

# Kenya Walking & Wildlife Safari

## Wildest Kenya from the Mathews Range to the Masai Mara

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## Unrivalled Expertise

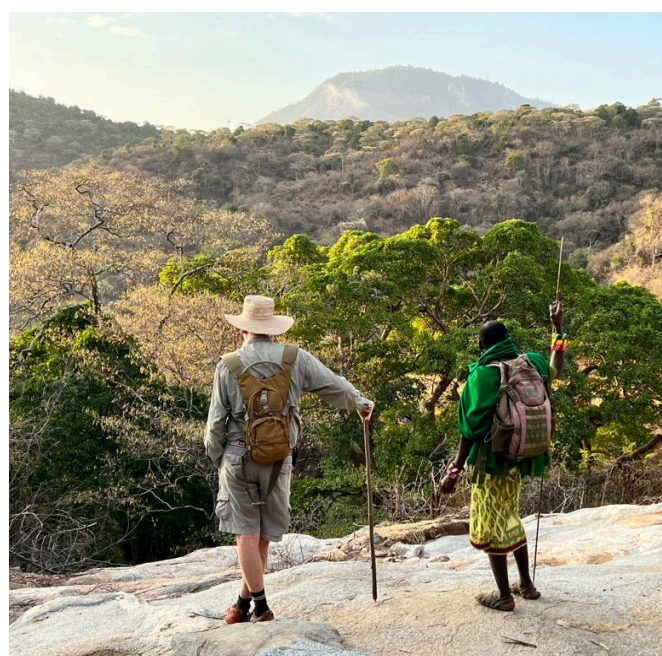
MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

## Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

## Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.







## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

MT Sobek is a pioneering adventure travel company and that has been exploring remote destinations since 1969. Our walking safaris offer a unique perspective of the Kenyan landscape and cultures.

## REASON 2

This perfectly paced 12-day active adventure has been uniquely crafted by our award-winning Africa expert to include exciting activities from hiking and wildlife spotting to hot-air ballooning.

## REASON 3

MT Sobek works with professional local expert guides to provide a rare opportunity to enjoy an immersive, once-in-a-lifetime experience in the African wilderness.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Expert guides lead well-paced hikes up to 6 miles on forest, mountain, and savanna trails. Enjoy viewing wildlife on walks and game drives, and even ride a camel!



### LODGING

Experience the best of Kenya's wilderness from a variety of luxury private tented camps, all superbly located in mountain, river, or savanna settings with stunning panoramic views.



### CLIMATE

Kenya's climates range from temperate subtropical in the west and southwest highlands, to hot and humid along the coast, and hot and dry in the north and east, with temperatures averaging 68F-86F.



## KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

### Accommodation

There are private shower and toilet tents for Days 6 and 7 on the mobile safari portion of your safari in Laikipia. They are located away from the sleeping tents. If you need to use the facilities at night, expect to walk to them unaccompanied. For safety, there will be askaris (Swahili for guards) patrolling around camp and a fire burning to deter wildlife.





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Kenya is an iconic safari destination characterized by hauntingly beautiful natural landscapes of vast savannas dotted with acacia trees, arid scrublands, rocky outcrops called kopjes, and dense riverine forests brimming with an abundance of wildlife. On this active adventure you will stride across it all on expertly guided walks, discovering the wonders of remote valleys in the Mathews Range, diverse ecosystems on the Laikipia Plateau, and the legendary plains of the Masai Mara. Combine immersive explorations on foot with game drives, cultural connections, and even a hot-air balloon ride! Spend nights in a curated collection of comfortable permanent and mobile camps surrounded by nature. This ultimate Kenya walking safari trip offers an unparalleled blend of active adventure and wildlife encounters.

### 12 Days

**Start:** Nairobi, Kenya

**End:** Nairobi, Kenya

**Departing:** June, July, August, September, October, December

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking, Safari & Wildlife

**Lodging:** Luxury Safari Camps, Deluxe Camping

**Group Size:** 4-10 Guests

#### ACTIVITY:



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*“A prominent reason we have chosen MT Sobek as our favorite adventure travel company has been the excellent travel guides.”*

- Carol & Burt D.



# The Itinerary

## DAY 01

### Arrive in Nairobi

Welcome to Kenya! You will be met and guided through immigration, customs, and luggage claim, after which you'll meet your MT Sobek representative and safari guide. Take a short drive to your boutique safari lodge on the banks of the Mbagathi River, the southern border of Nairobi National Park. Take in the breathtaking views and perhaps spot some wildlife before meeting your guide and other hikers for dinner and a briefing. You should plan to arrive before noon.

