



AFRICAN UBUNTU SAFARIS

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Safari Itinerary

Travellers:	Linda and John
Tour name:	Best of Kenya and Tanzania
Travel dates:	04 – 20 December 2012
Group size:	Max 7

Confirmed Itinerary Outline

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Location</u>
01	04 December 2012	Own arrangements		Nairobi
02 - 04	05 – 07 December 2012	Own arrangements		Nairobi
05	08 December 2012	Safari Park Hotel	BB	Nairobi
06	09 December 2012	Mara Sopa Lodge	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
07	10 December 2012	Mara Sopa Lodge	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
08	11 December 2012	Lake Nakuru Lodge	FB	Lake Nakuru National Park
09	12 December 2012	Amboseli Sopa Lodge	FB	Amboseli National Park
10	13 December 2012	Amboseli Sopa Lodge	FB	Amboseli National Park
11	14 December 2012	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge	FB	Lake Manyara
12	15 December 2012	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
13	16 December 2012	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
14	17 December 2012	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
15	18 December 2012	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
16	19 December 2012	Tarangire Sopa Lodge	FB	Tarangire National Park
17	20 December 2012	Departure day	FB	

(BB) = Bed and breakfast

(FB) = Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Cost includes:

- Meet and greet services
- All airport transfers
- Services of an English speaking driver-guide
- Guaranteed window seat in a shared safari mini-bus in Kenya
- Guaranteed window seat in a shared 4 x 4 vehicle in Tanzania
- All game drives and a Crater tour
- Hot-air balloon safari in Masai Mara
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes

Cost Excludes:

- International flights
- Visas
- Driver guide or local escort gratuities
- Drinks and dining rooms tips, portorage, personal travel and baggage insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- Medical, evacuation and travel insurance



Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: 04 Dec 2012 Arrival into Nairobi

On arrival into Nairobi today on flight **EY641** at **13h30** you will be met after passing through immigrations and transferred to your friend's house.

You will spend the next 4 nights here on your own arrangements.

Day 02 – 04: 05 – 07 Dec 2012 Nairobi

These days will be spent on your own arrangements in Nairobi.

Day 05: 08 Dec 2012 Nairobi

Today you will make your own way to the Safari Park Hotel where you will spend **1 night** on a bed and breakfast basis.



Safari Park Hotel

The hotel offers a wide selection of rooms with en suite marble bathrooms, wooden polished floors, and antique African themed four-poster beds and furniture.

The 204 guest rooms, 168 deluxe rooms, 21 Junior suites, 8 Business suites, 6 Executive suites and 1 Presidential suite are spread out in 9 storey blocks of 2 floors each and have rear and front private balconies overlooking the beautifully manicured gardens. The rooms have large windows and enjoy natural light.

Day 06: 09 Dec 2012 Nairobi – Masai Mara Game Reserve B/L/D

This morning you will join your small group and meet your driver-guide, before departing Nairobi for the Masai Mara Game Reserve.

You will arrive at your lodge for lunch before spending the afternoon on a game drive.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Mara Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Mara Sopa Lodge

Located on the slopes of Oloongams Hills, built in an ethnic design in the rich landscape of the Masaai Mara, 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 with 2 rooms with parquet floors and wooden paneled ceilings, an ornamental fire place, en-suite bathroom with a shower, and a verandah.

Day 07: 10 Dec 2012 Masai Mara Game Reserve B/L/D

Early this morning you will be collected from your lodge 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.



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 consistently 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.



Day 08: 11 Dec 2012 Masai Mara – Lake Nakuru National Park B/L/D

Leaving the Masai Mara this morning you will drive to Lake Nakuru National Park, where you will spend the afternoon on a game drive enjoying the brilliant birdlife and excellent rhino sightings.

You will spend **1 night** at the **Lake Nakuru Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Lake Nakuru Lodge

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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 birdlovers.

To go with its beautiful scenery, Nakuru is the feeding ground for thousand upon thousand of flamingos which turn the entire landscape pink as they flock to the shallow lake. Added to this, Lake Nakuru is one of the best locations in East Africa to view rhino's, and is home to both the black and white species.



