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SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

The Great East African Rift

“The Maasai Mara at its finest, a cross-border flight to Uganda, and six nights on a private rainforested Nile island”

11

DAYS

Private

GUIDE

Luxury

STAYS

FROM

\$13,350

PER PERSON

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Overview

A cross-border masterpiece combining the finest highlights of both Kenya and Uganda. This itinerary drops guests directly into Kenya's legendary Maasai Mara for an intensive 4-day big-game safari before flying across the border to Uganda to explore the historic channels of the River Nile. Guests experience private fly-in safaris tracking the Big Five, a sunrise hot-air balloon over the Mara River, and the ultimate relaxation on a private rainforested island in the middle of the Nile at Lemala Wildwaters Lodge. The journey concludes back in Nairobi at the JW Marriott — five-star modern opulence before international departure.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Angama Mara or Mara Plains Camp on the Oloololo Escarpment — champagne sundowner watching the Mara plains turn gold
- Hot-air balloon over the Mara River at dawn — hippos, crocodiles, and elephants seen from above in golden morning light
- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge: suites suspended over the roaring Kalagala Rapids on a private Ugandan rainforest island
- Full-day open-air river spa on the suite deck with the thundering Nile rapids as the soundtrack
- Migration season: over 1.5 million wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles crossing the Mara plains and Mara River
- Gourmet bush breakfast in the open savannah after the balloon lands — celebrating the crossing of the two great countries
- Kalagala Falls private speed boat: the historic Source of the Nile and rare shoebill stork sightings
- JW Marriott Nairobi final night: five-star city sanctuary with a celebratory farewell dinner before international departure

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The Itinerary

01

NAIROBI

Day 1 | Arrival in Nairobi — The Safari Capital

VIP tarmac handling at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. private guide transfer to a high-end city estate. Early arrivals: Karen Blixen Museum — the historic home of the author of "Out of Africa" in lush gardens with Ngong Hills views — and the Giraffe Centre, a sanctuary for the endangered Rothschild's giraffe where you feed these magnificent creatures at eye level. Welcome dinner at the estate.

- JW Marriott Nairobi »
- Dinner

02

MAASAI MARA

Day 2 | Private Fly-In to the Maasai Mara — Escarpment Sundowner

Private charter from Wilson Airport west over the Great Rift Valley directly to a private Maasai Mara airstrip. Spectacular aerial views of the Rift Valley escarpments and volcanic lakes. Check-in at ultra-exclusive Angama Mara or Mara Plains Camp perched on the edge of the Oloololo Escarpment with panoramic Mara plains views. Late afternoon private game drive tracking big cats. Chilled champagne and canapés from a private safari bar on the Oloololo Escarpment edge as the vast Mara plains turn gold.

- Angama Mara »
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

MAASAI MARA

Day 3 | The Endless Savannah Migration — Reed Boma Bonfire Dinner

Full-day tracking safari across the Maasai Mara. Unhurried off-road tracking of massive lion prides, leopards, and cheetahs patrolling open grasslands. During migration season (July–October): the extraordinary spectacle of over 1.5 million wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles crossing the plains and Mara River. Elegant multi-course bonfire dinner served in a traditional open-air reed boma lit by hundreds of lanterns with a roaring central fire pit.

- Angama Mara »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

04

ENTEBBE

Day 4 | Mara Balloon at Dawn — Bush Breakfast — Cross-Border Flight to Uganda

Rising before dawn for a hot-air balloon over the Mara River — hippos and crocodiles below, herds of elephants and zebras crossing the golden plains. After landing: traditional champagne toast and gourmet bush breakfast in the open savannah. Afternoon: private charter back to Nairobi then short regional connector across the border to Entebbe, Uganda. Transfer to Hotel No.5 for a relaxing evening.

