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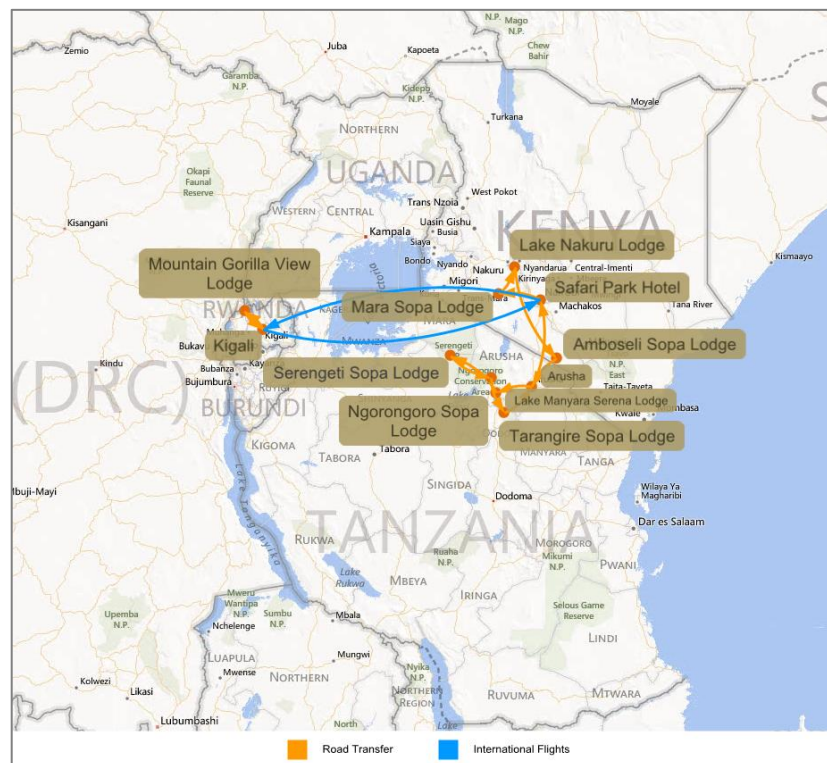
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*20 Day Kenya, Tanzania, and
Rwanda Safari*

20 Jun - 09 Jul 2014

*Thank you for booking with
African Ubuntu Safaris.*

TOUR MAP





ITINERARY OUTLINE

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Day	Date	Location	Accommodation
01	20 Jun 2014		Travel Day (International Flights)
02	21 Jun 2014	Nairobi	Safari Park Hotel - Deluxe Room (BB)
03	22 Jun 2014	Masai Mara Game Reserve	Mara Sopa Lodge - Standard Room (FB)
04	23 Jun 2014	Masai Mara Game Reserve	Mara Sopa Lodge - Standard Room (FB)
05	24 Jun 2014	Lake Nakuru National Park	Lake Nakuru Lodge - Room (FB)
06	25 Jun 2014	Amboseli National Park	Amboseli Sopa Lodge - Room (FB)
07	26 Jun 2014	Amboseli National Park	Amboseli Sopa Lodge - Room (FB)
08	27 Jun 2014	Lake Manyara National Park	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge - Room (FB)
09	28 Jun 2014	Serengeti National Park	Serengeti Sopa Lodge - Room (FB)
10	29 Jun 2014	Serengeti National Park	Serengeti Sopa Lodge - Room (FB)
11	30 Jun 2014	Ngorongoro Crater	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge - Room (FB)
12	01 Jul 2014	Ngorongoro Crater	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge - Room (FB)
13	02 Jul 2014	Tarangire National Park	Tarangire Sopa Lodge - Room (FB)
14	03 Jul 2014	Nairobi	Safari Park Hotel - Deluxe Room (FB)
15	04 Jul 2014	Volcanoes National Park	Mountain Gorilla View Lodge - Cottage (FB)
16	05 Jul 2014	Volcanoes National Park	Mountain Gorilla View Lodge - Cottage (FB)
17	06 Jul 2014	Nairobi	Safari Park Hotel - Deluxe Room (HB)
18	07 Jul 2014	Nairobi	Safari Park Hotel - Deluxe Room (HB)
19	08 Jul 2014		Day of Departure - (B)
20	09 Jul 2014		Travel Day (international flights)

