



Highlights

This will be one of the most extraordinary adventures you will ever have. On day 1 you will take an amazing helicopter journey over Nairobi enroute to a Maasai village. With exclusive access to this community, you will experience life from the perspective and insight of the Maasai. And your hosts will engage you with their banter and good humour. A unique insight into the life, customs and traditions of a traditional Maasai family.

You will spend the night in a nearby homestead for your exclusive use.

What's Included

- Full board (including alcoholic beverages)
- All game drives with guide
- All park and other entry fees
- 3 x additional excursions
- Return transfers from JKIA

What's Excluded

- Gratuities (Optional)

Blackout Days

- Easter Friday
(2 Apr 2022 to 5 Apr 2022)
- Xmas Day
(25 Dec 2022 to 31 Dec 2022)

5 Days
Tour

N/A
Passengers

Pick Up
@ 9:00 am
from the hotel

Drop Off
@ 4:30pm
to the hotel

An idyllic retreat with a mountain backdrop and your own chef to prepare your dinner. And with a glass of wine in hand, you will be able to relax in the homeliness of this amazing place.

Simply 5 extraordinary days.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1

A Spectacular Helicopter Flight

You will begin the day with a spectacular helicopter journey. The flight will take you towards Ngong before flying down to where you host, and her family live. This short flight of 20 – 30 minutes will give you an outstanding view not only of Nairobi but of the amazing landscapes along the way. This flight is exclusively for you and/or your party and will be something you will talk about for years to come.

You Are Met by Your Hosts

The day's events will be conducted in your hosts village and home (called a manyatta). But prior to the day's events and as you stroll the short distance to the village, you will experience and be given insights into the reverence that the Maasai have for the natural landscapes.

A Short Eco Tour

Enroute to the village you will stop beside some of the distinctive acacia trees that are typical of the African landscape to learn about how they support the medicinal needs of the tribe.

A Song and Dance Welcome

Upon entering the village, you will receive a traditional song and dance welcome from your hosts. It's a great introduction to Maasai life which is told in song and the rhythm and beat of their music is infectious.

Being Dressed as a Maasai

Being dressed as a Maasai for your day is also part of the experience and you will also be adorned with the gender specific adornments that the Maasai are well known for. And with a traditional Shuka (blanket) around your shoulders it will complete your transformation for this amazing day.

Sitting Down with Your Hosts in Their Manyatta

And after the singing and dancing is over, you will enter their home for perhaps the most interesting, intriguing and fascinating discussion you are ever likely to have. The discussion will cover:

- A brief overview of the family lives – where they grew up, their family structure and their own rites of passage
- The challenges of their youth, their marriages and transition to life as an elder of the tribe
- The responsibilities of being an elder, a married woman and young moran and the expectations of the community regarding their role
- What changes have occurred in Maasai culture and how have these impacted on life as a Maasai
- The stages of life or rites of passage that every male Maasai child will go through until they enter 'manhood' where they become a 'moran'
- The cultural rituals, customs and practices that are associated with the rights of passages and most notably those that have to do with becoming a moran
- And from the young woman, who was involved in her choice of a husband - who participated in the decision making?
- What it feels like when a dowry is negotiated between the families, how the process is done and the tensions that arise and why they arise? And how are they resolved?
- What it was like moving to a new village of people she didn't know and the expectations of her in-laws and the challenges that it presented.





Your Moran Host Shows His Skills

A daily life spent herding the Maasai's herds of cattle, goats and sheep inevitably means contact with wildlife predators. The young Maasai will show you his skills of defending himself and his herd. And for his part, he will demonstrate:

- How swiftly he can climb a tree to escape and how to defend himself when up the tree.
- And he will also demonstrate one of the skills of his initiation into manhood. The ability to throw and clear a tall tree with his club is a skill that young Maasai practice for months.
- Failure to clear the tree means that a young man cannot become a moran.
- You can also pit yourself against the Maasai in this club throwing experience – it's great fun!

An Amazing Homestead and Your Own Chef

Your overnight accommodation is 10 minutes from the Maasai village where you have spent the day. This amazing 4 bedroom, all on-site property has spectacular views over the nearby mountains. It's the perfect place to relax for the evening and to enjoy the views and where you will have dinner. And to make it a memorable day, you have the services of your own chef who will prepare your dinner as you relax. You have the entire property for your exclusive use.

A Twilight Visit

And before you sit down for dinner you have one last treat for the day. You will be visited at twilight by a group of Maasai singers from the local tribe who will give you a 20-minute rendition of melodious songs. These songs capture the essence of the Maasai. The songs tell the story of key aspects of Maasai life and are woven with infectious rhythmic beats. And the group always enjoys it when their guests join in the dancing because it's always great fun.

Dine, Wine and Relax Some More

And when all the singing is done, your dinner awaits. Time to kick back and relax with a glass of wine and your time is your own.

Day 2

A Leisurely Breakfast Begins the Day

Your chef is on hand to prepare breakfast to kick off the day to a great start and it's a leisurely and relaxed start to the day.

Breakfast is mostly taken on the outside terrace which has magnificent views of the nearby mountains. It's a great panoramic vista that really captures the essence of the life and environment of the local Maasai tribes.

A Chance to Buy Some Arts and Crafts

As a memento of your visit, you will receive a handmade Maasai wristband that will hold fond memories for you of your time with your Maasai host. And in addition to this, your Maasai host will display a selection of Maasai jewellery and curios which have been made by the villagers.

