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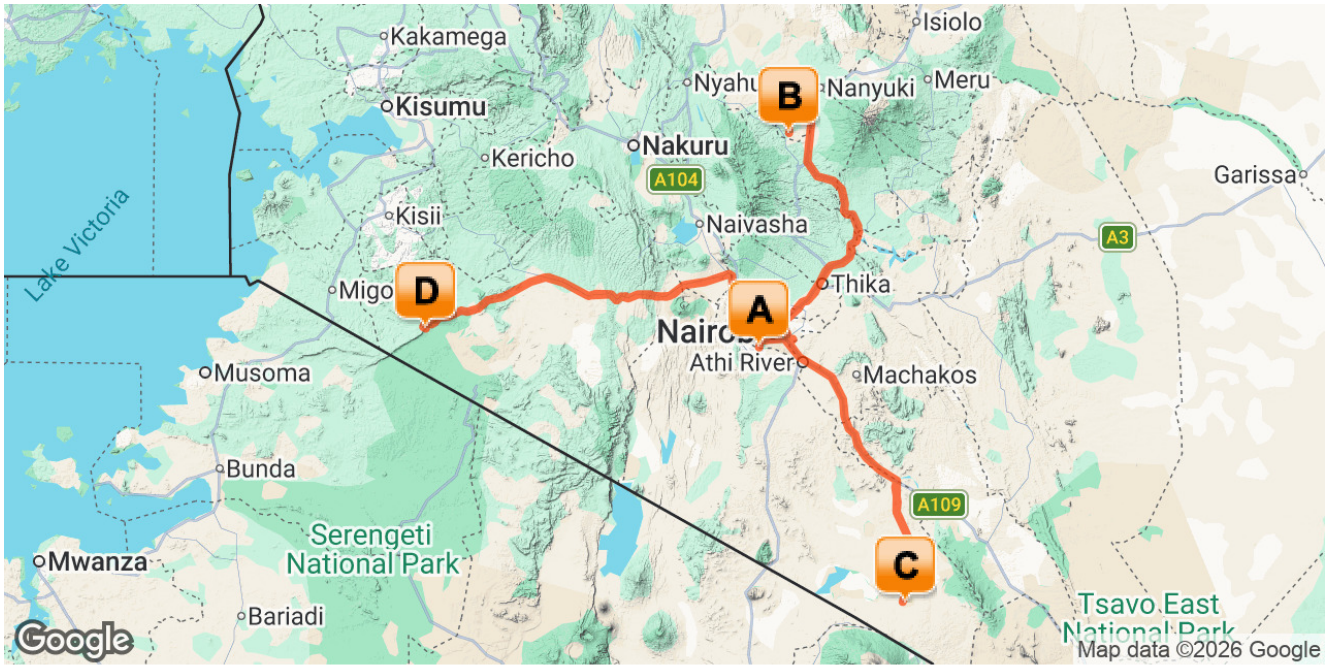
SAMPLE ITINERARY

Iconic Kenya: The Ultimate Safari

Nairobi · Solio Game Reserve · Amboseli · Masai Mara

11 NIGHTS · SUPER-LUXURY

Giraffes at the breakfast table, Kenya's oldest rhino sanctuary, Super Tuskers under Kilimanjaro and three nights on the rim of the Great Rift Valley. The most-requested trip we plan in East Africa.



12 Days / 11 Nights

ICONIC KENYA ULTIMATE KENYA SAFARI: 10 nights

Trip summary

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DAYS	ACCOMMODATION	AREA	BASIS
Day 1 – 3	Giraffe Manor (2 nights)	Nairobi	B&B
Day 3 – 6	Solio Lodge (3 nights)	Solio Game Reserve	B&B
Day 6 – 9	Angama Amboseli (3 nights)	Amboseli National Park	B&B
Day 9 – 12	Angama Mara (3 nights)	Masai Mara	B&B

What's included

- 11 nights accommodation on bed & breakfast
- Hand-feeding the resident giraffe herd at Giraffe Manor
- Walking safaris and Maasai cultural visits
- All road and air transfers
- Game drives at Solio, Kimana Sanctuary and the Mara
- Amboseli hot-air balloon safari

