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5 Days Budget Safari for the Big Five

5 Days | Kenya | Lake Naivasha, Maasai Mara National Reserve, Lake Nakuru national Park, Nairobi

From \$1,415 per person sharing

Package Overview

Embark on an immersive 5-day Kenyan safari adventure, meticulously crafted for value-conscious travelers seeking authentic wildlife encounters. This private tour blends scenic beauty with legendary game viewing, starting with the tranquil waters of Lake Naivasha for a unique boat safari and walking tour. The journey then delves into the heart of the world-famous Masai Mara National Reserve for two full days of tracking the Big Five amidst breathtaking savannah landscapes. The finale is a visit to the flamingo-fringed shores of Lake Nakuru National Park, a renowned rhino sanctuary. Travel in a custom 4x4 safari vehicle with a pop-up roof for optimal viewing, staying in comfortable budget camps that bring you close to nature. This itinerary offers the perfect introduction to Kenya's wildlife and scenic wonders.

Quick Facts

Style: Budget Private Safari (shared game drives)

Transport: Custom 4x4 Land Cruiser with Pop-Up Roof

Accommodation: Budget Guest Houses & Tented Camps

Activities: Game Drives, Boat Safari, Guided Nature Walk

Start/End: Nairobi / Nairobi

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1: Nairobi to Lake Naivasha

Your adventure begins with a pickup from your Nairobi hotel or the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Depart the city and descend into the Great Rift Valley, stopping at a panoramic viewpoint for stunning photos of this geological wonder. Continue to the freshwater Lake Naivasha, arriving in time for lunch at your accommodation. In the afternoon, embark on a tranquil boat ride across the lake's sparkling waters. Glide past basking hippo pods and observe a magnificent array of birdlife, including fish eagles, cormorants, and kingfishers. Disembark at Crescent Island Sanctuary for a rare and thrilling guided walking safari. Walk freely among giraffes, zebras, impala, and waterbuck in this predator-free sanctuary--an unforgettable opportunity for close-up wildlife photography. Return to your lakeside camp as the sun sets for dinner and your first night under the African sky.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner | Destination: Lake Naivasha

Day 2: Lake Naivasha to Masai Mara National Reserve

After breakfast, bid farewell to Lake Naivasha and journey southwest towards the iconic Masai Mara. The drive offers a fascinating transition in landscapes, passing through Maasai homesteads and open plains. If traveling between July and October, you'll traverse the path of the legendary Great Migration, where millions of wildebeest and zebra brave crocodile-infested rivers in search of fresh grazing. Arrive at your eco-friendly camp in time for a late lunch and some relaxation. In the late afternoon, experience a Maasai-guided nature walk in the conservancy areas bordering the reserve. Learn about local flora, animal tracks, and the rich cultural heritage from your Maasai guide (warrior). This immersive walk provides a different perspective on the ecosystem before returning to camp for a hearty dinner.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Maasai Mara National Reserve

Day 3: Full Day Exploring the Masai Mara

Today is dedicated entirely to the wonders of the Masai Mara. Opt for a full-day game drive with a packed picnic lunch to explore the reserve's remote corners, such as the Mara River where migration crossings occur (seasonal). This maximizes your time in the field and chances of witnessing dramatic predator-prey interactions. Alternatively, you can choose a schedule of morning and afternoon game drives, returning to camp for lunch and a midday rest. Your expert driver-guide will track the wildlife, seeking out prides of lions, solitary leopards, cheetahs on the hunt, elephants, and massive buffalo herds. The vast, rolling grasslands offer breathtaking panoramas and unparalleled photographic opportunities. Return to camp in the evening to share stories of the day's sightings over dinner.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Maasai Mara National Reserve

Day 4: Masai Mara to Lake Nakuru National Park

Enjoy one final early morning game drive in the Mara, capturing the landscape in the beautiful soft light and searching for any elusive species. Return to camp for a full breakfast before checking out and beginning your journey north to Lake Nakuru National Park. Arrive in the afternoon and check into your accommodation. After lunch, head into the park for an afternoon game drive. This compact park is a birdwatcher's paradise, famously dotted with thousands of pink flamingos along its shoreline. It is also one of Kenya's best rhino sanctuaries, offering an excellent chance to see both the endangered black rhino and the white rhino. Look out for the rare tree-climbing lions, Rothschild's giraffes, and herds of waterbuck. Dinner and overnight are at your lodge near the park.

Meals: Breakfast,Lunch,Dinner | Destination: Lake Nakuru national Park

Day 5: Lake Nakuru to Nairobi Departure

After breakfast, you have the option for a short, final morning game drive in Lake Nakuru National Park. Afterwards, begin your journey back to Nairobi, crossing the equator and enjoying final views of the Rift Valley escarpment. You will be dropped off at your Nairobi hotel or at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in time for your onward travel arrangements, marking the end of your memorable safari.

Meals: Breakfast | Destination: Nairobi

Costing

Group Size	Price Per Person (USD)
1 Person (Solo Traveler)	\$2,050
2 People (Per Person)	\$1,415
4 People (Per Person)	\$1,150
5 People (Per Person)	\$1,100
6+ People (Per Person)	\$1,040

Prices are per person and may vary based on season, availability, accommodation level, and final customisation.

Inclusives

- + Transpor in a 4x4 landcruiser
- + All national park and game reserve entry fees as per the itinerary (for non-resident guests).
- + All scheduled game drives and activities mentioned in the day-by-day itinerary, conducted in a custom safari 4x4 vehicle.
- + The services of a professional, English-speaking driver/guide for the entire safari duration.
- + All road transportation throughout the tour in a dedicated, well-maintained vehicle.
- + All applicable government taxes and Value Added Tax (VAT).
- + Roundtrip airport transfers on the first and last day between Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) and your Nairobi hotel or residence.
- + Drinking water provided in the vehicle during all road transfers and game drives.

Exclusives

- International airfare to and from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO).
- Any additional accommodation required before the tour start date or after its conclusion.
- Gratuities for your driver/guide and camp/lodge staff (a guideline of USD \$10-\$15 per person, per day is customary).
- Personal expenses such as souvenirs, laundry, telephone calls, and travel insurance.
- Visa fees for entry into Kenya.
- Any increases in park fees or taxes imposed by the government after the booking date.
- Meals and drinks not explicitly stated in the itinerary (e.g., some beverages at lodges).
- Optional activities, such as hot air balloon safaris, Maasai village visits, or specific cultural experiences, unless otherwise noted.

Ready to customise this safari?

Contact Urban Jay Safaris at info@urbanjaysafaris.com or +254720524693 to confirm availability and tailor the trip to your travel dates.