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The Great Kenya Migration Safari

Follow the Action Across the Maasai Mara from Our Luxury Mobile Camps

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Trip Details:

Days
8 Days / Jul–Sep

Price
From $11995 (+Air)

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No wildlife event on Earth rivals East Africa's Great Migration for sheer drama. Every year, enormous herds of wildebeest and zebra, 2 million strong, make a grand circuit across the plains from the Serengeti into Kenya's Maasai Mara and back, following the new grass that sprouts with the seasonal rains. A host of predators, including the Mara's abundant lions, follows in pursuit, ensuring their own survival by targeting weaker members of the herds. Along with the wonder of the migration, Kenya offers photographers iconic images of Africa: giraffes browsing in lacy acacia trees, elephants trundling over the savanna against the backdrop of snowcapped Mount Kenya, proud Maasai bedecked in traditional beadwork, and much more. Concentrating on private reserves, we avoid the most heavily visited areas, guaranteeing an authentic safari experience reminiscent of Kenya in days gone by.

Trip Highlights

Luxury Mobile Camps Away from Crowds

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

Migration River Crossing Action

Witness thousands of wildebeest crossing a river as crocodiles lie in wait—and view thrilling predator-prey interactions on the savanna

The Best Guides for the Best Experience

Guided by top safari Expedition Leaders who are expert trackers and know this land intimately, encounter abundant wildlife away from crowds

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The Great Kenya Migration Safari Itinerary

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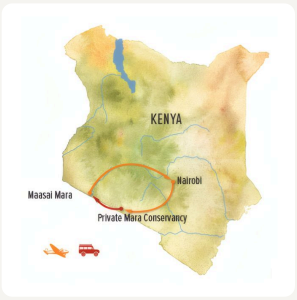
Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Nairobi
Days 2–4	Private Mara Conservancy
Days 5–7	Maasai Mara National Reserve
Day 8	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 Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner and preview of the safari ahead

Our Kenya safari begins in Nairobi, with a transfer from the airport to our boutique hotel in the quiet residential suburb of Karen on the outskirts of the city. At the foot of the Ngong Hills, Karen is named after Danish author Karen Blixen, also known by her pen name Isak Dinesen, who wrote the famous memoir *Out of Africa,* which chronicles her life on a Kenyan coffee plantation in the early 20th century. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with our Expedition Leader and a preview of our safari adventures ahead.

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Days 2–4

Private Mara Conservancy

Follow the Great Migration across an exclusive Mara conservancy

- Search for lions, elephants and vast wildebeest herds with uncrowded access to the conservancy
- Enjoy guided walks, night drives and off-road safaris unavailable in the national reserve
- Stay at Nat Hab's private Mara East Camp along an important migration corridor

Transfer to the airport for our flight to the famed Maasai Mara. Our first safari destination is a vast private conservancy offering unparalleled access to wildlife viewing. Nat Hab's own mobile camp features bush luxury in classic canvas tents, surrounded by all the natural wonders of the Maasai Mara ecosystem without the crowds. The conservancy model has been a boon to the region's legendary wildlife, creating buffer zones and protecting migration corridors while providing economic benefits to local landowners through responsible safari tourism.

On this private reserve, we experience the Mara's spectacular wildlife in peaceful solitude, and our camp is one of just a handful located within its bounds. Strict limits on guest numbers mean unprecedented wildlife viewing without crowds, especially of the wildebeest migration that occurs in close proximity. The conservancy serves as a migration corridor for several hundred thousand animals between the Maasai Mara National Reserve and the Loita Plains to the east. A multitude of species flourishes here: great herds of antelope dot the grassy, rolling plains while stands of acacia woodland shelter prolific birdlife. Rich volcanic soils nurture a verdant landscape where we find more lions per square mile than anywhere else in Kenya. Impressive herds of elephant, giraffe and zebra also reside here. Our activities make the most of our unrivaled access to this vast, wild region. In addition to daily game drives, enjoy guided walks, bush picnics, off-road safaris and night drives in search of nocturnal wildlife—pursuits not permitted in the national reserve.

Days 5–7

Maasai Mara National Reserve

Watch for wildebeest crossings & stay at Nat Hab's Migration Camp

- Search for the Great Migration and the predators following the herds
- Watch lions, hyenas and abundant plains wildlife across the Maasai Mara
- Choose an optional sunrise hot air balloon safari above the reserve

Scouting for prolific wildlife en route, transfer to the Maasai Mara National Reserve for another exhilarating vantage point on the wildebeest migration. The Mara is the northern portion of the Serengeti Plains, and we find excellent wildlife viewing in these endless grasslands. 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.

We stay at Nat Hab's Migration Camp, our private luxury mobile camp in an exclusive setting near the Mara River where wildebeest cross during the migration. Deluxe canvas tents are situated in a 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 8

Nairobi

Return to Nairobi after your Kenya 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 safari. In the evening, depart for international destinations.

