

THE JOURNEY OF AQUATIC GIANTS ADVENTURE **(Meet the Dolphins, The Hippos & The Crocodiles)**

Destinations: Wasini Island, Lake Baringo, Lake Victoria, Mara River

The aquatic giants we are exploring this unique mammals and their unique lifestyles which is mainly under water e.g. the lakes, rivers, seas etc. They are a special brand away from the normal big five that we are used to while on a safari adventure in Kenya / East Africa.

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Arrival Nairobi – JKIA

On arrival in Nairobi you will be met and greeted by our representative who will offer all the necessary assistance that you will need on arrival. You will be transferred to your hotel for check in. A welcome Complimentary dinner will be offered at the famous Carnivore Restaurant this evening.

Overnight at Panari Hotel – B



Day 2: Nairobi – Coast (Mombasa)

Early morning you will be transferred from your hotel to the SGR – Standard Railway Gauge terminal in Nairobi to board your train NBO – MSA departing Nairobi at 08.00am and arriving Mombasa at 13.55pm. You will be met and transferred to Diani to check in at your Beach hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure

Dinner and Overnight at The Jacaranda Indian Ocean Beach Club – HB



Day 3: Wasini Island

Wasini Island is under the Kisite Marine Park. Wasini Island is known by many “paradise on earth”. A great escape and getaway located in the heart of “real” africa on the edge of Kenya’s Swahili coastal

strip. Kisite Marine Park is known as the “home of Dolphins” which is our main attraction today. Our adventure today here is “Dolphin spotting” one of the aquatic giants we want to adventure! 3 types of Dolphins are found around Wasini Island; Indo-Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins, Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphins and Spinner Dolphins. Spend an amazing day on this beautiful Island with our main adventure being to spot Dolphins but with other programmed activities like snorkeling, Scuba diving, Dhow sailing etc. this activities are done in an eco-friendly manner to promote a more sustainable planet and thus there is a policy stipulating the code of conduct while spotting Dolphins. Please abide by the policy. Lunch will be served at Wasini Island.

Dinner and Overnight at The Jacaranda Indian Ocean Beach Club – HB



Day 4: Ramisi River

We will take another adventurous eco friendly trip on Funzi Island to spot the Aquatic giant – The Nile Crocodile also found in this coastal river that is within the impenetrable Mangrove forest! The Ramisi River, which empties into Funzi Bay, is home to quite a few Nile crocodiles. While these are originally sweet water dwellers, they have developed tolerance to brackish water. They are shy animals, except when they are on the hunt! As we make our way deeper into Ramisi River, the impenetrable mangrove forest on both river banks come closer and closer together until they almost touch! Mangroves are saline tolerant trees that grow in many tropical habitats and there are about nine species of mangroves found in East Africa. Their submerged parts provide a nutrient rich spawning ground for fish and other marine life, while above the water line they offer a virtually impenetrable protective habitat for a large variety of birds. Due to vigorous conservation efforts, the forests on the South Coast around Bodo are still largely intact even for future generations to enjoy! A full day on Ramisi River spotting Crocodiles with a visit to the surrounding community with lunch on the Kinazini Island! Late afternoon return to your beach hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at The Jacaranda Indian Ocean Beach Club – HB



Day 5: Diani (South Coast) – North Coast (Mombasa)

In the morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the a North Coast beach hotel due to your early departure the next day on the SGR. This day you will spend a relaxed day at your beach hotel enjoying the facilities at the hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at The SunAfrica Beach Resort & Spa – AI



Day 6: Mombasa – Nairobi SGR

Early morning transfer to SGR terminal to board your morning train MSA – NBO departing MSA @ 07.015am and arriving NBO @ 13.30pm. In Nairobi you will be met and drive to Lake Naivasha. Lake Naivasha is a beautiful Fresh water lake fringed by thick papyrus. The Lake and its surroundings are rich in natural bounty. Most of the Lake is surrounded by forests of yellow barked Acacia or Yellow fever tree. The Forest abounds with bird life which makes it the best birding destination. The lake draws wild game like Giraffe, Buffalos, Colobus monkeys etc. and Hippos population sleep the day out in the Lakes waters. Take an evening walk on the lake and if possible with luck see the Hippos sleep away in the lake.

Dinner and Overnight at Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge – FB



Day 7: The Crescent Island

Our journey of discovering and watching the aquatic giants continues! The Hippos! Hippos are an attraction at Crescent Island Game Park in Lake Naivasha. Crescent Island is one of the most beautiful parks in Kenya and is Naivasha's best kept secret. Crescent camp has a biodiversity of animals from birds to Hippos who graze all over at night then sleep under the acacia or rest in the water by day. From your lodge you will take a boat to Crescent Island. You will be met by a guide upon arrival at the Jetty. Enjoy your game walk at Crescent Island under the guidance of professional guides and enjoy to spot the animals in the park and above all watch the Hippos as they sleep away under the waters enjoying the calmness of their habitat. In the evening you will take your boat back to your hotel.

