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Kenya Migration Photo Expedition

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Trip Details:

Days
10 Days / Jul–Aug

Price
From $17995 (+Air)

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Kenya has long been Africa's most storied safari destination. Known for its legendary wildlife and evocative landscapes, Kenya offers the photographer countless opportunities to capture iconic images of Africa: Graceful giraffes browsing in acacia trees. Elephants traversing the savanna. Stealthy lions stalking gazelle. Proud Maasai bedecked in ceremonial beadwork. And, perhaps most notably, the Great Migration, a chance to photograph thousands upon thousands of wildebeest and zebra thundering across the plains, with predators in pursuit. Concentrating on private reserves, we avoid the more heavily visited parks, guaranteeing an authentic safari experience reminiscent of Kenya in days gone by. Our small groups and intimate luxury camps ensure personal attention, exceptional comfort and a matchless photo safari in which wildlife truly takes center stage.

Trip Highlights

Superb Photo Opportunities away from Crowds

Enjoy unparalleled proximity to the herds from our private camps in the Maasai Mara —including Nat Hab's mobile camp on an exclusive private conservancy

Photograph Exciting River Crossing Action

From our remote camp location, witness thousands of wildebeest crossing a river as crocodiles lie in wait, plus thrilling predator-prey interactions on the savanna

Superior Guides Mean Better Photos

Our Expedition Leaders are expert photographers, naturalists and trackers with deep knowledge of this land and its wildlife —key to getting the photos you covet!



Kenya Migration Photo Expedition Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Nairobi
Day 2	Nairobi National Park
Days 3–5	Namunyak Conservancy
Days 6–9	Maasai Mara National Reserve
Day 10	Nairobi



Day 1

Nairobi

Begin in Karen beneath the Ngong Hills

- Settle into a boutique inn in the historic Karen district, named for Out of Africa author Karen Blixen
- Join your Photo Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner and preview of the photographic opportunities ahead

Our Kenya Migration Photo Expedition begins in Nairobi, the country's capital and traditional jumping-off point for most safaris. Transfer to our boutique inn in the tranquil suburb of Karen on the outskirts of the city, a setting at the foot of the Ngong Hills immortalized in Isak Dinesen's famous memoir *Out of Africa*. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with our Expedition Leader who offers a preview of the many photography adventures that lie ahead.

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Day 2

Nairobi National Park

Photograph wildlife in Nairobi National Park beneath the city skyline

- Capture images of black rhinos, lions, cheetahs, giraffes and other wildlife
- Look for some of the park's more than 400 bird species
- Receive personalized photography guidance tailored to your experience and goals

After breakfast, head out with our Expedition Leader for our first wildlife photography opportunity, a morning game drive in nearby Nairobi National Park. Designated as a protected reserve by the British colonial government in 1946, this 45-square-mile park on the outskirts of the city is home to black rhino, lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, buffalo, giraffe and diverse birdlife, with more than 400 species recorded. During these introductory wildlife photo sessions, our Expedition Leader will ascertain interests, aspirations and level of photography experience, in order to provide the personalized coaching that is the hallmark of a Nat Hab Photo Expedition.

Days 3–5

Namunyak Conservancy

Photograph elephants from Nat Hab's Elephant Conservation Camp

- Document rescued calves during an exclusive behind-the-scenes visit to Reteti Elephant Sanctuary
- Meet the Samburu caretakers pioneering a community-led conservation model
- Search for elephants, reticulated giraffes and other northern Kenya wildlife on game drives and guided walks

Fly by chartered aircraft to the Namunyak Community Conservancy in the heart of Kenya's northern frontier. Backdropped by the dramatic Mathews Range, this land is home to the Samburu people, semi-nomadic pastoralists who have raised livestock here for centuries while coexisting in harmony with the region's striking wildlife. Namunyak is one of Kenya's most pristine wilderness areas and a critical refuge for many wildlife species, including important northern populations of reticulated giraffe, gerenuk, leopard, African wild dog, impala lion, greater kudu and many different birds. The conservancy is particularly important for elephants as they move seasonally between the Mathews Range and the Ngare Ndare Forest near Mount Kenya, a route they have used for decades.