Day 09: 12 Dec 2012 Lake Nakuru – Amboseli National Park B/L/D

It is a fairly long drive today as you return past Nairobi and continue to the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, to Amboseli National Park.

You will spend **2 nights** at the **Amboseli Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



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 constructed as individual huts in mature wooded gardens with a variety of trees and plants sheltering the linking pathways. All rooms are en-suite with private verandas.

Day 10: 13 Dec 2012 Amboseli National Park B/L/D

Today will be spent on morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli.



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.



Day 11: 14 Dec 2012

Arusha – Lake Manyara National Park

B/L/D

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 at the border 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.

At the town of Makuyuni you turn North West and continue through a scenic escarpment that brings you to your lodge, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley with stunning views over the distant Lake Manyara.

You will spend **1 night** at **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



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.

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 12: 15 Dec 2012

Lake Manyara – Serengeti National Park

B/L/D

After breakfast there is a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park that returns to the lodge for lunch.

Leaving Lake Manyara behind, 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**.



Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Serengeti Sopa Lodge is nestled in the acacia woodland on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the plains of the south-western Serengeti National Park.

Accommodation is provided in 69 standard rooms, all with 2 queen size beds, carpeted, and furnished with local fabrics and pictures.

Day 13: 16 Dec 2012

Serengeti National Park

B/L/D

Today will be spent on morning and afternoon game drives across the Serengeti plains.

Serengeti National Park

The word "Siringit" means "endless plains", and this is understandably from where the Serengeti National Park takes its name. The iconic, endless, golden plains of Africa are nowhere more evident than within this national park, as they stretch off into eternity, dotted throughout with thousands of animals.

Located in the north-west corner of Tanzania, alongside Lake Victoria, the Serengeti has earned its place as one of the world's most famous wildlife areas.



Day 14: 17 Dec 2012

Serengeti – Ngorongoro Crater

B/L/D

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains with a picnic lunch en-route.

After lunch you will visit a Maasai village before continuing to your lodge, set high on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Situated on the eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, the 90 double bedrooms of Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge each accommodate two queen sized beds and a separate dressing area.

Each room has a glass fronted veranda, where a private view of the Crater may be enjoyed. The lodge also has 6 single rooms with queen sized beds and glass sliding doors.



Day 15: 18 Dec 2012

Ngorongoro Crater

B/L/D

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the World's largest intact volcanic caldera.

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. Lunch is served near a small lake filled with hippos. You then continue game viewing before returning to the crater's rim and your lodge.



Ngorongoro Crater

A unique and fascinating game viewing destinations in Africa, 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 16: 19 Dec 2012

Ngorongoro – Tarangire National Park

B/L/D

Departing Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast you will head south-east en route to Lake Manyara, Mto wa Mbu village and Tarangire beyond. Through the highlands and the Karatu district, you'll view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations here before journeying down the spectacular escarpment where you turn south on to the main Arusha – Dodoma road and into the park. From here to the lodge, you'll enjoy a game drive en-route.

After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a game drive.

You will spend **1 night at Tarangire Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



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.

Tarangire National Park

In the past, Tarangire National Park was often overlooked by visitors to Tanzania, however it is now holding its own as one of the best dry season parks in the region.

During the dry months of 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 17: 20 Dec 2012

Tarangire – Nairobi

B/L/D

This morning you will leave Tarangire behind and drive back through Arusha and onwards to Kenya, again passing through the Namanga Border Post.

You will arrive in Nairobi this evening, and be taken into the city for dinner. After dinner you will be transferred to back to your friend's house where you will spend the night and continue on your own travel arrangements.

End of Services



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Thank you so much for confirming your travel arrangements, and sincere apologies for not sending this document through to you weeks before your departure. We hope that the rest of your trip carries on smoothly!

Have a fantastic time, and we look forward to hearing about it when you return.

Kind regards

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- **All cancellations must be advised in writing**
 - **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 advises 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.**

Passenger Information

- **Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.**
- **All the passengers must have Identification Card/Passport with them for internal flights.**
- **Baggage on internal flights is strictly limited to 15kgs per person (including hand luggage). Any excess baggage will be charged by the airline at check-in.**
- **Passengers arriving in Tanzania may be asked to present a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate.**