- Hotel No.5, Entebbe »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05

JINJA · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 5 | Chauffeur Drive to the Source of the Nile — Jinja

Luxury 4x4 Land Cruiser for a comfortable 2.5-hour drive through the lush Mabira Rainforest to Jinja. First glimpses of the mighty Nile River. Speed boat transfer across the rapids to check into Lemala Wildwaters Lodge on a private rainforested island. Canvas-and-thatch suites built on wooden decks suspended right over roaring Kalagala Rapids. Gourmet dinner at the lodge.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

06

JINJA · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 6 | Exploring the Rushing Rapids — Kalagala Falls Speed Boat

Exhilarating private speed boat navigating the thundering Kalagala Falls and the historic Source of the Nile discovered by John Hanning Speke in 1858. Spotting hippos, crocodiles, and the rare shoebill stork. The history and geography of the river explained by your guide. Gourmet dinner at the lodge.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

07

JINJA · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 7 | Island Spa & Serenity — River Deck Wellness

A full dedicated day of private wellness and massage on your private wooden deck suspended over the rushing waters of the Nile. Traditional African oils and techniques customised by your private therapist. The absolute tranquillity of the island with no distraction other than the thundering rapids and forest calls. Gourmet dinner on your private deck.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

08

JINJA · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 8 | Wilderness Star-Deck Dining — Live Folk Performance

Relaxed afternoon birdwatching from your private plunge pool overlooking the river rapids. The day culminates in a dramatic island bonfire dinner around a stone fire pit on the main pool deck with an exclusive live performance of local folk instruments. Dining under the stars surrounded by the sounds of the Nile.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Dinner

09

JINJA · KANGULUMIRA ISLAND

Day 9 | Exclusive Busoga Cultural Heritage — Bark-Cloth & Xylophone Music

A carefully curated dignified cultural day with community elders of the indigenous Busoga heritage — the 500-year history of the Busoga Kingdom and its deep connection to the Nile. Traditional bark-cloth clothing fabrication: a UNESCO-recognised craft. Local organic agriculture. Private performance of historic folk xylophone music and oral storytelling. Farewell multi-course dinner paired with vintage wines.

- Lemala Wildwaters Lodge »
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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NAIROBI

Day 10 | Flight to Nairobi — JW Marriott Opulence

Relaxed breakfast watching the river rapids. Road transfer to Entebbe Airport. Short regional flight back to Nairobi. private guide to the JW Marriott Hotel Nairobi — five-star modern opulence in the heart of the city. Relaxed afternoon exploring premium hotel amenities. High-end spa session. Final celebratory multi-course dinner at the fine-dining restaurant.

- JW Marriott Nairobi »
- Breakfast, Dinner

11

NAIROBI

Day 11 | Smooth International Departure from Nairobi

Final luxury breakfast at the JW Marriott. Private guided tour of Nairobi — Karen Blixen Museum, Giraffe Centre, high-end art galleries — if missed on Day 1. Opportunity to purchase high-end African art and crafts at a local gallery. Transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your evening international flight home.

- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$14,500

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Price per person based on two guests sharing. All charter flights, regional cross-border flight, accommodation, gorilla permits where applicable, meals, and activities included. International flights to Nairobi not included.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$13,350
Wetter trails, lower gorilla permit demand		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$16,250
Prime dry season for gorilla trekking		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$14,500
Short rains, good trekking conditions return		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » VIP meet and greet at Entebbe International Airport
- » All private charter flights within Uganda
- » Luxury lodge and boutique hotel accommodation
- » All meals as specified
- » All private guided game drives, treks, and activities
- » All park and concession fees
- » Gorilla trekking permit where applicable
- » Complementary spa session on final day
- » Private guide and expert tracker throughout
- » Private charter Nairobi » Maasai Mara and return
- » Hot-air balloon sunrise over the Mara River
- » Gourmet bush breakfast in the open savannah after balloon
- » Reed boma bonfire dinner in the Maasai Mara

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Uganda
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal shopping
- Premium alcohol beyond inclusions
- Optional activities not listed
- Tips and gratuities
- Uganda visa fees (USD 50 on arrival for most nationalities)
- International flights to/from Kenya

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