

Kenya In January - A Photo Expedition

with *Barbara Eddy*
PHOTOGRAPHY

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Explore the Kenyan Savannah
January 11-24, 2026 - 14 days/13 nights - Limited to 8 photographers
Optional Extension - Amboseli - January 25-28, 2026



KENYA PHOTO SAFARI

THREE NATIONAL PARKS/RESERVES - A CUSTOM PHOTO TOUR

The unparalleled wildlife, habitat diversity and fascinating cultural heritage makes Kenya unique. There is nothing comparable to watching the herds of animals and their predators which are ever present. A wide range of ecological zones: semi-arid plains and vast savannah, tropical mountain forests, a rugged Northern Frontier and the Great Rift Valley, provide for a tremendous array of fauna and flora. Over the years I have been fortunate to lead dozens of two-week long photo tours into this magical wildlife-rich part of the world. My guests and I will explore the world famous parks and reserves in East Africa. The itinerary of my Kenya photo safari allows me to share with my guests my knowledge of photography, the country and animals. I invite you to join me in 2026 for 14 days of photography while exploring the heart of Kenya. I'll offer personalized instruction so you will come away with incredible images, fabulous memories and new friends! Lions, giraffes, rhinos, and more await us!

Our Destinations

Samburu National Reserve in Kenya's Northern Frontier District. This rugged and remote wildlife reserve provides some of the best and most exciting game viewing in the country. We will enjoy the magnificent scenery of this region while exploring for wildlife characteristically found here. Samburu is home to six special big game species rarely seen elsewhere: Grevy's Zebra, Somali Ostrich, Beisa Oryx, Gerenuk, Guenther's Dik-dik and Reticulated Giraffe thrive in this harsh but picturesque landscape. This is the land of the Samburu tribesmen, a pastoral people related to the Maasai. The women wear layers of beads in choker fashion around their necks, and the men are famous for their colorful adornment and high-jumping dances.

Lake Nakuru National Park From Samburu we will drive south into the Great Rift Valley, an immense geological fault in the Earth's surface that stretches from Jordan to southern Africa. Morning and afternoon game drives allow us the opportunity to explore Lake Nakuru National Park, described by Roger Tory Peterson as the greatest ornithological spectacle in the world. Certainly, the thousands of Pink Flamingos and fishing fleets of White Pelicans are testament to his claim. Although birds are a major attraction—over 400 species have been recorded here—we also expect to see Rothschild's Giraffe (rarely found elsewhere), both Grant's and Thomson's Gazelles, Impala, Common Zebra, African Buffalo, Eland, Waterbuck and several other species of plains game, as well as Leopard. Declared a rhino sanctuary, Lake Nakuru is one of





the best places in Africa to observe critically endangered Black and White Rhinos.

Masai Mara Reserve, one of Africa's best game reserves. This northern extension of the Serengeti ecosystem, one of the world's most spectacular wildlife observation sites, virtually throbs with life. The rich savannah is famous for its concentration of plains game and predators, including Leopard, Lion, Cheetah and Hyena. We drive through the Great Rift Valley, past the extinct volcanoes of Mount Longonot and Mount Suswa. We begin to see Maasai herding their cattle near Narok, an administrative and trading center for the Maasai. The Maasai, perhaps the best-known and iconic African group, still follow their traditional ways as semi-nomadic pastoralists. Young warriors carry spears and decorate themselves with red ochre, and the women wear elaborate, beautiful beadwork. The social life of the Maasai makes them a





fascinating and special people, and we shall see their herds and villages throughout much of our journey. (Recommended reading: *The Maasai* by Carol Beckwith and Tepilit ole Saitoti.)

Dates: January 11 - January 24. Our

journey will begin in Nairobi, Kenya. We will travel to three national parks and reserves. Some may wish to extend their trip to and join me in Amboseli National.

Daily Schedule - Itinerary

Day Zero: Saturday, January 10 - Travel from home to Nairobi, Kenya.

Day One: Sunday, January 11 - Your safari begins when you arrive in Nairobi (JKIA) where we will be met at the airport, transferred by private Tradewinds vehicle to Tamarind Tree hotel.

