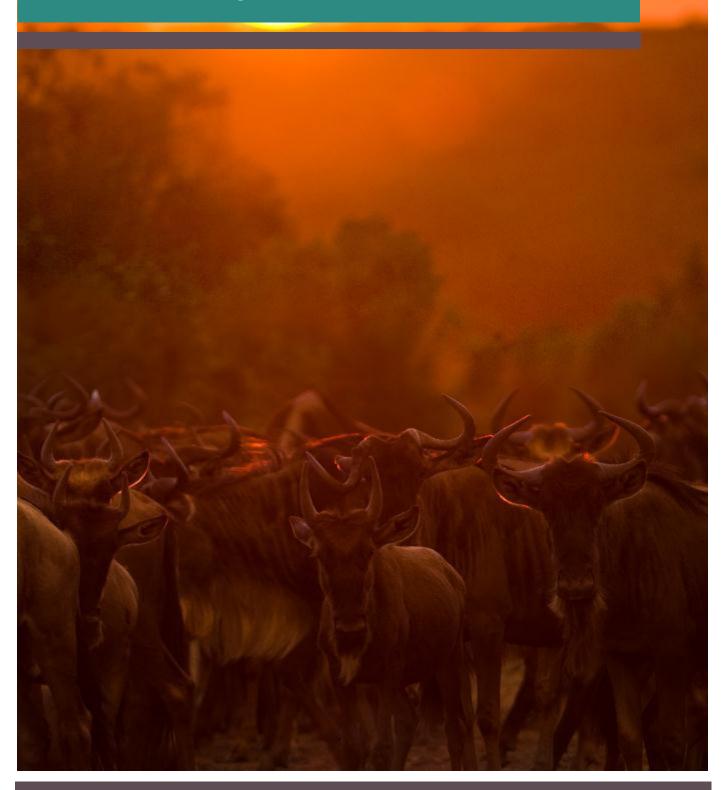
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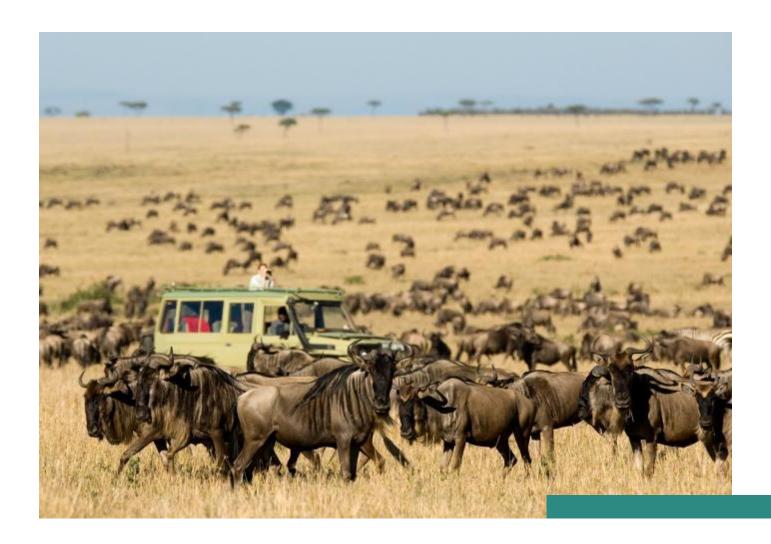
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### **EXPERIENCE**

Firmly focussed on witnessing the best of the annual Migration, this itinerary combines Kenya and Tanzania to create a safari holiday that will absorb the Migration from all the best angles. Naboisho Camp allows for an activity based safari before heading into the thick of the Migration with river crossings at Rekero and Olakira.

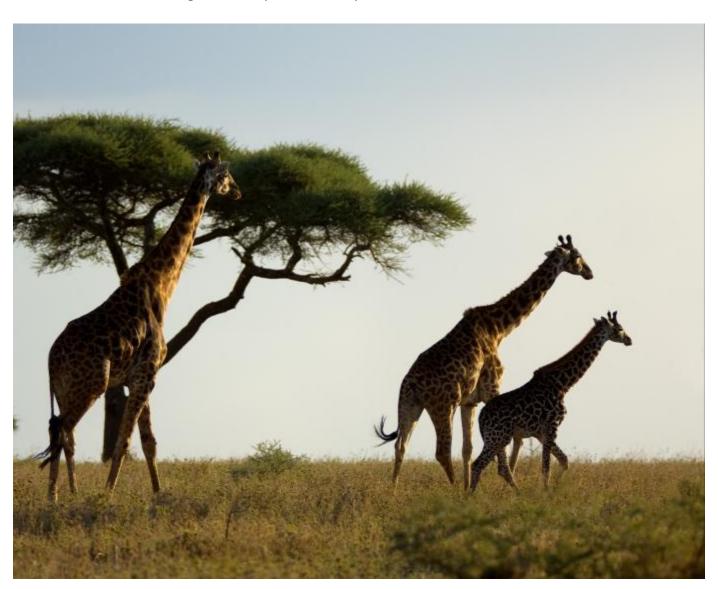




# YOUR TRIP OF A LIFETIME —

#### ITINERARY:

You will be transferred to Wilson Airport, the launch pad for your Kenya safari. 3 nights in the Naboisho Conservancy allows you sufficient time to enjoy the multitude of activities available, including night game drives, walking safaris and cultural village visits. Strict governing principles within the conservancy ensure a rich and rewarding wildlife experience every time.