Our base for daily photography adventures is Nat Hab's Elephant Conservation Camp, where seclusion, comfort and exceptional service are hallmarks of this exclusive location. During our stay, we'll make a private visit to the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary, the world's first such enterprise owned by Indigenous community members. The sanctuary was designed to rescue and release orphaned and abandoned elephant calves while creating much-needed benefits for the local people that live alongside them—inspiring them to recognize the intrinsic value of nature and protecting local wildlife for its benefit to their own well-being.

We have the rare opportunity for behind-the-scenes photography as we meet the dedicated local caretakers and witness firsthand how Reteti is transforming elephant conservation. Document it all as we photograph feeding time, learn the elephants' individual stories, and support a model of conservation that uplifts both wildlife and the surrounding Samburu community. We'll also get exciting photos on game drives and guided bush walks as we look for roaming elephants and other wildlife, punctuated with peaceful interludes at camp. The entire experience offers a soulful connection to northern Kenya's people, animals and landscapes—one that few photo safaris offer.

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Days 6–9

Maasai Mara National Reserve

Capture images of wildebeest crossings & stay at Nat Hab's Migration Camp

- Photograph the Great Migration and the predators following the herds
- Search for lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras and other wildlife across the Maasai Mara
- Choose an optional sunrise hot air balloon flight for aerial views of the savanna

Today we will fly to the Maasai Mara National Reserve for another exhilarating vantage on the wildebeest migration. The reserve is named for the Maasai tribespeople, the traditional inhabitants of the area who still graze cattle here, and the Mara River that runs through it. The Mara is the northern portion of the Serengeti Plains, and we find excellent wildlife viewing in these endless grasslands.

Nat Hab's Migration Camp, our private luxury mobile outpost, enjoys an exclusive setting near the Mara River where wildebeest cross during the migration. Deluxe canvas tents are situated in secluded spot, with ample trees providing shade from the midday sun. Located in a wildlife hotspot, our campsite also provides easy access to the rest of the reserve, including the main river systems. Wildlife drives take us among myriad plains game—not only the thundering herds of thousands of wildebeest and their zebra companions, but also gazelle, impala, hartebeest, topi and giraffe. Predators follow in close pursuit, and the Mara is especially famed for its lions—we may see them hunting in the early morning or evening or resting beneath acacia trees in the heat of the day. Hyenas also patrol the plains in some of the largest numbers in Africa. Optional hot air balloon safaris with a champagne breakfast upon landing are also available (additional cost) during our stay at Nat Hab's Migration Camp.

Day 10

Nairobi

Return to Nairobi after your Kenya photo safari

- Fly to Nairobi and relax in a day room before your international departure
- Gather for a farewell meal celebrating your safari

Fly back to Nairobi today, where day rooms await for refreshment and relaxation. Later, we'll share a farewell meal to close our Kenya photo safari before outbound evening flights.

