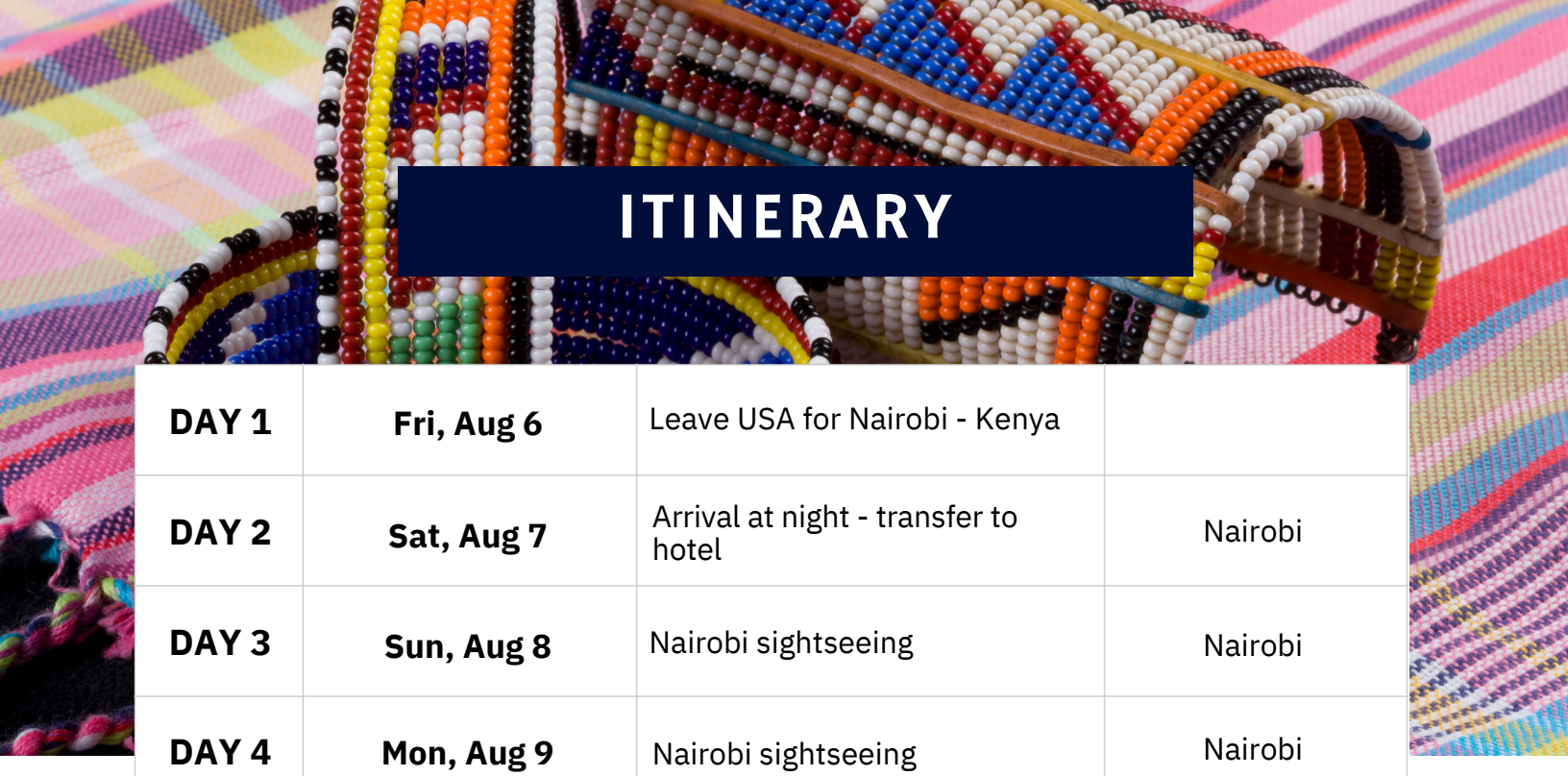
August 6 - 15, 2027

KENYA

The Great Migration



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ITINERARY

DAY 1	**Fri, Aug 6**	Leave USA for Nairobi - Kenya	
DAY 2	**Sat, Aug 7**	Arrival at night - transfer to hotel	Nairobi
DAY 3	**Sun, Aug 8**	Nairobi sightseeing	Nairobi
DAY 4	**Mon, Aug 9**	Nairobi sightseeing	Nairobi
DAY 5	**Tue, Aug 10**	Fly to Mara Triangle - Game drives	Mara Triangle
DAY 6	**Wed, Aug 11**	Great Migration in Mara Triangle	Mara Triangle
DAY 7	**Thu, Aug 12**	Drive to private conservancy - game drives	Conservancy - Mara
