



## Kenya wildlife journey 2021

With Michael O. Jørgensen  
30. August to 11. September 2021



November 2020.

Group of 12 plus 1 TL 30 August – 11 September.

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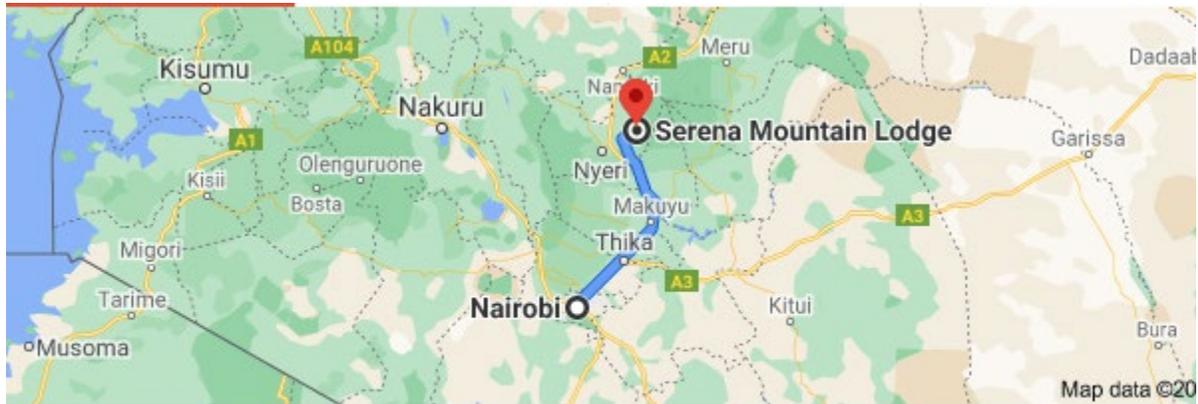
30 August. Arrival Nairobi 20.10. Meet and greet, and then transfer to Karen and Karen Country House Inn.

<https://www.countryhouse-inn.com/gallery.html>

The arrival will be around 21.30.

## Overnight Country House Inn BB

31 August. Pick up from Karen Country House Inn at 08.00 am and then head north to Mt. Kenya and Serena Mountain Lodge.



**3 h 2 min** (155.9 km) via A2

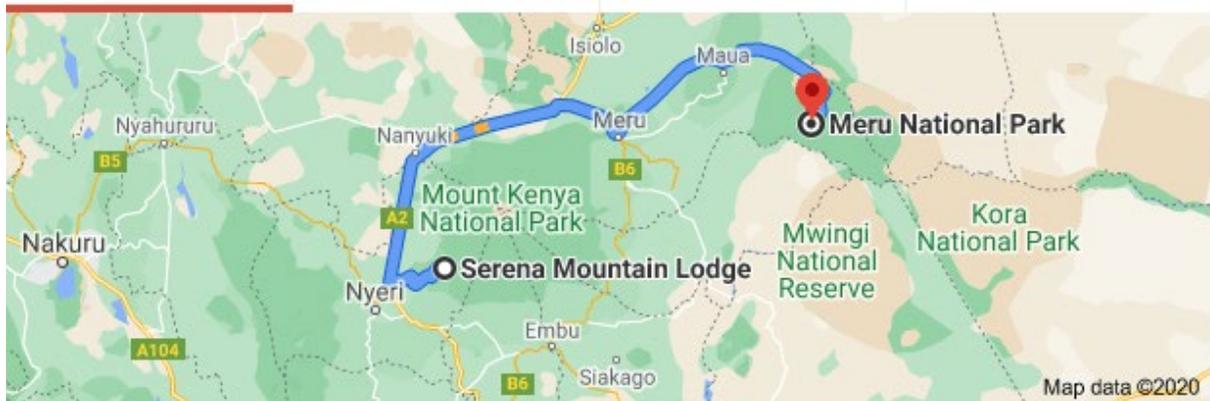
Expected arrival at the lodge around 11.00 am.

<https://www.serenahotels.com/serenamountainlodge/en/default.html>

Lunch in the lodge. Afternoon at leisure around the lodge with optional activities. I.e forest walk and game watching from the lodge viewing the waterhole. Elephants and buffaloes are frequent visitors as well as the forest hog. Dinner and overnight Serena Mountain Lodge.

01 September. Departure from Mountain Lodge at 08.00 am heading to Meru National Park. Expected arrival at Ikweta Camp in time for lunch.