Day by day

DAY 1 – 3

Nairobi

2 nights · Giraffe Manor

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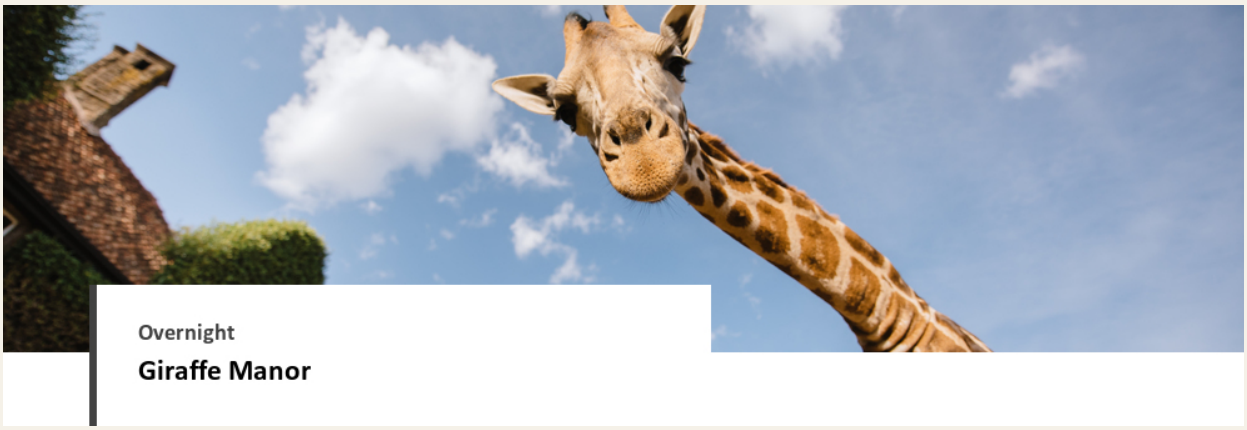
Day 1

Nairobi

Kenya's capital is the gateway to safari travel across the country, with a growing café culture and landmarks such as the National Museum and the Karen Blixen Museum. Just outside the centre lies Nairobi National Park, where lions, giraffe and buffalo roam against a backdrop of skyscrapers — one of the few places in the world where a major national park borders a capital city.

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Giraffe Manor



An exclusive boutique hotel set in 12 acres of private land within 140 acres of indigenous forest. Famous for its resident herd of Nubian giraffe, who visit morning and evening and poke their long necks through the windows in the hope of a treat — the only place in the world where you can hand-feed giraffe over the breakfast table. Guests also have access to the pool, spa and gym at The Retreat next door.

B&B: BED AND BREAKFAST

PLANNED WHILE HERE

Giraffe feeding at breakfast and afternoon tea · optional visits to the David Sheldrick elephant orphanage and the Karen Blixen Museum.

DAY 3 – 6

Solio Game Reserve

3 nights · Solio Lodge

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Day 3

Solio Game Reserve

A privately owned conservancy on the southern fringes of Laikipia, near the foothills of the Aberdares. Kenya's oldest rhino sanctuary, renowned for its role in breeding and protecting black rhino, and home to white rhino, gazelle, oryx, giraffe, lion, hartebeest, hyena and buffalo across 71 square kilometres of marsh and yellow-fever acacia.

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Solio Lodge



Set in the valley between Mount Kenya and the Aberdare Mountains, almost on the equator. Exclusivity, privacy, exceptional game viewing and luxurious accommodation are the hallmarks of a stay here — and its position makes it a natural stop en route to Kenya's northern circuit.

B&B: BED AND BREAKFAST

PLANNED WHILE HERE

Dawn game drives and rhino tracking · hiking · horse-riding · cycling in safe areas of the reserve.