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The Great Kenya Migration Safari 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.

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

What Makes Our Kenya Migration Safari Stand Out?

The Great Kenya Migration Safari

To witness hundreds of thousands of animals crossing the Maasai Mara, as far as your eye can see, is a wildlife phenomenon with no parallel on Earth. Imagine close-up shots of thousands of wildebeest and zebra clattering over the plains, followed by a phalanx of predators—photographers won't find a greater thrill. That's why, if you're making a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Africa to see the Great Migration, you must do it right. Don't end up in crowded parks, cramped vehicles and large safari lodges far from wildlife corridors.

Here's why you should experience the migration with us!

1 **The Most In-Depth Migration Itinerary**

Compare itineraries. We spend eight full days in the Maasai Mara at the time of year when the migration is typically at its peak. We stay in two different locations where wildlife is most prolific—in the heart of the national reserve *and* on a private conservancy adjacent to the park where visitor numbers are strictly limited. Our itinerary is designed to place you in peak proximity to the herds—not other travelers.

2 **Our Private Mobile Camp Puts You Amid the Action**

Many "migration safaris" stay at big lodges far removed from the migration itself, having to travel long distances each day to find the herds. In contrast, our own private mobile camp—exclusively for Nat Hab guests—is set in a remote area of the reserve where water and good grass typically keep the herds nearby. It's also located near the Mara and Talek rivers, where we may witness exciting river crossings with frequent predator-prey interactions.

3 **Small Groups Mean Intimate Photo Opportunities**

We travel with a maximum of 12 guests divided into smaller groups among safari vehicles, enabling us to get closer to wildlife in a quieter context for photography—and your experience is enriched by more personalized interpretation from our guides.

4 **Guaranteed Window Seats & Plenty of Space in Our Vehicles**

Every traveler has a "window" seat in our open 4x4 safari trucks, offering unimpeded views and maximum comfort—not every safari company offers this.

5 **Experience Brings Exclusivity**

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

6 **Exclusive Safari Activities on a Private Reserve**

Most migration safaris stay strictly within the national reserve. But we also stay on an exclusive private conservancy, where we have the opportunity for guided bush walks, off-road exploration and night drives in search of nocturnal wildlife. None of these activities is available inside the national parks.

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7 **Fly To and From the Bush**

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, maximizing time for what you have come to Kenya for: wildlife viewing on safari.

8 **Extra Luggage Allowance**

Most safaris flights in East Africa strictly limit luggage to 33 pounds per guest, including carryon bags, on even the highest-priced trips. We have arranged a special luggage allowance of 44 pounds per guest, making it easier to travel comfortably.

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

Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the finest naturalists on the planet. In Kenya, rather than using local camp guides at each stop, you'll travel from start to finish with our own Safari Expedition Leaders—the most highly trained guides in Africa—dedicated to providing exceptional service. Our Expedition Leaders average more than 15 years' experience each. Their training is further enhanced with materials from WWF' scientists. **See Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

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

Natural Habitat Adventures offers an exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the lofty expectations we set forth 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!

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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
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Group Size
Limited to 12 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Jul 11 - Jul 18, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	
Jul 14 - Jul 21, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	
Jul 19 - Jul 26, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	
Jul 23 - Aug 1, 2027	**$17495** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Jul 28 - Aug 4, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	
Aug 6 - Aug 13, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	
Aug 8 - Aug 17, 2027	**$17995** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Aug 22 - Aug 29, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	
Sep 2 - Sep 9, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Sep 9 - Sep 16, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	
Sep 14 - Sep 21, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	
Sep 17 - Sep 24, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	
Sep 22 - Sep 29, 2027	**$11995** +internal air	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Jul 5 - Jul 12, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Jul 11 - Jul 18, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Jul 19 - Jul 26, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Jul 27 - Aug 3, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Aug 2 - Aug 9, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Aug 5 - Aug 12, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Aug 10 - Aug 17, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Aug 13 - Aug 20, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Aug 19 - Aug 26, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Aug 27 - Sep 3, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Sep 2 - Sep 9, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Sep 9 - Sep 16, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Sep 16 - Sep 23, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	
Sep 19 - Sep 26, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Sep 27 - Oct 4, 2028	**From $11995** +internal air	

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

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), 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.

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

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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The Great Kenya Migration Safari Extensions

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Extra Day in Nairobi

Discover cultural and wildlife highlights of Nairobi with visits to the Giraffe Center, Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and Karen Blixen Museum.

$925



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)



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



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)



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)



Elephant Conservation Camp Extension

From our solar-powered luxury camp, meet orphaned baby elephants up close at the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary, talk with Samburu community members who steward this pioneering project, and safari in search of Kenya’s “Northern Five."

$6495

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