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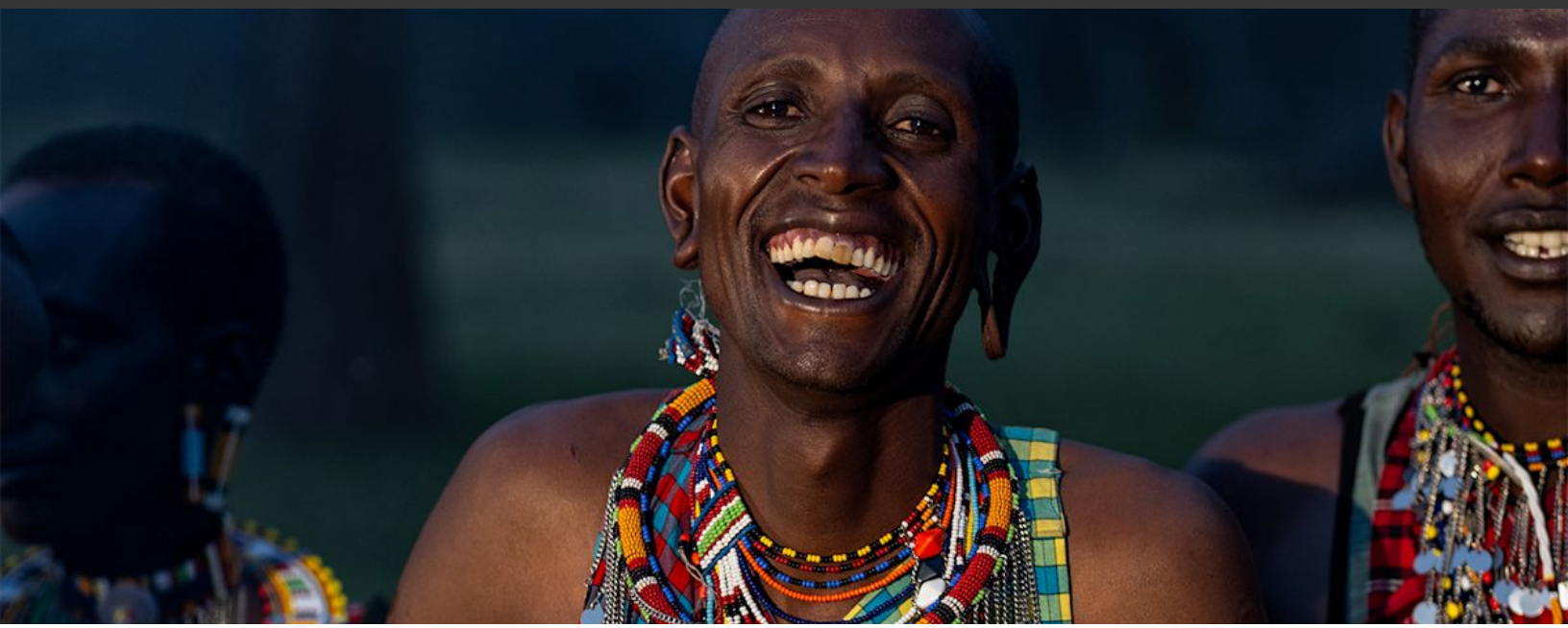

Kenya Migration Photo Expedition Accommodations

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House of Waine

Set amid manicured gardens in the quiet residential suburb of Karen on the outskirts of Nairobi, the House of Waine, once a private estate, offers an appealing alternative to standardized city hotels.



Nat Hab's Mara East Camp—Private Mara Conservancy

Our solar-powered mobile tented camp on a private conservancy in the Maasai Mara offers the ultimate in proximity to wildlife without the crowds—plus night drives and bush walks not available in the national reserve.



Nat Hab's Migration Camp—Maasai Mara

To sleep beneath canvas in the bush, under a Milky Way so thick with stars that it looks like clouds, listening for the roar of lions in the distance...there's no more iconic safari experience!



Emara Ole Sereni

A contemporary Nairobi hotel overlooking Nairobi National Park, with floor-to-ceiling views, a heated rooftop pool, several dining venues and a full-service spa.



Nat Hab's Elephant Conservation Camp

A solar-powered luxury camp in Namunyak Wildlife Conservancy, positioned along elephant migration corridors and co-managed with the Samburu community on their ancestral lands.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/africa/kenya-migration-photo-expedition/accommodations.

Get Once-in-a-Lifetime Images on Our Kenya Migration Safari

Kenya Migration Photo Expedition

Of all your safari options, the chance to capture Africa's Great Migration may be the pinnacle. Imagine close-up shots of thousands of wildebeest and zebra clattering over the plains, followed by a phalanx of predators—there's no greater thrill for wildlife photographers! But choosing a migration safari isn't easy, since some companies simply add the word "migration" to their trip name when in reality, they visit crowded parks, use cramped vehicles, stay in big lodges and rely on mediocre guides. You won't get the shots you dream about on a sub-par safari. That's why we offer a superlative experience!

1 **Fewer Travelers—Just 8 Guests—for a Superlative Experience**

Our small groups, capped at 8—give you better photo opportunities and more personalized coaching. With just four guests per vehicle, every photographer gets unobstructed views and plenty of room for your equipment.

2 **Personalized Photography Coaching From an Expert Professional**

Your Nat Hab Expedition Leader is intimately familiar with the Kenyan bush. Years of guiding have given your leader an intimate knowledge of animal behavior. Couple this with superb wildlife photography skills and a talent for sharing them with guests, whatever their ability level, and you'll have a peerless photo safari.

