



# SkySafari

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The Ultimate African Experience

# SkySafari Kenya Connoisseur

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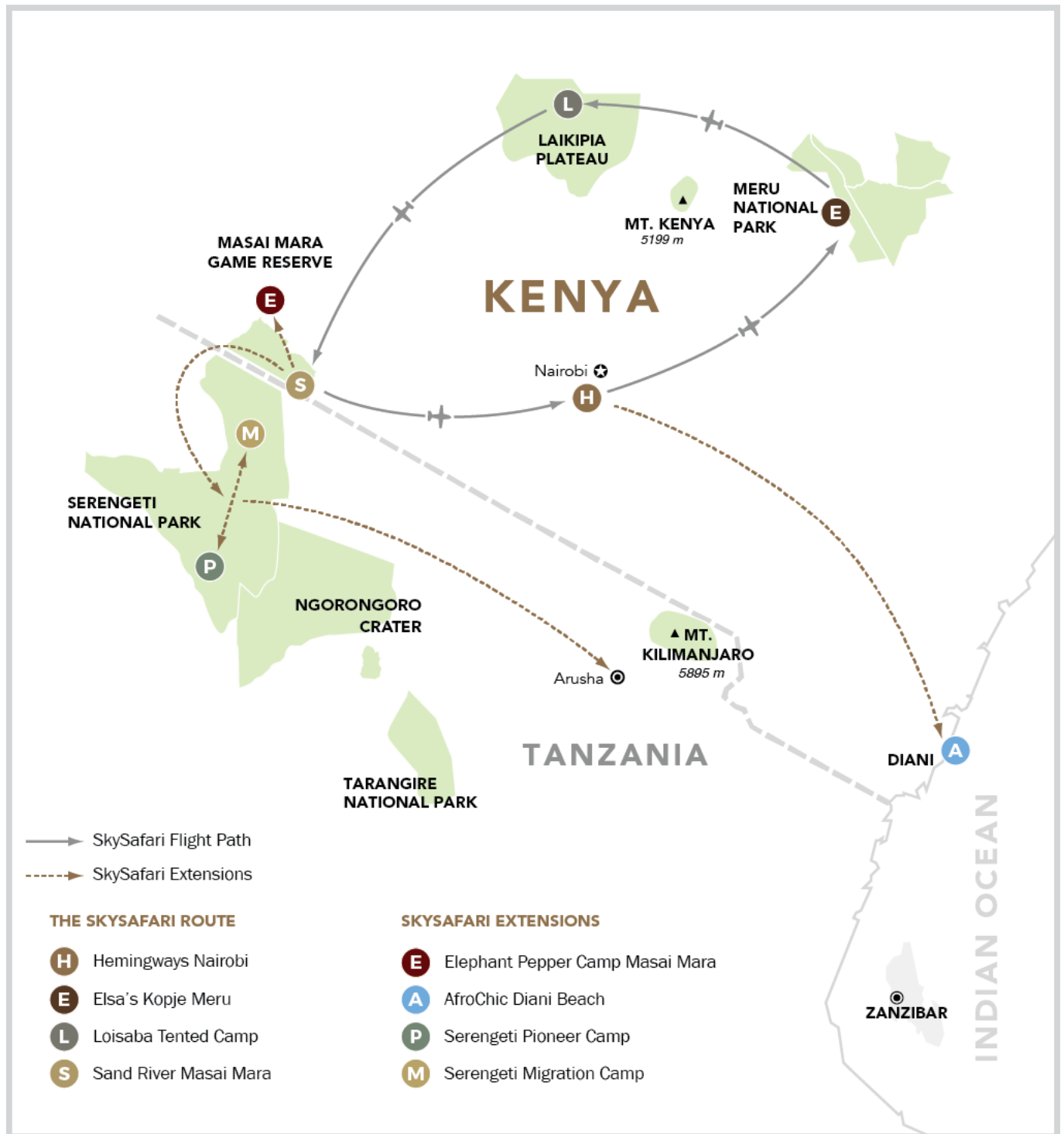
# Kenya Connoisseur : Itinerary in Brief

