



Amboseli

2027

Photo Safari

Overview

Located in southern Kenya, Amboseli National Park is a must-visit destination for photography enthusiasts. This is not your typical safari. Our Amboseli photo tour is crafted for those who seek to capture breathtaking, grand-scale scenes that stir the soul. We focus on photographing the last remaining big tuskers—the legendary elephants of Africa, getting up close and personal in a respectful, intimate way that few ever experience.

What sets this tour apart is exclusive access to areas outside the national park, where off-road travel is permitted. This freedom allows us to follow the light, the landscape, and the wildlife with flexibility, ensuring we make the most of every photographic opportunity.

By staying within the national park itself, we also avoid the strict time constraints that can limit traditional game drives. This gives us the ability to work during the most productive times of the day sunrise and sunset when Amboseli truly comes alive.

What sets Amboseli apart is its picturesque backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. This iconic snow-capped mountain creates a breathtaking view that perfectly complements the wildlife that roams the park.

Your expertly guided photographic safari will ensure that you make the most of your time in Amboseli, capturing unforgettable moments and creating memories that will last a lifetime.



What You Can Expect

This photo safari promises to be a dream come true for any photography lover, offering you the opportunity to capture breathtaking images of Africa's iconic wildlife and awe-inspiring scenes. The first thing that will capture your attention in Amboseli is the mesmerising scenery. The majestic presence of Mount Kilimanjaro towering over the plains. Amboseli National Park is renowned for its spectacular views of Africa's highest peak, creating a magical backdrop. The vast savannahs, shimmering salt pans, acacia trees, and swaying grasslands provide a haven for diverse and magnificent creatures, including elephants, lions, cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, and a myriad of bird species.

Whether it's majestic herds of elephants crossing the arid lake beds or some of Africa's largest tuskers in close proximity, Amboseli's marshes, swamps, and open plains promise to offer an unforgettable photographic experience.

One of the highlights of the park and our main focus on this safari, is its large population of elephants, some of which are the last remaining big tuskers left on the continent. Often referred to as the "Gentle Giants." You'll have ample opportunities to capture these majestic creatures from all angles and in a multitude of settings, creating truly stunning photographs.

Our private vehicles, accommodating only 4 guests per vehicle, will provide you with an exclusive and intimate experience of the park.

An Amboseli photo safari is an unmissable experience, combining breathtaking landscapes and abundant wildlife, that offers an array of photo opportunities.



Where You Will Stay

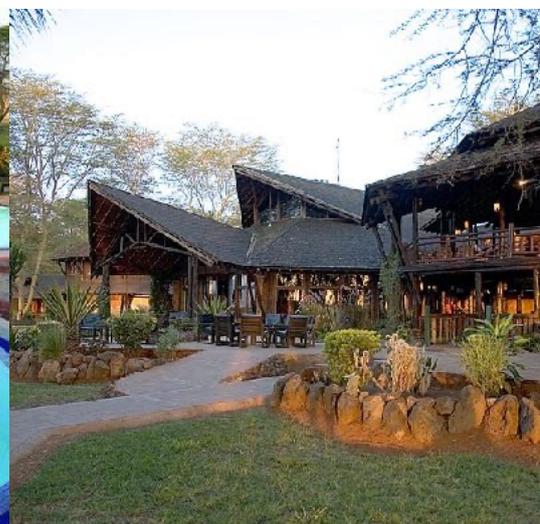
Ol Tukai Lodge offers an unrivalled experience of luxurious and comfortable living in the heart of Amboseli National Park. Guests can relish the delectable cuisine served at the main restaurant while enjoying stunning views of the surrounding wilderness.

After a day of game drives and photography, you can unwind and relax at the Elephant Bar with refreshing sundowners.

At Ol Tukai Lodge, the rooms are designed to provide a harmonious blend of comfort and natural beauty. Each spacious and tastefully decorated room immerses you in the serene ambiance of the surrounding wilderness. From your private veranda, you can indulge in breathtaking views of the park, including sightings of majestic elephants and other wildlife. The rooms are equipped with modern amenities, ensuring a comfortable stay, while maintaining a sense of connection to the natural environment. The accommodations at Ol Tukai Lodge provide a tranquil sanctuary where you can unwind and rejuvenate after a day of thrilling game drives and photography adventures.

The lodge also boasts a range of amenities, including a sparkling swimming pool, a fully equipped fitness centre, a boutique with a curated selection of souvenirs and essentials, and a massage and beauty parlour where you can indulge in rejuvenating treatments.

Whether you're capturing the majestic elephants roaming freely in the park or soaking up the breathtaking views from your room's private veranda, Ol Tukai Lodge guarantees a lifetime experience of the ultimate safari destination.