BB = Bed and breakfast

FB = Breakfast, lunch, dinner

HB = Breakfast and lunch

FLIGHTS

Day	Date	Route	Departure	Arrival
01	20 Jun 2014	EY455 Sydney to Abu Dhabi	21h50	06h25
02	21 Jun 2014	EY641 Abu Dhabi to Nairobi	09h45	13h40
15	04 Jul 2014	KQ470 Nairobi to Kigali	19h50	08h20
17	06 Jul 2014	KQ475 Kigali to Nairobi	18h20	20h50
19	08 Jul 2014	EY642 Nairobi to Abu Dhabi	14h30	20h25
19	08 Jul 2014	EY454 Abu Dhabi to Sydney	22h00	17h50



Cost includes	Cost excludes
International flights (Quoted Separately).	International flights and visas
Meet and greet services & airport transfers.	Domestic flights not mentioned as included
Services of an English speaking driver-guide on Safari.	Driver guide or local escort gratuities
Guaranteed window seat in a shared safari mini-bus in Kenya.	Drinks and dining room tips
Guaranteed window seat in a shared 4 x 4 vehicle in Tanzania.	Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
Masai Mara Hot-Air Balloon Safari.	Medical, evacuation or travel insurance
All game drives & Crater tour.	
Private vehicle and guide in Rwanda.	
One Gorilla trekking permit per person for Rwanda @ US\$750.	
One Golden Monkey trekking permit per person for Rwanda @ US\$100.	
Full Day Nairobi City Tour.	
All accommodation and meals as specified.	
All park Fees and Government Taxes.	

INFORMATION BOARD

CANCELLATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- ▶ All cancellations must be advised of in writing
Cancellation penalties:
- ▶ For cancellations made more than 60 days prior to start date: 30% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. full deposit)
- ▶ For cancellations made between 45 and 60 days prior to departure date: 50% cancellation penalty will apply
- ▶ For cancellation made less than 45 days prior to departure date: 100% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost)

INSURANCE

- ▶ African Ubuntu Safaris strongly insists that every traveller purchases comprehensive travel insurance. As the deposit is non-refundable, and cancellation penalties apply, insurance must be taken out which can cover you in the event of you needing to cancel your travel plans
- ▶ African Ubuntu Safaris will not be liable for any costs resulting from any traveller's failure to purchase sufficient travel insurance



DETAILED DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1**20 Jun 2014****Depart Sydney**

You will depart today on flight **EY455** leaving Sydney at **21h50** arriving at Abu Dhabi at **06h25** the next morning.

Day 2**21 Jun 2014****Arrive in Nairobi**

In Abu Dhabi you will board flight **EY641** at **09h45**. On arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi at **13h40**, you will be met after passing through immigration and transferred to the **Safari Park Hotel** where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast** basis.

Arrive: 21 Jun 2014 | Depart: 22 Jun 2014**1 night (breakfast)**

Safari Park Hotel

The Safari Park Hotel offers a wide selection of rooms, with en suite marble bathrooms, wooden polished floors, and antique African themed 4 poster beds and furniture, spread out in 9 blocks of 2 floors; each room has a private balcony overlooking the beautifully manicured gardens, and have large windows and enjoy natural light. They are equipped with a work desk, cabled and wireless internet access, satellite TV, and electronic safes. Amenities include tea and coffee making facilities, a refrigerated mini-bar, a hairdryer, European adapters, umbrellas and mosquito nets.

Day 3**22 Jun 2014****Nairobi ~ Masai Mara Game Reserve**

This morning you will join your small group and meet your driver-guide, before departing Nairobi around **08h00** for the Masai Mara Game Reserve. You'll travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the Rift Escarpment and then travel across acres of wheat and barley, before you reach the Masai Mara. You will arrive for lunch at the **Mara Sopa Lodge**, where you will spend the next **2 nights** on a **full board basis**. You will have a game drive in the afternoon.

Arrive: 22 Jun 2014 | Depart: 24 Jun 2014**2 nights (all meals)**

Mara Sopa Lodge

Located on the slopes of Oloongams Hills, the Mara Sopa Lodge provides accommodation in 100 standard rooms, 12 suites and a special honeymoon suite. The standard rooms are in 50 traditional round buildings with thatched roofs, each comprising 2 rooms with parquet floors and wooden panelled ceilings, an ornamental fire place, en suite bathroom with a shower, and a veranda. These rooms are furnished with 2 double beds, a mosquito net, chairs and a coffee table and dressing table.



