24-Day East Africa Grand Safari Adventure

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Embark on the ultimate African adventure through five iconic destinations — from the golden plains of the Masai Mara and the misty jungles of Bwindi and Volcanoes National Park, to the endless savannas of Serengeti, the awe-inspiring Ngorongoro Crater, and the white-sand beaches of Zanzibar. This is the East Africa dream trip — a rare opportunity to witness Africa's greatest wildlife spectacles, meet mountain gorillas face-to-face, cruise the Kazinga Channel, and unwind by the Indian Ocean.

Pricing (Per Person)

CategoryPrice Range (USD)Accommodation TypeBudget6,500 - 8,500Guesthouses, shared 4x4, basic lodges

Mid-Range 11,500 - 16,000 Comfortable safari lodges, internal flights included

Luxury 18,000 - 30,000+ High-end lodges, private guides, charter flights

Tour Facts

Language:

English, Chinese, French, Spanish

Duration:

Tour Type:

24

continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Arrival in Nairobi, Kenya

ouch down in Nairobi, East Africa's safari capital. You'll be warmly welcomed by our guide and transferred to your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, enjoy a city tour visiting the Giraffe Centre or Karen Blixen Museum.

In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner where your guide briefs you on the safari adventure ahead.

☐ *Activities: 2–3 hours*

Overnight: Eka Hotel / Ole Sereni (Midrange) | Giraffe Manor (Luxury)

Day 2 : Nairobi - Masai Mara National Reserve

After breakfast, embark on a scenic drive through the Great Rift Valley to the Masai Mara, Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve. Rolling grasslands stretch endlessly, dotted with acacias and grazing animals. Arrive at your lodge in time for lunch, then set off for your first evening game drive, catching sight of elephants, lions, and giraffes in the golden sunset light.

 $\sqcap Drive: 5-6 \ hrs \mid Game \ drive: 2 \ hrs$

Overnight: Mara Sopa Lodge / Mara Serena Safari Lodge

Day 3: Full Day Safari in Masai Mara

A full day of adventure awaits! Start early with a sunrise game drive to witness predators on the hunt. Marvel at the incredible diversity of wildlife — lions, cheetahs, elephants, and herds of wildebeest. After lunch, visit a Maasai village to learn about their traditions, dances, and daily life. Optional: Hot air balloon safari at dawn followed by a champagne breakfast on the plains.

Game drives: 6-8 hrs total
Overnight: Masai Mara Lodge

Day 4: Masai Mara - Entebbe, Uganda

After a morning game drive, return to Nairobi for your flight to Entebbe, Uganda — the Pearl of Africa. Upon arrival, your Ugandan guide greets you and transfers you to your lakeside hotel. Relax as you watch the sun set over Lake Victoria.

Drive: 5 hrs | Flight: 1.5 hrs

Overnight: Lake Heights Hotel / Protea Hotel

Day 5: Kampala - Queen Elizabeth National Park

Today, travel southwest through lush landscapes, tea plantations, and crater lakes toward Queen Elizabeth National Park. Stop for photos at the equator line.

Arrive at your lodge by evening and enjoy dinner overlooking the savanna.

Drive: 6-7 hrs

Overnight: Enganzi Lodge / Mweya Safari Lodge

Day 6: Queen Elizabeth National Park Safari & Boat Cruise

Rise early for a game drive across the Kasenyi Plains, where you might spot lions, elephants, warthogs, and the elusive leopard.

After lunch, enjoy a boat cruise on the Kazinga Channel, home to hippos, buffaloes, and vibrant birdlife.

Game drive: 4 hrs | Boat cruise: 2 hrs Overnight: Mweya Safari Lodge

Day 7 : Queen Elizabeth - Kibale Forest

After breakfast, depart for Kibale National Park, known as the primate capital of East Africa. Enjoy scenic views of crater lakes and the Rwenzori Mountains.

In the evening, take a guided walk around Bigodi Wetland, spotting monkeys and colorful birds.

Drive: 4 hrs | Walk: 2 hrs

Overnight: Kibale Forest Lodge / Papaya Lake Lodge

Day 8 : Chimpanzee Trekking in Kibale & Drive to Bwindi

Head into the forest with expert rangers to track chimpanzees — intelligent, social, and lively creatures. After your encounter, drive south through beautiful countryside toward the misty highlands of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

Chimp trek: 3-4 hrs | Drive: 4 hrs

Overnight: Bwindi Gorilla Lodge / Mahogany Springs

Day 9 : Gorilla Trekking in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest

A highlight of your African journey! After an early breakfast, meet your guides for a briefing, then begin your gorilla trek through dense jungle.