A game drive transfer takes you beyond the conservancy and into the Masai Mara Reserve to the friendly reception of Rekero Camp. Centrally located and on the banks of the Talek River, the camp is perfectly situated to capture the very best of the annual migration and even enjoy river crossings from camp. The excellent guiding team and homely atmosphere of this camp make it a firm favourite with most guests, seeing remarkably high numbers of returning clients.

A flight to Migori and a road transfer through the Isebania border post sees you into Tanzania where you connect with a short flight to Kogatende Airstrip in the Northern Serengeti. Olakira Camp sits above the confluence of the Mara and Bolongonja Rivers, perfectly positioned to watch the herds forming on the banks preparing to cross, or close enough to drive down to when it looks like the action is about to unfold. In combination with Rekero, one can be assured that the best possible migration viewing experience will be achieved through this itinerary.

We had a wonderful stay at the Naboisho Camp in May 2012. The camp itself is close to perfection, with great food and service. The tents make you feel like you are out there with animals and the views (even lying on your bed watching the sun go down!) are stunning.

Trip Advisor review by Edwin (Netherlands) who stayed at Naboisho in May 2012.



# DAY TO DAY BREAKDOWN

DAY	ACTIVITIES	ACCOMMODATION	HIGHLIGHTS
1	Arrive at Nairobi Airport, transfer to Wilson	Naboisho Camp,	Welcome to Kenya!
	for flight to the Mara	Mara Naboisho	
2	Game drive, walking and fly camping	Naboisho Camp,	Walking safari and
		Mara Naboisho	fly camping
3	On safari – walking and game drives	Naboisho Camp,	Walking safari's &
		Mara Naboisho	night game drives
4	Transfer to Rekero Camp	Rekero Camp,	The Masai Mara
		Masai Mara	Reserve
5	On safari	Rekero Camp,	Migration viewing
		Masai Mara	
6	Flight to Kogatende, transfer to Olakira	Olakira Camp,	Welcome to
	Camp	Serengeti NP	Tanzania!
7	On safari	Olakira Camp,	Migration viewing
		Serengeti NP	
8	On safari	Olakira Camp,	Migration viewing
		Serengeti NP	
9	Transfer to the airport for your flight back	Own arrangements	
	to reality		

From \$6,300 per person sharing (based on 2 people travelling and sharing accommodation)



## NATIONAL PARKS

#### **Masai Mara National Reserve (MMNR)**

The world famous Masai Mara National Reserve covers an area of 1510 km² and is located in southwest Kenya about 280 km west of Kenya's capital, Nairobi. Travel time to the Mara is about 5 to 6 hours by road, or about 45 minutes by plane. Scheduled flights depart daily from Wilson airport in Nairobi or you can also charter a plane. There are also regular flights (based on demand) from northern Kenya (Lewa) the Kenyan coast and between the Serengeti in Tanzania.

The MMNR is named after the traditional inhabitants of the area, the Masai people. The terrain, bordering the Serengeti to the south, is primarily open savannah grassland that is in places broken up by rocky outcrops, small valleys and clumps of acacia trees and some forest around the rivers.



There are 3 main rivers, Sand River (seasonal), the Talek and the Mara. The Talek and the Mara meet in the centre of the park and continue as the Mara River. The Mara River provides some of the most spectacular 'crossing sites' occur where wildebeest and zebra risk their lives crossing crocodile-infested waters to reach new grazing areas on the opposite side of the river. While this is an incredible sight, it is very unlikely that you will witness this alone as literally hundreds of other visitors are also looking to see it!

The Mara is famous for its big cats (lion, cheetah and leopard) and of course for the annual migration, dubbed the 'Great Migration', whereby more than 2 million wildebeest, zebra and Thomsons gazelle make their way north from the Serengeti in their annual search for lush grazing areas. The Mara is also great for birding and viewing larger mammals (elephant, hippo and if you're lucky, the elusive black rhino) and a range of plains game.

Game drives within the Mara are limited to daylight hours (from 6.30am to 7pm) and no walking safaris are allowed. Hot air ballooning over the Mara is possible and pre-booking is highly recommended.





