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## AQS PHOTOGRAPHERS' REALM KENYA



### Day 1 Nairobi

Arrival of your **evening** flight at Jommo Kenyatta International Airport.  
You will be met by our Driver Guide and Airport representative outside customs and immigrations halls.  
Transferred for check-in at a City Hotel.  
Overnight stay on Bed and Breakfast basis.

### Day 2 Nairobi - Samburu Game Reserve (6 hrs.)

Breakfast and depart for Samburu Game Reserve  
Arrive in time for check-in and lunch at a selected hotel.  
Afternoon game drive in the reserve.  
Evening return to the Lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 3 & 4 Samburu Game Reserve

Full day spent in the reserve with morning and afternoon game drives.  
Picnic lunches will be provided.  
All meals and overnight stay at the **Lodge**.

### Day 5 Samburu - Aberdares National Park (4 hr) - BREATHER BREAK!

07:30: Breakfast and depart for Abadares National Park.

Arrive for check-in and lunch at *Aberdares Country Club (Base hotel)*

Late afternoon transferred to **The Ark** with an overnight bag. (Suitcases are stored at the base hotel)

Observation of animals as they drink from the flood lit waterhole.

Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 6 Aberdares - Lake Nakuru National Park (4 hrs)

7:00 Breakfast and transferred to the base hotel to collect your luggage.

Spectacular descent into the Rift valley and arrive for check-in and lunch at a **selected hotel**.

Afternoon gamedrive inside the park.

Evening return to the lodge for dinner and overnight stay

### Day 7 Lake Nakuru National Park

Full day spent in Lake Nakuru National Park.

The lake hosts large flocks of flamingoes, pelicans and other bird species. The adjacent national park is home to rhinos, warthogs, lions, zebra giraffe and many more animal species.

Morning and afternoon game drives.

All meals at the lodge, dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 8 Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve (6 hr)

Breakfast and depart to Maasai Mara National Reserve.

Arrive in time for check-in and lunch at **the Camp**.

Afternoon game drive in the reserve.

Evening return to the Lodge for dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 9 - 11 Masai Mara National Reserve

Full day spent game-viewing in the reserve. Morning and afternoon game drives or a full day game drive with packed lunches would take you closer to nature.

Optional Hot Air Balloon Ride in the Park

A visit to a local Masai Village.

All meals and overnight at the lodge.

### Day 12 Masai Mara - Nairobi (5h30)

07h30: Breakfast and check out. Depart from Maasai Mara back to **Nairobi**, Kenya's wonderful capital city. Arrive and transfer to a selected restaurant for your lunch.

In the afternoon, transfer to the airport for your return flight.

**WE WISH YOU A MEMORABLE SAFARI EXPERIENCE!**

## Location and Park Information

### Samburu Game Reserve

In the arid North of Kenya, water means life. The waters of the great Ewaso Nyiro river draw wildlife in great numbers to its banks, creating an oasis of green. This river flows through three great northern reserves, Samburu, Buffalo Springs and Shaba. This is spectacular country, set against a backdrop of the mighty Mountain Ololokwe. The verdant riverine forest is a stark contrast to the arid thorn studded plains. Samburu is visited by large herds of Elephants, drawn by the promise of water. In the dry season, the elephants use their tusks to dig deep into the dry river beds, unearthing precious water. These waterholes then become a focal point for other game. The Samburu region is the best place to find several endemic Northern species, including Gerenuk, the Reticulated Giraffe, the Somali Ostrich and Gravy's Zebra.



### Aberdares National Park

The Aberdares National Park covers the higher areas of the Aberdares Mountain Range of central Kenya and the Aberdares Salient to their east. The park is located about 100 km north from Nairobi and stretches over a wide variety of terrains because it covers altitudes from about 7,000 feet (2,100 m) to 14,000 feet (4,300 m) above sea level. The Aberdares National Park covers an area of 766 square kilometers and forms part of the Aberdares Mountain Range. The park has a wide range of landscapes - from the mountain peaks that rise to 14,000 feet (4,300 m) above sea level, to their deep, v-shaped valleys intersected by streams, rivers, and waterfalls. Moorland, bamboo forests and rainforests are found at lower altitudes.

Animals easily observed include the lion, leopard, baboon, black and white Colobus monkey, and Sykes monkey. Rarer sightings include those of the golden cat and the bongo - an elusive forest antelope that lives in the bamboo forest. Animals like the eland and melanistic serval cats can be found higher up in the moorlands. The Aberdares National Park also contains a large population of black rhinos. Even the bird viewing is rewarding, with over 250 species of birds in the park, including the endangered Aberdares Cisticola, Jackson's Francolin, sparry hawk, goshawks, eagles, sunbirds and plovers.



## Lake Nakuru National Park

The most famous of the Great Rift Valley lakes, **Lake Nakuru** is renowned for its magnificent birdlife. This 188sq. kms. park is a paradise for those who are particularly interested in ornithology and also offers the opportunity of seeing white rhino, the rare Rothschild's giraffe, large herds of buffalo and an abundance of various plains game. Sightings of leopard resting in the branches of acacia trees are common. The 40sq. kms. alkaline Lake Nakuru lies within the park and has been given the conservation world's **Ramsar Site** designation.



## Masai Mara National Park

Covering an area of over 1,500 square km, the Masai Mara National Reserve is one of the most popular tourism destinations in Kenya. The reserve is located between the Great Rift Valley and Lake Victoria in primarily open grassland. The swampy land provides more access to water and less access to tourists. The eastern end is closest to Nairobi and hence easier to access by tourists. The Masai Mara is regarded as the jewel of Kenya's wildlife viewing areas. There have been some 95 species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles and over 400 bird species recorded on the reserve. Nowhere in Africa is wildlife more abundant, and it is for this reason a visitor hardly misses to see the big five (buffalo, elephant, leopard, lion, and rhino).