Once you find the gorillas, you'll spend one unforgettable hour observing them feed, play, and care for their young.

Return to the lodge to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime encounter.

Trek: 4-8 hrs

Overnight: Bwindi Lodge

Permit: \$800 Uganda / \$1,500 Rwanda

Day 10 : Bwindi - Kigali, Rwanda

Cross into Rwanda through scenic mountain roads. Arrive in Kigali for a city tour, visiting the Genocide Memorial and local craft markets.

Drive: 5 hrs | City tour: 2 hrs

Overnight: Kigali Serena Hotel / Hotel des Mille Collines

Day 11 : Kigali - Volcanoes National Park

After breakfast, head north through rolling hills to Volcanoes National Park, home of the endangered mountain gorillas.

In the afternoon, visit Iby'Iwacu Cultural Village to experience traditional Rwandan life.

Drive: 2-3 hrs | Cultural visit: 2 hrs

Overnight: Five Volcanoes Lodge / Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge

Day 14: Gorilla or Golden Monkey Trek - Volcanoes NP

Enjoy another chance for gorilla trekking or opt to track golden monkeys, unique to the Virunga range. Later, unwind at the lodge or visit local tea plantations.

Trek: 3-5 hrs

Overnight: Volcanoes NP Lodge

Day 13: Volcanoes - Fly to Arusha, Tanzania

Transfer to Kigali for your flight to Arusha, Tanzania's safari capital. Meet your Tanzanian guide and enjoy an evening rest at your lodge.

Drive + flight: 4-5 hrs

Overnight: Arusha Planet Lodge / Mount Meru Hotel

Day 14 : Arusha – Tarangire National Park

Head out for a full day in Tarangire National Park, famed for its baobab trees and massive elephant herds.

Watch for lions lounging under acacias and graceful giraffes crossing the plains.

Game drive: 5-6 hrs

Overnight: Tarangire Safari Lodge / Maramboi Tented Camp

Day 15: Lake Manyara National Park

Drive to Lake Manyara, a scenic park nestled at the base of the Rift Valley escarpment. Spot flamingos, hippos, and the park's famous tree-climbing lions.

Game drive: 4-6 hrs

Overnight: Manyara Serena Lodge

Day 16 - 18 : Serengeti National Park

Spend three unforgettable days exploring the Serengeti, one of Africa's greatest wildlife sanctuaries.

Witness the Great Migration (seasonal), track predators, and enjoy magical sunsets.

Optional: sunrise hot air balloon safari.

Game drives: 6-8 hrs/day

Overnights: Serengeti Sopa / Kubu Kubu Tented Lodge

Day 19: Ngorongoro Crater

Descend 600m into the Ngorongoro Crater, home to lions, rhinos, elephants, and flamingos. Enjoy a picnic lunch surrounded by breathtaking views.

Crater tour: 6 hrs

Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Day 20: Fly to Zanzibar - Stone Town

After breakfast, fly to the tropical island of Zanzibar.

Spend your afternoon exploring Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Swahili architecture and spice markets.

Flight + tour: 4 hrs

Overnight: Maru Maru Hotel / Park Hyatt Zanzibar

Day 21: Spice Tour & Beach Transfer

Visit Zanzibar's famous spice plantations, learning about cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg. After lunch, transfer to the northern beaches of Nungwi or Kendwa.

Tour: 2-3 hrs | Drive: 1 hr

Overnight: Nungwi Beach Resort / Zuri Zanzibar

Day 22: Zanzibar Beach Relaxation

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Swim, sunbathe, or take optional excursions — snorkeling, dolphin watching, or a dhow sunset cruise.

Optional activities: 3-5 hrs

Overnight: Nungwi Beach Resort

Day 23: Marine Adventure or Stone Town Evening

Take a morning trip to Mnemba Atoll for snorkeling among colorful coral reefs. In the evening, stroll through Forodhani Gardens' night market in Stone Town.

Snorkeling: 4-5 hrs | Evening walk: 2 hrs

Overnight: Zanzibar Beach Hotel

Day 24: Departure

Relax with breakfast by the ocean, then transfer to Zanzibar Airport for your flight home, carrying memories of a lifetime spent in the heart of Africa.

Transfer: 1-2 hrs End of Tour