**MEALS:** Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** Private transfer

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## DAY 02

### Safari in Nairobi National Park

Begin your adventure with a day's exploration of Nairobi National Park. Watch for black and white rhinos, lions, leopards, buffalo, zebras, and giraffes against a backdrop of savanna grasslands, forests, and rocky gorges and the city in the distance. After savoring a farm to table lunch, game drive through the park to the Kitengela Conservancy where you can experience your first bush walk in the forested area. Back at the lodge enjoy another delicious meal and swap stories with fellow hikers about the day's sightings.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** Private transfer

**ACTIVITY:** Game drives, 1-hour walk

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## DAY 03

### Hike Rugged Trails into the Mathews Range

After breakfast, check out of your lodge and head to the airstrip for your flight to Samburu, an arid region named after one of several tribes that call it home. A 4x4 transfer takes you through dramatic low country following dry riverbeds to meet your safari guides, crew, and camels. Spend some time meeting the women of the village to learn about their way of life. Enjoy a picnic lunch and then choose to ride a camel or walk on an hour's journey through Samburu territory, where you'll encounter these semi-nomadic people herding their livestock. Continue walking toward the mountains, climbing into the wilds of the Mathews Range. Enter the deep forest that drapes these mountains which rise from the desert floor, and arrive at a charming and nostalgic tented camp shaded by the canopy on the banks of the Ngeng River. Enjoy a shower and gather for the beverage of your choice before dinner and slip into bed under a cozy duvet with a hot water bottle in this cooler climate.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1-hour flight, 2.5-hour private transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/6 miles hiking with 2,132' elevation gain and 2,624' elevation loss

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## Explore the Lush Keserian & Kojos Valleys

As effervescent light and gentle birdsong fills the valley, your wake-up call of steaming hot Kenyan tea or coffee arrives on your tent's veranda. Climb up the Keserian Valley as you explore the the upper slopes of the Mathews Mountains guided by Samburu and Ndorobo people, who know these mountains and woodlands better than anyon. You are surrounded by signs of wildlife—prints in the mud, broken branches on a forest path, droppings from an elephant...the forest is alive. Your guide will lay out a breakfast spread at the summit of Murit Pass overlooking the breathtaking vastness of the plains below. Descend through the Kojos Valley, an otherworldly dell filled with giant cycads - ancient plants that have survived and evolved for millions of years. The Ngeng River gently flows by, your guides shares stories of the forest, and birds sing along the trail. Return to camp through shaded valleys studded with boulders and more prehistoric cycads. Delve into a delicious meal and some leisure time this afternoon.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5 hours/6.2 miles hiking with 1,200' elevation gain

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## Experience a Walking Safari in the Kitich Forest

Today meander through the dense Kitich Forest on undulating hills and valley slopes past forest orchids and giant cycads, getting an intimate look at the wilderness around you. Here are chances to see a myriad of bird and butterfly species as well as elephants, leopards, buffalo, greater kudu, waterbuck, giant forest hog, and the rare De Brazza Monkey. Stop at burbling springs and crystal-clear rivers where you can take a refreshing swim or try your hand at fly fishing for barbel. Return to camp in the late afternoon for sundowners and dinner, listening to the chorus of tree frogs and perhaps the roar of a lion or trumpet of an elephant as you drift off to sleep in the wilderness. \* Depending on water levels, you may cross the Ngeng River several times and be prepared for the possibility of your shoes getting wet.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Walking 2-3 miles with optional fly-fishing and swimming

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## Journey to Laikipia and Begin Your Mobile Safari

Begin your last morning at Kitich with a pre-dawn wake-up call and head out on a final walk, descending into a cool valley as the sun rises and the forest awakens with the chattering of birds and the odd elephant rumble. Explore the flora and fauna below the canopy before returning to camp for breakfast and heading to the airstrip for your charter flight to Laikipia. Meet your walking team for a short but scenic drive to camp for lunch. Begin your safari below Loseramoruru kopje, hiking across large plains and through mixed bush crisscrossed with wildlife tracks, looking for herds of common and Grevy's zebra, oryx and Grant's gazelle, and the herds of reticulated giraffes that are found in large number here. Your walk culminates with a drink atop a kopje for a panoramic view of the area, and retiring to tonight's location of your mobile camp.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2 hours/1-3 miles hiking

**ACTIVITY:** 2 hours/1-3 miles hiking

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## Ride Camels or Walk in Laikipia

Start the day with an early wake-up call and a hearty breakfast while the team takes down the camp and loads it onto pack camels, who will transport camp ahead of you while you walk. You can choose to ride camelback or just have the camels carry your day pack. Laikipia, nestled between Mount Kenya and the northern deserts, is renowned for wildlife conservation. Here you'll explore the high plains, home to diverse species including Grevy's zebras, lions, black rhinos, and elephants. Arrive at Paul's Rock, the site of your next camp at the edge of the Ewaso Nyiro River. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon walk, soaking in the rich scenery. Complete the day with a sundowner as the sun dips below the horizon, returning to camp to watch the river where elephants come to wallow in the mud and tawney and martial eagles nest in the trees.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4-5 hours/6 miles hiking

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## Take a Final Walk in Laikipia

After breakfast, walk toward your final camp, enjoying the cooler morning temperatures. Rolling plains, acacia woodlands, and rugged hills form a picturesque backdrop for your exploration, and you may encounter a variety of wildlife. Arrive in time for lunch at the permanent base camp with such luxuries as a lap pool and cocktail bar. Settle into your tent, which has views of a bustling waterhole frequented by elephants, giraffes, oryx, zebras, and warthogs. In the afternoon, explore the surrounding area with your expert guide, catching glimpses of wildlife and immersing yourself in the scenery of the Laikipia Plateau. Climb a nearby kopje for sunset views.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 3 hours/6 miles hiking

