

«The ultimate adventure in the centre of the world!»

ITINERARY:

Nairobi – Isiolo – Samburu NR - Sabache – Ngurunit – Nachola - Lake Turkana – Karare - Nairobi







Day 1 / 11.11: Nairobi - Isiolo

Depending on the participants' arrival time in Nairobi, we will set the exact meeting time with Joseph, our companion in this unique experience. We board our private 4x4 car and the ultimate adventure in Northern Kenta begins! We will drive directly to Isiolo, the capital of the county of the same name, in the geographical center of Kenya. After a route of about 300 km (~6-7 hours) we will reach the Sera Park guesthouse where we will spend the night in double bungalows (dinner and breakfast included).

Day 2 / 12.11: Samburu NR - Sabache Eco Camp

Today we visit the Samburu National Reserve. No adventure in Northern Kenya is complete without a game drive in this beautiful park of 165 km². Several large game species common to Kenya's northern plains can be found in abundance here, including the following dry-country fauna: gerenuk, Grevy's zebra, Beisa oryx and reticulated giraffe. All three big cats, the lion, cheetah and African leopard can also be found here, as well as elephants, Cape buffalo and hippopotamus. Our expert safari guide will make sure that you spot all the « big 5 » and many more animals! After our enjoyable safari-day in the park, we head to the nearby Sabache Eco Camp located at the foot of the sacred mountain of Samburu Mt O'lolokwe where we will spend the night in nature (private dormitory, dinner and breakfast included).

Day 3 / 13.11: Sabache – Reteti - Ngurunit

After breakfast, we depart for a fantastic route, as we begin to move away from modern civilization. For the next few days, the off road routes in the desert and the dirt roads will dominate! Our destination is the tiny and picturesque Ngurunit, a village at the foot of the Ndoto Mountains where we will arrive when the sun is about to hide behind them creating an idyllic atmosphere. Earlier we will visit the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary, an amazing project managed by the community and thanks to which dozens of elephants have been rescued. Overnight in single or double tents at campsite in Ngurunit (dinner and breakfast included).





Day 4 / 14.11: Ngurunit - Nachola

Early wake-up to enjoy one more wonderful day of exploration in the enchanting Northern Kenya! Today we will head to Baragoi through an incredible route along the impressive Milgis River, where we meet nomadic shepherds of the Rendille tribe. We will learn a lot about their way of life and we will enjoy an amazing landscape having the feeling that time has stopped. Depending on the time of arrival, we will make an afternoon visit to the nearby village of the traditional Turkana tribe. Overnight in single or double tents at the beautiful Kalomudang campsite managed by the local community (dinner and breakfast included).

Day 5 / 15.11: Nachola

During the day, we will explore the area where one of the last indigenous and most interesting tribes of Africa live, the Turkana. We will wake up very early to visit a traditional village, interact with families and learn about their life and culture. An immersive experience that you will cherish forever! We will also have time to drive around and connect with nature in one of the most remote and wild areas of Africa. Overnight in the campsite (dinner and breakfast included).

Day 6 / 16.11: Nachola – Loiyangalani (Lake Turkana)

After an idyllic breakfast in the campsite, our adventure to the Lake Turkana begins! Words hardly describe the route to the Lake Turkana, the largest permanent desert lake in the world and an UNESCO World Heritage Site. Sitting at the very northern end of Kenya's Great Rift Valley, Lake Turkana shimmers in the heart of an unreal, lunatic landscape with volcanic boulders, cinder cones, black sandy beaches and the world's largest crocodile population into its greenish water! We will spend the night in Loiyangalani, a tiny village in Lake's eastern shore and a meeting point of the great northern tribes, Turkana, Samburu, Gabbra and El Molo. Overnight in a local lodge in single or double rooms (dinner and breakfast included).





Day 7 / 17.11: Lake Turkana

Early in the morning, we will visit the Desert Museum and the tiny village of El Molo, one of the smallest tribes in Africa who live on the shores of the lake. Then we will board a traditional wooden boat for a unique ride on the lake. We will visit a nearby rocky and wild islet, shelter of thousands of seagulls, with a captivating and mysterious ambiance. Overnight at the same guesthouse in Loiyangalani (dinner and breakfast included).

Day 8 / 18.11: Loiyangalani – Karare

Waking up in the morning and leaving Lake Turkana. Today, we drive towards Karare, a village in the Marsabit County. Our route will be exciting and eerie, as we will cross hundreds of kilometers through vast areas of desert. Thorny plants and flowers of the desert, golden-red sand and rocky formations, walking people in their traditional costumes compose the scenery that we will encounter passing through the villages of Kargi and Korr. Arriving in Karare, we will spend the night in an idyllic ecological campsite in the African savannah (double tents, dinner and breakfast included).

Day 9 / 19.11: Karare – Marsabit NP

Today we will have the opportunity to relax in the absolute tranquillity of our wonderful camp and then, to wander around the area of Karare. We will observe local life and interact authentically with the locals and indigenous tribes. If the conditions and the mood allow, it is possible to visit the Marsabit National Park. The beautiful Marsabit NP is located on a mountain with dense forests where the visitors can admire several lakes formed in volcanic craters; a unique refuge for a variety of birds, mammals and reptiles. Overnight at the same campsite (dinner and breakfast included).



Day 10 / 20.11: Karare – Nairobi

Today we will start the long way back to Nairobi (540km / 9 hours). During our drive, we will stop in villages and local markets for some rest and food, having the opportunity to enjoy the scenery of Northern and Central Kenya one last time. Arrival in Nairobi in the evening. Depending on the time of the international flight, we can go directly to the airport or arrange an overnight stay in the capital. End of the trip.

Asante sana! (Thank you very much!)





Total cost:

1.200€ per person (for private trip of 6 persons*)

Inclusions:

- Transport with private 4x4 car, 10 days (fuel and driver)
- > Tour guide fee
- Safari in Samburu National Reserve (entrance fee and guide)
- Entrance fee in Reteti Elephant Sanctuary
- Entrance fee in the Desert Museum in Lake Turkana
- ➤ El Molo village visit
- Boat excursion in Lake Turkana
- Accommodation, 9 nights in lodges or campsites as described, breakfast & dinner included.

Exclusions:

- International flight ticket to and from Kenya (≈ 520 euros from Athens)
- Visa 51\$ (online issue https://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html)
- > Travel insurance
- Meals that are not mentioned in the program
- Drinks / water
- > Tips
- Other personal expenses
- * You will not need personal tents in the campsites. There are large tents with beds.
- * Accommodation is in double or single rooms/tents on request, except for Sabache Eco camp which is in a common dormitory.
- * The price is for a group of 6 persons. The trip can be organized for less persons as well, but in a higher price per person.
- * Please send your participation request at contact@routesforgood.com until September 9, 2022. Participations are confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.