DAY 8	**Fri, Aug 13**	Private conservancy - game drives	Conservancy - Mara
DAY 9	**Sat, Aug 14**	Morning game drives- Late afternoon fly to Nairobi - Return flight late at night.	
DAY 10	**Sun, Aug 15**	Arrive in USA	

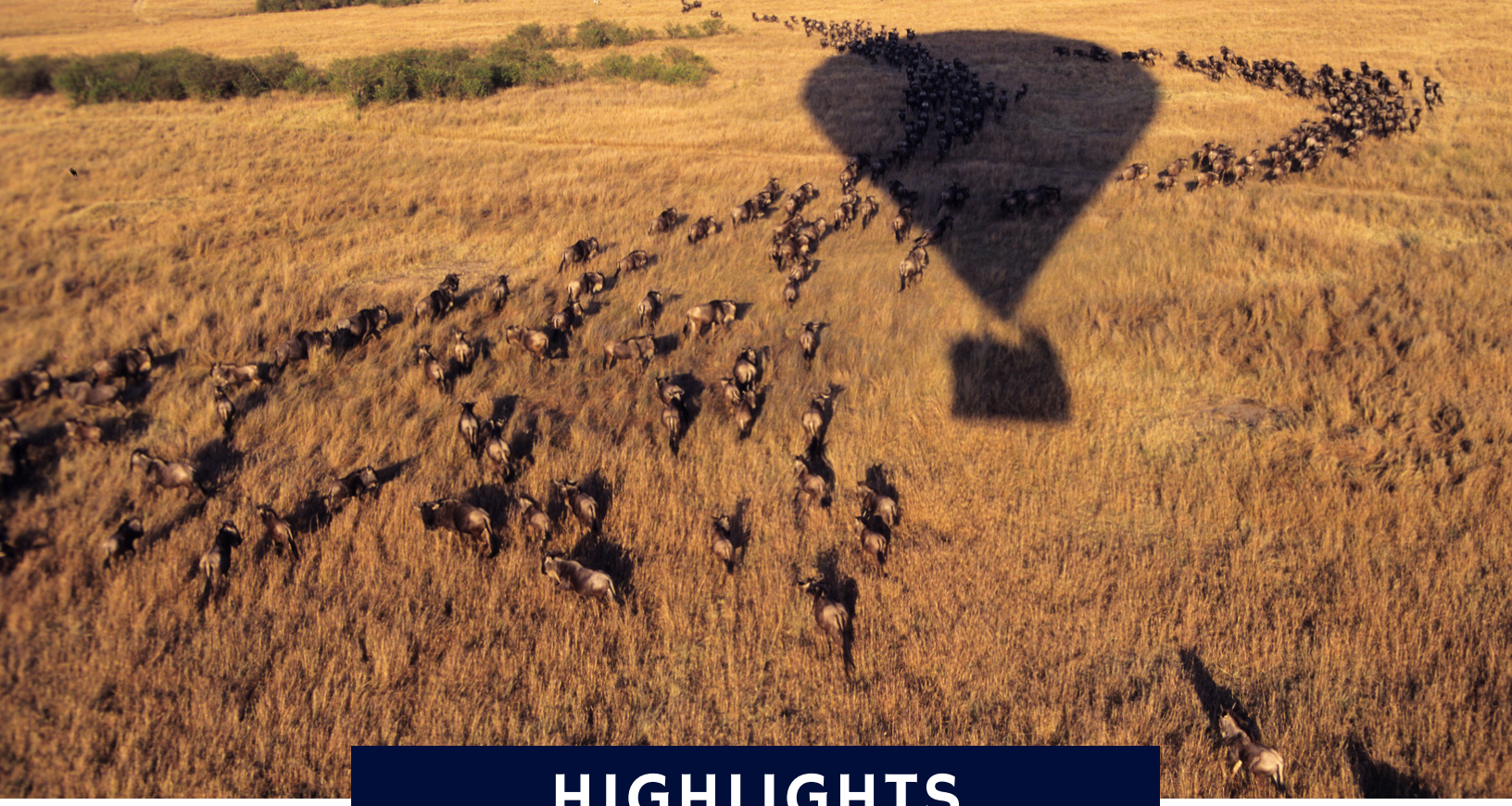
Kenya brings together two compelling journeys in one: the energy and layered heritage of Nairobi, and the immense open landscapes of the Greater Mara. In the capital, museums, cultural centers, historic homes, and pioneering conservation organizations reveal a nation shaped by many communities, by the meeting of rural and urban life, and by a long commitment to protecting its natural legacy.