| DAY                 | LOCATION  | ACTIVITIES  | OVERNIGHT             |
|---------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| Day 1<br>(Optional) | Nairobi   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival at Nairobi – Jomo Kenyatta International Airport</li> <li>• SkySafari Road Transfer to Hemingways Hotel</li> <li>• Dinner at Hemingways</li> </ul>   | Hemingways Nairobi    |
| Day 1               | Nairobi -<br>Meru National Park                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast at Hemingways (optional)</li> <li>• Transfer to Nairobi – Wilson Airport</li> <li>• The SkySafari takes to the air – Departure to Meru National Park</li> <li>• Lunch at Elsa's Kopje</li> <li>• Be pampered with a Massage alternatively enjoy an afternoon Game Drive</li> </ul>   | Elsa's Kopje          |
| Day 2               | Meru National Park  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early morning Game Drive</li> <li>• Lunch at Elsa's Kopje</li> <li>• Afternoon Game Drive</li> <li>• Scenic Sundowners overlooking the park</li> </ul>   | Elsa's Kopje          |
| Day 3               | Meru National Park -<br>Loisaba Conservancy,<br>Laikipia      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informative Nature Walk</li> <li>• Lunch at Elsa's Kopje</li> <li>• Departure to Airstrip</li> <li>• SkySafari Flight to Loisaba Conservancy</li> <li>• Game Drive en-route to Loisaba Tented Camp</li> <li>• Arrive at the Camp in time for drinks and dinner</li> </ul>  | Loisaba Tented Camp   |
| Day 4               | Loisaba Conservancy,<br>Laikipia                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking Safari with traditional Samburu guides</li> <li>• Return to camp for breakfast and a refreshing Swim</li> <li>• Lunch at the Camp</li> <li>• Afternoon Game Drive or Fishing in the river</li> <li>• Sundowners in the bush</li> <li>• Dinner under the stars</li> </ul>   | Loisaba Tented Camp   |
| Day 5               | Loisaba Conservancy,<br>Laikipia -<br>Masai Mara Game Reserve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early morning Game Drive or Explore on camelback (optional)</li> <li>• Breakfast in the bush</li> <li>• Lunch at the Camp</li> <li>• Transfer to Loisaba Airstrip</li> <li>• SkySafari Flight to the world famous Masai Mara</li> <li>• Game Drive en-route to Sand River Masai Mara Camp</li> </ul>   | Sand River Masai Mara |
| Day 6               | Masai Mara Game Reserve                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Breakfast</li> <li>• Full Day Game Drive</li> <li>• Picnic Hamper Lunch served in the bush</li> <li>• Interact with the Masai Tribe in their village</li> <li>• Farewell Dinner under the stars</li> </ul>   | Sand River Masai Mara |
| Day 7               | Masai Mara Game Reserve<br>- Nairobi                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bush Breakfast is served on the banks of the Sand River</li> <li>• Game Drive or simply relax at Camp</li> <li>• Lunch at Camp</li> <li>• SkySafari Flight to Wilson Airport</li> <li>• Road Transfer to restaurant in Nairobi for Dinner</li> <li>• Road Transfer to Nairobi - Jomo Kenyatta International Airport &amp; Departure</li> </ul> |                       |