Rates | Costs | Prices

Dates	Cost	People	Nights
6 - 12 February 2027	US\$ 7990	8	6
12 -18 February 2027	US\$ 7990	8	6

Cost:

Our safari experience is priced at US\$ 7990 per person sharing. There is no Single Supplement. Please note that any bank charges incurred during the payment process are not covered by Tusk Photo. We kindly request the full amount indicated on the invoice, including any fees imposed by Paypal if you choose to use this payment method.

Deposit:

To secure your reservation, a 50% deposit of the full price is required within 14 days of making your booking. Once we receive your deposit, your booking will be confirmed. Please make sure to complete this step within the given timeframe to secure your spot.

Balance:

The remaining balance is due at least 9 weeks prior to the safari. If you are making a booking within 9 weeks of the safari, the full price will be payable at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

We understand that plans can change, and in the event of a cancellation, the following fees will apply unless Tusk Photo is able to fill your safari space:

- Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: 10% of the full price
- Cancellation 90 - 119 days prior to departure: 40% of the full price
- Cancellation 60 - 89 days prior to departure: 70% of the full price
- Cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure: 100% of the full price

Please note: Your travel plans are made entirely at your own risk, and Tusk Photo cannot be held responsible for any flight cancellations, disruptions, or delays that may occur. We recommend considering travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

What You Get

INCLUDED:

- 6 nights' accommodation at Ol Tukai Lodge in Amboseli
- Access to various private conservancies
- All meals, including tea and coffee
- Park fees
- Private photographic vehicle
- Services of Tusk Photo hosts
- Return flights to and from Wilson airport in Amboseli
- All game drive activities

EXCLUDED:

- Taxis, transfers, and accommodation for the preceding night(s) before the tour starts
- Additional weight allowance for our flight in and out of Amboseli - 15kg is provided anything after that will be billed at the airport on the day of departure from Wilson Airport.
- Drinks (Alcoholic and non-alcoholic)
- Gratuities and personal expenses
- Visa fees
- Laundry services
- Telephone calls

OPTIONAL EXTRA

- Hotel booking in Nairobi for the night before the tour starts with transfers to the hotel and airport the next day.



Itinerary

DAY 1

Meet at Wilson Airport in Nairobi, Kenya from where we fly to Amboseli airstip.

DAY 2-6

Discover the wonders of Amboseli and our private concession areas from our private safari vehicle.

DAY 7

After breakfast and a short game drive we fly back to Nairobi.
End of tour.

Flights and Transport

- Check-in is one 1.5 hours prior for domestic departures and 2.5 hours prior for international departures.
- Many scheduled regional flights may involve multiple stops before reaching final destination.
- On arrival after clearing customs and immigration in Nairobi, we recommend you take a taxi to Wilson airport. There are many taxis available as you exit the airport.

As you will be travelling in vehicles and small aircraft with limited luggage capacity, luggage is required to be packed in a soft bag weighing a maximum of 15kg. This weight allowance includes hand luggage. No hard suitcases will be allowed.



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Photography and Gear

It is not advisable to take photographs of border posts or military/ police posts. Doing so can lead to an unpleasant situation and even arrest.

Always ask permission before taking a photograph of the any local East African residents; it is a sign of respect. In most cases a small payment is expected. However some cultures believe that the camera steals their soul and we request that you respect and understand their beliefs.

It is advisable to bring the following camera equipment:

- 2x Camera bodies (a backup will mean peace of mind)
- Spare memory cards and batteries
- Long telephoto lens 400/500/600 with teleconverters if needed.
- Medium telephoto lens 70-200 or equivalent
- Wide angle lens(es) 14-24 or 24-70 or similar for landscapes
- Monopod with Benro DJ-90 Head or similar for support especially if you want to do pole cam work
- Remote camera trigger (wireless is recommended especially for pole cam work)
- Flash (recommended)
- Notebook/laptop or additional storage device.

Please remember that it is very likely that you could possibly photograph thousands of images over the 7 day period. We therefore strongly advise you to have sufficient storage and battery arrangements in place. If you are unsure of anything, please contact us for more details.

Tour Info

INSURANCE

- **Travel Insurance:**

While it is highly unlikely, there is a possibility of scheduled flights in and out of your destination being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. To provide peace of mind and cover any potential flight disruptions or missed connections, we strongly recommend purchasing additional travel insurance.

- **Medical Insurance:**

For your safety and well-being, we highly recommend having medical insurance that covers unforeseen medical emergencies and evacuation. Please let us know in your booking form whether you have taken out any medical insurance for this safari.

Travellers 83 years and older will need to arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance.