Overnight. Dinner & Breakfast

Day Two: Monday, January 12. Flight - Nairobi to Samburu National Reserve. We will fly for approximately one hour northwards over Nanyuki and Mt Kenya and onto the Samburu National Reserve. Afternoon game drives allow ample time to explore this unique area and observe its abundant wildlife. We will spend four nights at **Samburu Intrepid. Ensuite Tent (Three meals daily)**

Day Three-Five: Tuesday-Thursday, January 13-15. Game drives morning and afternoon in Samburu. Searching for Samburu's Special Five wildlife. **Samburu Intrepid. Ensuite Tent (Three meals daily)**

Day Six Friday, January 16. Samburu to Lake

Nakuru. After breakfast we set off for a six-hour drive towards the Rift Valley floor via Nyahururu and onto the famous Lake Nakuru National Park, renowned for its birdlife and Kenya's most successful Rhino Sanctuaries. This park also provides sanctuary for Rothschild giraffe, both black and white rhino and leopard.

The Cliff Lodge, Lake Nakuru - Ensuite Tent (Three meals daily)

Day Seven-Eight Saturday-Sunday, January 17-18 - *Lake Nakuru*

Two Full Days photography and ornithological experience by boat and landcruiser. Full day game drive in Lake Nakuru National Park, home to the "greatest bird spectacle in the world". This internationally recognized catch phrase was actually coined in 1960 by American author, and Audubon Society naturalist, Roger Tory Peterson.

The Cliff, Lake Nakuru - Ensuite Tent (Three meals daily)

Day Nine Monday, January 19 - *Lake Nakuru - Masai Mara Game Reserve*

A six-hour drive, with picnic lunch en-route, via The Great Rift Valley and Narok to the Masai Mara National Reserve offering wonderful volcanic scenery, rolling grasslands and plenty of big game.

Mara Intrepids Camp - Ensuite Tent (Three meals daily)

Day Ten-Thirteen Tuesday-Friday, January 20-23 - *Masai Mara Game Reserve.*

The Mara/Serengeti eco-system is perhaps the only region left in Africa where the visitor may see animals in the super-abundance as existed a century ago. Each day we will enjoy a full day of game-viewing in the Masai Mara.

Mara Intrepids Camp - Ensuite Tent (Three meals daily)

Day Fourteen Saturday, January 24 - Masai Mara - Nairobi

Mid-morning flight from Mara to Nairobi. After an early morning game drive you will be transferred to the nearby airstrip for your short flight back to Nairobi. Transfer by private vehicle and lunch at Tamarind Tree Hotel. You will have a day room at Tamarind Tree to relax and Tradewinds departure assistance for your onward flights.

Optional Extension

Amboseli National Park

The Land of Giants

Amboseli belongs in the elite of Kenya's national parks, and it is easy to see why. Set in the shadow of the majestically looming Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli National Park in Southern Kenya combines stunning scenery with prolific game wildlife roaming its plains. With excellent year-round sightings and such enviable landscapes, it is understandably one of Kenya's most attractive areas for safari exploration.

Wildlife

Amboseli National Park is famous for being the best place in Africa to get close to hundreds of free-ranging African elephants. Due to the long dry months the vegetation is sparse which offers some of the best wildlife opportunities to see in Africa. The park is home to many species, including Cape buffaloes, lions, cheetahs, leopard, spotted hyenas, Masai giraffes, all can be easily seen on a morning's game drive, as well as hosts of plains' game, including Common Zebra, Eland, Coke's Hartebeest, White-bearded Gnu, Common Waterbuck, Thompson's and Grant's Gazelles and Impala. Smaller mammals include Black-faced Vervet Monkey, Yellow Baboon, Black-backed Jackals, Spotted Hyena and Bat-eared Foxes. Caracal and Serval cats are sometimes seen.

Day fourteen Saturday,

January 24 - Amboseli
Fly to Amboseli National Park met on arrival and transfer to your lodge for an afternoon/evening photography.