3 **Naturalist Guiding Experience Ensures Better Photo Opportunities**

Our Expedition Leaders make all the difference in the popular Maasai Mara, where less-experienced guides rely on radio calls to find wildlife, often resulting in 20 vehicles surrounding a single lion. By contrast, our Expedition Leaders know the area and wildlife intimately and are able to purposefully avoid other vehicles as we find our own sightings farther afield. This means more private and intimate encounters with wildlife—and better photos!

4 **Private Mobile Camps Offer Superior Wildlife Viewing**

Our Photo Expedition spends seven nights in Nat Hab's own private mobile safari camps in the Maasai Mara ecosystem. By avoiding fixed lodges in favor of more remote locations, we increase your proximity to the Migration (including Mara River crossings!), maximize wildlife encounters, and ensure seclusion away from crowds. Our intimate bush camps offer a quiet and more personal experience, immersing you in the wild while offering exceptional comfort.

5 **Exclusive Activities on a Private Conservancy**

While our itinerary includes a remote camp spot on the famed Maasai Mara National Reserve, we also give you an exclusive experience on a private Mara conservancy where wildlife is abundant and other visitors ever fewer. Private reserves also permit bush walks and night drives in search of nocturnal species—privileges not allowed on public lands.

6 **The Most In-Depth Migration Itinerary Out There**

Some migration safaris spend only a day or two among the vast herds. We spend eight full days at the height of the migration, maximizing every chance to photograph the animals in a variety of settings and behaviors. This immersive experience also affords plenty of time to focus on other wildlife, too—as well as cultural visits with local Maasai communities. And your safari also includes a day of diverse wildlife photography in Nairobi National Park.

7 **Fly To and From the Bush, Maximizing Your Safari Time**

Many safari companies transport you to and from the Maasai Mara from Nairobi by vehicle, meaning long, dusty drives over rough roads. We fly both ways, giving you more time for what you have come to Kenya for: wildlife photography on safari!

8 **Carry Up to 70 Pounds of Luggage**

We have arranged for extra space on board our charter flights, which means our photo safari guests have a 70-pound luggage limit, far more than almost every other safari company you'll find. And the gear flies with us rather than traveling overland, which can cause damage to equipment due to difficult road conditions.

9 **The World's Finest Naturalist Guides**

Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the finest naturalist guides on the planet. In Kenya, rather than using less qualified local camp guides at each stop, or an inexperienced safari guide as a trip escort, our NHA safari Expedition Leaders are the most highly trained guides in Africa. On our photo safaris, your guide is also an expert photographer, constantly by your side to help you get the best possible pictures. With our groups from beginning to end, each of our Expedition Leaders average more than 15 years' guiding experience , and their training is further enhanced by WWF's premiere scientists. Our philosophy on this is simple: an African safari is only as good as the guide, so we must provide the very best! Check out our **Photo Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments about them.

10 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Superior Kenya Experience**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. **Read our important promise.**

11 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

12 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $17995 (+Air)

Group Size
Limited to 8 Travelers

Kenya Migration Photo Expedition Dates, Pricing & Info

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jul 23 - Aug 1, 2027	**$17495** +internal air	
Aug 8 - Aug 17, 2027	**$17995** +internal air	

See https://www.nathab.com/africa/kenya-migration-photo-expedition/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), extra baggage allowance on chartered flights (60 lbs per passenger), local guides and camp staff, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through lunch on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

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Internal air: All light aircraft flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Important Information About This Trip

Kenya, teeming with wildlife, is among the original safari destinations, and rightly so. This itinerary takes advantage of the movements of one of our planet's most astonishing wildlife events: the Great Wildebeest Migration as it crosses from Tanzania.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to on this trip are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require medical evacuation insurance for our guests' safety. If you decline the medical evacuation insurance coverage offered by Natural Habitat, we request that you send us documentation of the independent coverage you have selected. We will add the cost of a medical evacuation policy to your tour invoice until you provide our office with proof of coverage including your insurance company's name, contact number and your individual policy number. Thank you for understanding that our policy exists exclusively in the interest of our guests' safety.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins and ends in Nairobi, Kenya. Because this is a long international journey, **we recommend that you arrive at least one night prior to Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials. You must arrive in Nairobi by 5 pm on Day 1 in order to attend the 7 pm welcome dinner.

You may depart Nairobi anytime after 6 pm on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.