Dinner and Overnight at Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge – FB



Day 8: Lake Bogoria National Reserve

Lake Bogoria is just unique in its own way as an eco system. Visiting Lake Bogoria today will deviate us from our focus of the Aquatic Giants to a unique eco system! Lake Bogoria is also known as the “jewel of the Great Rift” With the backdrop of the Eastern Wall of the Great Rift Valley, It is a stunning beauty that has always enchanted all. The contrast in colors from the grass lands into the Lake and the sky above can only describe the place as nature’s studio. It sits on the floor of the eastern wall of the sea Level from which the escarpment forms one of Kenya’s most picturesque backdrops. Lake Bogoria is known for splashing Hot spurs and geysers which is a world wonder! Ensure you carry an egg to boil in the Hot Spurs! Early morning depart Lake Naivasha and drive to Lake Bogoria to arrive in good time in the morning to come face to face with the Hot Spurs! Spend the day in this unique eco system with game walk / drive in Lake Bogoria marveling at the beauty of the hot spurs and the Flamingos vying on this lake! Late afternoon return to your Lodge.

Dinner and Overnight at Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge – FB



Day 9: Lake Naivasha – Maasai Mara Game Reserve

Maasai Mara is open grassland. 95 species of mammals, amphibians, reptiles and over 400 species of birds have been recorded in this park. In Maasai Mara you will hardly miss to see the BIG FIVE. The annual wildebeest migration takes place in this park between July and October. The eco system of Maasai Mara holds one of the highest Lion densities in the world and this is where over 2 million Wildebeest, Zebras and Thomson Gazelle migrate every year. Nowhere in Africa is wildlife more abundant than in Maasai Mara. Depart Naivasha and drive to Maasai Mara Game Reserve. En route and afternoon game drives are what will take the day to day to search for animals. Do not miss the encounter of any of the big five! ***Hammerkop Camp is a sustainable eco camp with waste management policy to protect the environment***

Dinner and Overnight at Hammerkop Migration Camp – FB



Day 10: Maasai Mara Game Reserve

The Nile Crocodile (*Crocodylus niloticus*) is an African crocodile, The largest fresh water predator in Africa. The Nile crocodile mostly hunts within the confines of waterways. It will attack aquatic prey or terrestrial animals when they come to the water to drink or to cross. This is what happens at the Mara river when animals are crossing. Hungry Nile Crocodiles lurk in the churning waters of the Mara River in wait for their prey! We will visit the Mara River today to encounter this amazing and unique predator which leaves no room for its prey when hungry! Spend the day on Mara River which also the crossing channel of the Wildebeests Migration. Depending on the time you are visiting and the crossing is on going you might just experience a tactical kill as this predators lurch at their prey! All Cameras to remain in “set” mode when this happens! A visit to typical Maasai village in the afternoon would be exciting. Enjoy to be part of this rich culture and cultural habits that not even civilization, western influence, education etc has been able to erode them. Participate in a Maasai Jump with the Morans and ensure you jump the highest to beat the morans! The winner will be offered a glass of milk prepared the traditional way!

Dinner and Overnight at Hammerkop Migration Camp – FB



Day 11: Maasai Mara – Nairobi

This day early in the morning you have an option of doing a Hot Air Balloon Safari + Champagne breakfast (optional at an extra cost USD \$ 450 per person) OR an early morning game drive which is highly recommended! Allows you the opportunity (with luck) to come face to face with hunters in search of their prey! After this amazing experience you will join your Driver / Guide, bid Maasai Mara “kwaheri” meaning goodbye and “full of lasting safari memories!” you will depart and drive back to Nairobi. On arrival in Nairobi depending on your onward plans we will offer you a souvenir shopping adventure at the Kazuri beads. Kazuri beads is a center empowering single women economically by engaging them to do bead work and pottery thus sustaining their livelihoods and empowering them economically. Get “a bead for every mood!” We will then drop you to your own onward plans.

End of services.....

Included in the price are:

- ✓ Full board accommodation on safari i.e. 3 meals a day
- ✓ Bed & Breakfast accommodation in Nairobi Hotel
- ✓ All national park entry fees,
- ✓ Transport in our custom safari vehicle throughout the safari,
- ✓ Services of our professional English speaking safari Driver-Guide,
- ✓ All game drives as per itinerary,
- ✓ Government Taxes and Levies,
- ✓ Return train ticket NBO / MSA / NBO
- ✓ All transfers as per itinerary
- ✓ All excursions as per itinerary
- ✓ Water in the vehicle to use while on game drives
- ✓ Emergency medical evacuation cover
- ✓ Dinner at the Carnivore Restaurant

Excluded in the price are:

- ✓ International airfares and their corresponding departure taxes,
- ✓ Visa fees into Kenya,
- ✓ Travel/Baggage/Medical Insurance,
- ✓ Tips to driver-guide, hotel staff etc,
- ✓ Items of personal nature i.e. drinks in the lodges, telephone/fax bills, laundry etc,
- ✓ Any other items not specified in the “*inclusions*” clause.

NB: Maasai Mara

- Balloon Safari @ USD \$ 450 per person

Lake Bogoria

- Boat ride @ USD \$ 35 per person

What to Carry:

- ✓ A digital Camera, its charger and a downloading cable
- ✓ Torch, Tooth paste, warm clothing for the night, pain killers, drinks, snacks and Identifications card / passport for gate entrance
- ✓ Pocket money for drinks and gift for the Maasai cultural visit