



# 4 DAY SAFARI – TSAVO EAST / WEST & TAITA HILLS

## DAY 1

**06:00** – Morning pick up from the hotel/airport, drive through Mombasa city and onto the ‘Mombasa – Nairobi’ highway. On the way there is a short break where you can buy cold drinks, coffee or souvenirs. Time of arrival at **Tsavo East National Park** Buchuma gate (around 120 km from Mombasa center) is highly dependent on traffic conditions (between 2-3 hours).

Tsavo East National Park covers an area of 13,747 km<sup>2</sup> – this spacious, savannah landscape is mainly covered by dry bush and acacia trees. The Galana River with its magnificent Luggard Falls crosses through the Park, and on the horizon lies the 300 km long Yatta Plateau. Tsavo East is famous for its red elephants, lions, zebras, giraffes and many different species of antelope. It is also a perfect location to observe almost 500 various species of birds.

Once in the park we begin the game drive with an experienced guide-driver who will help you search for animals based on his experience as well as contacting other drivers through CB Radio or mobile phone.



**12:00-13:00** – Arrival at camp/lodge for a buffet lunch and room check-in. After lunch there will be some time to relax and cool down in the hotel’s swimming pool.

Around **16:00** when temperatures drop, the animals become more active making it an ideal time for another Game Drive . You will be looking for animals and admiring the views until **18:00 – 18:30** (it is not allowed to drive in the park after dark). **Dinner and overnight** in the hotel. It is possible to observe animals from the hotel terrace which has a view overlooking the waterhole.

## **DAY 2**

Wake up early in the morning breakfast at **06:30** and shortly after leave **for Amboseli National Park.**

**07:00** - Check out from the hotel and last game drive in Tsavo East while exiting the park through the Voi gate. Drive to Amboseli National Park via Emali.

Known as 'Kilimanjaro's Royal Court', Amboseli National Park is one of Kenya's most popular parks. The name of the park is derived from a Maasai word meaning 'salty dust'. With spectacular views of the highest free standing mountain in the world on a clear day, the park offers amazing scenery plus world class game viewing. It is one of the best places to see large herds of elephants up close as well as lion, cheetah, hyena, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, zebra, eland, hippopotamus, flamingo, great white pelicans and 600 different species of birdlife.



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**13:00 - 14:00** - Arrive in Amboseli for lunch and check-in. After lunch, relax in the afternoon away from the heat by the pool or in the comfort of your room.

**16:00 - 18:30** - Evening game drive in the park. The sun is low in the sky and it is a lot cooler out in the plains making it an excellent time for game viewing and photography.

**18:30 onwards** - Return back to the camp/lodge for your evening sundowner drinks, dinner and overnight stay.

## **Day 3**

This day is spent really exploring the park and trying to see as much of the park and the wildlife as possible. It could either be done as a full day excursion with a picnic lunch at the observation hill, or with breaks in between. Starting with early morning game drive - breakfast - mid morning game drive - lunch - afternoon rest - evening game drive. This is your safari so we can tweak and adapt to whichever way you prefer to use this day in Amboseli.

A cultural visit to the Maasai Village is best done on this day and can be **organized at an additional cost of \$20 per person.**

After a long and adventurous day in Amboseli, you will spend a final overnight at the lodge/camp before we move on to the next destination.

#### **Day 4.**

**07:00 - 07:45** - Start the day with an early morning breakfast and check-out before leaving Amboseli for Tsavo West National Park.

**08:00 - 11:00** - Leave Amboseli National Park for Tsavo West National Park via Chyulu Gate.

Tsavo West together with Tsavo East form the biggest National Park in Kenya – more than 22,000 km<sup>2</sup> of open area. Tsavo West is famous for its diversity – you will find here the hills ,rivers, caves, lakes and forests. During game drives you will have chance to stop at Mzima Springs and have a walk to underwater observation point to see different species of fish, crocodiles and hippos, as well as to see Shetani Lava Flow.



**11:00 - 13:00** - After checking into the park, we start with a short stop at the Shetani Lava Flow en route to Mzima Springs where you will get a chance to walk and learn more about the springs, their importance to the Tsavo West ecosystem and see some aquatic animals, crocodile and hippo among many others.

**13:00 - 14:00** –arriving at camp/lodge for buffet lunch and room check-in. After lunch there will be some time to relax or enjoy the comfort of your room before going out again for more game driving.

Around **16:00** when air temperature drops down the animals become more active making it an ideal time for another game drive . We will be looking for animals and admiring the views until **18:00 – 18:30** (it is not allowed to drive in the Park after dark).

**Dinner and overnight** in the hotel. There is usually a bait set out by the hotel staff and with a bit of luck you will see the leopard from the hotel terrace while it is having a treat.



## **DAY 5**

Wake up early in the morning to leave for a game drive at **06:00**. There is **tee/coffee** available in the hotel before the drive. This is an awesome time to be out in the wild before the animals retreat into the shades before the heat intensifies as the day progresses. Best time to take photographs.

**08:30-09:00** breakfast in the hotel

**10:00** Check out from the hotel drive to Taita Hills Game Sanctuary.

**12:00/13:00** – Arrival at **Sarova Taita Hills Game Lodge** for **buffet lunch** but before lunch, you will fill in the check- in forms for Sarova Salt Lick Game Lodge where you will spend the night.

Short rest after lunch (there is an option for you to use the swimming pool if you so wish).

Around **16:00** you will have another 'Game Drive' . The Taita Hills landscape is a mixture of savanna and rocky hills. There are very many buffalos, antelopes, impala and kudu, and a very high probability of having an encounter with lions, as well as leopards and cheetah.

Around **18:00-18:30** - Arrival back at **Sarova Salt Lick Game Lodge** hotel. This very cozy hotel has a large waterhole that attracts many animals in the evening . It is a perfect place to watch animals as the sun sets from a terrace, but there is also an underground observation tunnel which leads to an observation point very close to the waterhole. One can also inform the staff at the reception to be woken up in the night in case a particular choice of animal will come for a drink late at night. Here you will also have your **Dinner and overnight stay**.



## DAY 6

Early morning 'Game Drive' around **06:00**. There is **tee/coffee** available in the hall before the drive. Return to the hotel for **breakfast** is at around **08:30-09:00**. Short rest and room check out around **10:00** after which you will have a final 'Game Drive' in the reserve as you leave Taita Hills and head back to Mombasa (around 170km), back in the comfort of your hotel.

### WHAT TO TAKE:

- SUN PROTECTION CREAM
- HAT/CAP
- SUN GLASSES
- ANTI MOSQUITO/INSECT REPELLANT
- COMFORTABLE, LIGHT CLOTHES AND SHOES
- LONG SLEEVE TROUSERS AND JACKET FOR EARLY MORNING AND EVENING DRIVES
- CAMERA

- SPARE BATTERIES
- BINOCULARS



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### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- ALL THE PARK FEES
- TRANSPORT IN A 4x4 LAND CRUISER OR MINI VAN WITH A POP-UP ROOF
- AN ENGLISH SPEAKING DRIVER-GUIDE
- WATER IN THE CAR 0,5 L. PER PERSON
- ACCOMMODATION IN THE LODGES FB

### **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- DRINKS TO LUNCH AND DINNER
- MASAI VILLAGE VISIT (20 USD)
- TIP FOR A DRIVER WHO HELPS US TO SPOT THE ANIMALS WHICH WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND.
- PERSONAL AND HEALTH INSURANCE (POSSIBLE TO BUY FOR EXTRA CHARGES)



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