Masai Mara Game Reserve

It is no surprise that the Masai Mara ranks up near the top of most famous game reserves in the world. The land of the Mara is covered with herds of antelope, interspersed with prides of lions, journeys of giraffe, dazzles of zebra, and almost every other collective animal noun you can think of. The sightings are nothing short of fantastic, and it is definitely the park to visit to tick off your "wildlife of Africa" list. The scenery of the park is similar to the open plains of the Serengeti, although the Mara is dotted with more trees, and the game viewing is equal to, or can be better than, its southerly sister

**Day 4****23 Jun 2014****Masai Mara Game Reserve**

Early this morning, you will be collected and driven to the launch point for your **Hot-Air Balloon Safari** over the Mara plains. After drifting for about an hour you will land and enjoy a champagne breakfast in the wilderness, before being driven back to your lodge to relax the heat of the day. This afternoon you will join the group again and explore more of the reserve on a game drive.

Day 5**24 Jun 2014****Masai Mara Game Reserve ~ Lake Nakuru National Park**

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, you'll travel across the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley, keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mau Escarpment, before arriving at the Lake Nakuru National Park, where you will spend the afternoon on a game drive. You will spend **1 night** at the **Lake Nakuru Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

Arrive: 24 Jun 2014 | Depart: 25 Jun 2014**1 night (all meals)**

Lake Nakuru Lodge

Situated in the South East Ecological niche of the Lake Nakuru National Park, Lake Nakuru Lodge accommodates 180 guests in family rooms, deluxe cottages, or suites. The facility blends with its surroundings and animals often browse peacefully nearby. The Lodge prides itself on its high levels of comfort and service and its cuisine. The spacious logged Mama Nikki bar, or the cool upstairs Rhino Paddock Cocktail Bar overlooking the lake and the enticing blue swimming pool can be particularly inviting. Evening entertainment for guests is interesting and varied. The Baboon Cliff lookout is next to Honeymoon Hill, ideal spots from which to relax and enjoy the view. In the Great Rift Valley, Lake Nakuru is a 2 hour drive on first class roads from Nairobi, winding through a series of lakes and forested uplands to the bustling market town of Nakuru.



Lake Nakuru National Park

Accessed via a relatively short but scenic drive from Nairobi through the Great Rift Valley, Lake Nakuru National Park is a very popular destination, especially amongst bird lovers. Lake Nakuru is one of the best locations in East Africa to view rhinos, and is home to both the black and white species. While famous for the millions of flamingos which lined the lake shore, it is important to note that due to current water levels and changes to the lake over the past few years that these flamingos are no longer present in Lake Nakuru National Park. The flamingos have moved to various other lakes around the region.



Day 6

25 Jun 2014

Lake Nakuru National Park ~ Amboseli National Park

After an early breakfast you will continue to Lake Naivasha for a boat ride. Later, leaving the Rift Valley behind, you proceed to Nairobi, collect a picnic lunch and then head south towards Amboseli National Park. You will arrive at the **Amboseli Sopa Lodge** by late afternoon, where you will spend **2 nights** with **full board**.

Arrive: 25 Jun 2014 | Depart: 27 Jun 2014

2 nights (all meals)



Amboseli Sopa Lodge

Nestled in 190 acres of wooded Masai land, the lodge sits on the foot hills of Africa's highest mountain, Mt Kilimanjaro. The 83 rooms of the lodge are set in mature wooded gardens and are constructed as individual huts with a variety of trees and plants sheltering the linking pathways. All rooms are en suite with private verandas. The room interiors are decorated in an African theme with local materials like sisal, driftwood, Masai blanket fabric, canvas, and wrought iron. Common guest facilities including the welcome areas, bars, dining areas, and terraces, continue the Masai African theme and are designed to optimise the view of Kilimanjaro.