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## DAY 09

### Travel to Masai Mara National Reserve

After breakfast, drive to the airstrip for your flight to the Masai Mara. A lodge representative will meet you upon arrival and drive you to the camp for a delicious lunch. This afternoon, head out for your first game drive in the Mara, one of Africa's most famous wildlife reserves. The image of acacia trees dotting endless grass plains and perhaps a Maasai warrior epitomizes Africa for many. The highlight is undoubtedly the annual wildebeest migration traversing the vast plains of the Serengeti National Park and the Masai Mara National Reserve. Large prides of lions and herds of elephants, as well as giraffes, gazelles, eland, and rhino can also be spotted in the reserve.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1.5-hour flight

**ACTIVITY:** Game drive and wildlife viewing

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## DAY 10

### Discover Wildlife Wonders of the Masai Mara

Today, you will explore the breathtaking landscapes of the Masai Mara on a captivating game drive. Immerse yourself in the natural wonders of the savanna, encountering iconic wildlife up close, from majestic lions to graceful giraffes. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided walk, gaining insights into the Maasai culture and their deep connection to the land as you experience more outstanding wildlife sightings on this unforgettable adventure.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Game drive and 3 hours/7 miles walking

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## Float Over the Masai Mara in a Hot-Air Balloon

Early this morning, depart on a special excursion—viewing the Mara from above on a hot-air balloon flight over the winding rivers, forests, and plains below. A beautiful champagne breakfast in the bush awaits upon landing. The rest of the day will be spent on game drives, as you soak in the last opportunity to see the awe-inspiring animals that reside in this world-famous game park.

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** Approximately 1-hour hot-air balloon ride (weather dependent)



## Say Farewell to Kenya & Depart

After breakfast, check out of camp and transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival, you will be met by your representative and head to a farewell lunch. You'll have use of a day room to rest and freshen up before your departure flight (please book flights to depart after 8:00 pm).

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** Private transfer



## Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

### Ololo Safari Lodge

Located on the edge of Nairobi National Park in Kenya, Ololo Safari Lodge is a boutique lodge that offers guests the warmth and comfort of a home with effortless style. Spacious rooms come equipped with a private bathroom and a seating area with beautifully handcrafted furniture. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon by the pool, which overlooks the national park, or a meal and drink at the open-air restaurant and bar.

### Kitich Forest Camp

In a remote valley of the Mathews Range, Kitich Forest Camp is nestled into the dense forest that cloaks the mountain slopes. With only six guest tents, the camp offers complete privacy with traditional safari style and ensuite bathrooms with flush toilets. Watch elephants, buffalo, bushbuck and occasionally a beautiful leopard emerge from the forest at dusk in the floodlit river valley from the lounge, keeping cozy by an open fire.

### Nyarara Camp

Set on the edge of a plain with panoramic views towards Mt. Kenya and the Aberdare Range in the south, Nyarara was named for the cheetah often seen in the area. Your accommodation is in a classic canvas safari tent complete with comfortable mattress, feather pillows, and duvet with hot water bottle for luxury camping! A chair, table, solar lights, towels, and carpets make you feel at home in the bush. You can request a bucket shower with hot water and there is a toilet behind each tent.





# Where You'll Stay

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## **Ewaso Camp**

Ewaso Camp is a wonderful campsite located on the edge of the Ewaso Nyiro River, which is a lifeline to wildlife in the dry season. A chair and table outside your carpet-draped canvas tent are ideal for jotting down the day's adventures while watching the horizon for wildlife. There is a toilet behind each tent. Request a hot bucket shower, then retreat to a comfortable mattress, feather pillows, and a duvet with hot water bottle under solar lights, falling asleep to the sounds of leopards and lions calling.

## **Tumaren Camp**

Tumaren Camp is perfectly situated on the edge of a wide, sweeping plain with panoramic views dotted with the iconic acacia tree. To the south, the landscape is defined by granitic inselbergs, rising like islands on the savanna. The grasslands are rich with wildlife. The camp has just seven fully furnished spacious tents on platforms, each with ensuite bathrooms and flush toilets. Enjoy a 20-meter lap pool looking out across the open plains.

## **Speke's Camp**

Speke's Camp is a small, hosted camp located in a private area of the Masai Mara on the reserve's border. The camp enjoys fabulous access to some of the best gaming areas in the Mara. The eight traditional safari tents with ensuite bathrooms are situated alongside the Olare Orok River under the shade of majestic indigenous trees. Speke's charm lies in its simple comforts in a traditional safari camp setting with all the necessities.

# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July, August, September, October, December

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**

Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 16-27, 2025

July 14-25, 2025

August 18-29, 2025

September 15-26, 2025

October 20-31, 2025

December 15-26, 2025

July 14-25, 2026

August 18-29, 2026

September 15-26, 2026

October 20-31, 2026

December 15-26, 2026



# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses



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