



### PACKAGE SIGHTSEEING

**LAKE NAIVASHA** is a beautiful freshwater lake, fringed by thick papyrus. The lake is almost 13kms across, but its waters are shallow with an average depth of five metres.

Lake area varies greatly according to rainfall, with an average range between 114 and 991 sq kms. At the beginning of the 20th Century, Naivasha completely dried up and effectively disappeared. The resulting open land was farmed, until heavy rains a few years later caused the lake to return to existence, swallowing up the newly established estates.



Afternoon wind and storms can cause the Lake to become suddenly rough and produce high waves. For this reason, the local Maasai christened the lake Nai'posha meaning 'rough water'.

The lake and its surroundings are rich in natural bounty, and the fertile soils and water supply have made this one of Kenya's prime agricultural regions. Much of the lake is surrounded by forests of the yellow barked Acacia Xanthophlea, known as the yellow fever tree.

These forests abound with bird life, and Naivasha is known as a world class birding destination. The waters of the lake draw a great range of game to these shores. Giraffes wander among the acacia, Buffalo wallow in the swamps and Colobus monkeys call from the treetops while the Lakes large hippo population sleep the day out in the shallows.

Crescent Island Game Sanctuary - Located on Lake Naivasha, in the Great Rift Valley, Kenya. It is one of the most beautiful parks in Kenya and is Naivasha's best-kept secret. Surrounded by water, it is actually a peninsula and is accessible by boat from East or West as well as by road.

The shores host abundant birdlife including pelicans, cormorants, and fish-eagles with their haunting cry. There are more animals per acre than any other Kenyan Park, hence many film companies have been to the Island to film the herds of Wildebeest, Waterbuck, Zebra, and Gazelle.

**OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY** - Situated between the foothills of Mount Kenya and Aberdares is Kenya's best kept conservation havens, the Ol Pejeta Conservancy. The Ol Pejeta Conservancy is one of the only wildlife protection areas that's home to very high numbers of endangered species. Aside from the big 5, more than a thousand different mammals and bird species roam the wild.



A safari into the O.P.C will let you enjoy the company of rescued chimpanzees as you learn about the stories of torture they went through in captivity in West and Central Africa. This is actually the only place in Kenya to see chimpanzees and you can have a chance to adopt one of them!

On a game drive, you can visit the largest black rhino sanctuary and learn about the conservation efforts that are conducted to protect these endangered species. After the single largest translocation process, with the Kenya Wildlife Services and neighboring Lewa Conservancy, the O.P.C is home to 88 black rhinos. You could also make a donation to help more conservation activities for these endangered species. Aside from black

rhinos, O.P.C is also home to a founder population of 11 southern white rhinos and 4 northern white rhinos in a separate sanctuary.

**ABERDARE NATIONAL PARK** - The Aberdares are the third highest range of mountains in Kenya, reaching a summit of just over 4000m. This massive range is well known for its thick salient forests, and their prolific game.



These high altitude forests are broken by moorlands and plains, and through the abundant tree cover there are sensational views of the Rift Valley and the peak of Mt Kenya.

The forest is a hidden world of wildlife. The thick vegetation provides perfect cover for countless species.

Very large herds of Elephant and Buffalo move almost silently through the undergrowth, while overhead noisome birds and colobus monkeys dominate the canopy.

At night the forest comes alive, the cries of hyrax and the distinctive rasping growl of leopard echoing among the trees.

### **NAIROBI SIGHTSEEING**

**SHELDRIK ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE:** Best known for our work to protect elephants, the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (SWT) operates the most successful orphan elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world. But we do much more than this. Born from one family's passion for Kenya and its wilderness, the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust was established more than 40 years ago and is best known for its Orphans' Project, the first and most successful elephant orphan rescue and rehabilitation program in the world.



**GIRAFFE CENTRE:** The Giraffe Center is located in Lang'ata, approximately 20 kilometres from the centre of Nairobi, Kenya. It was established in order to protect the endangered giraffe, that is found only in the grasslands of East Africa.

There are now over 300 Rothschild Giraffe safe and breeding well in various Kenyan national parks.



### **KAZURI BEAD FACTORY:**

Kazuri, which means “small and beautiful” in Swahili, began in 1975 as a tiny workshop experimenting in hand crafted ceramic beads. Its founder started with two single motherhood women and soon discovered that there were many others in the villages around Nairobi, most of who were disadvantaged and were in great need of regular employment. Today Kazuri has grown tremendously and now has a large workforce of over 340 women skilled in the crafting of ceramic beads, strung into beautifully and artistically jewellery.



### **MASAI MARKET:**

One of the great experiences for safari-goers in Kenya is a visit to the Masai Market. At these open-air markets travellers can find curios, paintings, drawings, clothes and fabrics with East African prints, jewellery and wood-carvings, many hand-made in Kenya by local artisans. You can buy all your souvenirs and gifts in one-go but get ready for some serious bargaining. Enjoy the haggling and expect to come away with some great deals (keep in mind that it is their livelihood if they really stick to "no" you probably have gone below a price where they can make any money from an item).

## **PACKAGE ITINERARY**

**DAY 1:** Arrive Nairobi and transfer to Lake Naivasha. After lunch, enjoy a cruise on the lake to see the bird life and other water based animals. Dinner and overnight at Lake Naivasha Country Club.

**DAY 2:** Early morning walking safari at Crescent Island. After breakfast depart for Ol Pejeta – Sweetwaters Camp. Your game drive begins as soon as you enter the conservancy. Tonight after dinner enjoy a night game drive and see the nocturnal activities of the wildlife. Overnight at Serena Sweetwaters Camp

**DAY 3:** After an early morning game drive and visit to the chimpanzee and rhino enclosures depart for Aberdares. Lunch is at Aberdares Country Club before proceeding to The Ark Lodge in the national park. The viewing platforms overlooking the watering hole offer a fantastic experience of a lifetime to see the wildlife congregating to quench their thirst. In the process the hunters prey on the hunted too! This spectacle can be viewed all night too. Dinner and overnight at The Ark.

**DAY 4:** Depart for Nairobi after breakfast in time to check in for a long earned rest before embarking on an optional nightlife tour of Nairobi. Dinner at own expense. Overnight at The Azure Hotel, Nairobi.

**DAY 5:** Check out after breakfast to reach the elephant orphanage by 11am to view the baby elephants being fed followed by a visit to the giraffe sanctuary, Kazuri beads factory and Masai Market. Drop off at the airport for your return flight home.

## **PACKAGE INCLUSIONS**

- 4 nights accommodation as per meal plans and hotels mentioned below
- 4x4 Toyota Land Cruiser with driver-guide
- All park fees and entrances to the attractions
- Lake Naivasha lake cruise
- Night Safari at Ol Pejeta
- F&B Hamper in Nairobi
- 1 FREE SIM card per adult pre-loaded with voice & data plan