



# KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI

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

### Itinerary, Day 4

#### Aberdare National Park

Transfer to Aberdare National Park. Take in sweeping views of the countryside, passing pineapple and coffee plantations, as you journey to the forested foothills of Mount Kenya National Park.

- Stop at Aberdare Country Club for lunch
- Enjoy wildlife viewing at your lodge near Aberdare National Park.

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.



### Aberdare National Park

The Aberdares are an isolated volcanic mountain range that forms the eastern wall of the rift valley, between Nairobi and Thompsons Falls. This beautifully scenic region is much cooler than the savannahs and offers a completely different perspective on the country. The national park lies mainly above the tree line. The scenery is spectacular with its mountainous terrain covered in thick tropical forests swathed in mist.

The experience in the park is unlike anywhere else in Kenya. The Park is most famous as the place where Princess Elizabeth found out that she was Queen upon the death of her father at Treetops Lodge. Since then this lodge has been popular with tourists on safari to Kenya.

Half the thrill of game viewing in this park is an elephant or buffalo suddenly appearing out of the thick rainforest vegetation. One of the best places to see the local denizens is at one of the waterholes by the lodge. The Park has several high mountain peaks, deep ravines with icy mountain streams and many beautiful waterfalls with a moorland plateau. You can explore the park while on game drives and trek up the high peaks and take in the spectacular scenery.

## Famous Kenyans

### *Have you Heard of Them?*

- \*Lupita Nyong'o - Actress
- \*Barack Obama Sr - Kenyan Official
- \*Uhuru Kenyatta - President of Kenya
- \*Wangari Maathai - Nobel Peace Prize Winner
- \*Louis Leakey - Paleanthropologist and Archaeologist
- \*Richard Leakey - Paleanthropologist and Conservationist
- \*Julian Ozanne - film producer
- \*Gurinder Chadha - film director
- \*Edi Gathegi - American film actor
- \*Eliud Kipchoge - Olympic marathon champion and World Marathon record holder
- Kipchoge Keino - two-time Olympic gold medalist and the former chairman of the Kenyan Olympic Committee
- Pamela Jelimo - the first Kenyan woman to win an Olympic gold medal in Beijing

The thick rainforest gives way to bamboo forest and interesting alpine vegetation the higher you travel up the mountain peaks within the park. The forest is home to populations of forest elephants, buffalo, lion, and several species of antelope such as the waterbuck, duiker, and the rare suni and bushbuck. If you are very lucky you might catch a glimpse of Kenya's rarest antelope, the bongo. The Park is also home to a healthy population of black rhino.

Servals and leopards also may be seen, some of which have a black coat. There are many species of primates, including the black and white colobus and Sykes and vervet monkeys.

## Baggage Allowance

\*Airlines have varying weight restrictions on baggage. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage; be advised that you are responsible for any such costs.

\*Contact your airline for baggage size and weight restrictions for your flight, but please note that our travelers are restricted to one checked bag per person due to storage limitations on safari vehicles.

\*You'll need one overnight bag, such as a backpack or small collapsible duffel bag.

\*One small carry-on bag is also permitted (which can double as your overnight bag).

\*Make sure you label your baggage and keep valuables, medication, and documents in your carry-on bag.

Safari luggage restrictions are strict and strongly enforced. It's essential that your luggage meet the following requirements:

\*a soft, flexible duffel bag (absolutely no hard suitcases or bags with hard sides are permitted)

\*your bags can be no larger than 34" W by 17" H by 15" L

\*the total weight cannot exceed 44 pounds (including your camera equipment and carry-on bag).

