

Kenya: 5th Annual New Year's Eve Getaway A Taste of Magical Kenya! Ring In the New Year on African Soil!

8 Days, 7 Nights Land Package December 27,2023 – January 2, 2024

Depart USA/Canada/England/Virgin Islands/Caribbean/Ghana DEPART...Tuesday 26th December 2023

You will depart from your respective cities/countries. Flights are booked separately! The group will depart on an overnight flight from JFK(NYC) on December 26,2023 to Nairobi, Kenya. Additional flight information will be provided once airlines publish their 2023 December flights. At which point you can choose to either fly with the group. However, you are free to book with any carrier and fly from any city, state, province, or country suffice you arrive on December 27, 2023. Duly note Kenya, Qatar and Ethiopian Airlines have flights from JFK, DC, Newark and other countries outside of the US.

Day 1, Wednesday... December 27th: Arrival in Nairobi

On arrival in Nairobi, you will be met by your driver guide for a transfer to your 4-star accommodation at **Tamarind Tree Hotel** located within the spacious Carnivore grounds in the heart of Nairobi. After a brief meeting with our local representative, you will check into your rooms and spend the rest of the day at leisure enjoying the amenities after such a long journey.







https://tamarindtree-hotels.com/ Meals: Meals will be @ leisure (Own Expense)

Nairobi is the capital city of Kenya and the starting point for many safaris. Just over a century ago Nairobi was little more than a water depot for the notorious 'Lunatic Express'. Nairobi which means 'cool water' in the language of the Masai is now the main gateway to East Africa and gives access not only to Kenya, but also Tanzania, Uganda, and Tanzania. Since it was founded little over a century ago the city has grown at an unimaginable rate.

Day 2, Thursday...December 28th: Elephant Orphanage & Giraffe center

You will be picked up after a leisurely breakfast for a **full day city excursion**. You start of by visiting the famous **giraffe center** followed by a visit to the **Elephant orphanage** and later **lunch at Karen Blixen Coffee Garden** before completing the tour. After the day's tour, you will return to your hotel to freshen up for a fabulous night on the town. You will feast on a sumptuous traditional **Nyama Choma Welcome Dinner**, while enjoying a **live band** and entertainment by the famous **Safari Cat Dancers** at **Safari Park Hotel**. Later, you will be transferred back to **Tamarind Tree** for overnight.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner







The Giraffe Center: The Giraffe Center was started by Jock Leslie-Melville, the Kenyan grandson of a Scottish Earl, when he and his wife Betty captured a baby giraffe to start a program of breeding giraffe in captivity at their home in Langata. Since then the program has had huge success, resulting in the introduction of several breeding pairs of Rothschild Giraffe into Kenyan national parks. The Giraffe Centre is located Langata, approximately 5 km from the center of Nairobi, Kenya. It was established in order to protect the endangered Rothschild giraffe that is found only in the grasslands of Africa. In 1979, Leslie-Melville added an education center to his (then still private) giraffe sanctuary.

Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage: Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage - Get up close and personal with orphaned elephant (and often rhino). This is where Daphne Sheldrick has perfected the raising and re-integrating of orphaned elephants into the wild. The visit will be at 11am to 12pm. Here you will see the elephants being fed and playing. In addition, there is a keeper who will give a talk about the elephants, where they came from, how they are getting on, and how some of the previous orphans are progressing. You can get really close to the elephants. The orphanage also takes in rhinos and so if you are lucky you will get the chance to see a young rhino.







Day 3, Friday...December 29th: Nairobi – Maasai Mara Game Reserve/Maasai Village

0730hrs after breakfast, you will depart for Maasai Mara Game Reserve driving further through **the Great Rift Valley**. You will have an en route **game drive** as you head into your lodge for lunch. Later at around 1600hrs, you will have a game drive before returning to your overnight lodge. Upon return you will enjoy a lovely dinner Mara style!

Meals and Overnight: Enkorok Mara Camp on full board basis

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner







https://www.enkorokmaracamp.com/

Day 4, Saturday... December 30th: Maasai Mara Game Reserve

You will have a full day in Maasai Mara a place rich with wildlife as well as being close by the wildebeest river crossing point. You have options of doing **early morning game** drives before breakfast at 0630hrs and **afternoons at 1600hrs or** depart for full day game drives. You will have a **Maasai Village visit** where you will experience first-hand information on their day-to-day daily activities. Upon return to the Safari lodge, you will have dinner with an option for a **Sundowner** during the evening game drive.

Meals and Overnight: Enkorok Mara camp on Full Board. Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Masai Mara Game Reserve is an extension of Serengeti National park and a home of the annual 07th Wonder of the world; the wildebeest migration. There are abundance of animals in the park such as elephants, giraffes, and a variety of gazelle species and zebra. Mara is also the Masai country and one is likely to see the Masai Morans herding their cattle. The Masai Mara Reserve is in southwest Kenya about 280 km west of Nairobi and is named after the traditional inhabitants of the area, the Masai. It borders the Serengeti to the south. The terrain is primarily open savannah grassland that is in places broken up by rocky outcrops, small valleys and clumps of acacia trees and some forest around the rivers. There are 3 main rivers; Sand River, the Talek and the Mara. The Talek and the Mara meet in the centre of the park and continue as the Mara River. It is famous for its cats and of course for the annual migration. It is also a great for birding, larger animals and plains game.







Day 5, Sunday...December 31st: Masai Mara – Mombasa -Diani Beach

After breakfast, you will depart from Masai Mara to Nairobi. On arrival you will be dropped off at the airport to catch your **flight (1hr 5min nonstop)** to **Mombasa**. On arrival you will be met by your hotel representative for a transfer to your fabulous **all-inclusive 5-star resort**. You will have the opportunity to freshen up and enjoy the amenities of the resort before we convene to **ring** in the **New Year** on the beautiful Diani beach under the African skies with a **live local band and a sumptuous dinner**. **Happy New Year Globetrotting Sistars**, **Family and Friends!**

Dinner and overnight at Neptune Beach Resort on All Inclusive

https://www.neptunehotels.com/en/hotels/neptune-beach-resort



Day 6 & 7, Monday... January 1st & Tuesday 2nd 2024: Mombasa – Diani Beach – Happy New Year

You will spend the next two days at leisure enjoying the resort amenities as well as exploring Mombasa. You can also opt for a tour of Mombasa town, The Haller Park, Marine Park among other point of interest in Mombasa. Activities and facilities at the resort include a fitness Centre, Beauty Salon and Spa Services, Heated Swimming Pool, Children Pool, Children Club, Golf nearby, Tennis/squash courts, Beach volleyball, Beach and nature walks, Coconut harvesting, Water Aerobics, Archery, Windsurfing, Snorkeling, Deep Sea, Fishing among others.

Overnight at Neptune Beach Resort on All Inclusive





Day 8, Wednesday... January 3, 2024: Diani - Nairobi

After breakfast you will be transferred to the train station for a scenic ride back to Nairobi. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the airport to catch your international flight. **We bid you farewell until next time!**

Meals: Breakfast

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