*Ol Tukai Lodge - Overnight.
Dinner & Breakfast*

Day Fifteen & Sixteen

Sunday & Monday, January 25-26 - Amboseli
2 full days Four days game-viewing in Amboseli National Park

Ol Tukai Lodge - Three meals daily

Day Seventeen

Tuesday, January 27 -
Fly back to Nairobi
Lunch and day room at Tamarind Tree Hotel
Departure transfer to JKIA for onward flight





Camera Gear

Kenya offers many opportunities for wildlife photography. Lenses ranging from a 24mm to 400 or 500mm will be useful. I like using zoom lenses. Below you will see what I will be packing for this trip. For wildlife you can't beat a zoom lens in the range of 200-500mm. I will be bringing my Nikon 200-500 but the zooms of 100-400 or 150-600 will do well in Kenya. These particular lenses allow you to zoom in on more distant or smaller animals as well as closer subjects. A tripod is rarely used but some will want to bring one for photographing at the lodges. Beanbags will be used in the vehicles and I'll discuss this in your confirmation letter. If you are using a camera with a crop factor (small sensor) consider what it does to your focal length. If your camera has a 1.5x crop factor, the field of view of a 300mm lens is similar to a much longer 450mm lens. The focal length is still 300mm, but the animal will be much larger in the viewfinder! Of course 500mm or 600mm telephotos are also good choices, but the zoom lenses offer more versatility with less weight.

Here is a list of the equipment that I am taking. You do not need to duplicate this list. It is meant only as a guide to help you decide what to bring. Remember, I typically favor long focal length lenses for wildlife, so I need the reach of a 500mm to make my subjects large in the frame.

Barbara's Nikon Gear

This is my list - your guideline - I don't expect you to have all this - bring comparable.

This is what Barbara will bring				
Nikon Z9 Camera x2	180-600mm lens	1.4x teleconverter	24-120mm lens	70-200mm lens
Kirk BH-1 ball head	Gitzo tripod	Camera/lens raincoat	Wimberley Sidekick (optional)	

Don't forget these important items

Here are some suggestions		
Laptop computer with 1.5TB external hard drive for storing images		Chargers for camera and computer
Day pack	Lens cleaner, blower for sensor	Extra Camera Batteries

Weather Note:

Temperatures and climate vary dramatically from region to region and even within a single day. You should be prepared for hot, cold, wet, dry and dusty conditions. In general, during the months of December - March, you can expect a temperature range of 70 - 100F degrees during the daytime and 50 - 70F degrees during the night. Humidity is usually low. During the months of May - October, you can expect cooler temperatures, especially at higher altitudes. Daytime temperatures may range from 60- 85F degrees, while night-time temperatures can get down to 40 - 50F degrees. More significant are the microclimates created by Rift Valley altitude changes, and massive expanses of water such as Lake Victoria or the Indian Ocean and the monsoon winds. On the Equator, November/December and April/ May/ June are the green seasons. These seasons are the ones that naturalists find most interesting as this is when biodiversity flourishes and the fauna breeds. In my opinion there is never a 'best' or 'worst' time to come to East Africa - however I take this extraordinary variety of micro-climates into consideration when planning a safari: the route, the time of year and any special interests which the season might affect.

What to Wear

Layering is how I dress for my days in Kenya. Early morning game drives you will find me in a hat and gloves with a light jacket and maybe a fleece. Late mornings, I may zip off the legs of my pants and wear my shorts. A reverse of this in the afternoon. I will put my jacket back on and sometimes the legs of my pants before arriving back at camp. I like the quick dry fabrics for my shirts and pants.

Our Days in the Parks

Typically we will start the day with an early morning game drive and carry a packed breakfast. This will allow us to remain out when the animals are most active. We usually come in for lunch when the animals are seeking shade and then go out again in late afternoon until we need to return to camp at around 6:30.



WHAT TO EXPECT

AN ITINERARY DESIGNED FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Early mornings and late afternoons for the best light and wildlife activity. Long days in the field. Excellent driver-guides who are sensitive to the needs of photographic groups. With our vehicles we enjoy great photographic opportunities.

LAND TRANSPORTATION

Travel will be by 4WD Toyota Land Cruisers, equipped with roof hatches for game viewing. For the main expedition I put a maximum of only three guests in a vehicle, guaranteeing you plenty of space, something essential for photographers. (The safari vehicles that we use are long wheel base 4WD Toyotas.)

ACCOMMODATIONS AND FOOD

We will stay in deluxe-tented camps, lodges and hotels. We much prefer tented camps wherever possible, as they offer the convenience of a lodge, but give you the feel of camping. Your tent is canvas, but has a thatched roof, a concrete floor with rugs and has electricity. The beds are very comfortable. Each tent has private facilities en-suite with cold and hot running water and flush toilets.

GUIDES AND STAFF

In addition to local guides, Barbara will be on the main expedition and the Amboseli extension. We will be accompanied by professional driver-guides, who know the best locations for wildlife and have experience with serious photographers. Tented camps and lodges have their own permanent staffs.

