



**TRAVEL CLUB**  
*travel without judgement*

**SAVANNAHS & SUNSETS**  
*of Kenya*  
**& Tanzania**

**16 DAYS | 15 NIGHTS**  
**18 JANUARY - 2 FEBRUARY 2025**  
**2 - 17 FEBRUARY 2025**

HI THERE **G&T** CLUBBERS!

## **AFRICA, A BEAUTIFUL & MYSTERIOUS CONTINENT THAT IS DEFINITELY IN OUR TOP 5 PLACES TO SEE**

It is rich in history, culture, incredible wildlife and much intrigue that links them all together. There are numerous options for travel throughout Africa but from our personal experience of living, working and both travelling extensively in Africa, East Africa is what we call 'The real Africa'.

Spend time with us as we dissect the best of Kenya and Tanzania. Our circuit will have you travel out to Lake Nakuru National Park, home to the masses of pink flamingo. You will safari through the Maasai Mara National Park, home to the famous Maasai warriors. You will be staying on the shores of Lake Victoria, the source of the mighty Nile River. You will witness the daily struggles of survival within the animal kingdom as it plays out in the vastness of The Serengeti and Ngorongoro National Parks. You will feel like you are part of a David Attenborough documentary. Believe us when we say it is much better than watching it from the comfort of your own lounge room.

You will pass at the foot of Africa's tallest mountain, Mt Kilimanjaro before crossing the border back into Kenya where you will enter The Amboseli National Park. This park has been said to be the greatest place in the world to see large herds of elephant roaming the plains, often with the snow covered peak of Mt Kilimanjaro as the backdrop.

You will see large herds of grazing animals such as Zebra and Wildebeest. They always work their way across the vast plains in search of good grazing grasses often unaware of the stalking pride of lions in search of their own next meal.

We will look high up in the acacia trees for the elusive leopard as it awaits the unsuspecting gazelle to walk by. Herds of elephant will be making their way to their favourite waterholes hoping not to have to share it with too many other animals. We will be fascinated by the fun antics of the baby warthog as they play with no concern at all, of the possible danger around them.

We will get you up close and personal to this awesome wilderness experience as we chase the action in 5 of the best National Parks in Kenya and Tanzania in search of the magical Big Five.





At the end of each day you will need to settle back and relax in the comfort of your Safari Lodge or Safari Camp to be able to absorb all the wonders of the day's events. You may just want a tall G&T in your hand as the sun sets to consider just what part of the day was your major highlight.

If this sounds like the adventure you have always dreamed of then come on this adventure with us. Gools and Thommo have one main focus on this trip, and that is to immerse you into the breathtaking experience of this wildlife kingdom while enjoying the company of a great group. Our small fleet of individual safari vehicles will allow great access to the National Parks. Our nights will be spent in well-established and superbly located Safari Lodges or where possible, Safari Camps out in the wilderness.

G&T Travel Club has successfully completed sell out tours to several different destinations now including India, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Cambodia, Nepal, Kenya & Tanzania. Every tour so far has proven to be an amazing success with some Clubbers lining up for each and every destination. Many tours have required additional departures to be added due to the popular demand. This African tour back in 2019 required 3 additional departures to accommodate that demand.

**There are some great tour companies out there, but they all tend to follow the same path and the same style. We are not re-inventing the wheel but feel that our 'product' has some very distinct differences and some personal touches that make our travel experience quite unique. For our existing G&T Clubbers, you know all of this but for the benefit of our newcomers and of course your immediate family and friends who we invite to join you please see below how we differ.**

Due to the increasing interest in our Travel Club, we are super excited to share with you some awesome news about our 'Ontrack Adventures'. This new tour product has been developed due to our expanding business. Stay tuned for the full details soon.



## HOW WE DIFFER

G&T Travel Club tours will always have Gools and Thommo on each, and every departure as your personal hosts. The following are some of the considerations we made while developing our African programme.