# Kenya Connoisseur : Extensions

| DAY  | LOCATION                                 | ACTIVITIES   | OVERNIGHT   |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>KENYA CONNOISSEUR + NAIROBI (PRE/POST NIGHT) - 1 NIGHT</b>                              |  |  |   |
|  | Nairobi                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Board Accommodation including Drinks</li> <li>• Road Transfers to/from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport</li> </ul>  | Hemingways Nairobi  |
| <b>KENYA CONNOISSEUR + MASAI MARA (SAND RIVER CAMP OR ELEPHANT PEPPER CAMP) - 2 NIGHTS</b> |  |  |   |
| Day 7 - 9  | Masai Mara Game Reserve<br>- Nairobi     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Game drive transfer to Elephant Pepper Camp if staying there</li> <li>• Two Full Days to explore the Mara</li> <li>• Scheduled Flight to Wilson Airport</li> <li>• Road Transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport</li> <li>• Dinner in Nairobi</li> <li>• Departure from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport</li> </ul> | Sand River Masai Mara<br><i>or</i> Elephant Pepper<br>Camp      |
| <b>KENYA CONNOISSEUR + SERENGETI (SERENGETI MIGRATION OR PIONEER CAMP) - 2 NIGHTS</b>      |  |  |   |
| Day 7  | Masai Mara Game Reserve<br>- Serengeti   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast is served on the banks of the Sand River</li> <li>• Scheduled flight Masai Mara - Serengeti</li> <li>• Transfer to Serengeti Migration or Pioneer Camp</li> </ul>   |   |
| Day 8 - 9  | Serengeti National Park -<br>Arusha      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily game drives</li> <li>• One bush meal</li> <li>• Flight to Arusha</li> <li>• Dinner at Arusha Coffee Lodge with drinks</li> <li>• Transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport</li> </ul>   | Serengeti Migration<br>Camp <i>or</i> Serengeti<br>Pioneer Camp |
| <b>KENYA CONNOISSEUR + DIANI BEACH - 4 NIGHTS</b>  |  |  |   |
| Day 7  | Masai Mara Game Reserve<br>- Diani Beach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relax at Camp or Enjoy a morning Game Drive</li> <li>• Lunch at Sand River Masai Mara</li> <li>• Transfer to Keekorok Airstrip</li> <li>• Scheduled Flight to Ukunda Airstrip – Diani Beach</li> <li>• Road Transfer to AfroChic Diani Beach</li> </ul>   | AfroChic Diani Beach  |
| Day 8-11   | Diani Beach                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pure relaxation at AfroChic</li> <li>• Be pampered with a Massage (one per person)</li> <li>• Explore the reef snorkeling</li> <li>• Optional Diving/Dhow Trips/Deep Sea Fishing</li> <li>• Road Transfer to Moi International Airport</li> </ul>   | AfroChic Diani Beach  |
| <b>KENYA CONNOISSEUR + ZANZIBAR - 4 NIGHTS</b>   |  |  |   |
| Day 7  | Masai Mara Game Reserve<br>- Nairobi     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relax at Camp or Enjoy a morning Game Drive</li> <li>• Lunch at Camp</li> <li>• Transfer to Keekorok Airstrip</li> <li>• SkySafari Flight to Wilson Airport</li> <li>• Road Transfer to Hemingways Nairobi</li> <li>• Dinner</li> </ul>   | Hemingways Nairobi  |
| Day 8-11   | Nairobi - Zanzibar                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departure after breakfast for Jomo Kenyatta Airport</li> <li>• Scheduled Flight to Zanzibar International Airport</li> <li>• Road Transfer to/from Kilindi Zanzibar</li> <li>• Relax on this Exotic Spice Island</li> <li>• Snorkeling in the bay</li> <li>• Be pampered with a Massage (one per person)</li> </ul>           | Kilindi Zanzibar  |

# Kenya Connoisseur : The Route Map



# Kenya Connoisseur : Itinerary

## Day 1 : Nairobi (Optional)



### ABOUT THE HOTEL

- Plantation-style boutique hotel with the Ngong Hills in the distance
- 45 suites all lined with hand cut Italian marble, walk-in wardrobe, double vanity, separate toilet, bath and shower and a terrace
- Personal butler service for every guest
- Spa makes use of sacred rituals to cleanse and rejuvenate
- Contemporary modern cuisine using locally sourced artisan producers and accompanied by the finest selection of wines

### HEMINGWAYS NAIROBI

Set between Nairobi National Park and the foot of the Ngong Hills, Hemingways Nairobi is an exclusive boutique hotel far from the bustle of central Nairobi. An all-suite property providing full butler service, gourmet restaurant, a brasserie and a bar, it is perfectly placed for trips to Nairobi National Park and the capital.

Hemingways Nairobi has a sophisticated and tranquil ambiance. Each of the 45 suites is a generous size, all with walk-in dressing rooms and a terrace with magnificent views of the Ngong Hills.

