
GEEO ITINERARY

Kenya 6/19/2026

Day 1: Nairobi Arrive at any time.

Arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. The Nairobi airport is **Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO)**.

The tour departs Nairobi in the morning of day 2, so **we recommend that you plan to arrive in East Africa a day early in case you experience flight delays/cancellations**. This will also give you time to adjust to the time difference and overcome any jet lag. We can book extra hotel nights for you in Nairobi before and/or after the trip.

Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting

Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6-7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group.

After the meeting, feel free to get dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to further get to know one another.

Joining Instructions

Taxi/Uber: (\$25-40 USD) Taxis and Uber are available at the airport.

Pre-Booked Arrival Transfer: If you purchased a transfer with us, look for the driver holding a G Adventures sign (or Nat Geo sign) right outside the Absa Bank, immediately after you exit Kenyan customs. The sign may not have your name on it, so verify with the driver before departing.

Day 2: Nairobi/Samburu National Reserve Travel to Samburu National Reserve in time for an afternoon wildlife safari drive. Visit a Samburu village en route.

Depart Nairobi and drive north through the farmlands of the Kikuyu people, passing Mount Kenya, Africa's second-highest mountain (17,000+ ft).

Just outside the national reserve, meet the locals in a traditional village in the Samburu area and learn more about their way of life. The Samburu people are related to but culturally distinct from the Masai. Like the Masai, the Samburu are semi-nomadic and herd cattle, goats, and occasionally camels. The men often have multiple wives who each live in separate huts within a family compound. Observe how the beautiful colors of bead necklaces and bracelets, the red clay braids of the warriors, and their bright clothing contrast with the colors of the African savanna. Watch traditional Samburu dancing, and learn about Samburu tribal life and customs. The walk within the village is run by Samburu tribesmen for the benefit of the community.

Continue to Samburu National Reserve, a wildlife haven for many species rarely found anywhere else.

Enjoy an afternoon wildlife safari drive in search of African elephants, big cats, and some more unique wildlife found only in the northern region of Kenya.

Approximate travel time: 7-8 hrs by safari vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 3: Samburu National Reserve Spend a full day on safari in search of Samburu's special five.

Enjoy a full-day wildlife safari drive in search of animals such as the beisa (East African oryx), Somali ostrich, Grevy's zebra, the majestic reticulated giraffe, and the long-necked gerenuk, a graceful antelope that stands upright on its hind legs to feed on tall bushes.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 4: Samburu National Reserve/Lake Nakuru National Park Descend into the Great Rift Valley enjoying stunning views of the escarpment on the way.

Travel to Nakuru, meaning “dusty place” in the Maasai language. It is a cheerful and vibrant agricultural town with a variety of colorful local markets.

Camp outside the town at the edge of Lake Nakuru National Park, the area's main natural attraction. Time and weather permitting, there may be an opportunity to visit a local tea farm and see how the tea is grown, picked, and produced.

Approximate travel time: 7-8 hrs by safari vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 5: Lake Nakuru National Park Embark on a safari in Lake Nakuru National Park in search of elephants, buffalos, impalas, and the elusive leopard.

Search for, buffalo, impalas, hyenas, and even lions and leopards on a wildlife safari drive in the renowned Lake Nakuru National Park. Head to the shores of the lake to see pelicans and cormorants. The park is rich in other bird life, including grebes, white-winged black terns, stilts, avocets, and ducks, so keep your eyes open!

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 6: Lake Nakuru National Park/Masai Mara Travel to the Masai Mara National Reserve. Search for the Big Five on an afternoon wildlife safari drive.

Depart for the world-famous Masai Mara National Reserve. Arrive in the afternoon and get settled at the permanent tented camp, our base for exploring the Mara. Head into the reserve for an afternoon wildlife safari drive and keep your eyes and ears peeled for movement and animal noises.

With its vast open plains and distinctive flat-topped acacia trees, no visit to Kenya would be complete without a visit to this reserve. The Masai Mara is one of the world's top safari destinations, known for its abundance of big cats—cheetahs, leopards, and lions—as well as the two million wildebeest, Thomson's gazelles, and zebras that migrate annually across the vast grasslands in search of water.

Approximate travel time: 7-8 hrs by safari vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 7: Masai Mara Enjoy a day on safari. Opt to take to the skies on a balloon safari.

Head out on a morning wildlife safari (the best time to spot animals), and crisscross the rolling hills of the African savanna. With a full day to explore the area, we can cover a lot of ground. If time allows, visit the Mara River area.

If you're in the mood for amazing Kenyan views, you can also get up before dawn and go for an hour-long balloon safari over the beautiful landscape. You'll fly over the Mara River, as well as the plains and forests of the Masai Mara, and then toast your return to earth with a champagne breakfast when you land. If you pre-book the balloon safari, you will miss the morning wildlife safari drive with the group, but you will have spectacular views from above.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 8: Masai Mara/Nairobi Search for more wildlife while leaving the Masai Mara during the drive back to Nairobi.

Breathe in the fresh morning air, stretch, and enjoy the African sun as it rises over the savannah of the Masai Mara. Search for wildlife outside of the reserve while leaving the area.

On the way, stop for lunch at Amani ya Juu, a community-based initiative that empowers women seeking refuge in post-colonial East and Southern Africa. Here, women gain skills in entrepreneurship and fair trade, creating new opportunities for themselves and their families.

Enjoy a locally sourced meal prepared by the women and youth of the community. *(Please note: due to current restrictions, Amani ya Juu may not always be open, and a visit cannot be guaranteed.)*

Upon arrival in Nairobi, you'll have time to browse local handicrafts or explore a bit of the city before the day concludes.

Approximate travel time: 5.5-6.5 hrs by safari vehicle

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 9: Nairobi Depart any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart Nairobi at any time. If you wish to extend your stay in Nairobi, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us.

Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk.

Meals included: Breakfast

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Accommodations List

The hotels listed below reflect the properties *expected to be used* for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. **The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:**

Day 1 Nairobi (Jun 19): The Landmark Suites Westlands

Day 2 Samburu Game Reserve (Jun 20): Samburu Campsite

Day 3 Samburu Game Reserve (Jun 21): Samburu Campsite

Day 4 Nakuru (Jun 22): Nderit Campsite

Day 5 Nakuru (Jun 23): Nderit Campsite

Day 6 Masai Mara (Jun 24): Kenia Safari Camp Canvas Tents

Day 7 Masai Mara (Jun 25): Kenia Safari Camp Canvas Tents

Day 8 Nairobi (Jun 26): The Landmark Suites Westlands

****Itinerary Disclaimer:*** While it is our intention to adhere to the routes described on our website, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable, to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The information on our website is a general guide to the tour and region, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.