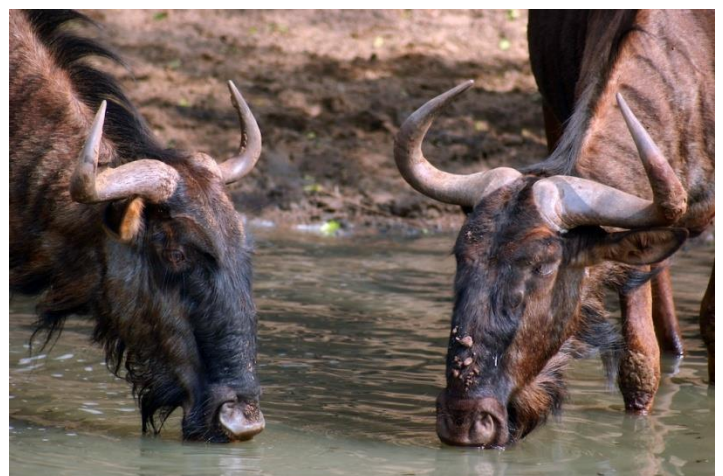
**Accommodation:** Rift Valley Photographic Lodge or similar

Approx. driving time & distance: 2-3 hours, 130 km

### Day 3: Culture tour – Lake Manyara

After breakfast, we set out to experience the cultural diversity of Mto-wa-Mbu, starting at the market and visiting a Chagga family producing banana beer, and passing by many different farms. On the way, your guide will introduce you to the various fruits and vegetables growing in the area and explain the irrigation system that sustains local crops. After having a delicious, home-cooked meal in a local Mama's home, we visit the nearby centre for disabled kids and school. Late afternoon we enjoy a visit to the Maasai Boma for the cultural encounter of a life time. The Maasai people are semi-nomadic herders, who choose to live a traditional lifestyle and are known for their distinctive traditional attire. Return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

**Accommodation:** Rift Valley Photographic Lodge or similar



#### **Day 4: Tarangire National Park**

Travel to Tarangire National Park for a full day's game drives. The breath-taking views of the Maasai Steppe, and the mountains to the south, make a stop at Tarangire a truly memorable experience. Tarangire is as well known for its huge elephant population and baobab trees. It forms the centre of an annual migratory cycle that includes up to 3000 elephant, 25,000 wildebeest and 30,000 zebra. Accommodation: Rift Valley Photographic Lodge or similar  
Approx. driving time & distance: 2-3 hours, 130 km



#### **Day 5: Manyara – Ngorongoro – Serengeti National Park**

Early departure this morning for a game drive in the world renowned Ngorongoro Crater. For many, this wildlife spectacle is the pinnacle of their safari experience. The Ngorongoro Crater boasts all of the 'Big 5', including a small population of endangered black rhino. After a picnic lunch, we head towards the Serengeti through the stunning Southern Plains. This is the area that the Serengeti is best known for – the endless, undulating grass savannah with rocky outcrops that serve as isolated wildlife refuges.

Accommodation: Kisura Kenzan Tented Camp or similar

Approx. driving time & distance: 6-7 hours (mostly at game drive speeds), 400 km (including the Crater

#### **Day 6: Serengeti National Park (Seronera)**

Today you will be spending a full day game driving around the Seronera area of the Serengeti. The Serengeti is divided into three main areas: Seronera is the most central and accessible region and this is where the Park HQ is based, as well as most of the larger lodges and communal campsites. This part of the Serengeti is characterised by open plains of grassland, packed with animals. The Seronera River is the lifeblood of the Serengeti and this area is renowned for great game viewing all year round. It is also particularly good for lion and cheetah sightings, as well as the most elusive of all big cats, the leopard.

Accommodation: Kisura Kenzan Tented Camp or similar

#### **Day 7: Serengeti National Park (Seronera)**

Enjoy another exciting day of exploring the Serengeti National Park. With lunch boxes provided we continue with game drives throughout the afternoon, scanning the endless plains, spotting many animals and truly realizing just why this national park is so famous. In the late afternoon we drive back to the lodge for overnight.

Accommodation: Kisura Kenzan Tented Camp or similar





### **Day 8: Serengeti National Park – Lake Victoria**

After breakfast we make our way to Lake Victoria. We pass through the villages of the Sukuma tribe, who grow ground nuts, sorghum and cassava as well as keeping livestock. Life carries on here simply as it has done for ages, but with a few poignant reminders of the 20th century. Some leisure time in the afternoon, or to possibly take a bird walk along the lake shore.

Accommodation: Speke Bay Lodge or similar

Approx. driving time & distance: 4-5 hours (including game drive speeds), 250 km



### **Day 9: Lake Victoria – Masai Mara**

This morning you have the opportunity to take part in a boat excursion to one of the local fishing villages, before we bid Lake Victoria farewell and continue our journey northwards across the border into Kenya. Here we head to the Masai Mara, the traditional land of the Masai people, who are permitted to graze their cattle in this area. The Masai Mara covers an area that includes the riverine forests along the banks of the Mara and Talek Rivers, acacia forests and the open plains of the savannah.

Accommodation: Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar

Approx. distance: 270 km

Approx. driving time: 6-8 hours (border crossing dependent)

### **Day 10: Masai Mara National Reserve**

Today we spend the whole day game viewing in the world famous Masai Mara National Park. Here the various habitats are home to a great variety of game including lion, leopard, cheetah, zebra, wildebeest (gnu), giraffe, buffalo, jackal, topi, gazelle, impala and elephant. Hippopotamus and crocodile are also plentiful in the rivers and the bird life is very abundant.

