

Kenya Travel Itinerary JANUARY 12-25, 2024





January 12-13th

Plan to fly into Nairobi at any time on the 12th. Airport pickup will be arranged through our group hotel close by and located on the edge of the Nairobi Game Preserve. The 13th will be a rest day to sort gear and take an afternoon safari into Nairobi National Park

January 14th

After an early breakfast, we will depart Nairobi for **Aberdare National Park**. The drive will take us along the outskirts of Nairobi and into the cloud forests of Aberdare where elephants, buffalo, and rare melanic black leopards call home. After checking into our Lodge which offers close-up views of a watering hole frequented by elephant families, we will head into the field for our first game drive in Aberdare!

January 15th

This morning we will have an early departure to hike through misty cloud forest to a 300-meter high waterfall. Along the way we could encounter many of the park's 290 species of birds, as well as numerous butterflies and insects. January is the peak season for butterfly diversity in Kenya, so this hike will provide excellent opportunities for macro photography. After lunch we will depart Aberdare for the **OI Pejeta Game Conservancy.** In addition to healthy populations of lion, cheetah, elephants, giraffe, hippo, wild dogs, and zebra, OI Pejeta is home to the world's only living northern white rhinos and is considered to be a forerunner in rhino conservation efforts. After checking into our rooms camp which looks out over a watering hole frequented by many animal species, we will venture into the reserve on a late afternoon game drive.



January 16-17th

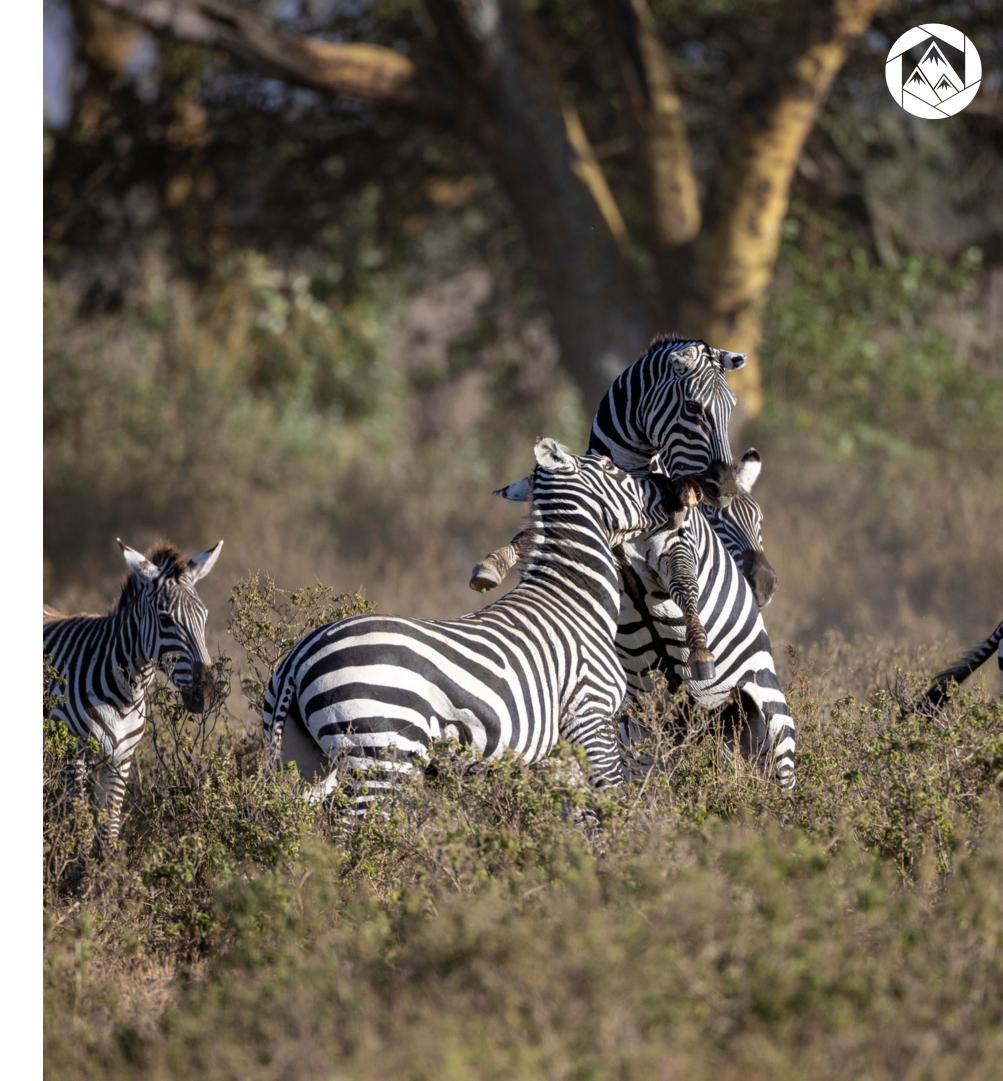
The next two days will be spent exploring and photographing the incredible diversity of animals at OI Pejeta. A typical day will involve an early morning game drive before breakfast, the middle portion of the day to relax, sit by the pool, or watch wildlife at the nearby watering hole from the porch of your room before heading back out into the reserve for a sunset shoot before dinner.