## Day 1 & 2: Meru National Park



### ABOUT THE LODGE

- 6 spacious en suite Cottages ~ 5 doubles and 1 twin
- 3 Honeymoon Cottages ~ 2 spacious ensuite doubles with a private decks and outside baths; 1 large triple-level cottage with private sitting room, double ensuite bedroom & a private deck
- 1 Family Cottage ~ 2 ensuite bedrooms, (1 double, 1 twin), sitting room, and a large private veranda.
- Private House ~ 1 double and 1 twin room (both ensuite), shared sitting room, dining room, veranda and private pool.
- Infinity swimming pool, massage
- Gold level eco-rating and an Andrew Harper Grand Award Winner

### ELSA'S KOPJE

Meru National Park, wild and remote, lies 10km north of the equator between Mount Kenya and the Nyambeni Mountains, 350km from Nairobi. Meru forms part of a larger conservation area covering 370,000 acres including the adjoining Kora, Rahole and Bisanadi Reserves. The park also incorporates an 84km<sup>2</sup> rhino sanctuary, making Meru one of the prime destinations to see rhino in their natural habitat. The birdlife is extraordinarily colourful and abundant with over 400 species of birds.

Rugged and remote, Meru National Park was rescued from oblivion thanks to Elsa's Kopje, an environmental award-winning, boutique lodge. Visitors get the whole place to themselves: all 870 km<sup>2</sup> of it, including a thriving rhino sanctuary inside the Park. Famous for large elephant herds, lion and birdlife, and more diversity of animal species than any other park in East Africa. Activities include nature walks, fishing in the streams, game drives to Kora and Bisanadi National Reserves, and evening game drives back to camp.

Unashamedly romantic and beautifully styled, Elsa's Kopje is sculpted into Mughwango Hill, above the site of George Adamson's original camp where he raised and released orphan lions, long before conservation became fashionable. Each cottage is crafted round the rocks, with a large bedroom, open sitting room, veranda, rock-hewn bathroom, and breathtaking views.

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- 215,000 acre National Park
- 360° views, from Mt Kenya & Nyambeni Hills to the eastern plains
- Rhino sanctuary, large elephant herds and the diversity in species.
- Bush breakfasts, picnics and evening sundowners
- Day and evening game drives in custom designed open sided 4WD game viewing vehicles
- Guided bush walks with experienced resident guides
- Day excursions to the Tana River and Kora National Reserve
- Line-fishing in spring fed streams
- Resident Gold, Silver and Bronze KPSGA certified guides.

## Day 3 & 4 : Loisaba Conservancy, Laikipia



### LOISABA TENTED CAMP

Loisaba Conservancy is outstandingly beautiful, its abundant wildlife is truly wild and its accommodation is comfortable beyond measure.

Loisaba is made for adventure: guests enjoy complete freedom to choose how they spend their time so the only barrier is your own imagination. Trek through the bush with camels, mountain bike down the escarpment, raft, horseback-ride or drive through the wild canyons of the two great rivers that span the vast property.

Loisaba is immense: bigger than ten of the world's fully-fledged nations. You could take months exploring this land and never encounter the same view twice. We can assure you that you will not bump into anyone else and you will see the most extraordinary natural wonders - spectacular animal life that is wild, free and exhilarating to observe and a kaleidoscopic variety of birds, both endemic and migratory.

Perched on the edge of an escarpment with unhindered views across the Laikipia plains to Mt Kenya, Loisaba Tented Camp is the ultimate blend of sophistication and nature. A main bar, lounge and dining area with chic Africana décor, and a tantalizing infinity pool are designed to maximize on the expansive views.

## Day 5 & 6: Masai Mara Game Reserve



### SAND RIVER MASAI MARA

The Masai Mara is famous for its astounding numbers of wildlife. With both resident and transient populations of lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, giraffe, elephant, to name a few, as well as over 450 bird species, the vast fertile plains are dense with game. The area has been classified among the "Seven Wonders of the World" due to the extraordinary annual migration from July to November when over 1.3 million wildebeest and zebra cross from the Serengeti to the Masai Mara in search of greener pastures.

Located on the banks of a river from which it has taken its name, Sand River Masai Mara is located within the Masai Mara National Reserve, close to the Tanzanian border. Situated on a secluded and picturesque site, the Camp replicates the heyday of exclusive permanent tented camps of the late 1920's. The interior fixtures and furnishings mirror this period perfectly, reminding all who visit of those countless Hollywood movies that have paid homage to a classic era of African adventure.

