

SAFARI AND CAMEL TREKKING WITH THE MAASAI



Introduction

This fabulous safari adventure visits the Laikipia Plateau Region within sight of Mount Kenya and with Kenya's second highest game density. Your seven night, fully inclusive safari includes the unusual opportunity to get right off the beaten track spending one or two nights trekking and walking with a professional guide and team of Laikipiak Maasai trackers and fly camping out in the bush. From your elevated position atop a camel you can get an excellent view of wildlife whilst approaching much closer than would be possible on foot.

Sabuk is an entrancing haven on the edge of the Laikipia plateau, overlooking the Ewaso Nyiro River and the plains of Laikipia towards Mount Kenya. The Laikipia plateau stretches from the foothills of the Aberdares, across vast open plains to the Northern Frontier District and the Mathews Range. This region nurtures exceptional wildlife and cultural diversity, home to many communities including the Laikipiak Maasai and the Samburu tribes.

You will also enjoy the opportunity of other activities in this stunning environment including twice daily traditional 4 x 4 day and night game drives

Day 1

You will be met off your flight at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Wilson domestic airport for your scheduled morning flight at 1020 hrs to Loisaba. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Sabuk Lodge. After lunch you will be able to take your first game drive.

Sabuk Lodge is a stunning wilderness destination, perched on the high banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River in the Northern Frontier District, overlooking the Laikipia Plateau and Samburu land. The lodge has 5 beautifully furnished open sided en-suite cottages with veranda's, each with its own fabulous view and one family cottage. Sabuk was fashioned out of the local landscape, built with local materials, twisted wood and stone boulders incorporated into the architecture. Open walls and private veranda's face out over the river gorge 150 feet below.

Sabuk Fly camp is perfect for clients spending 3 or more days. Walk with a professional safari guide, a team of trained Laikipiak Maasai warriors and camel train through completely deserted tracts of wilderness: no other tourists, no roads or vehicles, only wildlife and their tracks, breathtaking scenery, the sounds of the bush, just Africa.

Leave your vehicles behind and get back to nature with walks along the river, accompanied by the local Laikipiak Maasai guides, who pass on their knowledge and traditional uses of the flora in the area. Guests enjoy picnics in the shade by the river, a refreshing dip in the natural rock pools below camp or just basking on the main deck overlooking the plains, lulled by the sound of the river which flows all year round.

Activities include game drives through the hilly countryside around camp, guided walks with camels to explore the area; also bush breakfasts and sundowners with the added treat of a night game drive back to camp afterwards

<http://www.sabuklodge.com/>

Day 2

Spend your first day to getting to know Sabuk and the breathtaking wilderness area around it, on morning and afternoon/evening game drives.

Day 3

Today you will start your adventure in the African bush departing with your experienced team of Maasai Trekkers on a one or two night trek.

Walking off into the vast wilderness following the camel train and the chanting Camel handlers is like stepping back in time. You just can't get closer to nature, peace and further away from our day to day busy lives. The walking in this area is not all flat; the walks follow the Ewaso Nyiro River, where possible, so there are plenty of valleys. One can ride the camels when a break is needed. Generally the walk on this first morning is about 4 hours. There is the chance of seeing Elephant, Buffalo, Greater Kudu, Eland, Oryx, Impala, Grevy's Zebra, Burchells Zebra, Grants Gazelle, Dikdik, Klipspringer, Warthog, Thompson's Gazelle and occasionally the highly endangered Wild dog.

There will be plenty of time to rest particularly during the heat of the day with stops for refreshments and to enjoy the scenery.

A separate camel train will travel ahead to set up the evening camps. The mosquito proof tents have proper beds, bedside tables and en-suite dressing rooms with safari showers and

chemical toilets. On clear evenings the tents can be put up without the outer fly-sheet so that the stars of the night sky are visible through the netting from your bed.

Day 4

At first light you will be served mugs of hot steaming tea round the fire, whilst the shaving and washing water is poured into the wash basin at the tents. A quick early breakfast setting of in the cool together with the guide and walking camels taking a picnic lunch and lots of cold drinks. Your walking will take you into remote areas that could not be accessed by vehicle and will immerse you in the rhythm and heartbeat of the African bush. This day the pack camels will stay behind to pack up camp and head more directly to the next nights camp site.

Day 5

This last day there is not such a rush. Enjoy camp and its surroundings, after a leisurely breakfast pack up your personal belongings and walk back to camp with your guide and the walking camels. The crew will remain at camp to pack up and load the camp for its return to the lodge. You will be welcomed back at camp, settle into the gorgeous rooms and enjoy a long soak in one of the fabulous enormous bath tubs.

Day 6 & 7

You have two more full days to enjoy the many varied activities on offer from the lodge.

Day 8

Transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi and onward connections

TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON ON A NAIROBI TO NAIROBI BASIS

5 th Jan to 15 th March 2012	US\$3802 (£2535)
16 th March to 31 st May 2012	US\$3202 (£2135)
1 st June to 30 th June 2012	US\$3802 (£2535)

What's included:

All transfers to and from local and International Airports
Internal Flights
Full Board Accommodation at Sabuk lodge and on Camel Trek
All beverages including locally branded alcoholic and soft drinks
Laundry at Sabuk Lodge
All scheduled game activities
Cultural Visits (fee payable locally)
Fishing and River tubing
Conservation fees

What's not included:

International Flights
Visa fees
Tips and gratuities for guides and camp staff

Purchases of a personal nature

When to go:

This Safari can be enjoyed at any time of year, however this is a special offer based on travel between January and June 2012. The game viewing is good all year round. Guests are advised that it gets cold at night from June to August but the days are generally warm and sunny. There is the possibility of some rain in between late March and early June however this is a very dry area and the enjoyment of your safari should not be affected

Who should go:

“Safari and Camel Trekking with the Maasai” is enjoyable as family holiday or as a wonderful trip for that once in a lifetime experience or special occasion. This safari is an excellent family friendly choice which can be taken as a stand alone safari or as part of a longer safari with one of Kenya’s other outstanding wildlife areas. A week on the beach in Kenya or in nearby Zanzibar will round this Safari Holiday off perfectly.

We Say:

This safari is a wonderful adventure allowing guests to get close to nature in an unspoilt wilderness paradise and to experience interaction with the very colorful local culture. Sabuk Lodge is stunning and extremely comfortable whilst your accommodation whilst trekking is necessarily more rustic but never the less comfortable. We recommend first time safari goes to add a few days in the Maasai Mara or in the nearby Ol Pejeta Conservancy for a more traditional “Big Five” safari experience.

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