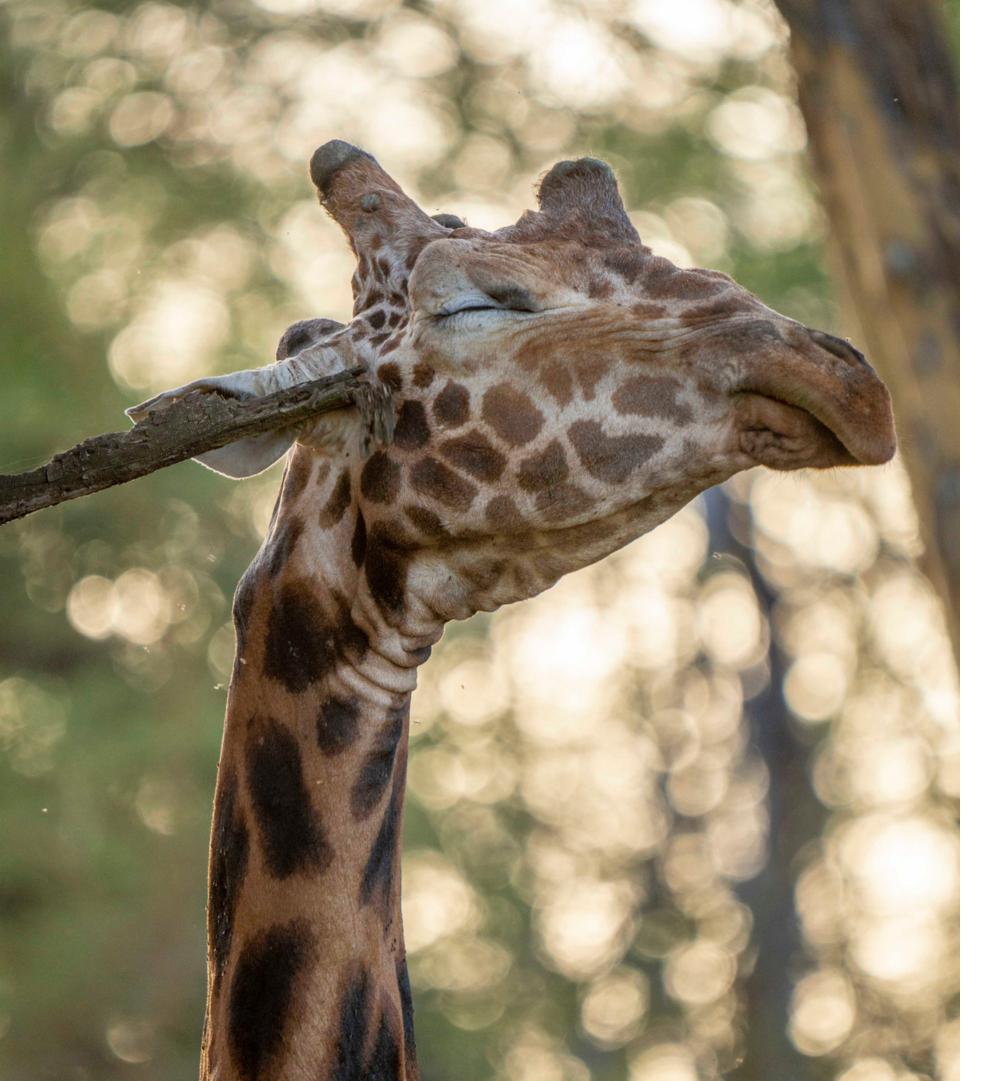
January 18th

After an early breakfast we will depart Ol Pejeta and drive to **Lake Nakuru National Park**, home to a population of tree climbing lions, leopards, hyena, rhinos, giraffes, and more. We will check into our Lodge which offers sweeping views over the valley - sunsets at the lodge's outdoor bar are not to be missed! Then, will head out for an evening game drive before dinner.

