



Women's Tours by EMBARK

20 DAY HOSTED TOUR

COMMENCE SYDNEY ON THE 30 NOVEMBER 2026

CONCLUDE SYDNEY ON THE 19 DECEMBER 2026

KENYA AND TANZANIA





Let's explore East Africa together in 2026

Embark on a journey that feels straight out of *The Lion King*. Picture herds of elephants against the breathtaking backdrop of Mt. Kilimanjaro and lions stalking their prey across the golden plains of the Serengeti. In this part of the world, it's not uncommon to see zebras grazing alongside wildebeests, with giraffes towering gracefully in the distance. The sheer abundance of wildlife in East Africa is something you truly have to witness to believe.

But this trip isn't just about the animals. East Africa is a vibrant melting pot of culture, and we've designed this itinerary to ensure you experience both its natural and human wonders. Spend extra time connecting with local communities, gaining insights into their way of life, and participating in meaningful interactions.

Unique Moments

- Three Nights at Ngorongoro Crater: Unlike most itineraries that rush through with just one or two nights, our stay near this iconic landmark includes a rare visit to the Hadzabe Tribe. Join their morning hunt, learn how they craft fire and prepare food, and visit the local market where they trade honey and fruits for handcrafted tools like knives, arrows, and spears.
- Reforestation in Amboseli: Contribute to conservation by planting your very own tree as part of the reforestation program. All trees are drought-resistant, indigenous species such as Acacia, Mellia, and Croton. Not only will you leave your mark in East Africa, but you'll also carry the memory of this special act of giving back.

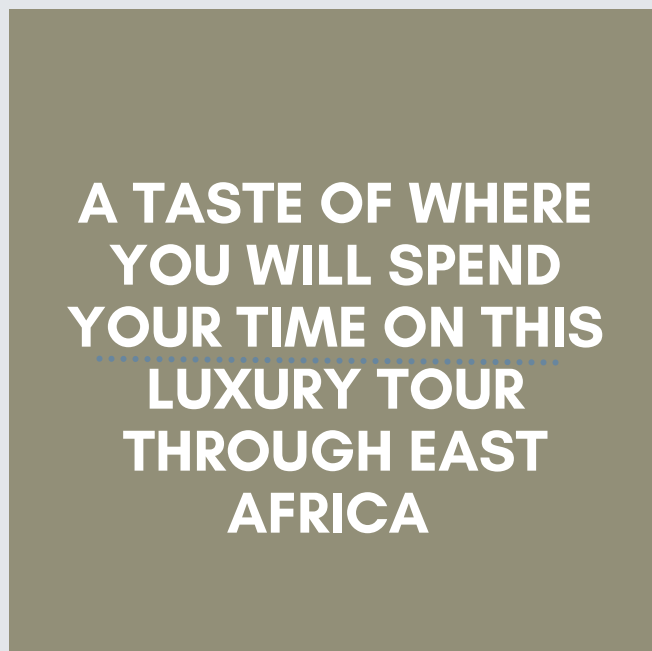
We have included Exceptional Accommodation on this itinerary. Each hotel and lodge has been handpicked to immerse you in the heart of East Africa's wilderness. From luxurious glamping tents to stays perched on the edges of national parks, every night offers a unique and unforgettable experience. A sneak peak of some of the lodges - such as the Mara Serena Lodge, Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge, Ole Serai Moru Camp and Breezes Beach Club are highlighted on the next page.

Inclusions That Set Us Apart

We believe in offering a seamless, stress-free adventure. Here's what's included:

- Small group sizes (maximum 12 travelers) for a more personal experience.
- Visas and tips—no hidden costs!
- A breathtaking hot air balloon safari over the Serengeti, included as part of your tour (an extra with most companies).

This isn't just a tour—it's a life-changing experience. From the wildlife encounters to the cultural connections and sustainable initiatives, East Africa will capture your heart and leave you with memories to cherish forever. Join us for an adventure like no other.





30th November 2026 (meals in flight)

Today you will be transferred from your front door (Newcastle/Hunter/Lake Macquarie) to Sydney airport with your fellow travellers. Our flight will be a late departure out of Sydney (after 8pm).

1st December 2026 (meals in flight, D)

Welcome to Kenya! Kenya is a land of breathtaking contrasts, where golden savannahs meet snow-capped mountains and ancient forests. From witnessing the Great Migration in the Maasai Mara to exploring bustling markets and the vibrant culture of Nairobi, Kenya offers an unforgettable blend of wildlife, history, and adventure.