1. We wanted to develop an **interesting itinerary** with natural flow to maximise our time and experience. Rather than travel in one big overland truck we have arranged for several safari vehicles, so we can travel in smaller groups. As the itinerary has us traversing many of the National Parks on our travel days, the added bonus is that we actually are on game drives as we travel. Due to this feature our drive times will always vary depending on what action we come across on any given day. This gives us complete control and flexibility. We will encourage you to share the experience with different people as you can swap and change vehicles as you wish.

2. We have made sure that we have several multi night stops as the **accommodation** is equally a part of the experience as are the animals. Our choices were made with great consideration of location and proximity to the action, spectacular views, style, feel and facilities, not just to a Star Category. Some ground operators like to run a programme with a consistent star rating, but Donna (our ground operator and great friend) understood that we wanted to be a little different and offer a variety, so we can take full advantage of what's on offer. Also, many of our activities kick-off right from the lodges or camps so the excitement builds immediately from the start of the day.

3. Unlike other destinations we don't have the option to choose our restaurant dining experience. It is therefore important to make sure that our lodge or camp has a **great dining option** within. We have relied on Donna to point us in the right direction here. Remember that all meals are included throughout the tour which is costed in as full board. Those of you who have been to India and Sri Lanka, Vietnam and Cambodia know that we personally chose each restaurant from our previous research and experiences. This is not an option on an African safari, so it is important to choose great lodges and camps with a proven reputation. We have also checked that the most obvious dietary requirements can be catered for.

4. Having both **Gools and Thommo** along as hosts gives you something no one else can match. We will be with you the whole time looking after you personally. On top of that we will also have our National Tour Guides, separate for both Kenya and Tanzania. Our safari drivers will be with us each day we travel and where applicable we will have our lodge and camp staff assistants.

5. Most importantly we made sure we put together a **'Great Value'** product, not necessarily the cheapest but well worth the few extra dollars for an amazing experience! We have chosen our dates and direction of itinerary for each country in regards, to the best possible weather and of course the best game viewing opportunity.

6. Lastly where it comes to Africa and game drives the best way to travel is in **smaller individual vehicles** with maximum 6 passengers, plus crew/hosts. To have this small group adventure will cost a few more dollars which is why some people choose to take the overland truck option. Overland trucks these days are not a whole lot less which is what makes our product such great value. We are achieving the small group adventure throughout the day but adding the fun of a larger group back in at night with a maximum of 18 guests. It is great fun to sit by the pool as the sun sets, to discuss and compare the days experiences.

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## Day 1 ARRIVE NAIROBI

### Karibu! (Welcome) to Africa

Upon arrival at Nairobi International airport, you will be greeted in the arrival's hall by a local representative with your name on a paging board. Look out for the G&T logo. You will be transferred to the hotel and the balance of the day is at leisure. **Pre-Departure tour meeting will be in the hotel lobby at 5.00pm.**

**NB:** *This is not an area where you can simply wander around. There is a café and restaurant within the hotel and dinner is included. If you arrive early and wish to do some sightseeing the hotel concierge can assist.*

**Meals Included:** Dinner

**Overnight:** Tamarind Tree Hotel Nairobi (or similar)

## Day 2 NAIROBI TO LAKE NAIVASHA (DRIVING TIME APPROX. 2HRS)

After breakfast we will leave the city of Nairobi behind as we head straight out into the amazing eco system of **Lake Naivasha, our gateway to the Lake Nakuru National Park.** Upon arrival we will check into our lodge where a delicious lunch will be served. After lunch we will take a boat ride on the lake over to Crescent Island, a private island sanctuary where we can walk among **giraffe, zebra, waterbuck, impala, and countless bird species.** Our Crescent Island walk will be led by a local guide. Lake Naivasha is a beautiful freshwater lake. The lake is quite wide, but its waters remain shallow with an average depth of just five metres. The perfect environment for several 'bloats' of hippos to hang out. Naivasha is known as a world class birding destination but also draws a great range of other game to its shores. From your balcony you may witness a 'tower' of Giraffe wandering among the acacia or a 'dazzle' of zebra grazing freely among the lodge grounds. The perfect introduction to some of the African wildlife!

