



## 8 NIGHT KICHECHE MARA WALKING WILDERNESS AND LAIKIPIA



A fantastic combination safari in two stunning Conservancies with a walking safari and fly camp between them staying at Kicheche Valley and Kicheche Bush camps.

This safari is led by one of Kicheche's Silver KPSGA guides and offers an outstanding opportunity to see the Masai Mara from different perspectives with extended game drives, night drives and a walking safari. Explore the smaller aspects of savannah life – birds, grasses and insects on your walking safari and enjoy fabulous game viewing on your game drives on the plains of the Masai Mara.

After exploring the Mara you will then fly up to Laikipia and stay at Kicheche Laikipia, a small luxurious tented camp nestled in the shadows of Mount Kenya at the foot of an indigenous forest overlooking a waterhole.

The Conservancy is home to Kenya's largest population of Black Rhino, large numbers of elephant, cheetah, lion, leopard, African wild dog and plentiful plains game. There are also a number of the rarer Northern species such as Grevys Zebra, Jackson's Hartebeest and Beisa Oryx.

### Itinerary

**Day 1** Depart Nairobi on the scheduled morning or afternoon flight to the Masai Mara. Touch down in this magnificent wilderness and your guide will be there to greet you before setting out across the plains where you will have your first wildlife sighting enroute to camp. After lunch. Relax and absorb the surroundings before setting off on an afternoon game drive in the conservancy till sunset. Return to camp at dusk for hot showers, then an aperitif by the fireside with your hosts before settling down for dinner.

**Overnight Kicheche Bush or Valley.**

**Day 2** An early start to the day with piping hot coffee or tea brought to your tent. Your guide will take you on a morning game drive to explore the savannah and see what nature has to offer. This afternoon you may wish to visit a traditional Maasai manyatta (village) or take another evening game drive before getting back to camp for dinner. **Overnight Kicheche Bush or Valley.**



**Day 3** Today, pack and set off on your walking safari through the conservancies. The pace will be easy and there will be frequent breaks and a stop for a picnic lunch en-route. Arrive at our fly camp site late afternoon where a welcome bush shower awaits you. Commence the evening with a cold gin and tonic and dinner under the stars – your musical soiree will include the mantra of the cicadas, the whooping of hyenas, and the roar of lions and the keening of jackals. After dinner, retire to your tent in much the same manner that Selous, Hemingway and Roosevelt would have done. **Overnight Fly Camp.**



**Day 4** You are awoken at dawn with a hot drink before continuing the journey in the cool morning. Your guide will continue to uncover points of interest on the journey before arriving in camp in the afternoon for a well-deserved rest before the option of a short evening game drive. **Overnight Kicheche Bush or Valley.**

**Day 5** Rise early with tea or coffee brought to your tent. Enjoy a morning game drive in the Conservancy. You will see differing terrain along with plenty of animal and bird species. Your afternoon game drive will be followed by sundowner drinks overlooking the plains, before returning to camp at dusk. **Overnight Kicheche Bush or Valley.**

**Day 6** After breakfast transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi which will link with your onwards flight to Laikipia (please note that this itinerary may be operated in reverse order depending on the timing of the flights).





On arrival at Nanyuki Airstrip you will be met and transferred to Kicheche Laikipia Camp for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

An eco-award-winning small luxurious tented camp nestled in the shadows of Mount Kenya at the foot of an indigenous forest overlooking a waterhole. With 90,000 acres of wilderness, the Conservancy is home to Kenya's largest population of Black Rhino, large numbers of elephant, cheetah, lion, leopard, African wild dog and plentiful plains game. There are also a number of the rarer Northern species such as Grevys Zebra, Jackson's Hartebeest and Beisa Oryx.

There is an extensive range of activities available and there is an outstanding guiding team to look after you in the field. The camp is in the low vehicle density wilderness zone of the conservancy and the wildlife viewing is a very private and rewarding activity. Not only is this East Africa's largest black rhino sanctuary there is also a myriad of other wildlife to be seen including elephant, lion, cheetah, wild dog and abundant plains game. Ol Pejeta Conservancy also permits Night Game Drives which focus on species not seen on regular day drives.

While in Ol Pejeta, you can visit the Morani Center and the endangered species enclosure with the last remaining Northern White Rhinos on the planet, the chimpanzee sanctuary, or pay a visit to the anti-poaching dogs. (some activities at a fee). For the more active visitors, canoeing, horse riding, mountain biking and bush walks.



**Day 9** Today you will transfer back to Nanyuki in time for your flight back to Wilson Airport in Nairobi. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Nairobi International Airport for your departure flight back home.

### ***Walking***

The walking will not be strenuous and there will be many intervals at various points of interest. The distance covered daily will be approximately 10km, taking around 6 hours.

### ***The Camps in the Mara:***

KICHECHE VALLEY – The Naibosho Conservancy is flourishing with a fantastic array of wildlife and opens up a whole new area of the Mara to explore whilst game driving or walking.

KICHECHE BUSH CAMP - located in a prime wildlife area, Olare Orok Conservancy, the camp is unfenced and the animals are free to roam through camp. It's in a great place to see the wildebeest migration, and the camp itself gives you a real feeling of being in the wilderness, yet is very comfortable, with professional and genuinely friendly service.



FLY-CAMP - A lightweight fly-camp, staffed by a cook and a camp hand with small dome tents for 2 persons equipped with camp beds, bedrolls, chairs and a washstand. Basic bathroom facilities are available (long drop toilet and bush shower). A lightweight mess shelter will be used in the event of rain.



### ***What to take***

We advise that you wear sturdy walking shoes or boots. Water, sun cream and a hat are other essential items and don't forget your binoculars. If you like you can carry with you a small, light backpack.

**Note: in high season, only one day in the Mara Reserve is included.**





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