<https://ikwetasafericamp.com/>



5 hr 16 min (243.5 km) via A2



01 – 03 September. Ikweta Camp Meru Nat. Park including full board.

Brilliant on a magnificent scale, the Meru and Kora sister parks feature luxuriant jungle, coursing rivers, verdant swamp, khaki grasslands and gaunt termite cathedrals all under the sky's great blue bowl. Little visited and utterly unspoilt, few places are comparable to the remote and rugged atmosphere found here. Visitors can see Grevy's zebras, elephants, Bohor reedbucks, leopard, lion, hartebeests, pythons, puff adders, cobras, buffalos, rhino, giraffe and more than 427 recorded species of birds.



03 September. Proceed to Samburu and Ashnil Samburu Camp. Estimated driving time will be 2 to 3 hours. Arrival at Ashnil Samburu Camp for lunch.



03 September – 05 September. Safari in Samburu. Accommodation in Ashnil Samburu Camp.

### **LOCATION**

Samburu National Reserve is situated at the southeastern corner of Samburu District in the Rift Valley Province of Kenya. It is bordered to the south by Ewaso Nyiro River, which separates it from the Buffalo Springs National Reserve.

The reserve covers an area of 165 Km<sup>2</sup> and is located around 345Km from Nairobi.

### **Climatic Conditions**

The Reserve lies within ecological zone V- which is classified as arid and semi- arid with moisture index of 42 to 57, which indicate that evapo-transpiration is greater than available moisture. The days are extremely hot while the nights are cool. The annual mean temperatures range between 18°C and 30°C, while the mean annual rainfall is 354mm with peaks in November and April. The dry season starts in late May, and goes up to early October during when large concentration of wildlife is found in the reserve due to availability of lush vegetation along the Ewaso Nyiro River, the main source of water to the Reserve and the nearby communities.

### **Available games (and chances of seeing )**

The reserve is reach in wildlife with fame for abundance in rare northern specialist species such as the Grevy Zebra, Somali Ostrich, Reticulated Giraffe, Gerenuk and the Beisa Oryx (Also referred as Samburu Special). The reserve is also popular with a minimum of 900 elephants. Large predators such as the Lion, Leopard and Cheetah are an important attraction (Kamunyak the Miracle Lioness that adapted the baby Oryx is a resident in the reserve). Wild dog sightings are also a common attraction to this unique protected area. Birdlife is abundant with over 450 species recorded. Birds of the arid northern bush country are augmented by a number of riverine forest species. Lesser Kestrel and the Taita Falcon are species of global conservation concern and they both utilize the reserve. Five species categorized as vulnerable have recorded in the reserve. These are African Darter, Great Egret, White-headed Vulture, Martial Eagle and the Yellow-billed Ox-pecker. Critically endangered species under CITIES – Pancake tortoise (*malacochersus tornieri*) is found in the reserve.



05 September. Departure from Samburu at 8 am.



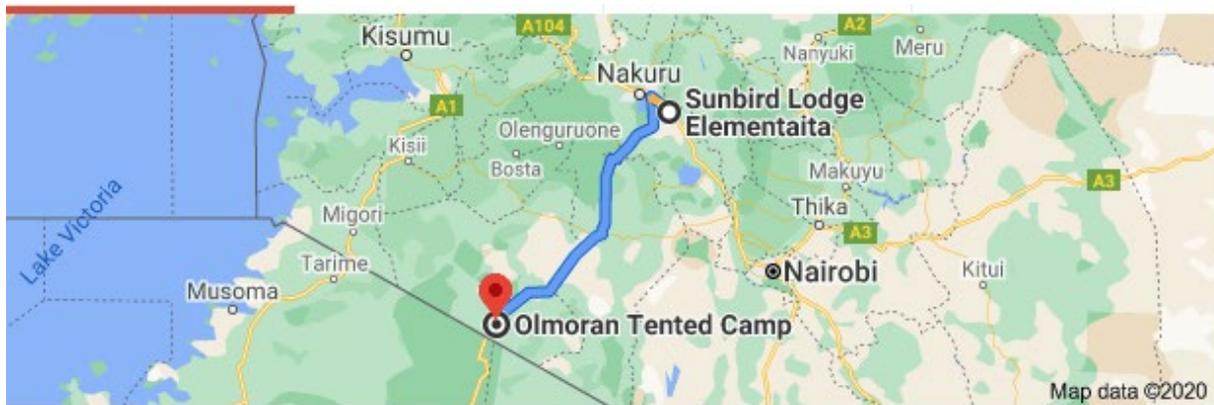
Arrival at Sunbird Lodge Elementaita around 2 pm in time for lunch. Afternoon at leisure around Lake Elementaita where you will see a variation of soft game. Lake Elementaita is indeed the home of thousands of Pelicans. Dinner and overnight Sunbird Lodge.

