

# The Majestic Rift & Royal Peaks: A 9-Day Luxury Kenyan Odyssey

Embark on an immersive journey through Kenya's most iconic landscapes. From the predator-rich plains of the Maasai Mara to the flamingo-fringed lakes of the Great Rift Valley and the elephant-guarded shadows of Mount Kilimanjaro, this itinerary balances exhilarating adventure with refined relaxation.

## Phase I: The Golden Savannahs of Maasai Mara

- **Day 1: The Descent into the Wild** Your journey begins at 7:30 AM with a drive through the **Great Rift Valley**. Stop at the panoramic viewpoint to witness the earth's ancient volcanic history before

descending into the South Rift. Arrive at **Mara Sopa Lodge** for a sumptuous lunch. At 4:00 PM, venture out for your first evening game drive, chasing the golden hour across the plains.

- *Dinner and Overnight: Mara Sopa Lodge*
- **Day 2: The Heart of the Mara** Spend a full day exploring the "spotted" plains. With the highest concentration of big cats in Africa, the Mara offers unrivaled wildlife viewing. Enjoy a **picnic lunch** under the shade of an acacia tree, followed by a **guided nature walk** along the Mara River to spot basking hippos and crocodiles.
- *Dinner and Overnight: Mara Sopa Lodge*
- **Day 3: Cultural Rhythms & Afternoon Trails** Enjoy a leisurely morning at the lodge or opt for a visit to a **Maasai**

**Village** to learn about the ancient traditions of the "Maa" people. After lunch, set out at 2:00 PM for a deep-dive game drive, scouting the horizon for the Big Five until the sun dips below the horizon.

- *Dinner and Overnight: Mara Sopa Lodge*

## **Phase II: The Lakes & Gorges of the Rift Valley**

- **Day 4: The Pink Shores of Lake Nakuru**  
Head north to the "Pink Lake," famous for its vibrant flamingo populations and as a sanctuary for both Black and White Rhinos. Arrive at **Lake Nakuru Lodge** for lunch. Your 4:00 PM game drive will traverse the fever tree forests and alkaline shores of this scenic UNESCO site.
- *Dinner and Overnight: Lake Nakuru*

## *Lodge*

- **Day 5: Waterways & Volcanic Wonders**  
After a morning visit to the hidden **Makalia Falls**, travel to the shores of Lake Naivasha.
- **Afternoon:** A private **boat safari** on Lake Naivasha to see pods of hippos and the diverse birdlife of Crescent Island.
- *Dinner and Overnight: Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort*
- **Day 6: Biking through "Hell's Gate"**  
Swap the 4x4 for a bicycle! Ride through **Hell's Gate National Park**—the only park where you can cycle alongside zebras and giraffes. Hike through the dramatic **Ol Jorowa Gorge** with a local guide before returning to the resort for a relaxed afternoon.

- *Dinner and Overnight: Lake Naivasha Sopa Resort*

## **Phase III: The Elephant Empire of Amboseli**

- **Day 7: South to the Land of Giants**  
Journey toward the Southern Circuit, arriving at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. Settle into the luxury of **Kibo Safari Camp**. Spend your afternoon resting and soaking in the views of Africa's highest peak.
- *Lunch, Dinner, and Overnight: Kibo Safari Camp*
- **Day 8: Beneath the Shadow of Kilimanjaro** Amboseli is world-renowned for its massive "Tuskers."

- **Morning:** A half-day game drive focusing on the 2,000+ elephants that roam the "salty dust" plains.
- **Afternoon:** After a midday rest, enjoy a final sunset game drive, capturing the classic silhouette of elephants against the backdrop of the snow-capped mountain.
- *Dinner and Overnight: Kibo Safari Camp*

## **Phase IV: The Final Horizon**

- **Day 9: Homeward Bound** After a final safari breakfast, begin your scenic drive back to Nairobi. With a scheduled rest stop to pick up last-minute souvenirs, your adventure concludes with a transfer to the airport for your onward journey.