

The Pearl of Kenya Tour (M-ID: 3302)

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from \$4,500.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

8 days

12/08/2023 - 12/15/2023 8 days

12/22/2023 - 12/29/2023 8 days

This safari will take you through the fabulous sceneries of East Africa finest natural sanctuaries between the Aberdares, Mount Kenya, Lake Baringo, Lake Victoria and finally the most important reserve in Kenya, the Masai Mara.

Itinerary

Day 0: Departure to Kenya via flight.

Day 1: Arrival in Nairobi

Arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Nairobi. Our staff will be awaiting your arrival at the international arrivals gate to welcome you - "Karibu". Once customs and immigration formalities are finished and you have claimed all your luggage, we will then go by car/transfer to the hotel.

Shortly after, you will then be shown to your rooms to load off your luggage to then be shown to the motorbike storage area, where all the magic happens! We will then be able to briefly run through how everything works and the basic requirements while riding for your absolute safety and comfort during the safari, as well as proper riding attire, and a general run through of what the safari will entail. After this you will then be able to freshen up for a welcome dinner at the hotel.

(Accommodation: Windsor Golf Hotel & Country Club on a half board basis).

Day 2: Nairobi – Nyeri (Aberdares)

A breakfast buffet will be provided (as per the half board basis) before we depart for Nyeri - specific timings for wake up and breakfast will be specified the night before. For the first day of the safari, the route will be a lot easier to ride and not too long. This makes it easier for you to first adapt to the bike and all its gears and riding on the left side of the road (as this is new for some international riders), so sort of like a test run. Most of this ride will be quite smooth,

as it takes us through some of Kenya's most infamous plantations of pineapples and coffee, ending on the picturesque slopes of The Aberdares at around midday. The next hotel we will be staying at is the Aberdares Country Club, a former English club with a more rustic and vintage atmosphere. We will be arriving to a readymade nutritious lunch. Later in the evening riders will have the choice of taking the bikes for a final spin of the day around the private reserve of Solio Ranch (also in Nyeri within proximity of the hotel), but if you are feeling tired from the day's safari, then a nice hot shower will be waiting for you, followed with dinner and a short briefing for the next day's journey.

Accommodation: Aberdares Country Club on full board basis.

Route: 200 km of tarmac.

Day 3: The Aberdares – Lake Nakuru – Lake Baringo

After a good fueling breakfast we will then embark on our journey to Nakuru. This route has some of the most beautiful sites of the whole trip, so charge your cameras! This route takes us through Kenya's Great Rift Valley, and a short tour through Nakuru town. Along the way we will then be able to stop for a quick picnic lunch provided by the country club. The nearer end of the route will take us through some of the dryer and warmer regions of Nakuru, so make sure to have packed your sunscreen in your day bag! This route will then take us to our final destination, Lake Baringo, a huge freshwater lake where it is very easy to spot crocodiles, hippos and a surreal variety of some of Kenya's most beautiful birds. Our next hotel, Ol Kokwe is situated on an island in the center of the lake. Boat rides will be available for anyone interested in an evening safari

where you can spot some more crocodiles and hippos - this is not at an additional cost.

Accommodation: Island Camp on half board basis.

Route: 300km of tarmac.

Day 4: Lake Baringo – Eldoret – Lake Victoria

Day 4 will start quite early with a nutritious breakfast buffet where thereafter we can resume on our motorbike safari through Kenya. Much like Day 4, this day's route will be one of the most scenic and breathtaking of the entire trip, with a literal changing landscape within kilometers apart. We will then pass through a section of area inhabited by the Pokot tribe, a very traditional community in some of Kenya's most rural areas. We will have a quick stop over for some picnic lunch provided by the hotel. From here we will then follow a small dirt road with many twists and turns, leading us to the highlands of Eldoret. This route will then take us through vibrant green meadows and some of Kenya's thickest coniferous forests to finally reach Kisumu city, the largest town bordering Lake Victoria.

Accommodation: Acacia Hotel on half board basis.

Route: 320 km of tarmac.

Day 5: Lake Victoria – Kericho – Masai Mara National Reserve

This day holds lots of fun surprises along the route. The whole day's route entails riding on small roads ideally for the best experience on our BMW 650 bikes. Passing through some areas of Kericho's most famous tea plantations, we will be able to stop shortly for lunch at a local restaurant in the town of Narok. Shortly after we will then alight at one of the most fascinating locations on our entire trip, the very well known Masai Mara National Reserve. This reserve stretches hundreds of kilometers of savannah, home to thousands of Africa's most infamous animals. This part of the trip offers a unique opportunity to enjoy wildlife and some of the most beautiful parts of nature, while having a great time touring on our bikes. Some of the most commonly spotted animals on this part of the trip are elephants, giraffes, zebras, gazelles, wildebeest, cheetahs, and numerous prides of lions. This part of the trip as well offers the most educational learning experience, making us more aware of the vulnerability of endangered animals in Kenya, and the importance of conservation.

Accommodation: Sekenani Camp on half board basis.

Route: 30km off road and 250km on tarmac.

Day 6: Masai Mara

On this day we will pleasantly take a break from riding the bikes, and enjoy being driven around in some 4x4 safari troopers to further explore the Maasai Mara, as this part of the trip would otherwise be quite dangerous on the bikes, due to the proximity of the wild animals. We will then have a picnic lunch on the banks of the Mara River to then return to the camp before 18:00 hours.

Hot air balloon trips to see the reserve from an aerial perspective are also offered for those interested, however this is upon request at an additional cost.

