

THE SAFARI SPECIALIST

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KENYA & TANZANIA COMBINED
Mara - Serengeti - Ruaha - Zanzibar

13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS

Asilia  BY AIR



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COMBINING

MARA NABOISHO CONSERVANCY,
SERENGETI, RUAHA AND ZANZIBAR

- 3 nights Encounter Mara, Mara Naboisho Conservancy
- 3 nights Ubuntu Migration Camp, Serengeti National Park
- 3 nights KwiHALA, Ruaha National Park
- 3 nights Matemwe Lodge, Zanzibar Island

STARTS:

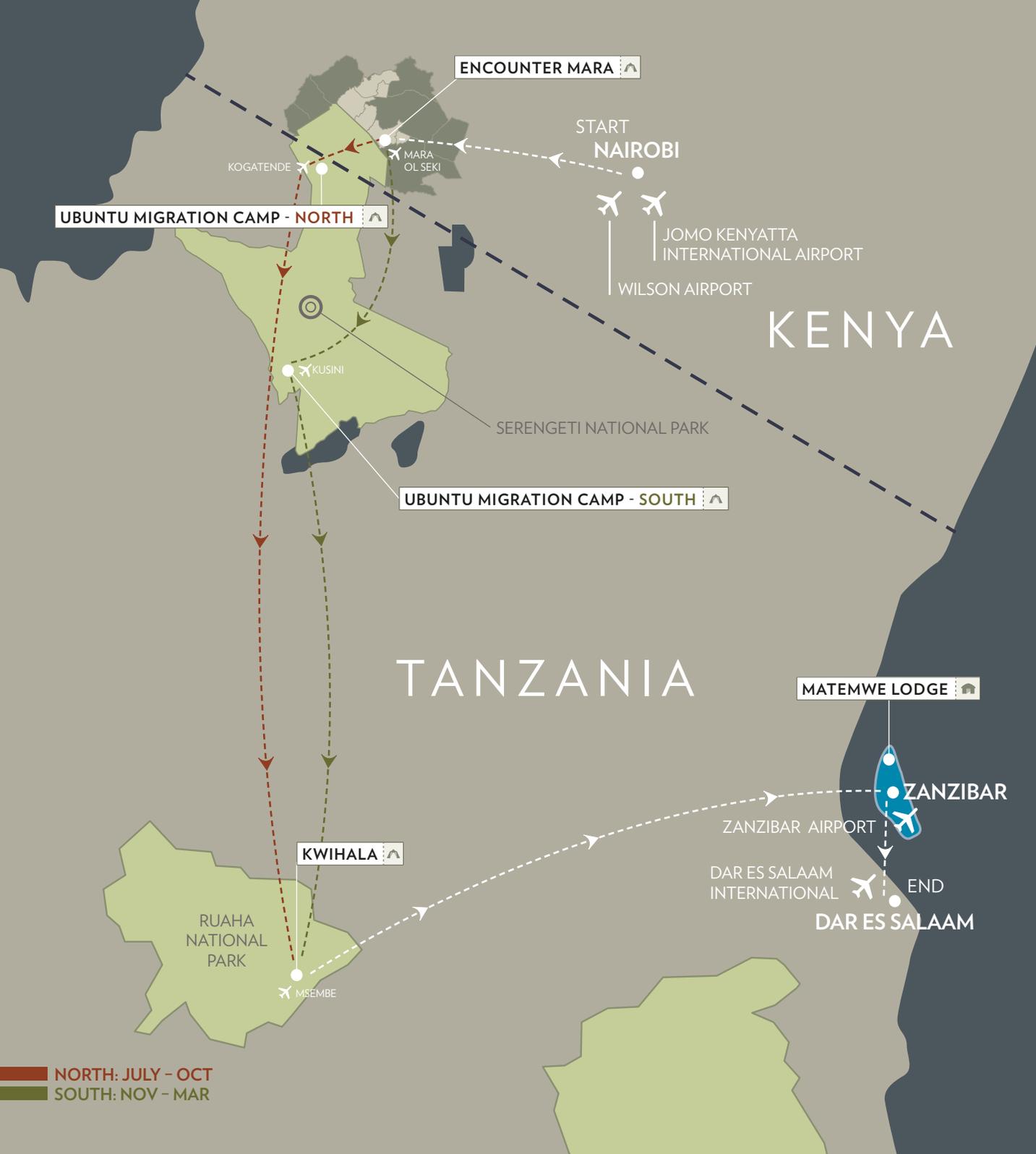
Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Nairobi, Kenya

ENDS:

Dar es Salaam International Airport, Tanzania

INTRO:

Experience some of East Africa's highlights, combining safari and beach. Begin in the Masai Mara searching for cheetah and learning about Maasai culture before flying across the border to the Serengeti, staying in a tented camp which moves around the park following the Great Migration. Fly south to the lesser known Ruaha, watching herds of elephant dig for water in dry riverbeds and leopards lurking in the trees. Finally unwind on the white sandy beaches of Zanzibar, swimming in the warm Indian Ocean.