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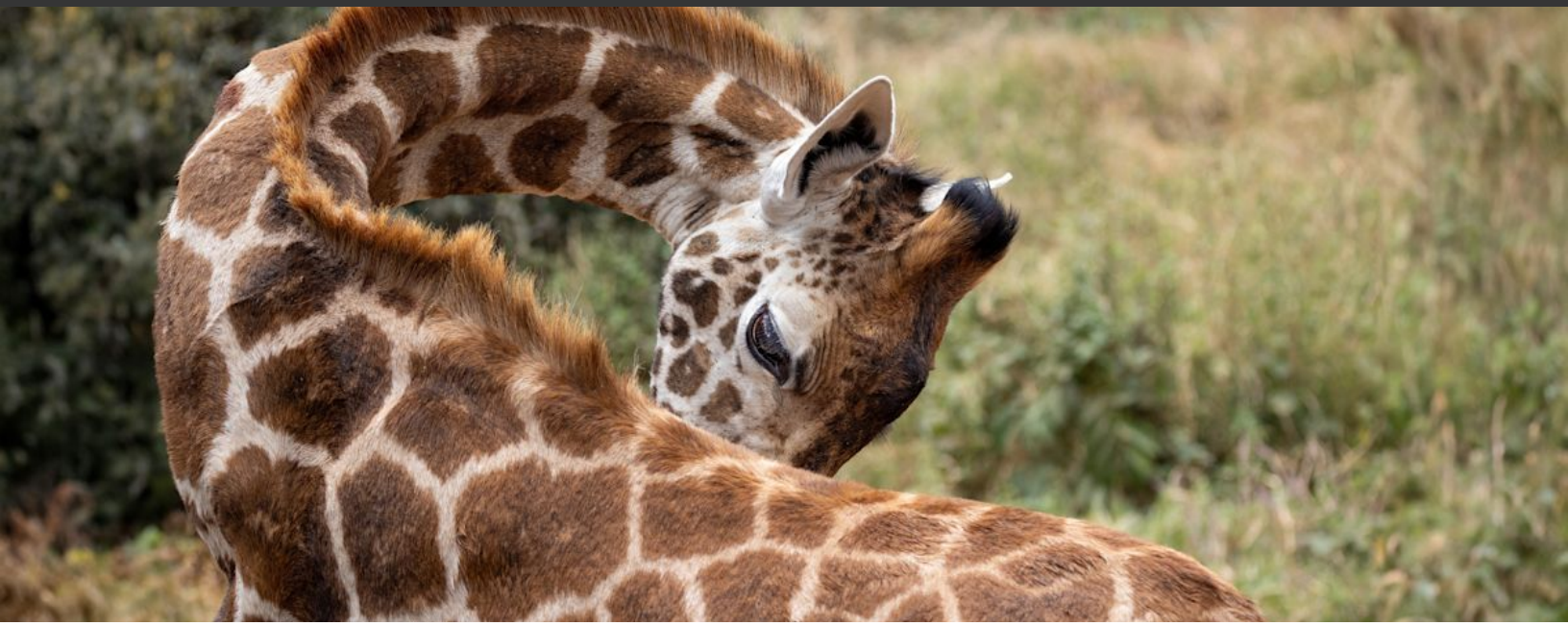

Kenya Migration Photo Expedition Extensions

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Lewa Rhino Immersion

Extend your safari with a 3-night trip to Lewa Conservancy, a global pacesetter for protecting endangered species including black and white rhinos.

$5795 (+air)



Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Extension

Track endangered mountain gorillas, hike through the rainforest with expert guides and spend rare moments with a habituated family troop.

$4995 (+permits)



Uganda Mountain Gorilla Extension

On a 5-day safari extension in the rainforests of Uganda, track endangered mountain gorillas on one of the world's most moving and heartwarming wildlife adventures.

$3995 (+air/permits)

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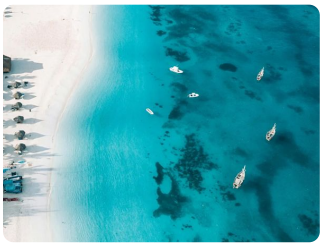

Zanzibar Extension

Discover a serene oasis with white sand beaches and clear waters in this Indian Ocean archipelago celebrated for natural beauty, history and culture.

$2095

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