

# KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI

## Go Ahead Tour - October 1 - 17, 2021

### Itinerary, Day 8

#### Masai Mara

#### Game drives & Masai Mara Village Visit

Head out on an early morning game drive. Then, enjoy an included lunch before trying to spot lions, giraffes, zebras, gazelles, impalas, elephants, warthogs, cheetahs, and wildebeest on an afternoon game drive. Later, immerse yourself in the Masai way of life during a visit to a local village.

- Tour an authentic boma and discover the history and heritage behind the Masai tribe
- Hear how the money they receive from your visit is used to sustain the community

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.



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## Masai Mara

The Masai Mara National Reserve is one of the most popular tourism destinations in Kenya. The reserve is located in the Great Rift Valley in primarily open grassland.

The Masai Mara is regarded as the jewel of Kenya's wildlife viewing areas. The annual wildebeest's migration alone involves over 1.5 million animals arriving in July and departing in November. There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles, and over 400 bird species recorded on the reserve.

Nowhere in Africa is wildlife more abundant. The Mara is known as one of the finest wildlife destinations in the world, with an excellent chance of seeing the big five, cheetah, serval, hyena, bat-eared foxes, black-backed and side-striped jackals, hippo, crocodile, baboons, warthog, topi, eland, Thompson's gazelle, Grant's gazelle, impala, waterbuck, oribi, reed-buck and zebra.

The altitude is at 5,300 feet. Rainy season runs from November through May, with peak rainfall in December-January and April-May. Dry season is from June to November. Often sunny mornings give way to cloud build-up in the afternoons. During the rains this develops into thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. The max temperatures are around 86°F, and minimums around 68°F.



## The Big Five

Peak season for visiting is between July and October, during the migration. Early November and February can also offer excellent game viewing.

There are many wonderful activities to do in the Masai Mara. There is of course, game viewing, but also camping, night game drives, visits to Masai Cultural Villages, hot air ballooning, and meals in the bush.



## Cuisine

\*Cuisine in your game lodges reflects the region's British colonial influence - you may find that many locals pause for afternoon tea. Most restaurants offer curries and other South Asian cuisine brought over by the many Indian immigrants. Maize, sweet potatoes, and pineapple were brought over by the Portuguese,