Accommodation: Sekenani Camp on full board basis.

Day 7: Maasai Mara – Lake Naivasha

On this day we will resume our bike riding safari, making

our way through the greater percentage of Narok as we progress to our next destination, Lake Naivasha. We will pass by two dormant volcanoes, known as Mt. Suswa and Mt. Longonot. Our next hotel is located next to the shore of the beautiful lake and in its gardens we can spot some friendly wildlife like zebras and antelopes.

Boat trips on the lake are available upon request at an extra cost.

Accommodation: Lake Naivasha Country Club on full board basis.

Route: 120km on tarmac.

Day 8: Lake Naivasha – Nairobi (Return flight)

As our tour around the beautiful destinations of Kenya comes to a final stop, we make our way back to Nairobi, which is roughly a two hour ride, so this ride time will be very flexible. Once in Nairobi, we will make our way to a hotel where we can eat, rest and freshen up as we wait for our flights back home.

Route: 140km on tarmac.

FAQs

> What documentation do I need?

You need a valid passport with at least 6 months before expiry.

To enter Kenya, you require a visa to be obtained at the Embassy or at the point of entry into the country.

The cost of a visa for Kenya is 40 Euros or 50 USD

> Do I need an International driving license?

If you come from an EU country this is not necessary, but it is recommended to have an international driving license.

You need to have a class A driving license for motorbikes.

> Driving in Kenya?

Left Hand Side traffic.

> How many hours riding each day?

Most of the time not more than five/six hours, but if conditions are bad, we may need to ride a little longer. We will always avoid riding during night time.

> How skilled do riders need to be?

The routes are all relatively simple, and do not require too much maneuvering. However if we experience precipitation, unpaved roads can be very complicated to maneuver.

> Will we have a support vehicle?

Yes, to carry baggage, tools, picnic lunches and fuel. If someone falls ill or is unable to ride we can transport him/her and the bike in the support vehicle.

> Do we have a spare bike?

This can be provided on request and at additional costs.

> Do we have a mechanic accompanying us during the tour?

You will be accompanied by a guide/mechanic all the way through the tour.

> Can I come with a non-riding companion?

Yes, another person can accompany you in the support vehicle.

> Do I have to bring my personal equipment, helmet, boots, jacket, etc.?

Yes, you will need to bring your own personal equipment. Don't forget, in Africa it can rain heavily!

> When is the best time to go?

It is best to avoid the rainy seasons, November, April and May.

> What's the accommodation and food like?

All hotels and lodges we have partnered with are amongst the best in the region. Most are really comfortable, some downright luxurious, and others are the only places in the area offering accommodation, but we have assured that all these places meet our standards.

The food is of international standard with many Asian influences. Also in hotels, ice and salads are properly treated and therefore safe to consume.

At all the hotels, there is a very large variety of different delicacies, both traditional and modern.

> Are there any compulsory vaccinations?

For Kenya, if you are coming from the EU there are no compulsory vaccinations requested upon arrival. However we recommend that you follow the travel guidelines of the World Health Organization.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/travel-advice>

> What responsibility do I have if I cause any damage to the motorcycle?

Any damage caused to the bike(s) will result in paying an immediate fee of up to USD 1000 (depending on the damage). If the bike is a write off, a fee of USD 5000.- will have to be paid.

> Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, this is highly recommended. You need insurance that covers repatriation, lost luggage, cancellation, etc.

Countries	Kenya
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	easy medium
Customer payment protection	yes
Special	Winter escape
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room	\$4,500.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room	\$2,440.00
per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	\$650.00

Included

Hire and the insurance (third party) of a BMW G650GS

Airport transfers

Accommodation based on two persons sharing a double room

Meals included as indicated in the program

Boat ride at Lake Baringo

Game drive through Masai Mara 4X4 vehicle driven by an English-speaking driver guide

Masai Mara park fees

Flying Doctors insurance (air rescue)

Petrol for the motorbikes

Services of an English speaking rider-guide. German and Spanish on request.

Mechanical assistance

Support car with a trailer transporting personal gear and luggage, water, petrol etc

Not included

Spare bike
International flight ticket
Drinks
Meals not indicated in the program
Travel Insurance
Single room supplement
Visa fees
Air balloon in Masai Mara
Boat trip on Lake Naivasha
Personal expenses, laundry
Tips
Map of the itinerary
Everything not specified under features

More details

Minimum group size is 4 riders, maximum 10 riders per tour.

Offroad experience not necessary but a training is a good idea

80 - 90% paved roads

Additionally pillion passengers in cars can accompany during the tour(s).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not use hard suitcases, choose flexible travel bags which will fit more easily in the support vehicle.

There is laundry service in all hotels on the itinerary.

Batteries can be re-charged in the hotels. Carrying a spare battery or charger is always recommended, just in case. A universal adapter for power supply is recommended, you can also purchase this locally.

Information on vaccine recommendations should be checked on the World Health Organization website.
<https://www.who.int/>

Motorcycling and travelling in Kenya is possible all year around, even during the rainy season (if you don't mind the rain).

Weather calendar: Long rains expected April to May. Short rains expected in October to November. Dry season is December - March (Christmas extra high season) and June - September. Winter season: July - September.

Tours start twice monthly, first tour during week 1 and second tour during week 3 of each month, all year round. During high season supplementary costs for hotels etc. might apply.

For the dates 22. Dec. - 29. Dec. 2023: Christmas Special Tour