DAY 6 – 9

Amboseli National Park

3 nights · Angama Amboseli

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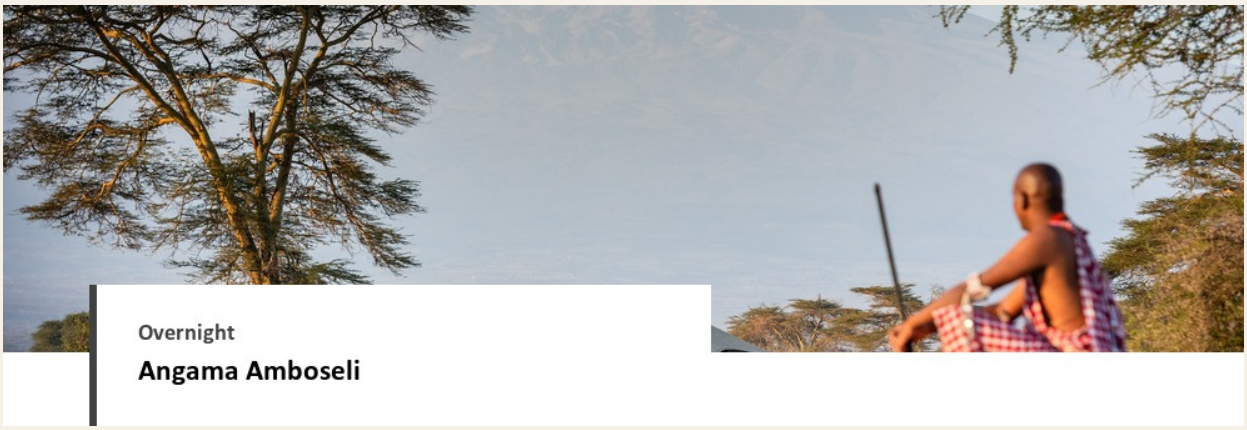
Day 6

Amboseli National Park

Amboseli is dominated by the snowcap of Mount Kilimanjaro, with open plains, acacia woodland and swamps below it. It is the best place in Africa to get close to large herds of elephant, alongside Maasai giraffe, lion and cheetah, and the birding around the lakes and swamps is excellent.

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Angama Amboseli



An intimate lodge of just ten suites in a private wildlife sanctuary, set in a fever tree forest against the backdrop of Kilimanjaro — where some of the last Super Tusker elephants roam, tusks so large they sweep the ground. Guest areas, pool and suites are all designed around uninterrupted views of Kili.

B&B: BED AND BREAKFAST

PLANNED WHILE HERE

Hot-air balloon safari over Amboseli · walking safaris in Kimana Sanctuary · the Mnara viewing point · game drives into Amboseli National Park · time with the Maasai Mamas in the Weaving Studio.

DAY 9 – 12

Masai Mara

3 nights · Angama Mara

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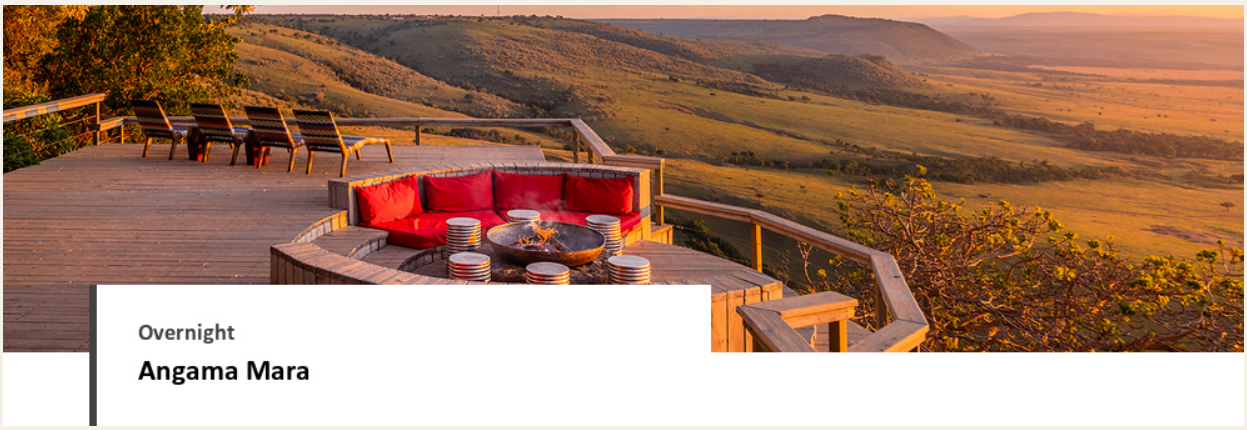
Day 9

Masai Mara

Rolling savannah crossed by the Mara River, part of the greater Serengeti–Mara ecosystem. Vast herds of wildebeest, zebra and antelope graze the plains; lion, leopard, cheetah and hyena are regularly seen in action; and each year the Great Migration transforms the region as millions of animals traverse it.