The journey then turns toward the Mara Triangle and the neighboring Olchoro Oirouwa Conservancy, where grasslands, riverine woodland, and escarpment country support an exceptional range of wildlife. Traveling during the traditional Great Migration season offers the possibility of seeing vast herds moving through the ecosystem, while expert-guided game drives deepen the experience through patient observation of animal behavior, habitat, and the conservation partnerships that sustain this remarkable landscape.

MAP TRAJECTORY







HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Nairobi through the National Museum, Karen Blixen Museum, and Bomas of Kenya, connecting the country's archaeology, history, literature, and living cultural traditions.
- Meet Rothschild's giraffes at the Giraffe Centre and learn how conservation education and breeding programs support their long-term survival.
- Visit the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's Nairobi Nursery, where orphaned elephants receive specialist care before beginning the gradual path toward life in the wild.
- Take a game drive in Nairobi National Park, Kenya's first national park, where open plains and riverine habitats lie against the dramatic skyline of the capital.
- Fly across the Great Rift Valley to the Mara, gaining an aerial introduction to the escarpments, highlands, and grasslands of southwestern Kenya.
- Explore the Mara Triangle on expert-guided morning and afternoon game drives, with opportunities to observe big cats, elephants, buffalo, giraffes, antelope, and abundant birdlife.
- Experience the Great Migration season, when wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle move through the Mara ecosystem and gather near the river; all sightings and crossings remain governed by nature.
- Continue into the community-led Olchoro Oirouwa Conservancy for quieter game viewing and an introduction to the balance among wildlife protection, livestock, tourism, and local livelihoods.

INCLUDED

- 3 nights' accommodation in Nairobi with daily breakfast.
- 2 nights' camp/lodge accommodation with daily breakfast, lunch, dinner at national park.
- 2 nights' camp/lodge accommodation with daily breakfast, lunch, dinner at private conservancy.
- Nairobi sightseeing programs with private transportation and guide.
- Related entry fees in Nairobi.
- Nairobi - Mara Triangle - Nairobi flights.
- Private transportation for arrival & departure transfers in Nairobi; transfers for domestic flights and for two days in Nairobi.
- Private 4x4 / pop-up roof safari transport.
- English speaking professional driver/guide for game drives.
- Bottled water on safari vehicle and during Nairobi sightseeing.
- All entry fees for national parks and private conservancy.
- Local taxes.

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare.
- Visa fees if applicable.
- Drinks with included meals, except tea or coffee for breakfast.
- Gratuities for guides & drivers.
- Personal expenditures like phone calls, laundry, medical expenses. Travel insurance.







SUGGESTED FLIGHTS

Suggested flights are on United Airlines & Lufthansa:

Fri, Aug 6 **UA 8867**	**Houston to Frankfurt** **dep: 3:35 pm / arr: 8:15 am on Aug 7**
Sat, Aug 7 **LH 590**	**Frankfurt to Nairobi** **dep: 11:25 am / arr: 8:35 pm**
Sat, Aug 14 **LH 591**	**Nairobi to Frankfurt** **dep: 10:50 pm / arr: 6:10 am on Aug 15**
Sun, Aug 15 **LH 440**	**Frankfurt to Houston** **dep: 10:00 am / arr: 1:35 pm**

Economy class: $1,850
Business class: $8,800
Fares are per person, including taxes, surcharges and fees as of September 23, 2026.