Amboseli National Park

The combination of masses of animals, diverse eco-systems, and the splendid views of Mount Kilimanjaro make Amboseli National Park high up on the must-see list of any Kenyan safari. With desert landscapes to lush green swampland, the scenery changes entirely during game drives, with new photo opportunities presenting themselves all the time. Amboseli is famous for its huge elephant herds, and is home to a remarkable concentration of species and birdlife, all the while being watched over by the highest peak in Africa.



**Day 7****26 Jun 2014****Amboseli National Park**

After breakfast you will depart for a full day game drive in the National Park, enjoying a hot picnic lunch at a picnic site before returning to the lodge by late afternoon.

Day 8**27 Jun 2014****Amboseli National Park ~ Lake Manyara National Park**

Leaving Kenya today you will be driven from Amboseli to the Namanga Border Post where you will pass through immigrations and cross into Tanzania. Your Tanzanian guide will greet you and you will transfer into your new vehicle for this section of the trip, bidding your Kenyan guide farewell. You will drive through Arusha for lunch, before continuing west towards Lake Manyara and the **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge**, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley with stunning views over the distant landscape, where you will spend **1 night with full board**.

Arrive: 27 Jun 2014 | Depart: 28 Jun 2014**1 night (all meals)****Lake Manyara Serena Lodge**

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge stands high on the edge of a towering terracotta escarpment with panoramic views over Lake Manyara, and offers a blend of tranquillity, wildlife discovery, and ornithological richness. Grouped around a central 'vanishing horizon' pool, this Lodge features a simple timbered reception area, built in traditional African style, which is accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond the reception are the central dining room, bar and veranda, below which lies the pool. Dotted around the grounds, all with views over the lake, are a series of circular, white-washed 2 storey thatched 'rondavels', which house the rooms. Each spacious circular room has its own small veranda.

Lake Manyara National Park

Being a relatively small park, and with Lake Manyara taking up the majority of the area, Lake Manyara National Park can be covered easily on half-day game drives, but these drives are usually very rewarding despite their brevity. The scenery and birdlife are Lake Manyara's major attractions, with the lake being perfectly located to offer spectacular views along the Great Rift Valley.

**Day 9****28 Jun 2014****Lake Manyara National Park ~ Serengeti National Park**

After breakfast there is a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park that returns to the lodge for lunch, before the journey continues North West across the stunning hilly countryside of the highlands which is filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you'll hopefully start spotting game well before you get into the park. You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Serengeti Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Ngorongoro Crater

A unique and fascinating game viewing destination, the Ngorongoro Crater is a must-see on any Tanzania safari. Being the world's largest intact caldera, and the result of a collapsed volcano thousands of years ago, the 260 square kilometres of crater floor hosts up to 25 000 animals at all times of year. This makes it one of the most dense wildlife areas in Africa, and allows for many memorable sightings.



Day 12	01 Jul 2014	Ngorongoro Crater
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A highlight awaits you this morning as you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the Ngorongoro Crater. Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It's an awesome wildlife experience. You return to the lodge on the crater rim in the late afternoon.

Day 13	02 Jul 2014	Ngorongoro Crater ~ Tarangire National Park
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Departing Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast you will head south-east en route to Lake Manyara, Mto wa Mbu village and Tarangire national Park beyond. You'll enjoy a game drive en-route from the park entrance to the **Tarangire Sopa Lodge** where you will spend **1 night** at on a **full board basis**. After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a game drive.

Arrive: 02 Jul 2014 | Depart: 03 Jul 2014 **1 night (all meals)**



Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Tarangire Sopa Lodge provides 75 spacious rooms furnished with a mini bar and 2 queen size beds including mosquito nets. 4 of these rooms are suitable for the physically challenged. The Lodge lies hidden among the kopjes and surrounded by ancient baobab trees. Tarangire is the home of one of the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa, and showcases other game including the elusive leopard. Over 400 bird species can be spotted here as well. Some facilities on offer are a gift shop, swimming pool, laundry and a babysitting service.

Tarangire National Park

One of the best dry season parks in the region, from July through to October an enormous amount of wildlife is drawn inside Tarangire to access the water from the Tarangire River and the Silale Swamps, allowing for very rewarding game viewing experiences. The park is home to some of the largest elephant herds of East Africa, and the scenery is particularly popular for the wide open, Serengeti-like plains, decorated with enormous and commanding Baobab trees.