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Angama Mara



High above the Mara, where some of the most romantic scenes from Out of Africa were filmed, Angama comprises two intimate camps of 15 tented suites each. Suspended a thousand feet above the valley floor, with 30-foot floor-to-ceiling glass fronts that hot air balloons sail past every morning, and private access to the reserve.

B&B: BED AND BREAKFAST

PLANNED WHILE HERE

Game drives with private reserve access · walking safaris · garden-to-table lunch in the shamba · the Photographic Studio · the beading studio with local Maasai women.

Getting around

DAY	ROUTE	MODE
Day 1	Jomo Kenyatta International (NBO) → Giraffe Manor	Road transfer
Day 3	Giraffe Manor → Solio Lodge	Transfer
Day 6	Solio Lodge → Angama Amboseli	Transfer
Day 9	Angama Amboseli → Angama Mara	Transfer
Day 12	Angama Mara → Jomo Kenyatta International (NBO)	Transfer

Your consultant

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Antonia Hoddinott

Born in 1985. Wife to Jake and mother of three — a son and two daughters. I have a passion for travelling, especially in Africa; my best adventure ever was seeing the gorillas in Rwanda, and I love being on an open vehicle surrounded by the Big Five in the African bush. My favourite part of the job is the customer service and the marketing. I look forward to meeting you soon.

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Angama Amboseli

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Angama Mara

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Travel information

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Suggested packing list:

- Long and short sleeved shirts and T-shirts — comfortable cotton clothing in neutral tones works well in the bush
- Long trousers for early mornings, evenings and cooler days
- Comfortable walking shoes or sneakers with thick socks
- A pair of comfortable sandals for around the lodge or hotel pool between game drives
- Jackets: windbreaker, fleece or sweaters for early morning and late afternoon game drives
- Swimsuit, shorts, sun hats (cap and wide brim) and sunglasses
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Binoculars and a bird book if this interests you — though the lodge will often provide a local bird list to tick off
- Phone chargers and international plug adaptors
- Workout gear and sneakers

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Terms and conditions

An African Array C.C. trading as The Safari Index Africa ("Safari Index Africa"). By making a deposit and/or full payment towards this or any subsequent itineraries, the Client hereby agrees to the following terms and conditions.

Payment

- In order to confirm a client's reservation, Safari Index Africa requires a minimum 30% deposit payment at the time of booking. Failure to do so will result in the reservation automatically being cancelled.
- The balance of payment is due 8 weeks (60 days) prior to the commencement date of the client's itinerary. Bookings made within 8 weeks (60 days) prior to departure are subject to full prepayment at the time of confirming the reservation.
- Safari Index Africa accepts credit cards and electronic fund transfers as methods of payment.
- Credit card payments incur an additional fee of 3.8%.
- Cash and traveller's cheques are not accepted.
- All rates provided are based upon external supplier costs such as air fares, airport taxes, fuel surcharges, transfers, accommodation, activities, car hire, park fees and gate fees which are outside of the control of Safari Index Africa. These supplier costs are therefore subject to change until final payment has been received or, in the instance of air travel, until air tickets have been issued.
- The client agrees that should any such costs increase, such an increase will be for their account and shall be payable to Safari Index Africa or as otherwise instructed by Safari Index Africa.
- Should the client have been quoted in foreign currency and wish to settle payment by credit card, the quotation will be converted to South African Rand prior to the transaction being processed, due to foreign exchange regulations of the South African Reserve Bank. The rate of exchange on the day the transaction is processed will determine the equivalent Rand amount, with any resulting foreign exchange differences or bank charges being for the client's account.

Travel documents

The client must ensure that they meet the necessary travel documentation, permit and/or visa regulations of the countries they intend entering, transiting or visiting. Safari Index Africa can provide guidelines in this regard; however, the client remains responsible for ensuring that they meet any regulations.

- The client's passport must have sufficient blank visa pages available in accordance with the regulations of various African countries. A minimum of 6 adjacent blank pages per country to be entered, transited or visited is recommended.
- The client's passport must be valid for the prescribed period contained in the applicable regulations of the countries being entered, transited and/or visited. A minimum expiry date of 12 months after the travel date is recommended.

- If travelling alone with minor children, the client will need to provide a letter of consent from the absent parent(s) that the children are allowed to travel with them. If travelling to South Africa, parents are to carry each child's birth certificate and their marriage certificate.