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#### Naboisho Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya

Situated in a 50,000 acre conservancy bordering the Masai Mara, Naboisho features just 8 tents and offers guests the chance to explore this diverse wilderness in a more intimate way.

Unconstrained by park regulations the range of activities, such as walking safaris, night game drives and fly camping, are amongst the best in the region. The experience is based out of a camp that offers spacious traditional tents that include comfortable beds and a tented safari bathroom that includes a flush toilet, a sink and a safari shower.

On the eastern flank of the great Masai Mara eco system this 50,000 acre conservancy provides a new level of conservation to the region. Based on a shared philosophy between Rekero and Asilia, together we have embarked on a mission to play an active role in protecting the conservancy while at the same time delivering a tourism experience unlike any other.

Naboisho Camp is the result of that collective vision and through it Asilia is able to offer guests the chance to experience this prime wilderness on their own terms.

The private concession Naboisho Mara Conservancy is a partnership with the local community and so offers cultural activities that are both genuine and rewarding to both host and guest.

Naboisho Camp's website









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#### Rekero Camp, Kenya

This peaceful 9 tent camp is located in the heart of Kenya's Masai Mara, on the banks of the Talek River. The camp is spread down the river from a large bend in the river to an ancient wildebeest crossing point which sits in front of a large mess tent.

The interiors of each tent are spacious and each enjoys river views from its own veranda.

The rear of the tent leads to a safari style bathroom with the luxury of a flush toilet, a sink and a safari ('bucket') shower.

The area plays host not only to an extraordinary concentration and diversity of wildlife and is famous for it's resident 'big cats' such as the famous 'Notch' and the 'Marsh Pride', as well as 'Olive the leopard' who often chooses the riverine scrub near Rekero to den her litter each year.

Rekero's bush guides are widely recognised to be among the best in East Africa, regularly winning International Guiding Awards. One of Rekero's most famous guides, Jackson Looseyia often features on BBC programs such as 'Big Cat Diaries' and is renowned as an 'institution' amongst safari guides.

Rekero Camp's website









## NATIONAL PARKS

#### **Serengeti National Park**

The name 'Serengeti' (or more specifically "Serengit") is derived from the Maasai language, Maa, meaning "Endless Plains", and this is the only way to describe the area. Yes, while there are riverine areas, acacia bush and kopjies, it is the vast grassy plains that roll over the landscape that define the Serengeti.

It was in fact, the Serengeti that inspired Disney's film The Lion King and it is easy to see why once you're there. Approximately 70 large mammals and some 500 bird species can be found in the Serengeti. The Serengeti, which spans some 30,000sq kilometers, hosts a long segment of the largest terrestrial mammal migration in the world and one of the ten natural travel wonders of the world, which is of course, the Great Migration.



Each year around the same time the great wildebeest migration begins in the Ngorongoro area of the southern Serengeti of Tanzania. From here, the movement of the wildebeest and other grazers will start their move north, looking for new grazing pastures. January to March is the beginning of the calving season. This is because there is plenty of rain ripened grass available for the approximate 750,000 zebra, 1.2 million wildebeest and the following hundreds of thousands of other plains game. During February the wildebeest spend their time on the short grass plains of the south eastern part of the Serengeti ecosystem, grazing and giving birth to approximately 500,000 calves within a 2 to 3 week period: a remarkably synchronized event. Few calves are born ahead of time and of these, hardly any will survive when mixed with older calves from earlier in the previous year, and so are easier preys.

As the rains end in May the animals start moving North West, into the areas around the Grumeti River, where they typically remain until late June. July sees the main migration of wildebeest, zebra and eland heading north, arriving on the Kenyan border and then into the Masai Mara late July / August for the remainder of the dry season (the Thomson's and Grant's Gazelles move only east/west and don't cross into Kenya).

In early November with the start of the short rains the migration starts moving south again, to the short grass plains of the south east, usually arriving in December in plenty of time for calving in February. It is estimated that some 250,000 wildebeest die during the Great Migration (a total of around 800 kilometers). Death is usually from thirst, hunger, exhaustion, or predation.



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#### Olakira Camp, Serengeti, Tanzania

This seasonal camp is located within the world-famous Serengeti and follows the Great Migration. It is located in the southern Serengeti from mid December to March and during this time you have the unique opportunity to watch the wildebeest giving birth.

From June to December, the camp is situated in a spectacular spot in the northern Serengeti, where the Mara River meets the Bolongonja River. This location is perfect to view the River Crossing and for game driving in the Bolongonja, Wogakuria, Nyamalumbwas, Mara River and Lamai Wedge areas.

With only 8 tents this is an intimate but spacious bush camp provides an authentic African experiences. All tents feature well-equipped bathrooms and large comfortable beds in addition to a comfortable day bed in your own verandah area, where when you're not out exploring the local area and searching for wildlife, you can sit back, relax and take in the African landscape.

Olakira Camp's website









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