Fares are non-refundable and may change based on availability.

Preferred Travel Partner

UNITED

August 6 - 15, 2027
10 Days / 7 Nights

ACCOMMODATIONS

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Fairmont the Norfolk

Nairobi

https://www.fairmont.com/en/hotels/nairobi/fairmont-the-norfolk.html





Soroi Mara Bush Camp

Masai Mara National Park

https://soroi.com/maasai-mara-camp-portfolio/soroi-mara-bush-camp/





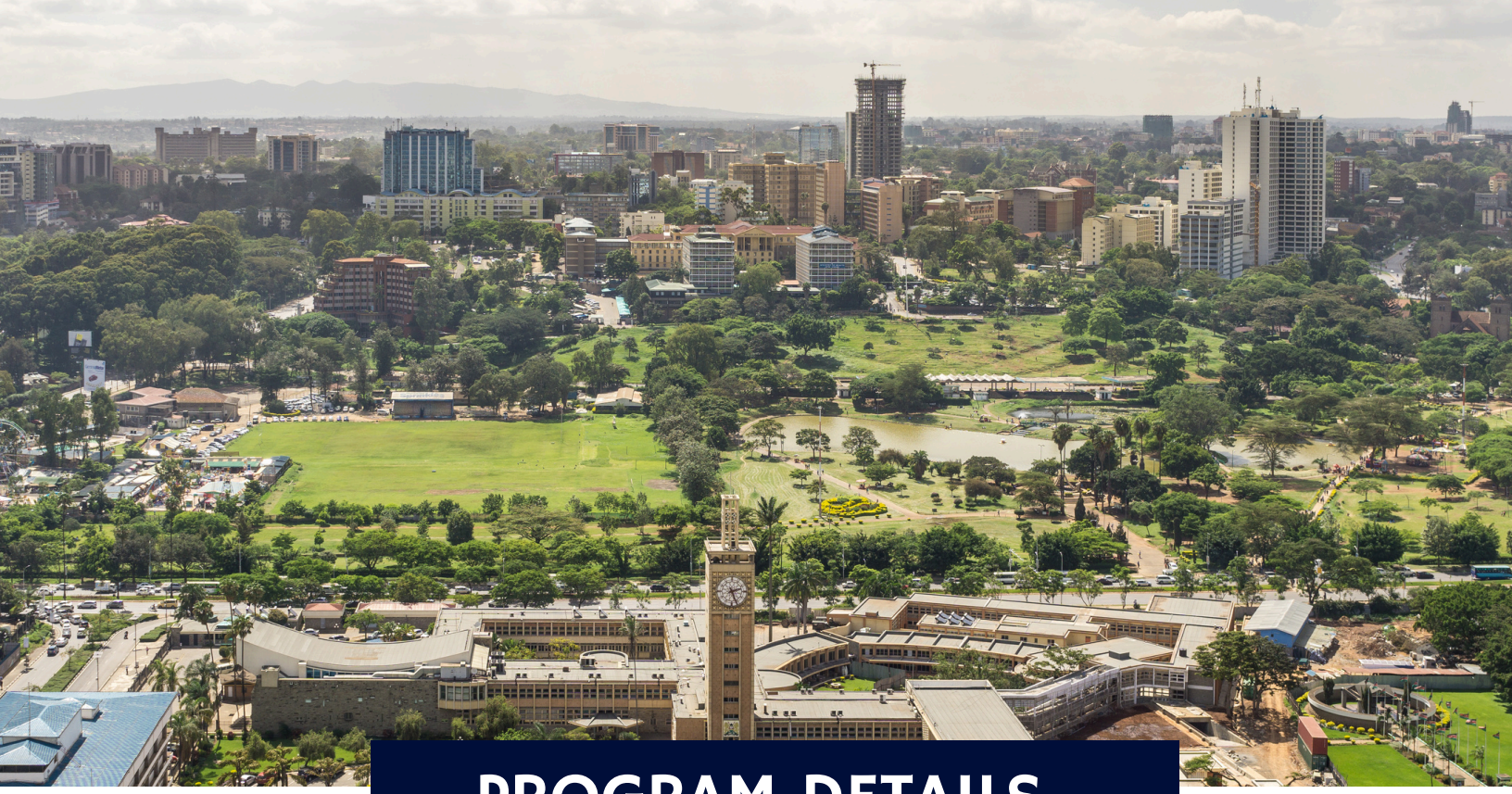
Entumoto Camp

Masai Mara Private Conservancy

https://entumoto.com/







PROGRAM DETAILS

Day 1: Fri, Aug 6 **Depart the USA**

You depart the United States on your overnight journey to Nairobi, Kenya's capital and the gateway to East Africa's celebrated wildlife regions.