FITNESS AND HEALTH

The safari is not strenuous, and anyone who is reasonably fit and in good health should be able to participate. You, will, however, have long international flights and will be spending many hours in a vehicle on game drives. Land travel will sometimes be over very bumpy and dusty roads. The maximum altitude you will reach on this safari is about 8,000 feet above sea level. If you have any questions about your ability to participate in this trip, please contact Barbara for more information.

PRE-DEPARTURE PREPARATION

Background readings and travel information will be sent to you upon your enrollment in this program.





Tour Cost - \$15,800 per person double occupancy
\$2,100.00 single supplement

Safari price based on a minimum of 4 guests. Limited single accommodations available. If group has less than four guests a small group surcharge will be assessed based on the total group number.

Optional Amboseli Extension Tour Cost

\$3,588 - based on a group size of 4 guests
\$415 - single supplement

Amboseli Extension price based on a minimum of 4 guests. Limited single accommodations available. If group has less than four guests a small group surcharge will be assessed based on the total group number. If group size is larger your price will go down.

A deposit of \$2000, plus \$600 for the extension, per person is required. Deposits can be made by check. Please make payable to Barbara Eddy Photography

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Services of Barbara Eddy Photography, for complete pre-departure information, a checklist of what to bring.
- All land and air transportation within Kenya as specified in the itinerary
- Accommodations in the finest lodges and tented camps, all with en suite facilities
- Travel in 4WD Toyotas- maximum of 3 photographers per vehicle. The leader will take turns riding in the front of each vehicle on a rotating basis.
- All meals; tea; coffee; bottled water while on game drives
- All transfers in Kenya, hotel, lodge and tented camp services charges, taxes, portage and national park fees.
- In addition to the leader, you will be accompanied by expert naturalist guides.
- Membership in the Flying Doctors program

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- Round-trip international air transportation. Special add-on fares from your hometown.
- Passport and visa fees; U.S. and foreign departure taxes; tips to drivers, guides and camp staff.
- Items of a personal nature, such as laundry, phone calls, beverages, etc.
- Extra night(s) at hotel in Kenya prior to meeting the group or after group departs.
- **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** A U.S. passport valid six months beyond your anticipated date of return to the U.S. is required. A visa is required to enter Kenya which can be obtained upon arrival.
- **GROUP SIZE:** The main expedition is priced on a minimum of 4 guests. The Amboseli extension is priced on a minimum of 4 guests. If guest numbers require an additional vehicle to accommodate only one or two guests in a vehicle, a surcharge may apply. If guest numbers fall below the above the trip is subject to re-pricing.
- **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Additional: \$2100 for main tour, \$415 for the Amboseli extension. Singles are limited and are not guaranteed.
- **FINAL PAYMENT:** Final Payment is due 150 days prior to departure.
- **CANCELLATION TERMS:**
 - \$600 from the time of booking up until 151 days prior;
 - \$900 from 150 – 91 days prior;
 - Loss of deposit from 90 - 81 days prior;
 - 50% of the total payment cost from 80 - 61 days prior.
 - 100% of total payment from 60 days prior to commencement.





HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Precautions against malaria, Hepatitis A, and Tetanus are highly recommended. Yellow Fever inoculation is **REQUIRED** if entering Kenya from an infected area. Please consult your physician, public health/travel clinic, or Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta for more information.

TRAVEL INSURANCE MANDATORY (as required by outfitter.)

Travel protection plans are available from various insurance providers and are mandatory, as required by our outfitter. Policies can be obtained that provide coverage in the event of an unforeseen emergency that may force you to cancel or leave an expedition. For complete peace of mind, purchase trip insurance to protect yourself against cancellation penalties and travel costs. You will also be covered for losses due to trips cut short by illness or family emergencies or costs of baggage lost or damaged. Travel insurance at www.insuremytrip.com offers a wide range of services at reasonable rates. Many trip insurance providers can be found on the web with a simple google search.

If you would like to join me please let me know by email at contact@barbaraeddyphotography.com. I will send you enrollment information. You can also call me at 208-244-1887 to check on availability in this popular expedition.

Thank you for your interest in my photography expeditions.

Have a delightful day!!

Warm Wishes,

Barbara





KENYA
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YOU!