

## Kenya: Beach and Bush



### Brief Itinerary

<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Fly Nairobi, Kenya</b>
<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Fly Amboseli, Tawi, 3 nights, full-board</b>
<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Fly Nanyuki, Kicheche Laikipia, 3 nights, fully-inclusive</b>
<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Fly Masai Mara, Kicheche Mara, 4 nights, fully-inclusive</b>
<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Fly Diani, Diani Blue, 4 nights, half-board</b>
<b>Day 16</b>	<b>Fly home</b>

## Day 1

Today you will take the international flight to Nairobi, Kenya.

## Day 2

On arrival in Nairobi you will take the scheduled flight to Amboseli to stay at Tawi for the next 3 nights.

The great Amboseli Plain, with its parched alkaline salt pans, strange mirages and oasis of marshes and lakes, is renowned for its huge elephant population. There are over 1,000 elephants in the park eco-system, and they are some of the biggest elephants in Africa. It is also home to herds of plains game - zebra and wildebeest and their predators, more than 300 species of birds, and the Maasai, who have lived in harmony with nature for thousands of years.



Tawi is a stunning camp set in the shadow of Africa's highest mountain, the snow-capped Mt Kilimanjaro. It is situated on a conservancy just outside the park. It has 12 large cottages spread out for privacy. Each has its own wooden deck, fireplaces and en-suite bathrooms with both baths and showers all with views out toward Kilimanjaro. The cottages are spacious and tastefully designed for maximum comfort with an African vibe. Between activities you can take a dip in the pool, enjoy a massage in the spa or relax in the library all of which have views onto the water hole just outside the camp. Dining at Tawi is a real treat as the lodge manager was formerly a world renowned chef and so the food here is superb.



***You will spend 3 nights at Tawi on a full-board basis.***

## Day 5

Today you will fly up country to Nanyuki and be transferred to the OI Pejeta Conservancy to stay at Kicheche Laikipia for the next 3 nights.

Kicheche Laikipia Camp is a small, luxurious six-tent camp at the foot of an indigenous forest in the heart of the OI Pejeta Conservancy in Laikipia, the area north of Mount Kenya. The conservancy's 90,000 acres is home to some of the less common northern species of Grevy Zebra, Jacksons Hartebeest and Beisa Oryx as well as large numbers of elephant, cheetah, lion, leopard and plentiful plains game. With more than 1000 acres per bed, it boasts a pretty exceptional wilderness experience and game viewing without the crowds.

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The camp has six luxurious en-suite tents sleeping up to just 12 guests, with verandas overlooking the waterhole. The stone fireplace in the dining area provides a welcome warmth and a cosy atmosphere at this altitude but dining is alfresco as much as possible. The Kicheche camps make a point of their flexible schedules and you can decide on your programme each day. The conservancy has a Wildlife Educational Centre and a Chimpanzee Sanctuary for orphaned chimps which you can visit. Even in the heat of the day, you are likely to see game from camp, drinking and resting in the shade around the waterholes and in the marshland.



***You will spend 3 nights at Kicheche Laikipia on a fully-inclusive basis.***

### **Day 8**

Today you will fly to the Masai Mara to stay at Kicheche Mara for the next 4 nights.

Kenya's Masai Mara, which lies adjacent to the Great Rift Valley, boasts the single largest concentration of plains game anywhere in the world. The reserve is one of the very few areas left in Africa where wildlife can be seen in the large numbers that existed a hundred years ago. Between July and October the plains darken with wildebeest and zebra, unending columns from the adjoining Serengeti passing through on their hazardous annual journey in search of fresh pastures. Prime targets for lions, leopards and cheetahs, you are likely to see some interesting, and sometimes harrowing, predator action.



Kicheche Mara Camp is a classic luxury bush camp hidden in a grove of wild olive trees in the Mara North Conservancy, a private concession area adjacent to the Masai Mara. It has a great setting along the upper reaches of the Olare Orok stream, and wildlife wanders freely through the camp. There are eight tents, simply and very nicely furnished with big cedarwood beds, and each with an adjoining bucket shower and flush toilet.

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***You will spend 4 nights at Kicheche Mara on a fully-inclusive basis.***

### **Day 12**

Today you will fly Diani to stay at Diani Blue for the next 4 nights.

Diani Blue is a lovely family-run boutique guest house set on Diani Beach, south of Mombasa. There are only six guest rooms decorated with a combination of African fabrics and artwork, Afghan rugs, European art, Swahili style Lamu ceilings, terracotta floor tiles and solid mvuli carpentry work. All the rooms have king-sized beds with mosquito nets and their own spacious bathroom, air conditioning and ceiling fans, as well as mosquito netting on all windows. There is a lovely terrace which overlooks the pool and the gardens to the sea and plenty of places to relax and read a book. There is a small bar area known as Cosy's Corner, where you can enjoy an excellent glass of wine enjoying the sea views from the veranda.



***You will spend 4 nights at Diani Blue on a half-board basis.***

### **Day 16**

Today you will fly to Nairobi where you will check in for your flight home.

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