

## 11 Days in Northern Kenya (M-ID: 3836)

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**from \$3,601.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

11 days

12/03/2023 - 12/13/2023 11 days

12/17/2023 - 12/27/2023 11 days

**The tour takes riders from the Great Rift Valley, into the North Rift, up the West coast of Lake Turkana, and back down into the North Rift. The terrain and scenery change a lot on this trip – from sandy, red soil, and clay to rocky sections.**

The daily temperature varies greatly too – the further north we travel, the hotter the temperatures. Accommodation-wise, it is a mix of local boarding and lodging (very simple), camping, and mid-range lodges & camps. West Turkana is very different from the East side – more sand and fewer volcanic rocks. This showcases the rarely visited parts of Kenya – a true adventure on 2 wheels!

### Daily stages:

**Day 1 - Arrival in Nairobi.** Collect from the airport and take to the Tamarind Tree Hotel. Overnight Tamarind Tree Hotel, Nairobi.

**Day 2 – Early morning collection from Nairobi.** Approximately a three-hour drive to Punda Miliias Camp close to the city of Nakuru. Meet your riding crew. After a briefing about the bikes and safety while out riding, time to ride! We go explore the surrounding hills with beautiful views of the lakes and ride in the Eburu forest. Overnight at the Punda Miliias Camp.

**Day 3 – Full day out and about exploring Soysambu Conservancy.** The Conservancy is home to plenty of plains game, zebras, giraffes, gazelles, as well as buffalos amongst other animals. Riding on and around the conservancy is unbelievably beautiful and seeing the animals from the seat of your motor bike is an experience of a lifetime. Option of a picnic lunch out, or lunch back at camp. There are plenty of routes we can ride, the whole area offers different terrains and different levels of riding – from intermediate to more technical riding. Overnight at the Punda Miliias Camp.

**Day 4 – After breakfast, ride from Punda Miliias Camp to**

Lake Baringo. This ride takes us through sisal plantations, down to Maji Moto, and on to Kampi Ya Samaki at Lake Baringo. About 200 km and 5 hours of riding. Leave the bikes on the mainland and take the boat across to Island Camp. Overnight at Island Camp which is located on an island in Lake Baringo.

**Day 5 – After breakfast, we start the ride North.** Through small villages, and lush farmland to the start of the sandy desert in South Turkana. Overnight will be camping in the South Turkana National Reserve.

**Day 6 – An early start today to avoid the heat.** Ride from South Turkana to Lodwar and on to Eliye Springs. The ride today is long, and the temperatures get hot. The last section is through dunes to get to camp. Overnight at the Eliye Springs resort.

**Day 7 – Half day riding along Lake Turkana.** Eliye is a small village with natural springs. The West Turkana shoreline is sandy and has doum palms – resembling a coastal beach. Option of visiting a Turkana homestead. Overnight at the same site as yesterday.

**Day 8 – Another early morning start – ride from Eliye Springs to the foot of the Cherangani Hills.** The ride is sandy in places, and we pass many small villages along the way. The landscape is harsh but beautiful. Overnight at the Marich Pass Field Study Centre.

**Day 9 – From Marich pass, the landscape becomes lush again, with forest, mango plantations, and hills.** The terrain changes from sandy to redder and clay soil. We ride a section on a secondary tarmac road to get to our accommodation. Overnight at the Rift Valley Hills resort.

Day 10 – After breakfast, ride back to Lake Baringo. We do approximately 55 km on a secondary tarmac road to Kabarnet. From here we ride off road down to the shores of Lake Baringo. Overnight at Island Camp which is located on an island in Lake Baringo.

Day 11 – Early morning departure from Lake Baringo back to our base at Soysambu. The route we take today is shorter than on day 3. Showers and lunch, leave the bikes at Punda Miliias, and head to Nairobi by road. This will be in vehicles. Drop off at JKIA for your international flight back home.

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#### Our conservation work

We are committed to protecting the communities, wildlife, and environment that we ride in. The conservancy fees that are charged to the clients are used to support the conservancy areas in which we ride, which sustain the wildlife and communities that live in these areas. We are also in the position to raise money for funding special projects. In our HQ at the Soysambu Conservancy, we have facilitated de-snaring projects. Snares are a major threat to wildlife populations through poaching and these projects that we support are critical to protecting their wildlife populations.