Accommodation: Mara Eden Safari Camp or similar



### Day 11: Masai Mara - Nairobi

After breakfast we head off towards Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya. We have the afternoon at leisure or to explore the city. Time allowing, we visit the Kazuri Beads Centre and workshop for those interested in shopping. Kazuri means "small and beautiful" in Swahili and it describes each striking ceramic bead which is shaped by hand by the women employed at the Kazuri workshop. Nairobi is a cosmopolitan, lively and interesting city. Its central business district is nicely compact and it is therefore a great place to tune into modern urban African life. Later in the afternoon, we head to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Eka Hotel or similar

Dinner: At Eka Hotel

Approx. driving time & distance: 5-6 hours, 280 km

### Day 12: Nairobi – Amboseli National Park

After breakfast, we explore Nairobi with a visit to the Karen Blixen Museum. The museum is the beautiful and historic farmhouse where Karen Blixen, author of "Out of Africa", lived between 1917 and 1931 until she left Kenya after a series of personal tragedies. Thereafter, we head to the Giraffe Centre and the Daphne Sheldrick Animal Orphanage for a visit. The institution is named after the wife of the late famous Naturalist, David William Sheldrick who was the founder warden of Tsavo East National Park in Kenya from its inception in 1948 to 1976. At 11am, the baby animals are brought from the national park for a mud-bath at the orphanage, where for an hour you can get close to them and sometimes touch them.

Lunch will follow before driving down to Amboseli National Reserve, arriving in the afternoon.

Accommodation: Kibo Safari Camp similar

Approx. driving time & distance : 4-5 hours, 240 km





### Day 13: Amboseli National Park

Today we will head into the Amboseli National Park for a full day of game viewing in one of Kenya's most famous parks. Amboseli is known for its huge elephant bulls with their magnificent tusks, which make for the ultimate safari picture with the snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro in the background.

Accommodation: Kibo Safari Camp or similar

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### Day 14: Amboseli - Arusha

This morning after a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the border and then onwards to Arusha. En route, pass the Marangu waterfalls – which is a moderately strenuous walk (we recommend sturdy shoes and a degree of walking fitness). Continue to Arusha via Moshi town – the gateway to the Kilimanjaro National Park.

Accommodation: Moivaro KIA Coffee Plantation Lodge or similar

Approx. driving time & distance: 4-5 hours (border crossing dependent), 210 km

### Day 15: Arusha

The tour ends after breakfast this morning and you will be transferred to the airport for your outbound flight.

### ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHEDULE 2020 Ex Arusha

19 January	5 September*
15 February	19 September*
28 March	3 October*
12 April	17 October
08 June	18 November
14 July*	14 December
15 August*	

\*Guaranteed Departures

### 2020 COST IN US DOLLARES

Share twin / Double per person US\$4,350

Single supplement US\$1020

National Park fees US\$975 (Subject to change)

This safari can be booked as a private guided tour on the date of your choosing – cost US\$4680 share twin/double plus Park Fees US\$975

### 2020 COST INCLUDES:

- 14 nights accommodation in lodges, chalets or permanent tented camps – ensuite facilities.
- MEALS – 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- All game-viewing activities conducted by professional game ranger
- Excursions and visits as stated in the itinerary
- Transfers as stated in the itinerary
- Game drives and excursions by a twelve seater, 4X4 safari vehicle

### 2020 COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Refreshments – alcoholic and non alcoholic
- Insurance
- Air travel to and from Arusha
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips and gratuities

**GROUP SIZE:** Minimum 4 to operate, maximum 12

## **PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:**

### **Departure:**

The East Africa Great Migration Safari departs from the Moivaro Coffee Plantation Lodge in Arusha. When arriving in Arusha on day one, you will be picked up from the airport and transferred to your hotel. Should you arrive prior to day one, pre-tour accommodation can be arranged and you will be picked up from your hotel on the morning of day.

In the evening of first day of your safari, there will be a pre-departure meeting presented by your guide at your accommodation. It is imperative that all clients attend this meeting so as not to miss out on any critical information.

Whilst it is our every intention to adhere to the above mentioned itinerary, there may on occasion be a necessity to make alterations in order to make the tour more enjoyable or practical. Therefore please treat the itinerary as a guide only.

### **Transport:**

Fully equipped, customized, 12-seater 4x4 safari vehicles, Toyota Land Cruisers, or other appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, large windows for game viewing and a music system are used for this safari. The vehicles are fully air-conditioned and equipped with pop-up roofs to facilitate the best game viewing. All luggage, besides hand luggage and photo equipment, is carried on the vehicle roof rack or trailer to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle.



### **Travelling Times and Distances:**

All travelling times are affected by road conditions, border crossings, detours and weather conditions, therefore on certain days travelling times may be longer than anticipated especially where there is a lot of distance to be covered. Please keep in mind that the time it takes to travel 100 km in your home country is not equivalent to the time it takes to travel 100 km on African roads, therefore we encourage you to sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery Africa has to offer. Where possible additional stops will be made to ensure your travelling comfort at all times

### **Meals:**

Breakfast and dinner will be prepared by the lodge where you are staying. They will also prepare lunch or a lunch pack depending on the itinerary for the day. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

### **Visas:**

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required for a visit to Tanzania and Kenya prior to departure.

### **Travel Insurance:**

Please note that travel, medical and cancellation insurance is mandatory. A Walker's World has a comprehensive policy we can offer that covers most travel contingencies for the full duration of your journey including personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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