



A 'Tower' of giraffe in the Masai Mara by Tim S. Geiss

MAGIC OF MERU AND MARA

7 Day Fly Safari

Tours operate daily with two people minimum
(based on availability)

Highlights: Views, flora, fauna, scenery, birdlife, two types of giraffe and two types of zebra.

Kenya Safari Plan

1. NAIROBI
2. MERU NP
3. MERU NP
4. MASAI MARA NR
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7. NAIROBI



The Magic of Meru and Mara flies you to two very different regions giving you a variety of scenery and wildlife. Flying between the parks gives the tour a comfortable pace allowing you plenty of time for exploration and viewing.

Returning to Nairobi at noon permits travelers to easily extend to other parts of Kenya or beyond.

Meru is known for one of the parks where Elsa the lioness was raised and is buried. Elsa was made famous in the best selling book and award-winning movie, *Born Free*.

Day 1: Arrival in Nairobi, Kenya

KARIBU KENYA! Welcome to Kenya!

Arrive Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) in Nairobi, Kenya. Airport Meet and Greet and then transfer to Arusha Hotel for overnight.

Day 2: Nairobi - Meru NP

Early morning transfer to Wilson Airport for the scheduled Air Kenya flight to Meru NP. The flight departs Nairobi at 0915hrs and is approximately 2 hours. Upon arrival, you will be met by a guide from the lodge and have a game drive en route to Elewana Elsa's Kopje. Following lunch, there will be an afternoon game drive looking for the rarer seen animals like the Reticulated Giraffe and Grevy's Zebra. Return to your lodge as the sun is setting. Overnight at Elewana Elsa's Kopje. *(BLD)*

Day 3: Meru NP

Rising at dawn with tea and coffee, your first game drive will be before breakfast, catching the animals before the heat of the day sets in. Meru is not in the main safari circuit so it is less visited which gives you a lot of unspoiled viewing. Have a second game drive later in the day returning to the lodge as you are enjoying the awesome Kenya sunset. Overnight at Elewana Elsa's Kopje. *(BLD)*



Rare siting of a Greater Kudu by Tim S. Geiss



Colorful Lilac Breasted Roller by Tim S. Geiss

Day 4: Meru NP – Masai Mara NR

Following breakfast you'll have a final game drive here as you transfer to the airstrip for the scheduled Air Kenya flight to Masai Mara. Your flight of about two hour's is scheduled at 0935hrs. Upon arrival at a Mara airstrip, you will be met by a guide from the camp and game drive en-route to Elewana Sand River Camp. After lunch, depart for an afternoon game drive looking for the big cats and – lion, leopard and cheetah. Return back to the lodge for dinner and overnight. **(BLD)**

Day 5: Masai Mara National Reserve

Optional morning Hot Air Balloon. Enjoy the abundance of wildlife – elephant, buffalo, zebra, giraffe and hyena – on your morning and afternoon game drives. After your wonderful day return to the lodge for dinner and overnight at Elewana Sand River Camp. **(BLD)**

Day 6: Masai Mara National Reserve

Rising at dawn with tea and coffee, depart for an early morning game drive before breakfast, catching the animals before the heat of the day sets in. The world's greatest wildlife spectacle – The Great Migration – comes into the Masai Mara from July through October. After some leisure time that takes you into the afternoon you will have an afternoon game drive. Return to camp for dinner and overnight at Elewana Sand River Camp. **(BLD)**

Day 7: Masai Mara NR – Nairobi

Following an early morning game drive and breakfast, there will be a transfer to the airstrip for the scheduled Air Kenya Flight at 11:15 to Nairobi. Once you arrive at Wilson airport, you'll be met and transferred to the Nairobi Serena for lunch and your day room. Evening transfer to the airport. **(BL)**

Inclusive meals as indicated:

B = Breakfast; **L** = Lunch; **D** = Dinner

Elewana Elsa's Kopje

Named for Elsa the orphaned lioness reared by George and Joy, this private hideaway is perched on top of Mugwongo Hill, the site of George Adamson's first camp. This park is renowned for its low rainfall, yet at the same time thirteen rivers and numerous streams run off the nearby mountains to provide an arid landscape laced with ribbons of green. From your cottage you will enjoy a 270-degree view of the surrounding park with its scattered kopjes and mysterious baobab trees. The open plan rooms are individually designed, incorporating the rocks into the structure. Traditional African-made furniture, bright ikat fabrics and whitewashed walls are simple yet superbly comfortable and stylishly effective. There is a swimming pool, game drives (day and night; note KWS activity charge for night game drives payable directly) are in open 4x4 vehicles and walks are accompanied by a knowledgeable naturalist. The food is of a very high standard and the service excellent. **Your stay at this camp will be in a cottage and include soft drinks, beer, house wines & selected spirits, safari activities including game drives, bush picnics, sundowners, guided bush walk & laundry.**

Elewana Sand River Camp

Located on the banks of a river from which it has taken its name, Sand River Masai Mara is located within the Masai Mara National Reserve, close to the Tanzanian border. Situated on a secluded and picturesque site, Sand River Masai Mara replicates the heyday of exclusive permanent tented camps of the late 1920's. The interior fixtures and furnishings mirror this period perfectly, reminding all who visit of those countless Hollywood movies that have paid homage to a classic era of African adventure. Sand River Masai Mara is an ideal destination, at any time of the year, for those wishing to enjoy exceptional game-viewing. The National Reserve is best known for its large concentrations of big cats, such as leopard, cheetah and, of course, lion. Even the dramatic arrival of the Annual Migration merely adds to an already abundant resident wildlife that awaits discovery. Sand River Masai Mara comprises of 16-tented accommodations - including 1 family tent - each divided into two separate but adjoining campsites, with each area possessing its own designated dining and public areas, thereby creating an increased sense of exclusivity and privacy.

Your stay at the camp includes non-luxury spirits, house wine, beer, soft drinks and limited laundry.

ULTIMATE LODGES		
DAYS OF OPERATION		DAILY -SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY (2 PAX MINIMUM)
DAY	DESTINATION	MAGIC OF MERU BOUTIQUE A
1	NAIROBI	Hemingways
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The elusive leopard by Tim S. Geiss