In the past, we have raised money to support the world-renowned David Sheldrick Trust that is known for its rescue and rehabilitation programs for orphaned elephants.

We have also held fundraisers to build predator-proof "bomas", which are designed to reduce livestock and wildlife conflict and, as they are designed to be mobile, they are great for sustainable rangelands management and enhancing grass production.

Our crew equally volunteers at the Mugie Triathlon for route opening and closing as a safety precaution to protect both the wildlife and the competitors. They ensure that there are no buffalo or elephants on the routes during the competition. This also helps raise money for a mobile community clinic serving the Western side of Laikipia.

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

## Pricing

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| per rider in a group of 8 riders:                           | \$3,601.00 |
| per rider in a group of 7 riders:                           | \$3,693.00 |
| per rider in a group of 6 riders:                           | \$3,817.00 |
| per rider in a group of 5 riders:                           | \$3,990.00 |
| per rider in a group of 4 riders:                           | \$4,249.00 |
| per rider in a group of 3 riders:                           | \$4,681.00 |
| per rider in a group of 2 riders:                           | \$5,544.00 |
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| Optional - visit to a Turkana homestead per person:         | \$20.00    |
| per rider - single room surcharge:                          | \$261.00   |
| Riding gear for the entire tour (on request - no surcharge) |            |

## Included

10 days riding of off-roading through different terrain & landscapes, with the occasional crossing of tarmac roads (~200km a day)

Airport collection and drop off

Transport by road from Nairobi to Punda Miliias Camp (by vehicle)

1 night accommodation at the Tamarind Tree Hotel on B/B (bed & breakfast) in twin rooms

2 night accommodation in single rooms at Punda Milias Camp on Full Board (all meals, international food)

2 night accommodation at Island Camp in the middle of Lake Baringo on Full Board (all meals, international food)

1 night accommodation camping in South Turkana National Reserve on Full Board (all meals, international food) in individual tents

2 night accommodation in twin rooms at the Eliye Springs on Full Board (all meals, international food)

1 night accommodation in twin rooms at the Marich Pass Field Study Centre on Full Board (all meals, international food) in individual tents

1 night accommodation at the Rift Valley Hills Resort near the Kerio River on Full board (all meals, international food)

Potable water during the ride

Front rider & guide, mechanic, support vehicle. The Crew has first aid knowledge.

FE 390 Husaberg / KTM 350 and 250 motorbikes with fuel, insurance on bikes & 3rd party for riders

Conservancy Fees for Soysambu Conservancy

AMREF (Flying Doctors) emergency airlift cover

Government taxes

## **Not included**

International flights & visa for Kenya

Covid tests (if still relevant at the time of travel)

Lunch & dinners in Nairobi

Beverages

Riding gear (can be hired from us on a limited basis, free of charge)

Extra activities

Visit to the Turkana homestead

Personal costs

Medical insurance (mandatory)

Tips

Everything that is not specified under included services

## **More details**

Duration: 11 days / 10 nights

Tour dates: There are no fixed dates, only proposed ones. Dates for this tour can be arranged to suit the customer's preferred wishes.

Minimum number of participants: 4

Maximum number of participants: 8

Daily stages: ~200km per day

Level of riding experience: experienced off road riders.

Accommodation: Room bookings are done in twin rooms at the Tamarind Tree Hotel upon your arrival in Nairobi, single rooms at Punda Milias Nakuru Camp (unless otherwise requested), then twin rooms at Island camp and Eliye Springs resort, and then simple local lodging or camping in individual tents. All accommodation is subject to availability at the time of booking.

For Lake Turkana, a visit to a Turkana homestead is optional and at an additional cost of US\$ 20 per person.

Equipment:

Riding gear is mandatory. Riders are strongly invited to bring their own gear to ensure they are comfortable with this essential aspect of riding. We provide the following gear on a limited basis and free of charge:

Helmets, goggles, gloves, body armors, riding pants and shirts, camel packs, and a few pair of boots.

Pillion passengers: This tour is not suitable for pillion passengers. However 2 quads are available should (non – biker) customers wish to participate.