

# KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI

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

### Itinerary, Days 1 & 2

#### Day 1: Travel Day

Board your overnight flight to Nairobi today.

#### Day 2: Arrival in Nairobi

Welcome to Kenya! Arrive in Nairobi and transfer to the hotel.

### Quick Travel Tips

\*Try to get as much **sleep as possible on the flight** to Nairobi. There is a good possibility that we will arrive in the morning, Kenya time, and we will hit the ground running!

\***Pack light!** A carry-on and personal item is all you need! You can wear clothing multiple times, or wash things out in the sink as needed. The less luggage you bring, the less you will have to worry about lugging around.

\*If you like to use a **wash cloth**, bring one with you, along with a ziplock bag to carry it in if it's wet when you leave your hotel room. Most hotels in Africa will not provide you with wash cloths.



## Nairobi: Interesting Facts

1. Nairobi was founded in the late 1890s as a British railroad camp on the Mombasa to Uganda railway. When the railway construction workers reached this area in 1899, they set up a basic camp and supply depot called "Mile 327". From 1899-1905 it served as a British provincial capital, and in 1963 it became the capital of independent Kenya.
2. Nairobi is located in an area that was once frequented by the pastoral Masai. The local Masai called this highland swamp *nai'robe* - the place of cool water. The phrase is also the Masai name of the Nairobi River, which in turn lent its name to the city.
3. Although Nairobi is situated a few degrees south of the equator, its high altitude means that the city's climate is mild year-round. Visitors are spared the extreme, blistering temperatures found in other regions of Africa, or even other areas within Kenya.
4. London has red buses, New York has its taxi cabs, the Philippines have the Jeepneys, New Delhi has auto rickshaws, and Nairobi has its matatus. Matatu is slang for mini buses that are used as public transportation in Kenya. In Nairobi, public transportation is the norm for the majority of the population. Matatus play a critical role in providing city dwellers with transport.

## Flag of Kenya



Kenya's flag was adopted on December 12, 1963. The black color represents the people of Kenya, the red represents blood, the green represents natural wealth, and the white represents peace. The Masai shield and spears represent the defense of freedom.

## Flag of Tanzania



The flag of Tanzania was adopted on June 30, 1964. The color green represents the vegetation and agricultural resources of the land, the color black symbolizes the Swahili natives of the country, the color blue is representative of the Indian Ocean, as well as the country's rivers and lakes. The thin stripes symbolize the deposits of the land.

A unique feature of matatus is the outlandish art on their body. Graffiti from pop culture, music icons and contemporary topics adorn the sides of the matatus in a show of artistic prowess. The more colorful the van, the more famous it is and the more likely it is to attract passengers.



5. Nairobi National park is the only national park that borders a capital city. Set on the city's southern suburbs, the Park is right next to the city. Seeing wildlife with a backdrop of the city skyline can be somehow incongruous - but that's what makes the park special.



Wide open grass plains and scattered acacia bushes play host to a wide variety of wildlife such as the endangered black rhino, lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, buffalo, giraffes and diverse bird life.

## Tour Pace

\*You will walk for about 45 minutes daily across mostly flat terrain, including some paved roads, unpaved trails, and dirt paths.

\*Travelers should be healthy enough to participate in all included walks without assistance.

\*You should feel comfortable managing your own baggage at times. This tour also includes long bumpy rides in safari vehicles. You should feel comfortable stepping up and down to get in and out of the vehicles, standing for long periods of time, and maintaining your balance.

\*Go Ahead Tours and the Tour Director who accompanies the group are unable to provide special, individual mobility assistance to travelers on tour. The responsibility of the Tour Director is to ensure the group as a whole enjoys a relaxing and informative journey, and he or she cannot be relied upon to provide ongoing, individualized assistance to any one traveler.



*\*If you have any mobility concerns or physical restrictions, please contact the Customer Experience Team, or talk to your group leader, Marah Walsh about it.*