

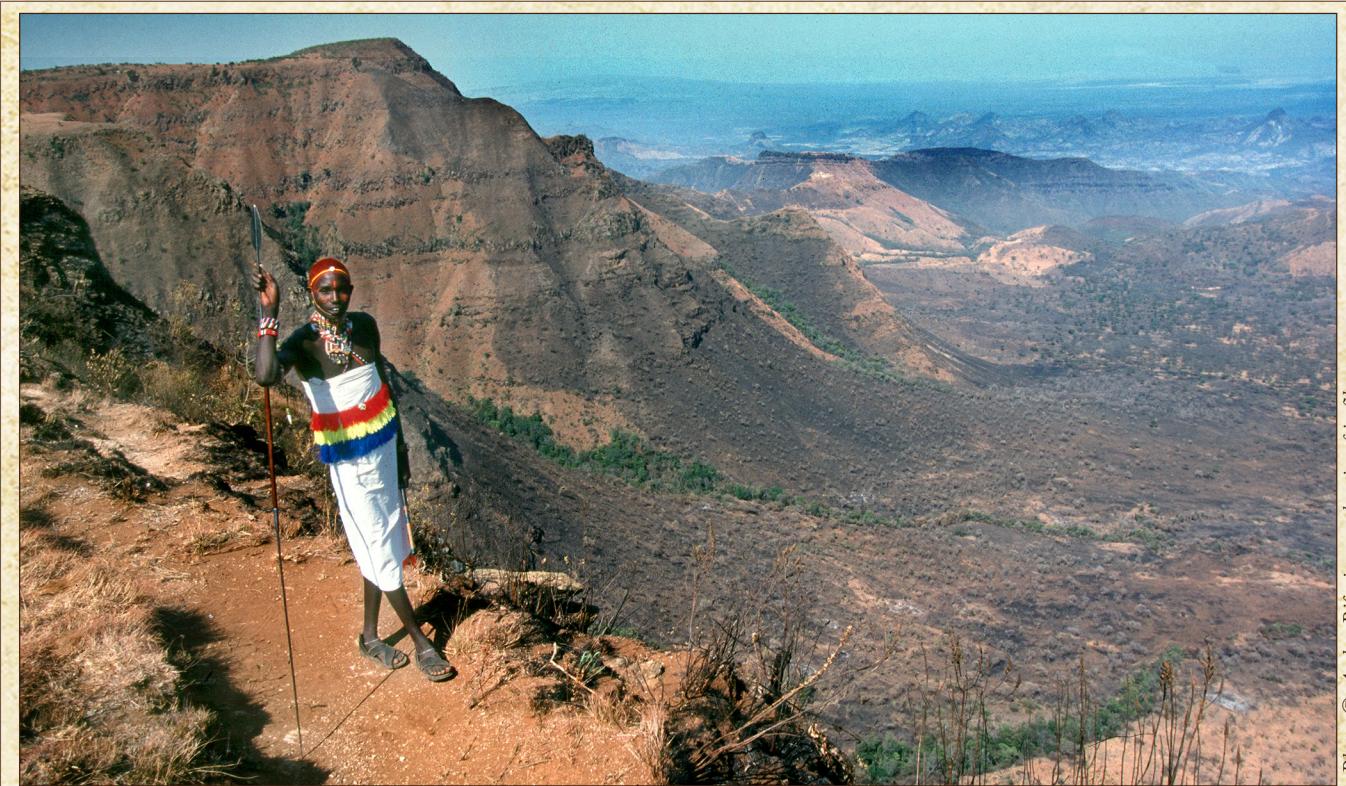
(viii) SAFARI TO THE JADE SEA, LAKE TURKANA



*The best of Kenya's Rift Valley.*

4x4 Adventure Road Trip

10 Days / 9 Nights



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Samburu Warrior, Rift Valley, Northern Kenya

THE JADE SEA Turkana Safari to the more remote and harsh parts of Kenya, to Koobi Fora on the eastern side of Lake Turkana in Sibiloi National Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage listed site.

Let us take you on a journey... A journey of discovery, a journey of striking landscapes, amazing people, diverse ecosystems, beautiful flora, spectacular wildlife, unforgettable sunsets. Wilderness at its best. A safari especially tailor-made for you, your family and friends to explore the more remote parts of Kenya. We travel in our specially safari prepared 4WD land cruisers. We can operate this safari either alternating light fly camps with lodges or in exclusive properties throughout.

The itinerary below is a sample adventure safari that can be personalized to your party and budget.

