



OFFBEAT SAFARIS

AMBOSELI TO THE CHYULU HILLS 8 NIGHT RIDING SAFARI



This ride begins close to the border town of Namanga, and crosses through Amboseli national park en route to the Chyulu Hills away to the east, with Africa's highest mountain, the snow capped Kilimanjaro, as a constant backdrop to your adventures. The distance in a straight line is some 90 miles, however you will cover a much greater distance exploring the bush.

DAY 1: You will be collected from the Aero Club at 10.30 and driven to the first campsite at Lalahroi – meaning swamp of the buffaloes – near the border settlement of Namanga, stopping en route for a picnic lunch. Depending on what time you reach campsite, there may be the opportunity for a short evening ride before dinner. Overnight **Namanga**.

DAY 2: Today you begin the ride towards Amboseli, heading eastwards parallel to the Tanzanian border. You are likely to see game such as giraffe, zebra, eland, gerenuk, a glimpse of a lesser kudu, impala, wildebeest, Grants and Thompson's Gazelle on your way to the Ngorambuni rocks, where a huge boulder on top of a rocky kopje provides a cool and shaded picnic spot with panoramic views towards Amboseli. After lunch you ride across the dried up lakebed to a campsite at Soit Nado (red rocks), where your tents are pitched beneath a grove of lovely fever trees, some 200 yards from the Tanzanian border, and home for the next three nights. Overnight **Soit Nado camp**.



DAY 3: From this base you are able to ride and drive out from camp in any direction, exploring the defunct Meerschaum mines and the extraordinary landscape of Lake Amboseli Lake, and the surrounding marshes. These provide shelter to thousands of head of game, including large herds of buffalo and the famed herds of Amboseli elephant who spend hours of their day like dinosaurs in the swamp before wandering out onto the desert like features of the lake bed with its shimmering mirage of heat haze. Overnight **Soit Nado camp**.

DAY 4: Another morning exploring the area on horseback, perhaps crossing the border to explore the foothills of Mt Kilimanjairo. We will take a day drive into Amboseli with a barbeque lunch, so will be able to get some close up shots of big game from the landrovers. Approaching large and peaceable bull elephant of 70 lb+ tusk size per side by horse and landrover is one of the more exciting prospects from the Soit Nado area. Overnight **Soit Nado camp**.

DAY 5: Today you leave behind Soit Nado campsite, and head northeast across the National Park, skirting the green swamps and passing large amounts of game as you canter across the lake bed, which provides near perfect going for horses without any of the dreaded aardvark holes to trap the unwary. You will break for lunch on the far side of the lake bed, and a welcome siesta beneath the shade of an acacia before riding a further 10 miles to overnight at our camp at Risa, on the plains between Amboseli and the Chyulu Hills. Overnight **Risa Camp**.

DAY 6: The ride continues towards the Chyulu Hills, which rise from the plains to a height of 7000ft. These hills are recent volcanoes only 500,000 years old and some of the craters and lava flows are only 200 years old. This evening you will camp at the foot of a small hill, amongst beautiful groves of Balanites and Acacia

Tortilis trees with craters rearing up at intervals as if the ride were passing through some kind of magical theme park. Overnight **Millennium campsite**.

DAY 7/8: From Millenium camp we can take an early morning stalk to find fresh signs (and perhaps a rhino itself) of the small but closely guarded black rhino population that lives in the Lava flows of the Chyulus accompanied by game scouts. We will also do game drives/rides and can also take an energetic walk up Ol Donyo Sambu one of the conical craters found towards the western end of the range. Overnight **Millennium campsite**

DAY 9: Early morning ride before Breakfast and transfer to Ol Donyo Waus for flight back to Nairobi.

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