DAY 1:

On arrival at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport you will be met by an Asilia driver who will transfer you by private vehicle to the domestic airport, Wilson airport. Fly from here to the Masai Mara, a journey of approximately one hour (15kg luggage limit per person; soft bags required for all flights on this itinerary). A guide from Encounter Mara will meet you here and game-drive you back to camp, offering the perfect introduction to the vast savannah plains and stopping to watch any wildlife you encounter on the way. Settle into your tent and enjoy lunch and time to relax. After afternoon tea and cake, head out on a game drive to search for big cats and other wildlife in the Naboisho Conservancy.



MARA NABOISHO CONSERVANCY

- Part of the Greater Masai Mara, the Naboisho Conservancy offers excellent wildlife densities as well as an insight into how the Mara Conservancies balance the needs of local communities with wildlife conservation
- Wildlife: lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant, hippo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, hyena
- Safari activities: game drives, bush walks, night drives, cultural visits and hot-air ballooning (supplementary cost)



ENCOUNTER MARA

This charming tented camp blends the adventure of sleeping under canvas with plenty of creature comforts. The camp is located in a secluded part of the Naboisho Conservancy, where guests spend their days exploring on game drives, bush walks and visits to the local Maasai communities. There are ten spacious guest tents, each with a daybed on the veranda and en suite bathroom with hot shower. Between game drives, relax on the viewing deck beneath a thatched roof and watch wildlife visiting the salt lick nearby. In the evenings, guests chat around the campfire before delicious three-course dinners.



 10 tents (including 2 family tents)

 Wi-Fi

 Classic

All tents have en suite bathrooms with indoor showers

Viewing deck overlooking a salt lick where wildlife often congregates

Communal dining, often outdoors under the African stars

Excellent guiding and hosting



DAY 2 & 3:

Enjoy morning and afternoon safari activities at Encounter Mara. A visit to one of the local villages offers an authentic insight into Maasai culture and your guide will explain how the Mara Naboisho Conservancy carefully balances the needs of wildlife conservation with the local communities' livelihoods. Night drives offer a unique chance to search for nocturnal species as well as predators on the move.

DAY 4:

After breakfast you will be driven to the airstrip to begin your journey across the border into the Serengeti in Tanzania. You will fly to Migori near the border, where a driver and vehicle will meet you and drive you across the land border, stopping to complete immigration formalities. From there it's a short distance to Tarime on the Tanzania side, to arrive in time for your flight into the Serengeti. The whole journey takes approximately two and a half hours and, after having breakfast in the Masai Mara, you'll arrive at your Serengeti camp in time for lunch and a well-earned rest. In the afternoon, go out on a game drive to explore the vast savannah with your guide from Ubuntu Migration Camp.



SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

- 15,000km² of vast savannah plains
- One of Africa's most wildlife-rich and iconic national parks
- Part of the larger Masai Mara-Serengeti ecosystem where the 2-million-strong herds of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle make their Great Migration year-round
- Wildlife: lion, cheetah, leopard, elephant, buffalo, rhino, wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, hyena, hippo
- More than 300 bird species
- Safari activities: game drives and hot-air ballooning (supplementary cost)



UBUNTU MIGRATION CAMP

Known as a mobile camp, Ubuntu Migration Camp moves around the Serengeti several times each year to locate itself as close as possible to the predicted location of the Great Migration herds of up to 2 million wildebeest, zebras and gazelles. As with all wildlife sightings, viewing of the migration cannot be guaranteed, but the camp aims to give you good chances of being in the right location at the right time. There are eight large tents, each with a veranda and en suite bathroom with hot bucket shower. There is also a lounge tent and dining tent, although meals are served under the stars whenever possible.



 8 tents (including 1 family tent)

 Wi-Fi

 Comfort

Mobile tented camp which moves around the Serengeti several times each year, following the pattern of the Great Migration

All en suite with hot bucket showers

Communal dining



DAY 5 & 6:

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives from Ubuntu Migration Camp, searching with your guide for the plentiful wildlife that is found in the Serengeti year-round. If your safari coincides with the timing of the Great Migration, you'll also seek out these large herds of wildebeest, zebra and gazelles as they journey through the plains in search of fresh grazing.

