

KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI

Go Ahead Tour - October 1 - 17, 2021

Itinerary, Days 5&6

Lake Naivasha

En route to the Great Rift Valley region, stop at the Equator to experience the famed Coriolis effect.

Continue on to Lake Naivasha for lunch and an optional nature walk. Then, sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Lake Nakuru Game Drive

Travel to Lake Nakuru, one of the "soda lakes" of the Rift Valley where flamingoes make their home.

- Take a morning game drive in a 4x4 land cruiser through Lake Nakuru National Park
- Keep an eye out for wildlife like zebras, monkeys and rhinos, both the elusive black and white varieties
- Enjoy an included lunch

Head back to your safari lodge and sit down for an included dinner this evening.



Lake Naivasha

Lake Naivasha is a beautiful freshwater lake, fringed by thick papyrus. The lake is almost 13 km across, but its waters are shallow with an average depth of 5 m.

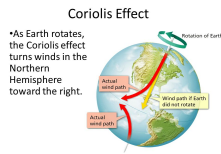
Lake area varies greatly according to rainfall. At the beginning of the 20th century, Naivasha completely dried up and effectively disappeared. The resulting open land was farmed, until heavy rains a few years later caused the lake to return to existence, swallowing up the newly established estates.

Afternoon wind and storms can cause the lake to become suddenly rough and produce high waves. For this reason, the local Maasai christened the lake Nai'posha, meaning "rough water".

The lake and its surroundings are rich in natural bounty, and the fertile soils and water supply have made this one of Kenya's prime agricultural regions. Much of the lake is surrounded by forests of the yellow barked Acacia Xanthophlea, known as the yellow fever tree.

These forests abound with bird life, and Naivasha is known as a world class birding destination. The waters of the lake draw a great range of game to these shores. Giraffes wander among the acacia,

Coriolis Effect



The Coriolis Effect makes things (like planes or currents of air) traveling long distances around Earth appear to move at a curve as opposed to a straight line.

It's a pretty weird phenomenon, but the cause is simple: different parts of the Earth move at different speeds.

The invisible force that appears to deflect the wind is the Coriolis force. The Coriolis force applies to movement on rotating objects. It is determined by the mass of the object and the object's rate of rotation. The Coriolis force is perpendicular to the object's axis. The Earth spins on its axis from west to east. The Coriolis force, therefore, acts in a north-south direction. The Coriolis force is zero at the Equator.

Though the Coriolis force is useful in mathematical equations, there is actually no physical force involved. Instead, it is just the ground moving at a different speed than an object in the air.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nX9nqpjRZgE>

buffalo wallow in the swamps, and Colobus monkeys call from the treetops while the lake's large hippo population sleep the day away out in the shallows.



Clothing & Packing Tips

*Loose-fitting, layered clothing that can accommodate varying temperatures will be most comfortable. Quick-dry material is best for hot days outside and a warmer layer may be needed for chilly evenings and early mornings.

*For game drives, wear muted colors, as bright clothing may scare animals away.

*Comfortable close-toed shoes, such as sneakers or lightweight hiking boots, are best for walking during the day.

*Pack a swimsuit as many of the hotels have pools that you are free to use at your leisure.

*Sun protection is very important. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a broad-brimmed hat to protect your face and the back of your neck from the sun.



*Occasional rain showers are common during certain seasons, so lightweight rainwear may be necessary depending on the timing of your trip.

*Mosquito repellent, binoculars, and a flashlight are highly recommended.

*A small bottle of hand sanitizer may be helpful when other facilities are not readily available while on the road.



*The Kenyan government has a strict ban on plastic bags. It is illegal to use, sell, or carry plastic bags anywhere in the country under the new law, and violators will face charges including high fines or imprisonment. Please bring reusable cloth bags if you plan to go shopping on tour, and do not pack any plastic bags, including small resealable bags.