Overnight en route **Meals: -**

Day 2: Sat, Aug 7 **Arrive in Nairobi**

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, your local representative welcomes you outside the arrivals hall and accompanies you by private vehicle to your accommodations in Nairobi.

Set on the highlands at the edge of the Great Rift Valley, Nairobi is at once Kenya's political and commercial center and a city unusually close to major wildlife habitats. The remainder of the evening is kept free so you can settle in, rest after the international journey, and prepare for the days ahead.

Overnight in Nairobi **Meals: -**

Day 3: Sun, Aug 8 **Nairobi Culture and Heritage**

Today offers a broad introduction to Kenya's peoples, history, and cultural landscape. At Bomas of Kenya, traditional homesteads and performances of music and dance present the architectural and artistic traditions of communities from across the country. The visit provides a useful framework for understanding Kenya's remarkable cultural diversity while recognizing that these traditions continue to evolve in contemporary life.

You continue to the Nairobi National Museum, whose galleries bring together archaeology, natural history, art, and the story of Kenya from the precolonial period through independence. Fossils, ethnographic collections, and displays on the country's landscapes help connect human history with the environments encountered later on safari.

At the Giraffe Centre, you learn about the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife and its work with Rothschild's giraffes. The center combines close observation with conservation education and a breeding program that has returned giraffes to protected areas. The day also includes the Karen Blixen Museum, the former farmhouse where the Danish writer lived from 1917 to 1931. Period furnishings, farm equipment, and views toward the Ngong Hills illuminate the literary and colonial-era history associated with her years in Kenya.

Lunch and dinner are included at selected restaurants before you return for the night.

Overnight in Nairobi **Meals: B-L-D**







Day 4: Mon, Aug 9 **Nairobi Wildlife Conservation**

This morning, you visit the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's Nairobi Nursery, subject to advance reservation and current visiting arrangements. Established within Nairobi National Park, the nursery provides round-the-clock specialist care for orphaned elephants. Keepers explain the rescue and rehabilitation process and the gradual steps through which suitable animals are prepared for reintegration into protected wilderness areas.

You then enter Nairobi National Park for a guided game drive. Gazetted in 1946 as Kenya's first national park, this protected landscape lies only a short distance from the city center. Open plains, acacia woodland, and riverine habitat support lions, buffalo, giraffes, zebra, antelope, and more than four hundred recorded bird species; the park is also an important sanctuary for black rhinoceros. Wildlife framed against Nairobi's skyline creates one of the capital's most distinctive contrasts.

Your driver-guide reads tracks, watches the movement of other animals, and positions the vehicle respectfully for observation and photography. Because every game drive is shaped by weather, habitat, and animal movement, sightings cannot be predicted. After lunch, you return to your accommodations with the late afternoon and evening at leisure.

Overnight in Nairobi **Meals: B-L**

Day 5: Tue, Aug 10 **Fly to the Mara Triangle**

After breakfast, you transfer to Wilson Airport and board a scheduled flight to the Maasai Mara. From the air, the densely settled highlands give way to the escarpments and broad floor of the Great Rift Valley, followed by the rolling savannas of southwestern Kenya.

On arrival at the bush airstrip, you meet your safari guide and continue into the Mara Triangle. Covering the western portion of the Maasai Mara National Reserve, the Triangle is defined by the Mara River, the Oloolo Escarpment, and the Tanzanian border. Its open grasslands, seasonal streams, riverine woodland, and uncrowded horizons support a rich community of herbivores and predators.

After lunch and time to settle in, you set out on your first game drive. Your guide scans the plains for elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, and antelope while watching for the signs that reveal predators nearby: circling vultures, alarm calls, fresh tracks, or herds fixed on a single point. As the temperature falls and the light softens, lions and other carnivores may become more active. You return in the early evening for dinner.