Inoculation, immunisation and medication

- The client must ensure that they meet the immunisation, inoculation and medication regulations of the countries they are to visit. Safari Index Africa provides guidelines when requested; however, the client remains ultimately responsible for meeting the requirements of each country visited.
- Safari Index Africa recommends visiting an appropriate medical practitioner prior to travel.
- It is the client's obligation to ensure that they are medically fit to travel.

Flights

- In the event of flights being booked and secured by Safari Index Africa on behalf of the client, payment is usually required by credit card, because of the time delay in securing funds when paying by bank transfer.
- A 3.8% fee will be charged for all card transactions.
- Changes in the cost of flights between the time of quote and payment being received by Safari Index Africa will be for the client's account.
- Copies of passports are required when booking flights. Correct information must be provided by the client, and Safari Index Africa accepts no responsibility for incorrect information provided by clients.

Baggage rules

- The client must ensure that the baggage regulations of the airlines and charter companies they are using will be met. Safari Index Africa can provide guidelines in this regard; however, the client remains responsible for ensuring they meet these regulations.
- In particular, light aircraft flights have extraordinary baggage regulations which include but are not limited to weight, structure and shape.
- If the client does not adhere to the relevant baggage regulations, the transfer of baggage may be delayed and/or transferred at extra cost.

Cancellation policy and refunding of payment

- Cancellation prior to 60 days of travel — the full 30% deposit is forfeited, and 100% of total flight costs.
- Cancellation less than 60 days before travel — 100% of the total cost is forfeited.

Travel insurance

Safari Index Africa requires clients to purchase their own travel insurance at the time of booking. If they do not do so, they agree that they will be responsible for any costs arising from any emergency, cancellation or rescheduling during their trip, and they agree not to hold Safari Index Africa responsible for any harm or

loss suffered.

Third parties

- Airlines reserve the right to levy additional or increased airport taxes and fuel charges, without notice, at any stage prior to flight; any such increase will be for the client's account.
- Road transportation companies such as transfer and car rental companies reserve the right to levy additional charges due to fuel price increases and/or government road levies, without notice; any such increase will be for the client's account.
- Government and national bodies, concession owners and other parties involved in the running of private or public parks reserve the right to levy additional or increased park fees, without notice; any such increase will be for the client's account.

Changes to bookings

Safari Index Africa will make every effort to adhere to the confirmed itinerary. In the event of changes to aspects such as accommodation and transportation, Safari Index Africa will:

- Provide alternatives at no extra cost, subject to the supplier's terms and conditions.
- Should the alternatives not be found suitable, refund the client the money arising from the changes, subject to the supplier's terms and conditions.
- In the event of refunding the client, assist the client in identifying alternative services, subject to all additional costs for the alternative services being for their account.
- Should the client require any changes to be made to their booking, Safari Index Africa will do its best to assist and accommodate such changes. The client will be liable for any costs or fees charged for such changes.

Waiver, indemnity and liability

- All vouchers, receipts and tickets issued by Safari Index Africa to the client are subject to the various suppliers' terms and conditions.
- Participation in any tour or travel package arranged by Safari Index Africa and provided by any of its suppliers, including but not limited to transportation to or from any venue, is undertaken at the client's own risk.
- The client indemnifies Safari Index Africa and its directors, employees, assignees and/or agents against any claim arising for any damages or loss which might be instituted against it arising from or in connection with the services contemplated in these terms and conditions.
- The client, his/her heirs, dependants, agents, executors or their assignees hereby irrevocably waive any claims which they may have against Safari Index Africa for any form of compensation for damages which they may suffer due to injury or loss of any nature whatsoever, including accidents caused by the client's own actions, injuries or death while on the tour, in a transportation vehicle or at any place during the tour, or illness or death at any time after the tour.

- Safari Index Africa acts solely in the capacity of an agent for third parties and holds itself free of responsibility or liability for any delays, loss or damages from any cause whatsoever, including loss, delay, damages or dissatisfaction caused by third party products and services.

Applicable law

The Safari Index Africa site is created, maintained and controlled in the Republic of South Africa and, as such, the laws of the Republic of South Africa and the jurisdiction of the South African courts govern this user agreement and the use or inability to use the site.

This is a starting point, not a package.

Tell us what you'd change — longer here, softer there, different lodges, different months — and we'll rebuild it around you. We plan every trip ourselves, and we'd love to plan this one.

See you in the bush,

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