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### Safari Destination Guide

#### Meru National Park

**Meru National Park** is, of course, the lonely wilderness which became world famous as the place Elsa, the lioness, was returned to the wild; the story of which was told in Joy Adamson's book Born Free. The park is about 80 kilometers east of Meru town and reached via a reasonable road passing through luxuriant, partly forested, farmland on the Nyambene Hills.

Of all the Kenya parks, Meru National Park presents the widest variety of landscapes and habitats. Forest, swamp and savannah are pierced by 15 perennial rivers all rising on Mount Kenya and all destined to reach the Tana River, which, just south of the equator, forms the park's lower boundary. In this marvelous sanctuary a great variety of wildlife exists, some in huge quantities. All the Big Five are here and the Meru National park is one of the best in which to locate cheetah and leopard.



[Click here for a complete guide to Meru](#)

#### **Elsa's Kopje Cottages - Meru** **AfricanMecca Tier 1 Accommodation.** [Click here for](#)

details on Safari Tier™

Elsa's Kopje is a soft landing in the wild: when you step off the plane you are greeted by a warm, gentle breeze, carrying the scent of the open plains and bush which surrounds you. Elsa's Kopje is almost invisible to the eye as you approach the hill. It blends in to the rocky crags and bush, built close to the site of George Adamson's original camp where George and Joy Adamson released



Elsa the lioness into the wild, the story made famous in the film Born Free.

[Click here](#) for complete information on [Elsa's Kopje](#)

## Indian Ocean Beach Destination Guide

### Bagamoyo

A small town but rich in culture and history, Bagamoyo is located 75 kilometers north of Dar es Salaam. The town was born out of Kaole town. It was one of the most important trading centers on the East Africa coast during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. The town boasts of the beginning of the Catholic Church in East Africa as well as beautiful unspoilt beaches. Visitors enjoy a combination of cultural, historical and natural attractions.



### [Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge - Bagamoyo](#)

**AfricanMecca Tier 3 Experience.** [Click here](#) for details on

#### AfricanMecca Rating

Lazy Lagoon lies in the Zanzibar Channel offshore from mainland Bagamoyo, the capital of German East Africa. Not only can it boast nine kilometers of deserted beach but it is also a natural reserve home to many small mammals, mangrove trees and patches of indigenous forest. An idyllic Robinson Crusoe Island, the perfect way to start or end a safari.



At Lazy Lagoon, large airy rooms, wide shaded verandas, moon lit dinners down on the beach, peace and tranquility are just some of the reasons for spending a romantic few days at this wonderful Indian Ocean beach destination.

[Click here](#) for complete details on [Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge](#)

## Recommended Indian Ocean Beach & Cultural Program

### Overnight Prices:

- **Lazy Lagoon Island Lodge:** From US \$120 or GBP 76 per person sharing. **Programs Inclusions:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Boat Transfers and all taxes.

[Click here](#) for more Bagamoyo Beach Holidays & Cultural Programs Prices.

## Recommended African Safari Program

- **Great Northern Kenya Safari - 4 Days**

The **Great Northern Kenya Safari** is an excellent escape to the destinations around and north

of the Equator (Kenya). The combination of experiencing the wildlife, birdlife, vegetation and panoramic vistas of Mount Kenya makes it an excellent experience. In support of its unique attributes, the ecosystem around northern Kenya supports very distinct wildlife such as the beisa oryx, reticulated giraffe and long necked antelope, called the gerenuk (which may be in the midst of an evolutionary process).

Prices start from US \$740 or GBP 449 per person sharing.

**[Click here](#) for complete prices and itinerary for the Great Northern Kenya Safari**

## **Another Perfect AfricanMecca Customer Experience**

### **East Africa Honeymoon With AfricanMecca**

Jambo Altaf and Raza! We are back on earth now after our fabulous honeymoon. This is to say THANK YOU so much for organising a week in Kenya that we will never forget.....! There was not a single thing in the itinerary that was not organised to perfection. During the three transfer stays at the House of Waine in Nairobi, we were received as friends rather than guests, and given the best suite in the house. At all times we were made to feel so special, and to our great surprise they had organised a private honeymoon dinner for us complete with champagne, a roaring fire, candle light, and rose petals on the floor, and found a beautiful bouquet of roses in our suite. We were lost for words... All transfers to and from the airport to the House of Waine, and all other trips, were organised to perfection by Darlene. After our first night at the House of Waine, we were picked up by John Mugo who turned out to be a real gem. He had great knowledge of the country and different species, and we learned a lot from him. His dose of humour also made the trips great fun! He took us to the Sarova Mara Lodge in the Maasai Mara, where we stayed in a lovely deluxe tent. In the Mara we saw four of the Big Five, including a leopard (and the 'missing' rhino we saw in Lake Nakuru National Park). Indeed, we saw many more animals than we expected (a cheetah, lions on the hunt and after a kill, and lots of giraffes and elephants with their young; and the trek of the wildebeests!). We attempted a balloon flight, but unfortunately it was too windy to take off, which is apparently quite unusual. After the Mara we went to Lake Nakuru, which had a whole other beauty in itself. The expanse of the lake and its flamingos was breath-taking. We stayed in a wonderful junior suite in Saravo Lion Hill Lodge, which had magnificent views over the lake. John took us on another game drive, where we saw the aforementioned rhinos, many baboons, and of course the flamingos. On our way back to Nairobi he took us to Lake Naivasha for a lovely boat ride; after our return to Nairobi we had another day there before going back home, and Darlene organised a fantastic day sightseeing for us in Nairobi. All in all, the trip was amazing, and our only 'complaint' to ourselves was that we had not allowed for more days on safari! We wholeheartedly recommend AfricanMecca team to anyone who wishes to visit Kenya! Thank you again: Asante sana!

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## **AfricanMecca Reservation Inquiry**

We ask that all destination travel requests such as yours be submitted through our reservation inquiry services page, where we can generate a request number and have a specialist who can quote you accordingly. We have several confirmations we are working with and want to make sure we can serve you in the best manner possible and at the same time create a quality follow through of your request.

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