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge (or similar)





## Day 3 LAKE NAIVASHA TO LAKE NAKURU NATIONAL PARK (DRIVING TIME APPROX. 2 HRS)

Today after breakfast and after our first taste of this amazing continent's wildlife we will surely be hungry for more as we head into **Lake Nakuru National Park**. We have both morning and afternoon game drives today. During the day we will take a break and enjoy a **lovely hot lunch at Sarova Lion Hill Lodge**.

Lake Nakuru is nestled in the vast Great Rift Valley and provides visitors with one of Kenya's best-known images. **Thousands of pink flamingos** often merge into a massive flock and fringe the shores of this perfect soda lake. Depending on the migration of these birds we may just witness a pulsing pink swathe of life carpeting these waters. A truly breathtaking sight.

The beauty of Nakuru is that it has much more than just flamingos. It is an important sanctuary for both **Black and White Rhino** and they are often seen resting under the acacias by the lake shore.

The park is also home to the **Maasai and Rothschild Giraffe** and a whole lot more. This is one of your best chances to spot a Leopard in Kenya. Thommo has often commented on just how often he and his groups saw them when he worked with Exodus.

After our afternoon game drive, we will head back to our lodge to share and compare the best shots of the day over perhaps **a nice tall G&T by the pool or a cuppa and cake on the lodge veranda**.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge (or similar)



## Day 4 LAKE NAIVASHA TO THE MAASAI MARA NATIONAL PARK (DRIVING TIME APPROX. 5-6HRS)

After another fantastic breakfast, we will continue our journey towards the **Maasai Mara Game Reserve**. The Maasai Mara is known as one of the finest wildlife destinations in the world. **There is an excellent chance of seeing the 'Big 5' here.** Last visit we all saw the 'Big 5' in just 1 day!

There will also be **cheetah, serval, hyena, bat-eared foxes, black-backed and side-striped jackals, crocodile, baboons, topi, eland, Thompson's gazelle, Grant's gazelle, oribi, reedbuck, zebra, and warthog**, just to name a few. Gools' all-time favourite were the baby warthogs scampering around with their little radar like tails high in the air. Upon entering we will drive deep into to the park to our **luxury safari camp where we will enjoy a delicious lunch**. After lunch and after we have had time to pinch ourselves and believe that we are now in, 'deepest darkest Africa' we will head out on our first Maasai Mara game drive for the balance of the afternoon.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