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Nairobi. With our afternoon arrival, your room will be ready for you to shower and refresh. Tonight, dinner will be included at the hotel



2nd December 2026 (B, L)

After a leisurely breakfast, we'll embark on an unforgettable visit to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, located on the outskirts of Nairobi. Here, you'll step into a heartwarming sanctuary run by Angela Sheldrick, set within the grounds of her late mother, Dame Daphne Sheldrick's, home. Witness the incredible work of caring for orphaned elephants and other wildlife, and gain unique insights from the devoted handlers who nurture them. Visiting hours are a rare treat, from 11am-12noon daily, offering an intimate glimpse into their world.

After our visit, indulge in a relaxing lunch at the charming Tamarind Brasserie, a serene garden restaurant perfect for unwinding. After lunch, head to the Giraffe Centre, a haven for the endangered Rothschild giraffe. Get up close to these gentle giants on an elevated platform where you can feed and interact with them, while rangers share fascinating facts about their lives and conservation efforts.

Conclude our day with a visit to the Karen Blixen Museum. This historic gem is nestled on the former farm of Danish author Karen Blixen, whose memoir "Out of Africa" immortalized her life in Kenya. Stroll through the house and grounds to relive her captivating story before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon.



3rd December 2026 (B, L, D)

Today we set off in our safari vehicles for the first time! With only 6 passengers in each vehicle, you have plenty of room to see out the windows or pop your head through the roof. These vehicles are designed to be comfortable for long days on the road or waiting for the perfect animal viewing.

We will be travelling to the Masai Mara - where we will spend the next two nights.



The Masai Mara National Reserve is one of Africa's most iconic and breathtaking wildlife destinations, located in southwestern Kenya. Renowned for its stunning savannah landscapes and incredible biodiversity, the Mara is home to the famed Big Five—lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and rhino—as well as cheetahs, zebras, giraffes, and countless other species.

This afternoon will be our first official game drive in the park.

4th December 2026 (B, L, D)

This morning you'll get to experience a 'must' when it comes to safari in Kenya/Tanzania - a balloon flight. Float above the Mara plains in a dimension of unsurpassed tranquillity and beauty. The hot air balloon lifts you into the clear blue sky at dawn and gives you an eagle's view of the wildlife pageant below. You will glide over the treetops with the early birds and be wafted gently over the plains, above the bustle and bumps of the ground below, but cruising close to enjoy the spectacular scenery. It's an unforgettable start to your day.

The Mara reserve is also the ancestral home of the Maasai people, whose vibrant culture and traditions add a rich human dimension to the region. Today (along with morning and afternoon game drives), we will visit a local Maasai village, to learn about their way of life, and see their traditional dances.

5th December 2026 (B, L, D)

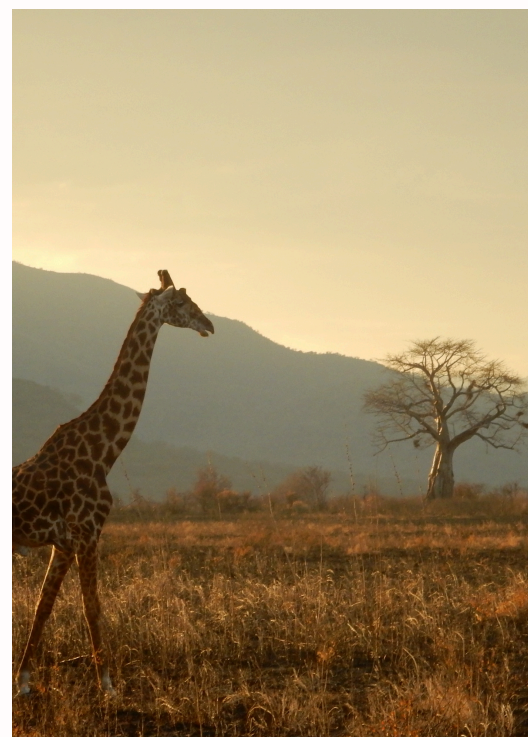
Today we'll be travelling through to Nakuru National Park with picnic lunch enroute.

Lake Nakuru National Park, located in Kenya's Rift Valley, is famous for its breathtaking landscapes, diverse wildlife, and vibrant birdlife. The park's centerpiece is Lake Nakuru, a shallow soda lake that was once renowned for hosting millions of pink flamingos, creating a stunning spectacle of color. While the flamingo numbers have fluctuated due to environmental changes, the park remains a birdwatcher's paradise with over 400 bird species, including pelicans, cormorants, and African fish eagles. The park is also a sanctuary for rhinos, hosting both black and white species, making it one of the best places in Kenya to spot these endangered animals.