DAY 7:

After breakfast in camp, you will be driven to the airstrip for your flight south to Ruaha National Park, a journey of roughly two hours. A guide from Kwihala will be there to greet you and game-drive you back to camp, introducing you to the very different landscape of this southern park. After lunch and a little time to relax, you will go out on an afternoon game drive and stop for sundowner drinks and snacks. Night-drive back to camp, watching out for nocturnal species such as the bat-eared fox, or predators such as lion, which start to prowl as darkness falls.



RUAHA NATIONAL PARK

- Home to 10% of Africa's lion population
- Wildlife: lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog, hyena, buffalo, elephant, giraffe and rare antelope species such as sable and roan
- Safari activities: game drives, night drives, walking safaris
- Unique habitat includes baobab forests, dry riverbeds, rocky kopjes and miombo woodland



KWIHALA

Kwihala combines raw beauty with simple excellence. Situated in the safari frontier of Ruaha in Tanzania, this is a charming, authentic tented camp located on a sandy riverbed in the prime wildlife area of the park. With just six guest tents, excellent guides and a variety of safari activities available, including walking safaris, night drives and game drives, it is the perfect base for your safari.



 6 tents

 Wi-Fi in communal areas (service is variable)

 Comfort

Authentic frontier style tented camp

All en suite with hot bucket showers

Located on the banks of the sandy Mwangusi River

Communal dining – often outdoors under the shade of a tree or dinners lit by lantern in the riverbed



DAY 8 & 9:

Safari activities take place in the early morning and late afternoon, when the wildlife is most active. You will join expert guides on game drives to explore further afield, on walking safaris to seek out the smaller details and learn how to track wildlife from prints and signs in the bush, and on night drives to watch nocturnal species. Breakfast is often a picnic to maximise your explorations, and you will return to camp for lunch and a siesta.

DAY 10:

After breakfast, depart camp and game-drive to the airstrip, where you will fly to Zanzibar, two and a half hours away. On arrival, you will be met and driven by private vehicle to Matemwe Lodge in the north east of the island. Spend the rest of the afternoon unwinding in your thatch-and-stone chalet right on the ocean, snoozing in the hammock or swimming in one of the two pools.



ZANZIBAR ISLAND

- Indian Ocean island with warm tropical seas to swim in
- Snorkelling and diving on reefs – enjoy abundant marine life including turtles and dolphins
- Other watersports include kayaking, kitesurfing and SUP
- Mix of African and Arabic culture and history
- Powder-soft white sandy beaches
- Watch fishermen sail in traditional dhow and ngalawa boats
- Stone Town, a historic UNESCO World Heritage Site, is well worth a visit to shop for curios and photograph iconic Zanzibari carved doorways



MATEMWE LODGE

One of the first boutique lodges in Zanzibar, Matemwe is perched on a coral rock outcrop overlooking a sandy beach gently sloping into the Indian Ocean. Adjacent to the lodge, the corals surrounding the Mnemba Atoll offer superb diving and snorkelling. Fresh seafood, refreshing cocktails and relaxing massages are just some elements of the laid-back daily routines of Matemwe's guests. Matemwe is made up of only 12 beach chalets, all overlooking the Indian Ocean. Each of the private verandas is furnished with large hammocks and sofas, perfect for whiling away the time as the occasional dhow drifts past in the distance.



-  12 thatch-and-stone cottages right on the ocean
-  2 swimming pools
-  Spa
-  In-room Wi-Fi
-  Comfort

Located on the north east of Zanzibar

1 hr drive from Zanzibar Airport and Stone Town

Included activities: kayak hire, guided reef walks at low tide, village visits

Additional cost activities: snorkelling, diving, sandbank picnic, SUP, kitesurfing, spice farm tour, Stone Town tour



DAY 11 & 12:

Spend your days at Matemwe relaxing and swimming in the warm Indian Ocean, taking a boat to the reef to snorkel or dive, kayaking along the shoreline looking for turtles, sailing in a dhow watching for dolphins or taking a picnic lunch to a remote sandbank.

DAY 13:

After breakfast you will be driven back to Zanzibar Airport for your flight to Dar es Salaam, only 20 minutes away, where you can connect to your international flight home.

END OF ASILIA BY AIR SAFARI



Asilia by Air packages are available year-round, subject to availability of accommodation and internal flights.

INCLUSIONS: All logistics starting at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and ending at Tanzania's Dar es Salaam International Airport, all light aircraft flights within Kenya and Tanzania, shared road transfer across the Kenya-Tanzania border as outlined, all park fees and taxes, shared safari activities, all meals and house drinks on safari, half-board on Zanzibar (breakfast and dinner included), and medical evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS: International flights to East Africa, Kenya entry visa, Tanzania entry visa, inoculations, gratuities, additional activities, additional meals and drinks.