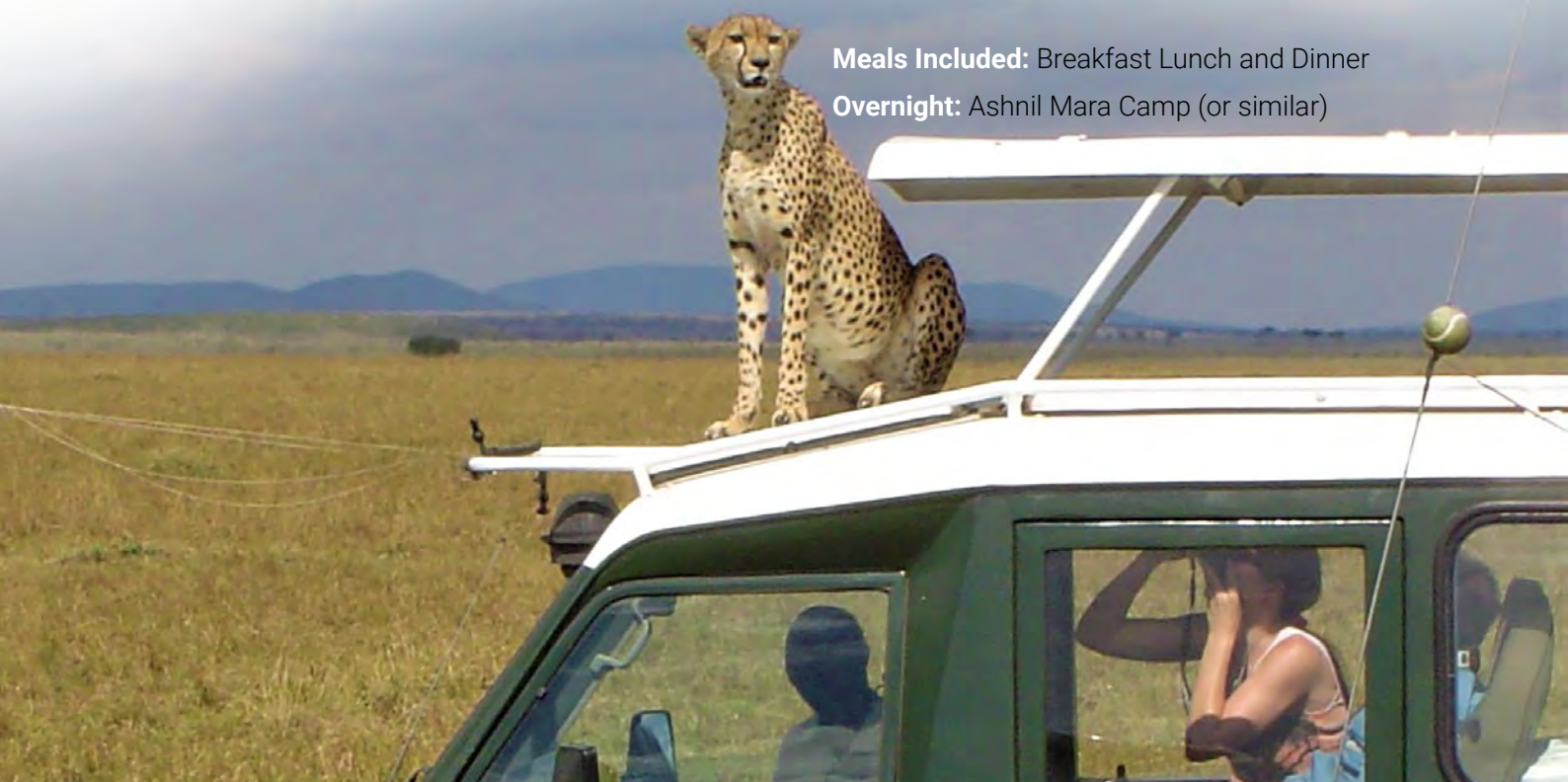
**Overnight:** Ashnil Mara Camp (or similar)

## Day 5 MAASAI MARA GAME RESERVE

**Mara in Maasai language means spotted.** It is the description of the area when looked at from above or afar. An apt description for the circles of trees, scrub, savannah, and cloud shadows that mark the vast green land. **The BBC Television show titled 'Big Cat Dairy' was filmed in both the Reserve and Conservation areas of the Maasai Mara.** Thommo still talks about his experience when a cheetah climbed onto the bonnet of his safari vehicle leaving some of the guests too excited to even think to take a photo. Let's see what amazing experiences the Mara offers this time. The Maasai warriors still wander the area with their livestock, however, the modern-day influences have crept in, and a few will be in traditional dress along with their knock off Rolex watches. A colourful photo we all will be keen to capture. With both an amazing morning and afternoon game drive today, we will explore 'The Mara' until our hearts are content. This is the time of year that the animals have their young, so the day is sure to give your cameras a good work out. After returning to camp, you will have time to sort through your photos over a cold beer or a welcomed cuppa. The local hippo chorus below in the river is something else and it will drift through the night air as you fall asleep.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Ashnil Mara Camp (or similar)