**RIFT VALLEY TURKANA EXPEDITION**

- Day 1** Nairobi
- Day 2** Nairobi > Nakuru
- Day 3** Lake Nakuru > Lake Bogoria > Lake Baringo
- Day 4** Baringo > Maralal
- Day 5** Maralal > Loiyangalani
- Day 6** Loiyangalani
- Day 7** Loiyangalani > North Horr > Kalasha > Kaisut dessert > Milgis
- Day 8** Milgis > Samburu
- Day 9** Samburu
- Day 10** Samburu > Nairobi





*Lake Nakuru National Park*

#### **Day 1 – Nairobi**

Arrival Nairobi JKIA meet and greet, and transfer to Nairobi hotel. Relax by the hotel swimming pool.

Possibility of various outings and tourist attractions within Nairobi: Nairobi National Park, a city tour, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust known for its rehabilitation of orphan elephants, Giraffe Manor, or a visit to a coffee or tea plantation, a rose farm, or Kitengela Hot Glass.

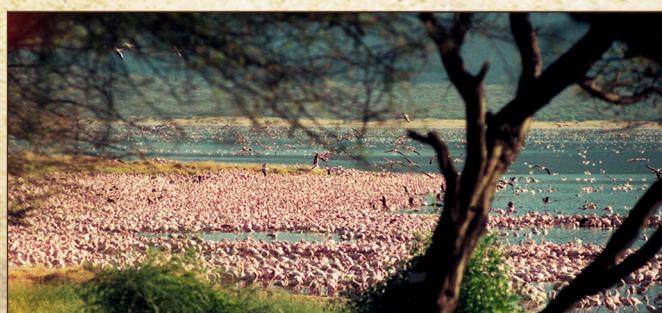
Eating-out? Nairobi, cosmopolitan city boasts of a diverse gastronomic multi culinary cuisine with a vast choice of restaurants to choose from: Indian, Japanese, Italian, African, Asian, Seafood, Ethiopian, Mediterranean, Steakhouse, ... try Carnivore, Talisman, Tamarind, Karen Blixen restaurants...

Overnight Panafric Hotel BB (or similar).

#### **Day 2 – Nairobi > Nakuru**

A morning drive to Lake Nakuru, famous for its spectacular birdlife - flamingos, pelicans, cormorants, herons, grebes and birds of prey. A veritable paradise for ornithologists. Lake Nakuru is also renowned for its large mammals, rhinoceroses, both black and white, cape buffalo and Rothschild's giraffe, lions and leopards. Large troops of olive baboons wander about the cliffs towering the park. A game drive along the Western side of the Lake and a little climb through the acacia forest will take us up to the lodge, a swim enjoying spectacular views of the lake and it's time for lunch. We spend the afternoon game driving along the shores of the lake. This makes it a beautiful overnight stop.

Dinner and overnight Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge FB (or Similar).



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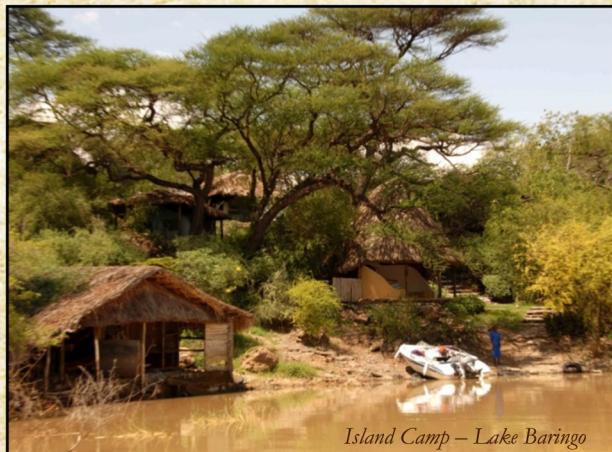
#### **Day 3 Lake Nakuru > Lake Bogoria > Lake Baringo**

After an early breakfast we head off to explore Lake Bogoria National Reserve. Like Lake Baringo and Lake Nakuru, this lake also lies in the Great Rift Valley. An alkaline lake, it is home to large groups of flamingos, which feast on blue-green algae. Birds of more than 100 other species, including the Yellow-billed Stork and the African Spoonbill, are found on the lake, which is famous for its geothermally active geysers and hot springs. You will have all day to test your skills with those big 500-mm or 600-mm lenses! We will then continue our route to Lake Baringo. A short boat ride will take us to Ol Kokwe Island, arriving for a late lunch and relax by the pool in the heat of the day. Sundowners on a boat cruise exploring the shores of the lake. We may even catch a glimpse of an African Fish Eagle swooping on its prey in the magical evening light. And we may see crocodiles too, basking on the lakeshore. There will be great opportunities for bird photography. There are over 600 species of bird in Lake Baringo.