Overnight in Mara Triangle **Meals: B-L-D**

Day 6 : Wed, Aug 11 **Mara Triangle and Great Migration**

Morning and afternoon game drives explore the varied habitats of the Mara Triangle. Early light is especially rewarding for photography, and the cooler hours often bring active predators, grazing herds, and birds beginning their daily routines. Along the river and drainage lines, you may look for hippopotamus, crocodile, elephant, and leopard; on the open plains, cheetah, lion, hyena, topi, gazelle, and large mixed herds are among the possibilities.

August traditionally falls within the Great Migration season, when immense numbers of wildebeest, zebra, and gazelle may move north from the Serengeti in search of grazing. Herds can gather near the Mara River, where shifting water levels, steep banks, and predator activity add to the drama. River crossings are entirely unpredictable and can never be promised; the wider spectacle lies in the scale and constant motion of the animals across the ecosystem.

Between drives, you return for meals and a period of rest. Your guide adapts each outing to recent wildlife activity, road conditions, and the changing light, allowing time to observe behavior rather than rushing from one sighting to another. The day concludes as sunset colors the grasslands and the sounds of the bush begin to change with nightfall.

Overnight in Mara Triangle **Meals: B-L-D**





Day 7 :Thu, Aug 12 **Mara Triangle to Olchoro Oirouwa**

Following a morning wildlife activity and breakfast, you leave the Mara Triangle and travel through the Greater Mara ecosystem toward Olchoro Oirouwa Conservancy. The transfer is also a game-viewing journey, passing open plains, acacia-dotted ridges, seasonal watercourses, and pastoral lands used by Maasai communities.

Olchoro Oirouwa is a community conservancy that brings wildlife conservation, livestock production, and responsible tourism together within one managed landscape. Its mosaic of grassland, woodland, and riverine habitat forms part of the wider dispersal area around the national reserve, allowing wildlife to move through the ecosystem while conservation generates benefits for local landholders.

Later, you set out on a guided game drive within the conservancy. Lower vehicle density creates space for unhurried observation, whether you encounter elephants feeding through woodland, giraffes moving between acacias, antelope gathering on open ground, or predators using the cooler hours to hunt and patrol. You return for dinner and an evening surrounded by the sounds of the Mara.

Overnight in Greater Mara Conservancy **Meals: B-L-D**

Day 8 :Fri, Aug 13 **Olchoro Oirouwa Conservancy**

A full day of game viewing reveals the conservancy at different hours. The morning drive begins as the first light reaches the plains, a time when tracks are fresh, nocturnal animals may still be moving, and herds spread out to feed. Your guide interprets the relationships among habitat, water, prey, and predators, adding context to every sighting.

The Greater Mara supports lion, leopard, cheetah, spotted hyena, elephant, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, and many species of antelope, together with an exceptionally varied bird population. Rather than following a fixed route, the drive responds to current conditions and information shared among professional guides. Time at a sighting is balanced with responsible viewing practices that protect the animals' natural behavior.

After a midday break and lunch, you return to the bush for an afternoon drive. The lowering sun brings richer colors and long views across the savanna, while animals begin to gather near water or emerge from shade. During migration season, moving wildebeest and zebra can add another layer of activity, although their precise location changes from day to day. Dinner and a final night in the conservancy follow.

Overnight in Greater Mara Conservancy **Meals: B-L-D**







Day 9 :Sat, Aug 14 **Final Game Drive and Departure**

You begin with a final game drive in the conservancy, taking advantage of the cool morning hours for one more opportunity to observe the Mara's wildlife and landscapes. Familiar places often look different in new light, and the outing allows time to follow tracks, revisit productive habitats, and reflect on the behavior and conservation stories encountered during the safari.

After lunch, you transfer to the local airstrip for the scheduled flight to Nairobi. On arrival at Wilson Airport, you are met and transferred across the city to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your overnight return journey to the United States.

Overnight en route **Meals: B-L**

Day 10: Sun, Aug 15 **Arrive in the USA**

You arrive in the United States, bringing home memories of Nairobi's cultural institutions and conservation pioneers, the broad savannas of the Mara Triangle, and the close observation of wildlife within a community-managed conservancy.


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