06 September. Departure from Sunbird Lodge at 8 am for day tour to Lake Nakuru Park. The drive is an estimated 45 minutes. We will bring picnic lunch along on the safari. Full day safari in Lake Nakuru National Park. In the later afternoon return to Sunbird Lodge for overnight FB.



Lake Nakuru is among Kenya's finest national parks. Flanked by rocky escarpments, pockets of acacia forest and at least one waterfall, the park is gorgeous year-round and is home to both black and white rhinos, lions, leopards, hippos and endangered Rothschild's giraffes. Rising water levels in 2014 forced the park's famous flamingos to flee (although a small number had returned at the time of research), and the lake is now hauntingly surrounded by drowned trees. The southern end of the lake is the best place to see wildlife. The forested area below Flamingo Hill is a favourite lion-spotting point – lionesses love to sleep in the trees – while leopards frequent the same area, and are also sometimes seen around the Makalia camp.

07 September. Early departure to Masai Mara and Ol Moran Tented Camp.



**4 hr 27 min (231.4 km) via C57 and C12**

Arrival at Ol Moran Tented camp at midday. Lunch at the camp and then afternoon game drive in Masai Mara. All meals and overnight Ol Moran Tented Camp.

08 September. Full day Masai Mara. All meals and overnight Ol Moran Tented Camp.

09 September. Full day Masai Mara. All meals and overnight Ol Moran Tented Camp.

Morning and afternoon game drives included. You can opt for a full day game drive including picnic lunch.

Masai Mara National Reserve is one of the most popular tourism destinations in Kenya. The reserve is located in the Great Rift Valley in primarily open grassland.

Wildlife tends to be most concentrated on the reserve's western escarpment.

The Masai Mara is regarded as the jewel of Kenya's wildlife viewing areas. The annual wildebeest's migration alone involves over 1.5 million animals arriving in July and departing in November.

There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles and over 400 birds species recorded on the reserve.

Nowhere in Africa is wildlife more abundant, and it is for this reason a visitor hardly misses to see the big five (buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion, and rhino).

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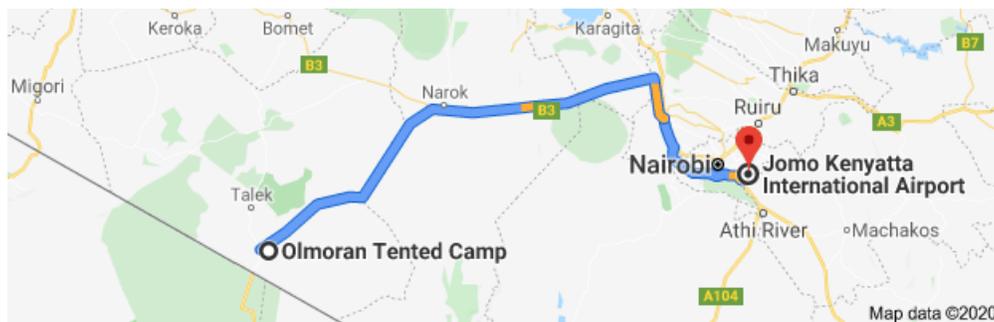
**Climatic conditions** – Altitude 5,300 feet (1,600 metres). Rainy season from November through May, with peak rainfall in December-January and April-May. Dry season from June-November. Often sunny mornings with cloud build-up in the afternoons – during the rains this develops into thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. Max temperatures up to 30°C and min temperatures around 20°C.





**Wildlife** – The Mara is known as one of the finest wildlife destinations in the World. There is an excellent chance of seeing the Big 5, cheetah, serval, hyena, bat-eared foxes, black-backed and side-striped jackals, hippo, crocodile, baboons, warthog, topi, eland, Thompson’s gazelle, Grant’s gazelle, impala, waterbuck, oribi, reed-buck, zebra.

During the migration (July to November) huge numbers of wildebeest move in.



10 September. Midmorning departure from Ol Moran Tented Camp. We head for Nairobi. Arrival mid afternoon. I suggest we here drive to Karen coffee Garden for late lunch. At 7 pm transfer to Jomo Kenyatta airport for departure LH

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**Optional beach extension Leopard Beach Resort,**

I suggest the following. On 10 September, departure as per below flight.