Dinner and overnight Island Camp FB (or Similar).



*Lake Bogoria National Park*



Lake Baringo

#### Day 4 Baringo > Maralal

Sunrise is just after 6:30 a.m. Pick your spot the previous evening so as not to miss dawn. Often, the best viewpoint is on the terrace of your tent, as you sip your freshly brewed coffee as sun's rays are mirrored in the lake. Breakfast and to the Jeti for the boat to take us to mainland and our journey continues North.

Throughout the day we will take the time to stop according to our encounters and vistas.

Dinner and overnight Maralal Safari Lodge or Ngari Hill Ecolodge or Desert Rose FB (or Similar).

#### Day 5 Maralal > Loiyangalani

After a drive through the Maralal forest we will start our descend to vast opening of Northern Kenya. Barsaloi, Marti, Baragoi, then South Horr, more lagas to cross before start appearing Don Quijote's wind mills, the Loiyangalani Wind Power Project, generating renewable energy for the national grid... Then Mt Kulal and then the Jade Sea ahead of us. It is quite a spectacular sight.



Lake Turkana

## LOIYANGALANI > KALASHA > SAMBURU

### Day 6 Loiyangalani

Loiyangalani, on the southeastern shores of Lake Turkana, is home to various ethnic groups. Here Turkana, Samburu, and Rendille pastoralists coexist sharing grazing land for their animals under the scorching sun. The Somalis, primarily traders, also settled here. Drawn by the thriving fish market, Luo fishermen established themselves too. The magnet force here being the spring waters fringe by doum palms and acacia Tortillis trees, once upon a time, an oasis where semi nomadic people came and went. Then the Catholic mission settle, so did the people and with it, a school (run by the Catholic Mission); a police post and a few other social amenities. A German inverter fall in love with this magnificent moon like spot where you can watch the sun set over the Jade Sea and build The Oasis Lodge. With this new addition, tourism flourish, bringing more adventurer travelers to this desolate part of the world. In 2005 Loiyangalani was the set of The Constant Gardener, putting this little forgotten village as a Hollywood set.

Our boat awaits at the Jetti. We will explore South Island National Park, a barren volcanic island, A UNESCO World Heritage Site, a breeding ground for Nile crocodile. Don't forget your swimming costume, but stay close to the shore. Lots of snakes here too! Puff adders, cobras, so stay vigilant! This island also hosts many other bird species and migrant bird species too.

### Day 7 Loiyangalani > North Horr > Kalasha > Kaisut dessert > Milgis

(You can add 2 days to the itinerary to include Sibiloi National Park and the petrified forest of Koobi Fora)

Heading north, past El Molo village, lava, rock formations, ridges, dust and desolation. We will pass North Horr and cross the Chalbi Desert. Don't ask about the vegetation here, there is none. The temperature is on the 40s degrees. We are in the most arid part of Kenya, barren land and sand dunes. Then, the Kaisut Desert. We will come across the host people of the region, the Rendille. Here, at any water point, we will see the comings and goings of cattle, goats and sheep, donkeys and camels taking turn to quench their thirst, semi nomadic, following the rains in search of pasture for their livestock.

By evening we will join the Malgis, a large lugga, border between the Matthews and the Ndoto mountains.

Overnight Koros Camp or Similar



Turkana Girls, Lake Turkana



Fisherman, Lake Turkana

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### Day 8 Milgis > Samburu

The Malgis... permanent source of water even when dry. Both the Samburu and wildlife share water holes dug by elephants. Valleys and hills will succeed each other through the day.

### Day 9 Samburu

This vast unspoiled reserve is teeming with wildlife attracted by the waters of the Ewaso river that crosses the reserve from west to east. We will spend the day game driving with breaks for breakfast and lunch and to squeeze a refreshing swim in the lodge's pool. The park is plentiful with crocodiles that bask on muddy river banks and velvet monkeys that frolic in the late afternoon sun.

Dinner & Overnight Samburu Intrepid or similar

### Day 10 Samburu > Nairobi

Well... our safari is now coming to an end... Unless you get tempted by a few days at the beach, Diani, Watamu or Lamu, on the Indian Ocean wouldn't be a bad idea before your return flight home...

