

## THE GREAT SAFARI

A six nights/seven days itinerary in the most diverse and spectacular Parks of Kenya.



A Safari in the luxury, privacy, and elegance of small lodges in three completely different environments. The ultimate safari experience.

We propose a voyage into spectacular <u>Meru National Park, Samburu National Reserve, and</u> <u>Masai Mara National Reserve</u>, staying at three small lodges praised for their design, intimacy, atmosphere, and, not least, their cuisine.Enjoy Italian taste and hospitality in Africa!

## Itinerary – The Great Safari:

- Day 1 Scheduled Air Kenya flight: 09.15 a.m. Nairobi Wilson Meru (50 minutes).
   Picked up at airstrip and transferred to Rhino River Camp (by a 30 minutes game drive or as long as you wish).
   After lunch afternoon game drive or any other activity (bush walking, hiking, biking, fishing, guided bird-watching, bush meals, sundowners, visit villages, massages, or just relax at swimming pool). Dinner and overnight.
- Day 2 Rhino River Camp. Morning and afternoon game drives and/or any other activity as above.
- Day 3 Morning game drive transfer to airstrip and scheduled Air Kenya flight to Samburu at 10.35 a.m. (25 minutes flight).
  Picked up at airstrip and transferred to Saruni Samburu by either a full day game drive with exciting pic nic lunch by the Uaso Niro river, or by a shorter 1 and half hour game drive across several conservancies. After lunch, afternoon game drive or any other activity. In the evening, scenic sun downer on Milima Moshi, overlooking Mt Kenya and the Northern Kenya landscape.
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- Day 4 Saruni Samburu. Morning and afternoon game drives and/or any other activity as above.
- Day 5 Morning game drive transfer to airstrip and scheduled Air Kenya flight to

Masai Mara at 08.30 a.m. (70 minutes flight). Arrival Mara approx. 11.00 and game drive transfer to **Saruni Mara**. Dinner and overnight.

- Day 6 **Saruni Mara**. Morning and afternoon game drives and/or any other activity (walking safaris, bird watching, sundowners, bush meals, SPA treatments).
- Day 7 Morning game drive transfer to airstrip for scheduled Air Kenya flight to Nairobi Wilson at 10.15 a.m. (45 minutes flight).

<u>The Lodges: Rhino River Camp.</u> An unusual, exclusive and luxury lodge located in extraordinary Meru National Park, Kenya, where the legend of Elsa the lioness began. A collection of only five luxury cottages (one is a suite) built out of sumptuous caramel canvas and sustainable hardwood, raised on platforms above the gently flowing Kindani River will turn your stay at Rhino River Camp into a quiet, relaxing experience.



Each room has its own private 'zen' area where you can meditate, re-read your favourite novel, or simply unwind.

The very design of it, contemporary with a hint of Africa, is pleasant without being intrusive.

Add to that a swimming pool to dream of, a well-stocked bar and restaurant area, numerous nature trails for you to explore our private property on foot or bike, and this will make your perfect hideout.

<u>Saruni Samburu.</u> A design lodge located on Kalama Conservancy next to Samburu National Reserve, in Kenya's wild North.

There are four houses (two of them are large family villas with two separate bedrooms each and two spectacular bathrooms), a large swimming pool with dramatic view over Samburuland, a waterhole that attract elephant, reticulated giraffe, zebra, oryx and all the species that make Kalama so special.



Surrounded by a 95,000 hectares private reserve and perched on top of a spectacular viewpoint, its villas and its swimming pool overlook the dramatic landscape of Samburu country. The vastness and the purity of this African landscape, combined with the untouched local culture, will make your wildlife safari a different experience.

<u>Saruni Mara.</u> Saruni is the deluxe, intimate lodge set in a private conservation area outside the Masai Mara National Reserve, the most famous game park in Africa.

Designed and built by Kenyan architect Mark Glen, Saruni has six large cottages, where one can experience both the elegance and safety of a permanent accommodation with the thrill of sleeping in close contact with nature.



Kuro House is the common dining area, a mixture of old-fashioned Africa and modern design, where guests can savour the exceptional cuisine that is served around our long table and uses fresh, locally grown and organic produce in inventive ways.

## The Wilderness.

Meru National Park, situated in northern Kenya, covers an area of 870 square kilometers. It straddles the equator about 370 kilometers northeast of Nairobi.



Thirteen permanent rivers originate from the high hills fringing the western boundary of the Park. Such an abundance of water flowing through a predominantly arid part of Kenya creates a mosaic of different habitats making Meru one of the most diverse Parks in the whole Africa. Meru N. P. is home to species typical of northern Kenya such as reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra,gerenuk, oryx, lesser kudu, which are not to be found in many other National Parks or areas in Kenya. Not to mention the classic African icons such as lion, cheetah, elephant, and hippo.

Birdlife is particularly abundant with more than 400 different species recorded.

A specific mention has to be made for the Rhino Sanctuary at the doorstep of Rhino River Camp. The area devoted to the protection and population increase of rhinos is today about 50 square kilometres and is located on the Western boundary of the Park. Here 40 white and 20 black rhinos roam freely.

The Samburu Ecosystem is one of the most exciting in East Africa and is made of several national reserves, private ranches and communally-owned group ranches that are more and more interconnected.Famous for its large population of elephants, Samburu stands out for the abundance of northern species that cannot be found in other areas of Kenya.



Kalama Conservation area, the wildlife sanctuary bordering with Samburu National Reserve where we are located, has an abundance of other rare species, like the leopard, the striped hyena, the civet.

We'd love to take you to our secret spots, especially for bush dinner, or to the river for a pic nic lunch that allows us to be with elephants, waterbuck, lion, impala, giraffe and all the Samburu species that go and drink water. If you are passionate about birds, Samburu is your preferred park: not only the species are abundant, but the birds are very tame and can be easily spotted and photographed.

Masai Mara National Reserve covers 1,672 square kilometres (more than 400,000 acres) and is situated between 1,500 and 2,100 metres above sea level. It is part of the Serengeti ecosystem that extends from northern Tanzania into southern Kenya.

The Masai Mara region is considered the jewel of African wildlife and nowhere on the continent can you find the same abundance and variety of wild animals. Millions of wildebeest, gazelle, zebra, buffalo, impala, topi, hartebeest, giraffe, eland, elephant, dik-dik, hippo and warthog live their natural lifecycle alongside the largest population of lions in Kenya as well as cheetah, leopard, hyena and jackal.



The highlight of the Masai Mara is the famous annual migration of wildebeest that move north from the Serengeti in Tanzania each July-August in search of fresh grazing.

For our safaris we use comfortable, fully-open Land Rovers, specially designed to give you maximum visibility over the landscape and the animals. On our foot safaris we walk, on the plains and in the mountains and hills, that surround Saruni.



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