January 19th

In the morning we will wake up early to check out of our hotel and head out into the National Park to look for animals before starting the journey north towards our next destination in the **Kakamega Rainforest.** This will be one of our longer days on the road as we follow the highway northwest towards the Ugandan border. As we travel, the landscape will become greener and more tropical as the savannah is replaced by dense rainforest. In the late afternoon we will arrive at our lodge located in the heart of the jungle.





January 20th

The Kakamega Rainforest is the only surviving remnant in Kenya of Africa's Congolese Rainforest that once stretched across the entire continent. It is home to thousands of bird species, monkeys, and stunning jungle landscapes. Our hotel is located in the center of the rainforest and offers miles of trails that begin in the garden and lead into the wild. Our day will be spent exploring the rainforest and resting while enjoying high tea in the garden, watching monkeys play overhead. In the evening we will have the opportunity to hike past tea plantations and to the top of a nearby hill that offers sweeping views over the entire ecosystem.

January 21st

After a mid-morning departure, we will drive south from Kakamega and into the renowned Masai Mara. Our journey will take us through several of Kenya's largest tea plantations, along the shore of Lake Victoria, and past several spectacular waterfalls. As we draw closer to the Tanzanian border, we will begin to pass through several towns and villages of the Masai people before entering the Masai Mara, one of the top destinations on earth for viewing wildlife. Our hotel is a charismatic safari lodge located on the edge of a hippo-filled stream. Like many of the lodges in the Mara, ours is not separated from the reserve meaning animals can safely come and go as they please. At night, expect to receive escorts between your room and the dining lodge by Masai employees, and don't be surprised when the roar of a lion awakes you from the other side of the river!

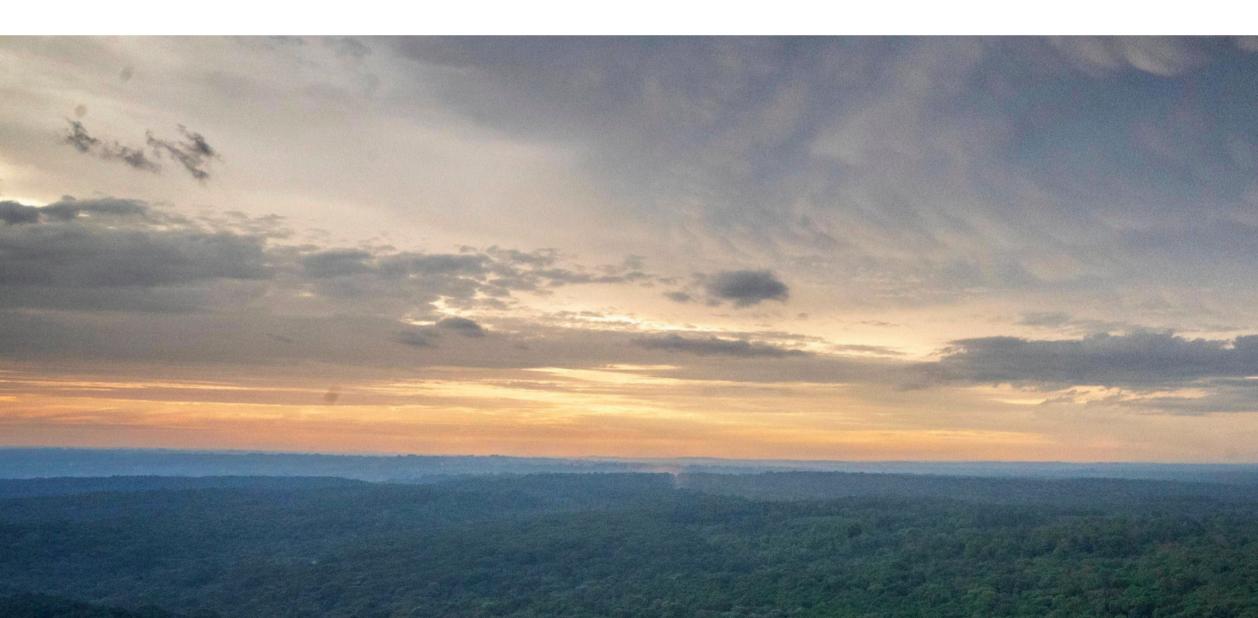


January 22-24th

The next three days will be spent exploring the spectacular Masai Mara. The open savannah here teems with wildlife and the huge diversity of species makes for nonstop viewing and photographic opportunities. During our visit in January, many animals will have just had their babies which will offer plenty of entertainment and fun photographs.

January 25th

After an epic adventure, our journey will come to an end. Once we've checked out, we will make one last drive through the reserve before making our way back to Nairobi. There, we will have a final group dinner before heading to the airport for our late-night flights home.





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