



TRIP GUIDE

# Conservation & culture in Kenya (mid-range)

*9 nights in Kenya*

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# Trip overview

Day 1

**Start in Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport**

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**🚗 Road transfer**

You will be met on arrival at Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and driven to Ololo Safari Lodge.

45mins

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Day 1

**Ololo Safari Lodge**

2 nights

Nairobi, Kenya

## Why you'll love it

The lodge was originally built as a family home (albeit a very stylish one!) and you'll love the classic African mix of thatched roofs, stone walls and airy verandas.

## What you can do

Nairobi hides many an interesting pastime under its not-so-shiny reputation and, if you find yourself in the city, you may even wish you had a few more nights to spare.

Most of the action happens in the luxurious garden suburb of Karen. A typical day might include a morning with the orphaned elephants at the David Sheldrick Trust, time at the Karen Blixen museum (and a coffee and a slice of cake), and end with a giraffe 'kiss' at the centre at Giraffe Manor. We recommend hiring a driver to take you around the sights, and perhaps adding a dinner stop at one of the up-and-coming restaurants.

If you're missing your daily wildlife fix - or desperate to get started - Nairobi is one of the only cities in the world to have a national park on the doorstep. It's home to four of the Big Five (no elephant), game viewing is good, and there's even a short walk at the entrance. A half- or full-day trip from the city is easy to arrange and your driver will stay with you for the duration.



Visit the sanctuary for rescued elephants



Visit the endangered giraffe centre



Visit the Karen Blixen Museum



Go on a game drive in Nariobi National Park

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### Day 3

#### ✈ Flight transfer

You will be collected from Ololo Safari Lodge and driven to Nairobi Wilson Airport for your flight to Samburu Airstrip. You will be met on arrival at Samburu Airstrip and driven to Elephant Bedroom Camp.

2hrs

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### Day 3

#### Elephant Bedroom Camp

3 nights

Samburu, Kenya

#### Why you'll love it

There's a true sense of blending in with the wilderness here, from the birds drinking at your plunge pool, the mongoose busying themselves around your veranda, and the starlings eagerly cleaning up the crumbs at breakfast. And that's without mentioning the elephants.

#### What you can do

Samburu isn't the Kenya of the postcards, but there's something equally as enchanting about the dramatic scenery and enchanting culture. Like most reserves, early morning and afternoon game drives are always on the cards and will usually reveal sightings of four of the Big Five (no rhino), unique desert wildlife and plains game (oryx, kudu and zebra in particular) as they gather on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River. The Samburu Special Five are also a big draw, as is the chance to head out on night drives from most lodges.

For a different perspective, try a camel safari. Options include multi-day expeditions led by Samburu warriors, fly-camping (spending the night in a simple tent in the bush) and walking safaris included, but shorter 3- or 4-hour camel treks are also possible. Alternatively, swap your camel for a horse and explore by horseback, or ditch your four-legged friend completely and explore on foot, on a multi-day trips or a shorter morning stroll. Lastly, a visit to a traditional Samburu homestead offers a humbling and unique chance to uncover a fascinating way of life



Spot the Samburu Special Five unique to the area



Track Samburu's wildlife on a game drive



Discover the smaller wildlife on a bush walk



Spend the night fly camping under the stars



Search for nocturnal animals on a night game drive



Meet the Samburu and learn their culture

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## Day 6

### ✈ Flight transfer

You will be collected from Elephant Bedroom Camp and driven to Samburu Airstrip for your flight to Laikipia Airstrip. You will be met on arrival at Laikipia Airstrip and driven to Laikipia Wilderness Camp.

2hrs



## Day 6

### Laikipia Wilderness Camp

3 nights

Laikipia, Kenya

### What you can do

The private farms and reserves of Laikipia offer a blockbuster of activities, each as unique as they are, and here more than anywhere, your experience will be determined by where you stay. Laikipia is renowned for its fantastic wildlife viewing – rhino, big cats, elephant, buffalo and wild dog are all present in sizeable numbers – but it's up to you how you choose to find them...

Across the board, morning, afternoon and (usually) night game drives are on offer. We recommend using the drives as your base and adding on extras as you fancy. These can include walking safaris (around 3-4 hours) and harder foot and fly-camping expeditions that involve walking through the bush by day and sleeping in a simple camp under the stars by night. Horse riding safaris are very common, and it's not unusual to be offered a safari by camel! Also on the agenda are cycling and

mountain biking trips, fixed-wing flights for game viewing by air, and a chance to spend time with the iconic Maasai and Samburu warriors who are very often landowners in the conservancies.



Track Laikipia's wildlife on a game drive



Explore the bush on a mountain bike



Ride amongst Laikipia's wildlife on horseback



Visit the Ol Pejeta conservancy



Track wildlife on a guided walking safari



Spend the night fly-camping under the skies



Discover the smaller wildlife on a bush walk



Ride through the bush on a camel safari

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## Day 9

### ← Flight transfer

You will be collected from Laikipia Wilderness Camp and driven to Laikipia Airstrip for your flight to Nairobi Wilson Airport. You will be met on arrival at Nairobi Wilson Airport and driven to Ololo Safari Lodge.

2hrs

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Day 9

### Ololo Safari Lodge

1 night

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Day 10

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45mins

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Day 10

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