## Day 6 MAASAI MARA TO LAKE VICTORIA (DRIVING TIME APPROX. 5-6HRS TO ISEBANIA THEN 2HRS TO SPEKE BAY)

Today after breakfast we head to the **Tanzanian border** where we change vehicles and meet our Tanzanian guides. We then continue to **Speke Bay, a small gulf in Lake Victoria**. This is quite a picturesque drive as we make our way to one of Africa's Great Lakes. The lake was named after Queen Victoria by the explorer John Hanning Speke, the first Briton to document it. With a surface area of approximately 68,800 square kilometres **Lake Victoria is Africa's largest lake by area, the world's largest tropical lake, and the world's second largest freshwater lake by surface area**, after Lake Superior in North America. Because Lake Victoria is Africa's largest inland fishery (home to the well-known Nile Perch) the birdlife is prolific. Once we arrive and settle into our lake front lodge, we will enjoy lunch and an afternoon guided bird watching walk.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Speke Bay Lodge (or similar)



## Day 7 LAKE VICTORIA TO THE SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK (DRIVING TIME APPROX. 5HRS)

After an early breakfast this morning we will take a **traditional canoe ride on Lake Victoria** to a local fishing village to interact with the locals where the simple way of life is served up with fantastic smiles. Afterwards we will **return to our lodge for a delicious lunch and in the afternoon, we will drive into the incredible Serengeti National Park**. The Serengeti borders the Maasai Mara and is renowned for its large lion population. It is one of the best places to observe prides in their natural environment. In addition, approximately **70 large mammals and 500 bird species can be found there**. This wide variety is due to the diverse habitats, including riverine forests, swamps, savannahs grasslands and woodlands.

Our luxury wilderness camp awaits along with the amazing camp team who will welcome us on arrival and entertain us throughout our stay. Tonight, as you drift off it is not unusual to hear both elephant and lion off in the distance settling into their own evening antics!

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Naona Moru Camp (or similar)





## Day 8 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

The Serengeti has some of East Africa's finest game areas. Besides being known for the great migration, the Serengeti is also famous for its abundant large predators.

**The ecosystem is home to over 3,000 lions, 1,000 leopards, and approximately 8,000 spotted hyenas.**

The Serengeti is also home to an amazing variety of grazers, including **elephant, African buffalo, warthogs, Grant's gazelle, eland, waterbuck, and topi**, just to name a few. The Serengeti can support this remarkable variety of grazers only because each species, even those that are closely related, has a different diet. For example, wildebeests prefer to consume shorter grasses, while zebras prefer taller ones. Similarly, dik-diks eat the lowest leaves of a tree, impalas eat the leaves that are higher up, and giraffes eat leaves that are even higher.

We will make our way around the park searching for the herds of elephant who are instinctively protecting their newly born young under their bellies. We will keep our eyes focused on spotting the lion prides playing with their young cubs. To witness a newborn zebra just hours old and able to keep up with the herd is something else.

**Today will be an unforgettable experience as we spend a full day game driving and exploring the great Serengeti plains.** Gools and Thommo both have very fond memories of their time spent in this remarkable part of the world.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Naona Moru Camp (or similar)



## Day 9 NDOTU NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA/SOUTHERN SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Due to the enormous size of the Serengeti, we will have 4 days to explore the vast plains. Other tour companies give the park just 1 or 2 days in total, but this does not do the park justice. We believe that 4 days split over 2 different areas is necessary to have the best experience. Therefore, today we will change location and head towards Ndotu in the Ngorongoro Conservation area. **The camp borders the southeast of the Serengeti National Park and we can travel freely across both areas searching out game!**

Changing camps today is a game drive all the way and plenty of opportunity to immerse ourselves in what feels like another 'Attenborough' documentary. You better have plenty of camera space today! As we move today, we have every chance that we will come across the migrating zebra and wildebeest as they are constantly on the move in search of fresh grasses and an idyllic place to have their young. The Ndotu plains are where they're heading.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Nasikia Mobile Migration Camp (or similar)





# Day 10

## NDUTU NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA/SOUTHERN SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

In Nasikia Mobile Migration Camp we are perfectly located to **indulge in an unforgettable hot air balloon ride**. For those who are interested we would need to request availability well in advance. If this is on your bucket list, please advise when you finalise your tour. Numbers are limited.