Leaving the Village via Helicopter Enroute to Ololo Safari Lodge

We fly back to Nairobi enroute for Ololo Safari Lodge & Farm which is right on the southern boundary of Nairobi National Park. Ololo Safari Lodge will be your base for two nights. Your flight will put down in the grounds of Ololo Lodge. Ololo Safari Lodge is an amazing property that caters for solo travellers up to family groups. It offers up to 6 different accommodation types. In addition to its organic farm and amazing food, it is the base for game drives in Nairobi National Park and forays into local communities.



Your First Game Drive – The Evening of Day 2

Nairobi National Park is home to a staggering number of Kenyan animals and there's an excellent chance of spotting rhino, giraffe, buffalo, lion, cheetah, crocodiles, ostrich and numerous antelope and plains game.

Dinner on The Pool Terrace Overlooking The Park

Upon returning to the lodge, dinner can be taken on the poolside terrace which overlooks the national park. It's an amazing way to relax and reflect on your experiences so far as day 2 ends.

Day 3

Early Morning Game Drive, Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Orphanage and Ololo Farm Tour and Lunch

For those energetic enough who want to experience an early morning game drive, the opportunity to witness the wildlife activity in the park beckons again.

Being situated on the park boundary means no super early starts and Ololo game drives embark between 6.00 and 6.30 am every morning. It's home to over 100 species of mammals including a large population of black and white rhino, Cape buffalo, giraffe, lion, leopard, hyena, zebra, jackal, and antelope such as eland, hartebeest, and impala.

After an exciting game drive, it's back to Ololo for a hearty breakfast. The lodge prides itself on serving excellent farm-to-table food and your plate will be filled with fresh produce; eggs, mushrooms, milk and yoghurt, fruit and vegetables are all produced using organic farming practices.

Then there will be a late morning visit to the nearby Sheldrick Wildlife Trust that also occupies a site on the edge of Nairobi National Park. Returning from the Sheldrick Trust, enjoy a delicious lunch at Ololo and then while away the afternoon relaxing on the terrace or open lounge with a drink.

Day 3 Afternoon - A Community Visit to Entrepreneurial Grandmas

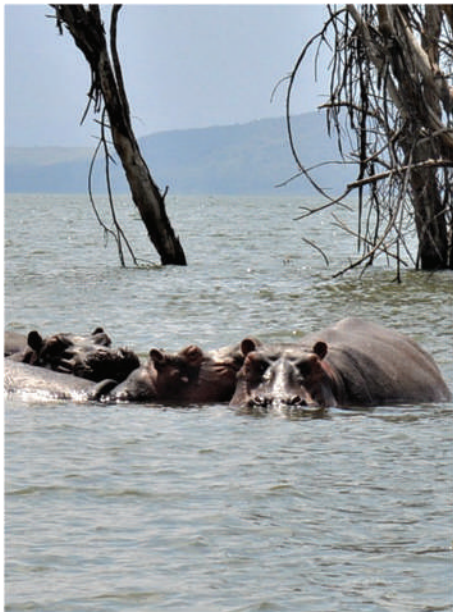
After lunch you will visit a project that is turning around the lives of grandmas in a local community. You meet some engaging and entrepreneurial grandmothers who are beating their generational cycle of poverty.

Many Kenyan grandmothers play a vital role in raising their grandchildren and extended families, and you'll visit a pig farm, which is a project supported by One Horizon and travellers like yourself to improve the livelihoods of grandmothers by empowering them through small-scale farming. They invite you to assist with farming activities, join in some joyful singing and dancing over a cup of local tea or chai, and by sharing lots of laughter and listening to their inspirational stories, you'll get a real insight into the strength and resilience of these remarkable Kenyan women.

Returning to Ololo Safari Lodge for Dinner

In late afternoon there's be time to relax by the pool or in the open lounge and peacefully watch the passing herds of wildlife across the Mbagathi River in Nairobi National Park. Or perhaps indulge in an invigorating massage optional extra before dinner.





Day 4

Flying to Lake Naivasha

After breakfast at Ololo Lodge, we depart to the airport for a short flight to Lake Naivasha. It's a spectacular flight which starts with a spectacular view over Nairobi before flying up the Great Rift Valley before landing at Naivasha airport. This flight is exclusively for you and your party and is a great way to travel up to the Lake via the majestic Masa Mara.

Boating on Lake Naivasha to Spot Hippos and The Birdlife

Upon arrival in Naivasha, we head over to Sopa Lodge where we will take to the water to spot hippos. Sopa Lodge is an amazing venue, and you may be lucky to also spot the giraffes and zebra which pass through the grounds of the lodge. There are numerous water bucks wandering the grounds as well. And as we board our craft for 90 minutes on the lake, it's time to ready our cameras to capture the pods of hippos which call the lake home. The bird life is also astounding. And all this before returning to the lodge for lunch.

Lunch at Sopa Lodge and Free Time

The rest of the day is spent enjoying lunch in the award winning Sopa Lodge Restaurant and the grounds and wildlife of the lodge.

You are free to wander around and also take a swim in the pool. It's a great way to relax and to take in all that Kenya has to offer you.

Returning to Ololo Lodge via Your Private Aircraft

And about 4pm we will return to the airport and our aircraft for the trip back to Nairobi. Another amazing flight and a great way to end the day.

Transfer to Ololo Lodge, Cocktail Party and Overnight

To celebrate your last night at the lodge is our farewell cocktail hour prior to dinner. It's a time to relax and reflect on the experiences you have had. One Horizon will show case the amazing experiences you have had with a photographic collage which will become your own visual library. We will have captured every moment for you.



Day 5

Breakfast at Ololo and transfers for the next stage of your journey.

