



AFRICAN UBUNTU SAFARIS

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Safari Itinerary

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Tour name:	Best of Kenya and Tanzania
Travel dates:	14 – 29 September 2013
Group size:	Max 7

Itinerary Outline

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<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Location</u>
01	15 September 2013	Safari Park Hotel	BB	Nairobi
02	16 September 2013	Mara Simba Lodge	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
03	17 September 2013	Mara Simba Lodge	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
04	18 September 2013	Lake Nakuru Lodge	FB	Lake Nakuru National Park
05	19 September 2013	Ol Tukai Lodge	FB	Amboseli National Park
06	20 September 2013	Ol Tukai Lodge	FB	Amboseli National Park
07	21 September 2013	Lake Manyara Serena Lodge	FB	Lake Manyara
08	22 September 2013	Serengeti Serena Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
09	23 September 2013	Serengeti Serena Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
10	24 September 2013	Ngorongoro Serena Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
11	25 September 2013	Ngorongoro Serena Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
12	26 September 2013	Tarangire Sopa Lodge	FB	Tarangire National Park
13	27 September 2013	Sarova Stanley Hotel	FB	Nairobi
14	28 September 2013	Day of departure	B	

(BB) = Bed and breakfast

(FB) = Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Cost includes:

- **Flights: Sydney – Abu Dhabi – Nairobi – Abu Dhabi – Sydney**
- **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:

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



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Detailed Itinerary

Day 00: 14 Sep 2013 Departure from Sydney

You will make your way to Sydney International Airport today in time for Etihad Airways flight **EY455** departing at **21h50**.

Day 01: 15 Sep 2013 Arrival into Nairobi

You will land in Abu Dhabi this morning at **06h40** and connect onto flight **EY641** departing at **09h40** and landing in Nairobi at **13h25** where you will be after passing through immigration and transferred to the Safari Park Hotel where you will spend **1 night** on a bed and breakfast basis.

Jambo! Karibu to Kenya! (Hello! Welcome to Kenya!)



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 02: 16 Sep 2013 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 Simba Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Mara Simba Lodge

The Mara Simba lodge overlooks a dramatic bend of the Talek, a tributary of the Mara River. Stretching almost a kilometer along the river, the indigenous river banks and the landscaped gardens of the lodge grounds draw a great variety of birds and butterflies.

The 84 guest rooms, decorated in Maasai traditional style, are arranged in clusters of 6 Banda built in natural wood and stone and comprise 60 twin rooms, 12 double, 4 double+single and 8 triple rooms, all with en suite showers.

Day 03: 17 Sep 2013 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 04: 18 Sep 2013 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 birdlife and excellent rhino sightings.

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



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.

Lake Nakuru National Park

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.

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.

Lake Nakuru is one of the best locations in East Africa to view rhinos, and is home to both the black and white species.



Day 05: 19 Sep 2013 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 **Ol Tukai Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Ol Tukai Lodge

Ol Tukai Lodge is located in the Amboseli National Park and provides 80 luxury chalet-style twin rooms all having private bath rooms and individual terraces.

Each chalet ensures an uninterrupted view of the wetlands or Mount Kilimanjaro. Lunch is served on the veranda and on most occasions elephants, zebra and buffalo can be spotted metres away from the fence.

Day 06: 20 Sep 2013 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 07: 21 Sep 2013

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 08: 22 Sep 2013

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 Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



Serengeti Serena Lodge

Located adjacent to the famous Serengeti National Park Western Corridor and Grumeti River, set high on the saddle of a tree-clad ridge, commanding panoramic views, the lodge has been designed to blend into the landscape.

A series of two storey domed thatched 'rondavels' provide guest accommodation. Each stone built rondavel has its own private balcony, private entrance, spacious bedroom, natural stone bathroom and intricately carved furniture.

Day 09: 23 Sep 2013

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 10: 24 Sep 2013

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 continue to the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, where you will marvel at the amazing views.

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

Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Regularly voted one of the best hotels in the world, the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge clings to the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater.

The lodge takes inspiration from the so-called 'Cradle of Mankind', the prehistoric site of Olduvai Gorge, which lies close by. Long and low, the lodge is built from local river stone and camouflaged with indigenous vines.



Day 11: 25 Sep 2013

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 12: 26 Sep 2013

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 13: 27 Sep 2013

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 for dinner before being transferred to the **Sarova Stanley Hotel** to spend **1 night on a bed and breakfast basis.**



Sarova Stanley Hotel

Sarova Stanley, as Kenya's first luxury hotel, originating in 1902, is situated in the bosom of Nairobi, and therefore the history of the city and this hotel is inextricably linked.

From the heat outside, guests enter through the century old revolving doors into the cool Victorian elegance of the spacious foyer, with its patterned marble floors, chesterfields, old clocks and ancient photographs. There are 217 guest rooms over eight floors in different categories including Heritage Suites, Executive Suites and Club Rooms.



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Day 14: 28 Sept 2013

Departure from Nairobi

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You will have the morning free before being transferred to Jomo Kenyatta International in time for your flight **EY642** departing at **14h25** and landing in Abu Dhabi at **20h20**. Here you will connect onto flight **EY454** departing at **22h00**

Day 15: 29 Sep 2013

Arrival in Sydney

You will land in Sydney today at **18h10**, after an epic African journey!

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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Passenger and Travel Information

- Travellers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- All travellers must have Identification Card / Passport with them for internal flights.
- Luggage restrictions are in place when travelling in Africa, especially concerning light aircraft flights. In general, in Southern Africa the weight limit is 20 kgs per person, and in East Africa the limit is 15 kgs per person. This includes hand luggage. It is possible to pay for extra weight allowance.
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- Travellers must have a passport which is valid for more than 6 months after the end date of the itinerary.
- Travellers' passports must have a minimum 2 blank pages per country to be visited.