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Arrival Mombasa, and then transfer to south coast. They can reach Leopard Beach around 22.00.

10 September – 13 September ( or 14 September) Accommodation HB at Leopard Beach Resort in Deluxe Terrace Rooms.

13 September. At around 11 am transfer from Leopard Beach Resort to Mombasa Terminus for train departure 15.00 arrival Nairobi Terminus at 20.08. Transfer from Nairobi Terminus to Jomo Kenyatta Airport for departure LH at 22.25. The transfer will take an estimated 10 minutes. So they have ample time.

**Rates.**

USD. 3200,- pp sharing

USD. 755,- single room supplement.

*The quote is calculated with 10 participants on the safari. Should this not be met there may be a slight alteration on the safari vehicle cost.*

**Note.** If anyone may wish to avail of a triple room, and/or accompanied by children under 12 years, please contact [Peter@quayafrika.co.ke](mailto:Peter@quayafrika.co.ke) for quotation.



**Note.**

The quotation does **not** include international flights. At the moment the illustrated Lufthansa flights cost **USD. 710,- pp.** However, due to the current covid 19 situation, we need to take the necessary reservation for rates and sch

**Includes.**

Meet and greet. Transfer to Karen 1 night Karen Country House Inn BB. 1 night Serena Mountain Lodge. 2 nights Ikweta Safari Camp FB. 2 nights Ashnil Samburu FB. 2 nights Sunbird Lodge FB. 3 nights Ol Moran Tented camp FB. Park fees. 2 x Meru. 2 x Samburu. 1 x Nakuru. 3 x Masai Mara. **Note that park fees is USD. 559,- pp of the total rate.** Safari vehicle ( van) with English speaking driver guide. Game drives. Water in vehicles. All local taxes and levies.

**Not included. International flight (see below)** Visa to Kenya. (USD.50,-) Travel insurance **(Mandatory)** Gratuities, drinks and personal articles.

**FB** includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**HB** includes breakfast and dinner.

**BB** is breakfast only.

**Extra activities.**

Masai Village visit. USD. 30,-

Ballon safari Masai Mara. USD. 475,-. **Must be booked in advance.**

**Optional beach extension Leopard Beach Resort,**

USD. 466,- pp sharing.

USD. 92,- single room supplement.

**Includes.** Flight Nairobi to Mombasa. Transfer to Diani Beach and Leopard Beach Resort. 3 nights Leopard Beach Resort FB. Transfer to Mombasa on departure day. Train ticket Mombasa to Nairobi (first class). Transfer from Nairobi Terminus to Jomo Kenyatta Airport for departure.

**Full board** supplement is USD 18 pp.

**Note.** There are no requirements for immunization upon entering Kenya from Europe, including Bulgaria. However, it is relevant to contact doctor or immunization center. Malaria is found in Kenya, but the risk is determined minimal.

For any enquiries please do feel free to contact me at [Peter@quayafrica.co.ke](mailto:Peter@quayafrica.co.ke)

Bookings shall be made directly to [Peter@quayafrica.co.ke](mailto:Peter@quayafrica.co.ke). Please include passport number when booking. Note that passport must to be valid 6 months from date of arrival. Quay Africa Travel will provide the visa form once confirmed.

### **Terms and conditions**

Quay Africa Travel requires a deposit of 40% after confirmation (see below). Rest amount to be paid 1 month prior to arrival.

Cancellation 40 days before arrival at no cost. Except the admin funds that may have occurred in the process of deposits. From 39 days to 15 days 33%, 14 days to 02 days 50%. 2 days to arrival 100%.

**Note. If airline ticket is issued before a cancellation, the cancelation fee will be paid by the name in the ticket. However, a comprehensive travel insurance normally covers for this type of event.**

The above conditions have to be softened due to Covid 19. As we do not know the situation so far ahead, we will not require an deposit before we are sure that the safari actually can be performed. So listing up now will not incur any cost.

Your tourleader on this trip is Michael O. Jørgensen.



Michael have been traveling in Africa since 1984 and worked as a tourleader since 1989. East Africa including Kenya and Uganda has become like his second home.

With an educational and paractical background in animal management and conservation, from the zooworld as well as nature, he have a long experience and knowledge on the topic.

Michael have been working in Bulgaria as a consultant and instructor for zoos and conservation project, like Sofia Zoo, Vultura and more.