## Day 7 : Nairobi - Departure

Enjoy a morning game drive or relax at camp. After lunch your SkySafari flight will take you back to Wilson Airport. You will be chauffeured to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport; before arriving there we will stop at one of Nairobi's gourmet restaurants where dinner will be served. You will arrive at the airport in time for your outbound flight.

### ABOUT THE CAMP

- Loisaba Tented Camp is perched in the edge of a 500ft escarpment.
- 6 ensuite tented rooms (3 double, 3 convertible twin/double)
- 3 family combinations, comprising of a double tent and convertible twin/double tent adjoined by walkway
- Main lounge, dining room and swimming pool
- Separate private swimming pool enjoyed by 3 tents.
- Free WiFi available in public areas and rooms
- State of the art solar-power system

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- Breathtaking and unhindered views to Mt Kenya
- Gameviewing within a private 56'000 acre wildlife conservancy
- Guided bush walks
- Horseriding amongst the wildlife
- Camel trekking and fishing
- Cultural experiences at Samburu village
- Visits to the sniffer dogs and the anti-poaching team
- Loisaba is one of the best places to see wild dog

### ABOUT THE CAMP

- 16-tented rooms divided into two separate but adjoining accommodation areas (split into 10/6).
- A 2-bedroom en suite family tent with private lounge.
- Enclosed tents including eco-friendly woven strand bamboo floor adorned with throw carpets.

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- Surrounded by abundant game and lies on the northerly route of the spectacular Annual Migration.
- Resident experienced wildlife guides, Silver and Bronze level KPGSA certified.
- Bush breakfasts, picnics and evening sundowners
- Day gamedrives in custom designed game viewing vehicles
- Guided bush walks with resident guides

# Kenya Connoisseur : Extensions

All the drama and excitement of the 8-day 'SkySafari', but with additional extensions that will enhance your ultimate East African Experience.

## INDIAN OCEAN

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### AFROCHIC DIANI BEACH

Located on one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, AfroChic Diani Beach is the sparkling jewel in the crown of the Elewana Collection; personal and personable service, exceptional culinary experiences and memorable ocean views – AfroChic is ideal for families and couples alike.



### KILINDI ZANZIBAR

Following what will be an exceptional wildlife safari, what better way to complete your experience than a visit to Kilindi - an iconic and spectacular boutique beach hotel which is popular with couples in search of a tropical island paradise. The stylish and natural environment of this 'couples-only' boutique hotel entralls all who visit.

## MASAI MARA

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### SAND RIVER MASAI MARA

A visit to Kenya's Masai Mara will gift each and every traveller with the opportunity to see many of the big cats that occupy this spectacular Reserve. Bordering the Sand River, the Camp is ideally located for the crossing of the annual wildebeest migration and for the year-round wildlife spectacle that the Reserve is famed for.



### ELEPHANT PEPPER CAMP

A canvased safari camp in the heart of the Masai Mara wilderness, Elephant Pepper Camp brings people back to nature and the traditions of safari from yesteryear. Indulge in shared stories around the campfire serenaded by the soundtrack of the African bush, after a day of exploring this secluded and game-rich area of the Masai Mara.

## SERENGETI

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### SERENGETI MIGRATION CAMP

Enhance your SkySafari 'Connoisseur' experience by extending your stay at Serengeti Migration Camp. With two extra days or more at the Camp, you will be able to take a little more time to enjoy the tranquility and beauty of both the Camp and the surrounding Park.