**Day 14****03 Jul 2014****Tarangire National Park ~ Nairobi**

This morning you will leave Tarangire behind and drive back to Arusha where you will have lunch. After lunch you continue the journey by road to Nairobi and onto a Nairobi City Centre Restaurant for dinner before being dropped off at the **Safari Park Hotel** where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

Day 15**04 Jul 2014****Nairobi ~ Volcanoes National Park**

This morning you will be transferred to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight **KQ470** departing at **07h50** to Kigali. On arrival at the Kigali International Airport at **08h20**, you will be met after passing through immigrations and taken on a city tour and a visit to the Genocide Memorial, before having lunch in town. After lunch you will be driven on the scenic route to the Volcanoes National Park, where you will spend the next **2 nights** at **Mountain Gorilla View Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

Arrive: 04 Jul 2014 | Depart: 06 Jul 2014**2 nights (all meals)****Mountain Gorilla View Lodge**

Mountain Gorilla View Lodge is located 1 km from the Volcanoes National Park, and offers a home-away-from-home atmosphere, with panoramic views of Rwanda's volcano mountains. The spacious stone and thatch cottages each have en-suite facilities, a small lounge with a fire place and a private veranda. The décor uses contemporary African furniture and fittings, with original artworks framed in recycled timber. The soft furnishings with modern African prints and motifs and colors create a relaxing and refreshing ambiance. Mountain Gorilla View Lodge is surrounded by a rich biodiversity of shrubs, trees and various bird species, among them the Grey Crowned Cranes.

Volcanoes National Park

"In the heart of Central Africa, so high up that you shiver more than you sweat, are great, old volcanoes towering up almost 15,000 feet, and nearly covered with rich, green rainforest - the Virungas". That description of the location, given by the primatologist Dian Fossey, explains what to look forward to when planning a visit to the Volcanoes National Park. Situated in the far northwest of Rwanda, the Volcanoes National Park protects the steep slopes of this magnificent mountain range - home of the rare mountain gorilla.

**Day 16****05 Jul 2014****Volcanoes National Park**

Around **06h30** you will be transferred to the Volcanoes National Park HQ for the **Gorilla Tracking Registration**, a simple process where the park staff determines which group of gorillas you will visit. Treks vary in duration depending on which gorilla group you are assigned to. After locating your assigned gorilla group, you will spend approximately 1 hour in their company before heading back down the volcano slopes. You will have the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Day 17****06 Jul 2014****Volcanoes National Park ~ Nairobi**

Before returning to Kigali, you will undertake a Golden Monkey Trek in the Volcanoes National Park and return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon you will be driven back to Kigali and dropped off at the Kigali International Airport in time for your flight **KQ475** departing at **18h20** back to Nairobi. On arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport at **20h50**, you will be met and transferred to the **Safari Park Hotel** where you will spend **2 nights** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

Day 18**07 Jul 2014****Nairobi**

This morning you will be collected for your full Nairobi city tour. The morning will be spent in the city centre visiting markets, historical buildings and museums, before enjoying lunch at the Carnivore Restaurant. The afternoon will be spent on the “Out of Africa” experience, as you travel to the Ngong Hills and visit Karen Blixen’s farmhouse, and from here you visit the Giraffe Centre before returning to your hotel.

Nairobi

Kenya’s capital city has risen from a highland swampland called the Ewaso Nai’beri – the place of cold – by the local Masai. When railway workers reached this area in 1899, they set up a basic camp and supply depot. The camp became a rustic village, and then a shanty town, which by 1907 was the capital of all of British East Africa. It was soon an important centre for the colony and a mecca for adventurers, hunters and travellers from all over the world. Modern Nairobi is still the safari capital of the Africa, and has become one of Africa’s largest and most interesting cities.

**Day 19****08 Jul 2014****Day of Departure**

After a leisurely morning, you will be transferred to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight **EY642** departing at **14h30** for Abu Dhabi, landing at **20h25**. You will then connect to flight **EY454** departing at **22h00** for Sydney.

Day 20**09 Jul 2014****Arrive Sydney**

You will land at Kingsford Smith International Airport at **17h50** today.

End of Services

Thanks very much for confirming your travels with African Ubuntu Safaris. We know you will have a fantastic time, and look forward to hearing about it when you return!

Kind regards

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