The ballooners head out early before breakfast as they have a wilderness champagne breakfast after their flight. **The balance of the group has breakfast at camp then a game drive that meets up with the ballooners.** The balance of the morning once the group is back together will be spent on safari until lunch back at camp. After lunch we game drive again and explore a different section of Ndutu.

This area is famed for its short grass plains where the nutrients are perfect to sustain the herds of migratory animals while they have their babies. Nature goes about its daily business completely unbothered by our presence. It is here in the southern region that the animals move clockwise in their annual migration from south to north at this time of the year (between January and April). **This is why G&T run their tours in this season. To have the experience of seeing 'baby everything'** from giraffe to elephant and baby warthogs to hippos it is the ultimate African safari dream.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Nasikia Mobile Migration Camp (or similar)





## Day 11 **NDUTU NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA TO NGORONGORO CRATER & ON TO THE CRATER HIGHLANDS**

Today, we have an early **start to begin our journey towards Ngorongoro Crater** where we then descend to the crater floor. The crater plays host to the most amazing count of East Africa's best wildlife.

**Be prepared for spectacular scenery and game viewing.** The crater floor is a whole different experience altogether and consists, of several different habitats within! These include grasslands, swamps, forests & soda lakes. This blend of environments, attract a myriad of wildlife to drink, wallow, graze, climb, hide & hunt. Although animals are free to move in and out of the crater as they wish, it's the steep crater walls that encompass the rich volcanic soil and the availability of food sources combined that tend to keep both grazers and predators here throughout the year. **The Crater is one of the most likely areas in Tanzania to see the endangered Black Rhino, as a small population is thriving in this condensed and protected area.**

It is currently one of the few areas where they continue to breed in the wild. Your chances of encountering leopard here are also quite high, and the fabulous black-maned lions are often seen sunbathing without a care in the world. The hunters and the hunted are so close to our vehicles you won't know where to look. Once we have had our fill of excitement for the day we will continue up to the surrounding highlands and take up residence for 2 nights at the stunning Plantation Lodge.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner  
**Overnight:** Plantation Lodge (or similar)

## Day 12 **CRATER HIGHLANDS**

This morning if you wake early, you can take a stroll and appreciate the gorgeous, lush gardens of the lodge. After breakfast we take a **short drive to the rural centre of Karatu town.** Here we will take a leisurely walk through some local farms and villages on the rift valley escarpment. You will discover the simple life of the local people. **No destination is complete until you get to meet the people.** We will visit the homes of the local Iraqw tribe and take the opportunity to sample some of their local produce. We hope to witness the traditional wood-fired brick making and may even come across the village kids making their way to school. Here you will gain a deeper understanding of the lifestyle of the local people. After our village visit, we will make our way back to the Lodge for a relaxing afternoon with a swim or a sundowner, or both! The hospitality here is colonial excellence and the wine cellar is a must to see (or try)!