PASSPORTS AND CUSTOMS

- Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that there are two blank pages per country to be visited.
- It is imperative to check visa requirements with the Kenyan embassies/consulates as it may vary according to your nationality.
- Visas obtained at port of entry are payable in USD cash only and we recommend small denominations of dollars as officials are not in the position to give change.
- It is recommended that travellers obtain their visas prior to arrival, as there is a likelihood of long queues at all airports.
- Remember to bring the originals and leave a photocopy of your passport, air tickets, vaccination certificate (if applicable) and travel insurance with someone at home.
- You should be aware that most visas are only valid for a limited period of time from the date of issue. If you are applying for your visa a long way in advance of your planned entry into the country, make sure that the visa will still be valid on the date of your arrival and for the duration of your visit.
- Check your visa as soon as it has been issued: www.ecitizen.go.ke
- Please note: South African passport holders DO require visas to enter into Kenya

MONEY AND CURRENCY

- Banks and foreign exchange bureaux are available at all international airports and in all main towns.
- Most hotels and lodges accept Visa and MasterCard. In addition to credit cards, travellers should bring US dollars cash. Small denominations are recommended.
- US dollars are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2003 are no longer accepted.

HEALTH

- Kenya falls into the Yellow Fever region in Africa. It is imperative for all travellers to obtain a Yellow Fever vaccination no less than 10 days prior to travel. Your country of origin and other African countries like South Africa will also deny re-entry without the vaccination, after having visited a country with Yellow Fever.
- Please consult your physician before you travel for advice on precautions against malaria.
- It is also recommended that immunization against Polio and Typhoid be obtained; please consult your local doctor for advice.
- Anyone who has any special medication should take enough supplies to last the visit.
- Should you require additional advice, we suggest you contact your local travel clinic for consultations regarding Malaria and the Immunizations required for travel to Kenya.

LANGUAGES

- The national language in Kenya is Swahili although English is widely spoken.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We understand the importance of accommodating diverse dietary needs, and our team is dedicated to ensuring that we can cater to most dietary requirements. Please provide us with any specific dietary needs in your booking form.

POWER AND ELECTRICITY

220/240 volts AC, 50Hz. Plugs are UK-type round 2-pin or flat 3-pin. Major hotels and some game lodges will supply adaptors on request. Bayonet light sockets exist in Kenya



CLIMATE

Amboseli National Park, situated in southern Kenya, experiences a distinctive climate characterized by relatively low rainfall and semi-arid conditions. The park's climate sets the stage for captivating landscapes and abundant wildlife encounters.

- From December to March, visitors can expect hot and dry weather. Temperatures range between 25 to 35 degrees Celsius (77 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit), with clear skies prevailing.
- From April to November, Amboseli experiences temperatures ranging from 20 to 30 degrees Celsius (68 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit).
- The wet season typically occurs months of November and April, bringing occasional showers that rejuvenate the landscape.



CLOTHING

AND WHAT

TO PACK

For a memorable safari experience, we suggest opting for comfortable, casual wash-and-wear attire. To enhance your game-viewing experience, it is advisable to choose muted colours. Keep in mind that game-drives are typically conducted during the early morning and late afternoon, which can be quite cold, particularly in winter.

To ensure you are well-prepared, we recommend packing the following practical items for your safari:

- Comfortable, casual wash-and-wear clothes in muted colours.
- Long-sleeved shirts for sun and mosquito protection.
- T-shirts for layering.
- Shorts or light skirt for warmer days.
- Jeans or safari trousers for cooler evenings.

- Bring a jacket and sweater for chilly morning and evening game drives.
- Pack a lightweight, waterproof jacket for potential afternoon showers.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Essential items: sunblock, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent, moisturizer, lip balm.
- binoculars and camera equipment.
- Good quality safari clothing (we opt for Craghoppers Nosilife)
- Bring a rain jacket as it's the rainy season and expect afternoon showers.

GRATUITIES

Please note that the following gratuity amounts are provided as a minimum guideline, and you are welcome to increase them if you wish:

- It is customary to tip 10% of the bill at all restaurants and 10% of the fare to taxi drivers.

It is also the custom to tip local guides and drivers.

- Ranger / Guide USD 25 per person per day
- Camp staff USD 10 per person per day

CONNECTIVITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

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- Ol Tukai Lodge does have good complimentary Wi-Fi while staying at the lodge.
- There is also good Cellular and data coverage throughout the most of the Amboseli region.
- Please insure that you have international roaming enabled should you wish to use your cell phone while on safari.
- Please take careful note of Cellular rates as this can be quite costly.
- Alternatively data sim cards are readily available at the airport and are inexpensive to purchase.



Indemnity

Tusk Photo and its staff prioritize your safety and wellbeing during your safari; however, please be aware that we cannot accept liability for any incidents, including but not limited to accidents, loss, or property damage. By completing the Safari Booking form, you acknowledge the inherent risks associated with travel and agree to indemnify Tusk Photo against any claims or liabilities that may arise.

While this document provides comprehensive information, it is not exhaustive. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Please note that the information contained herein is correct at the time of compilation to the best of our knowledge.

We Are Excited To Host You on Your Dream Photographic Safari!

