

Excursion Guide for

Route 4 to the slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro

(NAIROBI - KILIMANJARO - AMBOSELI - TSAVO WEST)

Welcome to Mt.Kilimanjaro –Amboseli National Park and Tsavo West National Park post-conference excursion route:

Day one 25th June 2023

The guests will report at University of Nairobi 8.4.4 building on 25th June 2023 at 6.30am and depart for excursion at 7.00am. The first stop over will be at Lukenya hill which will give the participants incredible view of the Kapiti savannah grasslands plains which is one of the spectacular common for wildlife conservation, commercial ranching and recently encroachment of urban development



Athi Kapiti conservancy



Kapiti plains ranch



Kapiti plains grasslands

The team will drive via Mombasa road to Tsavo west national park. On the way the participants will encounter dryland ecosystem with famous spectacular African baobab trees in their natural environment which are key ecosystem elements in the dry African savannahs as well as series of hills belonging to basement rock system. Just before reaching Tsavo west national park, guests will have a good view of the Chyulu hills and the associated volcanic rocks from Chyulu hills range along the road



Mtito Andei Gate

The team will arrive and enter Tsavo west National park via Mtito Andei gate and check in at Kilanguni serena Safari Lodge by 12.30 for lunch. At 3pm guests will have afternoon game drive and visit the famous pristine Mzima springs which is a common resource supplying water to the Mombasa city and its environment. The Mzima springs originates from the Chylus hillls volcanic lava rocks which are too porous to allow underground rivers flow. Rain water percolates through the rock and emerges 50 kilometres away at Mzima where the volcanic rock comes into contact with basement resistant rock thus forcing the underground flow emerge as a spring and subsequent form a tributary of Tsavo river

The natural filtration process gives rise to Mzima's famous clear stream, which flows through series of pools and rapids, two kilometres downstream from the springs, the stream is blocked by solidified lava flow and disappears below the surface again. Mzima springs is one of the Tsavo's most popular wildlife attractions owing to its resident populations of hippo and Nile crocodiles and some other animal species



Mzima springs



Hippos/fish/crocodiles in Mzima springs pool

The guest will get back to the Hotel for a dinner and one night. While in the hotel the guest will enjoy presence of herds of wild animals grazing and drinking water close to the hotel dinning place



Maasai Giraffe in Tsavo

Day two 26th June 2023

Guest will check out from Kilanguni Serena Safari Lodge for an early morning game drive at 8.00AM. They will have opportunity to watch Tsavo red elephants, Maasai giraffe which is a legendary transboundary traveller among other tropical wildlife resource. There after they will visit the magnificent geological formation called “Shetani” Lava flow. Shetani’ means ‘devil’ in Kiswahili: the volcanic eruption occurred about 200 years ago from the Chyulu hills in the Pleistocene geological period and the local peoples believed that it was the devil himself emerging from the earth hence the name Shetani’ lava flow came into existence. This vast expanse of folded black hard lava spreads for 50 sq km across the

savannah near the Chyulu Hills and it appears like a recent plough by a tractor hence the local community associate it with the devil activities



Shetani lava flow

Guests will exit from Tsavo west National park via Chyulu gate and travel to Kilimanjaro area where they will check in at Kibo Safari Camp near the slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro. Lunch will be served at 1pm and thereafter go for an afternoon game drive at the famous Amboseli National parks from 3pm. Guest will be able to see the most attractive wildlife such as the buffalos, Elephants, Lion, Giraffes, Antelopes, Wild beast among many other species.



A herd of Elephants

Group of buffalos

Ostrich

The park has several flamingos and pelican species in Amboseli lakes/swamps among other tropical birds of great interest. Amboseli is one of the great common resource traversing between Kenya and Tanzania. We also have the highest Mt in Africa the Kilimanjaro (6000MASL and also the highest freestanding Mt in the world) which is also a major common resource between Kenya and Tanzania. Although Mt Kilimanjaro is located in Tanzania, the view point is on the Kenyan side and therefore guests will have

opportunity to view the Mt from a close range (A persistent rumor has it that Mount Kilimanjaro actually belonged to Kenya until colonial times when **Queen Victoria gave it to her grandson Kaiser Wilhelm**, who governed what would become Tanzania, as a rather lavish birthday present)



View of Kilimanjaro



Elephant



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Lion

After the afternoon game drive, guest will retire at Kibo Safari camp with aesthetic features of natural environment and they will have luxury to view the Mountain from the comfort of their tented camp rooms

Day three 27th June

Guests will have a morning game drive after breakfast and view elephants crossing to the grazing areas. The drive will also bring guests close to other herbivorous and carnivorous animals. Thereafter the team will exit Amboseli National park through Eremito Gate. Immediately after the gate we have Maasai ecotourism community who have coexisted peacefully with wildlife for many years. They live in manyatta and carry out performances on cultural activities as an organized community. Guests are encouraged to visit the manyatta as ecotourism at a small fee of 25\$dollars and enjoy entertainment by the groups of dancer, traditional fire lighters among other activities



Flamigos and Elephants

The team will drive through Loitokitot –Emali road to join Mombasa road with stop over at Emali town where guests will have opportunity to purchase souvenirs (curios/handcraft among others). Thereafter guests will drive direct to Nairobi to catch up with their flights



Maasai cultural performances



group of Manyatta houses



Invitation to a maasai Manyatta