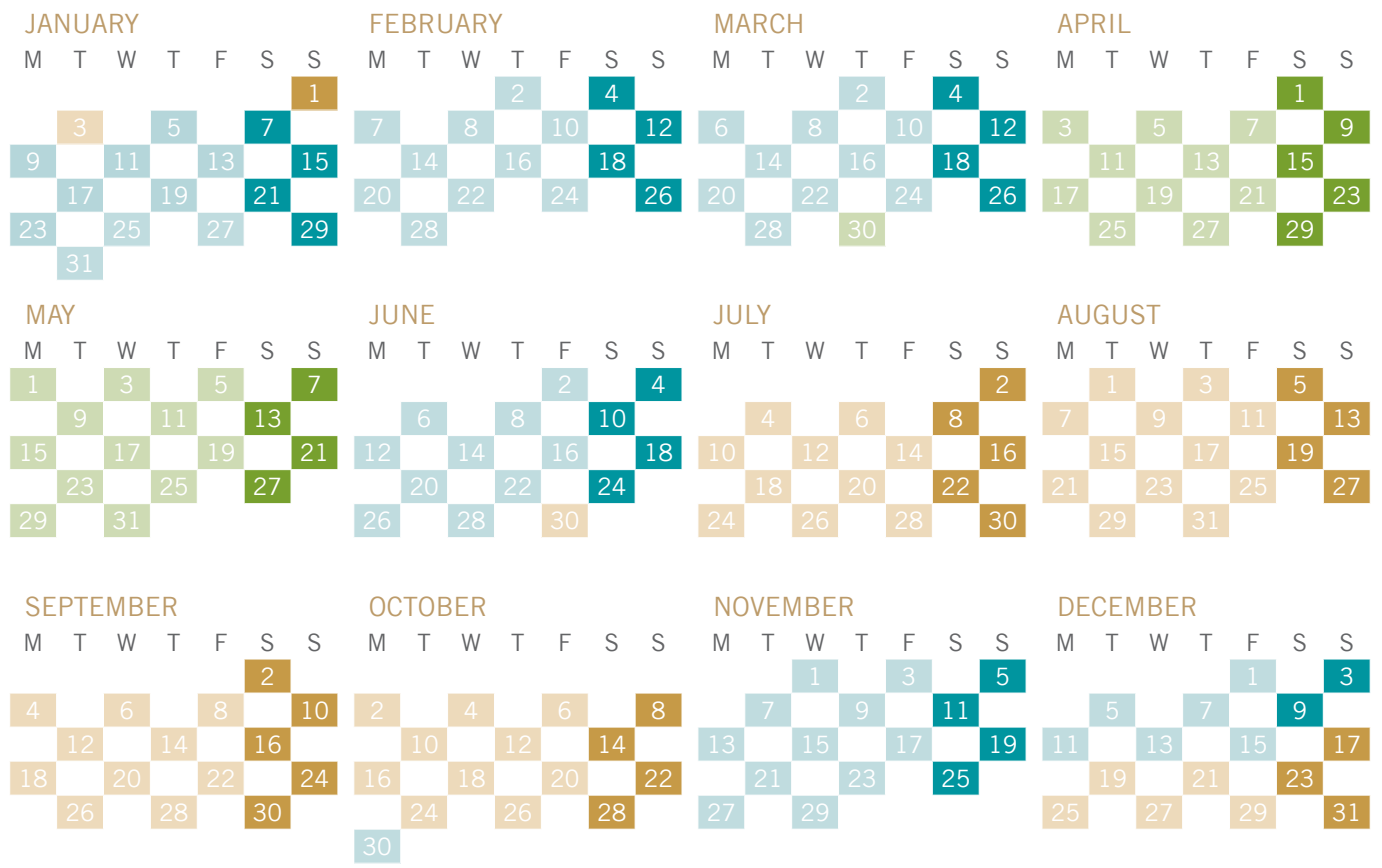


### SERENGETI PIONEER CAMP

Any stay at Serengeti Pioneer Camp will certainly be one to remember. With incredulous views across the Serengeti, this extraordinary Camp will no doubt sate the desires of even the most expectant safari traveller. With an additional two nights we recommend at least one day watching the game from the vantage point of the Camp's elevated lounge.

# Kenya SkySafari : Departure Dates 2017

The dates highlighted below denote the first day of the 'SkySafari Connoisseur itinerary and show the start date which is the overnight stay at Hemingways Nairobi.



High Season Departures Dates
  Mid Season Departures Dates
  Green Season Departures Dates

Weekend departures are guaranteed with minimum 2 guests. Extra departures in the light shade are available upon request with a minimum of 4 guests per departure.