

# KENYA WILDLIFE SAFARI

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

### Itinerary, Day 11



#### Amboseli

#### Amboseli National Park Game Drive

Head out on a day of game drives and marvel at the park's huge herd of elephants, as well as ostriches, leopards, lions, and rhinos. Enjoy an included lunch this afternoon. Later, celebrate your adventure at a farewell dinner.



### Top 10: Amboseli National Park

- 1. The Name.** The word "Amboseli" is derived from the Maasai language and it means "salty dust".
- 2. The Elephants.** Amboseli National Park is considered to be Africa's best spot for viewing free-range elephants.
- 3. The Habitats.** The park is made up of several distinct habitats. They include savannah, woodlands, wetlands, and the mostly dried up Lake Amboseli.



- 4. The Mountain.** Visitors to the park can enjoy amazing views of the world's highest free-standing mountain - Mount Kilimanjaro, which is located in the distance.

**5. The Wildlife.** Wildlife that can be seen in Amboseli National Park includes blue wildebeests, plains zebras, Maasai giraffes, elephants, Cape buffalos, Maasai lions, spotted hyenas, cheetahs, impalas, wild dogs, crocodiles, nocturnal porcupines, gazelles, rhinos, hippos, mongooses, hyraxes, dik-diks, lesser kudu, and many others.

**6. The Birds.** Amboseli National Park contains more than 600 bird species. Some of these include cranes, at least 47 raptor species,

## Foods to Try in Kenya

- ✦ Kaimati - sweet Kenyan dumplings consisting of flour, water, yogurt, yeast, and ghee, coated in a sugar syrup
- ✦ Kuku Wa Kupaka - Kenyan Chicken Curry
- ✦ Mukimo - one-pot dish consisting of potatoes, corn, beans, peas, and greens cooked in water then mashed into a purée
- ✦ Kachumbari - tomato and onion salad
- ✦ Irio - potatoes, peas, and corn boiled and mashed together
- ✦ Wali Wa Kukaanga - boiled rice combined with turmeric, onions, oil and vegetables such as carrots, peas and corn
- ✦ Mutura - sausage made by stuffing goat intestines with a combination of ground meat, goat blood, and seasonings
- ✦ Githeri - beans and maize stewed with onions, tomatoes, and sometimes potatoes or meat chunks
- ✦ Ugali - polenta-like side dish served with every meal. Made by rolling a tiny bit of creamy, thick cornmeal paste in a hand until it forms into a ball, making an indentation with a thumb, and it becomes an edible spoon that is often dipped into various stews and sauces.
- ✦ Nyama Choma - barbecued meat, usually goat or beef

water birds, pelicans, hammerkops, Madagascar pond herons, lesser flamingoes, shoebills, lesser kestrels, and kingfishers. Migratory birds will travel through the park from October through January, making this a popular time for bird watching.

**7. The Temperatures.** Temperatures in the park range from 20 - 30 degrees Celsius (68 - 86 degrees Fahrenheit). Between March and April the region experiences longer rains and between November and December the region experiences shorter rains.

**8. The Water.** The park is located over a natural underground water system that filters water in the volcanic rock. This clean water is then fed into springs in the center of the park. At times Amboseli National Park can experience drought, or even too much water. In the 1990s the park almost became a swamp because of the continuous rains.



**9. The Maasai People.** The Maasai people still live around the park and those that choose to visit the area can also get a taste of the authentic culture of the region's Native people.

**10. The Observation Hill.** While visitors to the park are usually not permitted to leave their vehicle because of the dangers associated with the wildlife, they can get out at Observation Hill - which is a pyramid shaped hill that provides an excellent view of the surroundings.



## Time zones

\*Kenya (and Tanzania on the tour extension) is three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and eight hours ahead of US Eastern Standard Time (ET).

\*When it's noon in New York, it's 8pm in Nairobi.