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner  
**Overnight:** Plantation Lodge (or similar)



## Day 13 CRATER HIGHLANDS TO AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK (DRIVING TIME APPROX. 3-4HRS)

After a great breakfast spread, we will descend from the escarpment and make our way to **Arusha to visit the Shanga workshop where we will have our lunch at the Arusha Coffee Lodge.** This is a unique community project with an artistic approach giving you the opportunity to help make a difference. You may wish to purchase some of their handmade jewellery, glassware, or homeware. **This is an employment programme assisting those with disabilities and utilising recycled materials.** Gools and Thommo always like to find an opportunity in the destination where you can give a little back. By visiting here, we can hopefully make a small difference in someone's world. Have a look at the website if you are interested. [www.shanga.org](http://www.shanga.org)

After our delicious lunch we will continue to the Namanga border where we will bid farewell to our Tanzanian guides and re-join our Kenyan guides and vehicles and **head to the Amboseli National Park.**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Oltukai Lodge (or similar)



## Day 14 AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

Amboseli National Park is famous for being the best place in Africa to **get up close and personal with free ranging elephants.** With excellent cross savannah views of Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world you will have a fantastic photographic backdrop (subject to weather conditions of course). Kili is visible from right outside your room and the fence of our lodge is the boundary for the animals. Elephant can be seen most afternoons walking the fence line heading off to drink. **Today we will immerse ourselves in a full day game driving as we explore Amboseli.** By now your inner tracker, spotter and hunter skills will be well tuned and you will be amazing each other with how much you know, recognise, and see. You will be able to show off now with pride, your ability to spot the slight differences between many species. Your list of animals spotted will well and truly be off the page.

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Oltukai Lodge (or similar)





## Day 15 DRIVE BACK TO NAIROBI (DRIVING TIME APPROX. 4HRS)

**After Breakfast we make our way back to Nairobi.**

Today we utilise a packed lunch, so we can arrive back in town with plenty of time to rest up and freshen up for our **Gala Dinner tonight.**

**Meals Included:** Breakfast Lunch and Gala Dinner

**Overnight:** Tamarind Tree Hotel Nairobi (or similar)

## Day 16 DEPARTURE DAY

After breakfast and checkout, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight.

**Meals included:** Breakfast only

**Gools and Thommo have chosen a great variety of accommodation throughout the itinerary. Feel free to click on the accommodation links below and have a look at the galleries that relate. This will give you an idea of what to expect.**

Choices were made with the consideration of experiencing both lodges and wilderness camps and placing ourselves in the best possible proximity to the action, without too much wasted travel time. Most of our drives getting us from point A to point B will place us all on Safari instantly or taking us through interesting countryside. Also important was to choose locations to enhance the experience.

Our accommodation encompasses 2 nights at [Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge](#) with stunning bush views with roaming animals seen from your balcony and gives us great access to Lake Nukuru NP.

While 2 nights at [Ashnil Mara Camp](#) with its luxury tents within the Maasai Mara NP lets you sit on your deck while listening to the local hippo chorus.

1 night at [Speke Bay Lodge](#) that looks like a small village spread out on the shores of Lake Victoria. This location allows us to traverse the full Serengeti NP by entering on the Northwest and exiting on the Southeast. Other groups will enter and leave by the same gate on the east only.

Your 2 nights at [Naona Moru Camp](#) where you will sleep peacefully at night, where the noises of the night float on the gentle Serengeti breeze. We then move on to the Southeast corner of the park to maximise our game viewing opportunities!

We will be staying in the Ndutu area utilising the incredible [Nasikia Mobile Migration Camp](#) for 2 nights.

After that we head towards the Crater Highlands, our base for 2 nights at [Plantation Lodge](#) atop the escarpment.

From here we will continue onto Amboseli NP and have 2 nights in [Oltukai Lodge](#) with uninterrupted breathtaking views of Mt Kilimanjaro (subject to weather conditions). It is an eco-rated lodge which offers the best location for elephant watching. Some writers have described it as 'Home to the Gods' and offers true and fantastic African hospitality.

Then Day 15 we head back to the [Tamarind Tree Hotel Nairobi](#) where we all started from. Our start and end point hotel is Tamarind Tree Hotel Nairobi. It is well located and has great facilities. Many 'G&T Clubbers' choose to add an extra day at the start or end of our tour and this hotel is a perfect place to base yourself and enjoy the facilities.