Tonight we'll have our first 'glamping' experience at Elementaita Serena Camp.

6th December 2026 (B, L, D)

Today we will travel to Amboseli National Park, for a two-night stay. Known as the "Land of Giants," it offers stunning views of Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest free-standing mountain in the world, which serves as a dramatic backdrop to the park's breathtaking landscapes.





Amboseli is famous for its large herds of elephants, often seen strolling across the open plains. These elephants are known for their impressive tusks, and the park's commitment to elephant conservation has made it a key research site for understanding their behavior and habitat.

7th December 2026 (B, L, D)

Today we will have morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli National Park.



Amboseli Serena has taken a leading role in environmental protection and preservation with the Re-forestation Programme. We will be planting "our" own trees at the lodge, as part of their conservation scheme. All the trees planted are indigenous species that consist of specifically drought resistant species such as Acacia spp., Mellia, Croton and Commiphora.

Nothing is quite so essentially "Safari" as the traditional 'bush dinner', especially when it is enlivened by the presence of a group of scarlet-clad Maasai warriors. Located in a grove of acacia trees immediately adjacent to the lodge, your lantern-lit dinner begins with cocktails around the campfire. A six-course dinner will then be cooked on a blazing BBQ, accompanied by a wide range of salads and vegetables. While dessert and coffee is served, the Maasai will entertain you with songs, chants and dance displays. Dine in the wild and taste safari-life at its best!

8th December 2026 (B, L, D)

It's time to farewell Kenya, as we cross the border into Tanzania! Our first stop here is in Karatu, in the Ngorongoro Highlands. Here we will have a three night stay at the Oldeani Mountain Lodge - sure to be a highlight.



This 5 star colonial lodge situated on a picturesque hill with spectacular views onto Oldeani Mountain and the Ngorongoro Crater Rim. The lodge is elevated with 360 degree views that extend all the way to Lake Eyasi and Lake Manyara. The property is set on 40 acres of pristine lush green gardens and local vegetation with over 130 species of birds.

Tonight we will be welcomed with a traditional Boma dinner. Savor the flavours of authentic African cuisine as you experience a fireside meal. Stemming from the Swahili word for enclosure, a Boma is an event where the tribesmen protect and provide for their community. Immerse yourself in a culinary safari, surrounded by the untamed beauty of nature. Exotic spices and grilled delicacies will make you wonder how this can all happen so effortlessly in the wilderness.



9th December 2026 (B, L, D)

The Ngorongoro Crater, located in northern Tanzania, is one of the world's most extraordinary natural wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is the largest unbroken volcanic caldera on Earth, formed around 2.5 million years ago when a massive volcano collapsed in on itself. The result is a breathtakingly beautiful basin, approximately 600 meters deep and covering 260 square kilometers, teeming with wildlife.





Often referred to as the “Eighth Wonder of the World,” the crater is home to one of the densest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. The lush, fertile environment of the crater floor contrasts with the surrounding highland forests and savannahs, creating a diverse ecosystem that supports an incredible variety of species.

We'll have a picnic lodge in the crater, before returning to the lodge. Tonight before dinner, enjoy a traditional 'sundowner'. As the sun begins its descent, immerse yourself in the serenity of the savannah. Sip on handcrafted cocktails and savor bites while the colours of the sky transform into a breathtaking canvas. The experienced local guides will share their tales of the wild, making this an unforgettable evening. Relax, unwind and let the magic of the African sunset unfold before your eyes!

10th December 2026 (B, L, D)

This morning we will drive to Lake Eyasi, to visit the Bush Men / Hadzabe Tribe. Experience the culture, habitat and way of life of the Hadzabe hand on this cultural experience. We will go with the Bushmen on a hunting trip early in the morning. Learn how they make fire and prepare their food. Afterwards, make a visit to the local market. Here is where the Hadzabe trade honey, fruits and other things for knives, arrows and spears that the Datoga silversmith's make. This is such a memorable experience visiting one of the last remaining hunter-gatherer tribes in Africa.

Enjoy a picnic lunch, on the edge of Lake Eyasi - a paradise for watchers. By the lakeshore, we'll also find the people of the Iraqw 'Mbulu' tribe - who are responsible for onion farming in the region. Wandering the freshly harvested onion fields, you notice field workers choose a more relaxed position to sort onions, typically splaying out under the oppressively hot sun, because although the scale of these farms has increased, the harvesting is still done by hand.

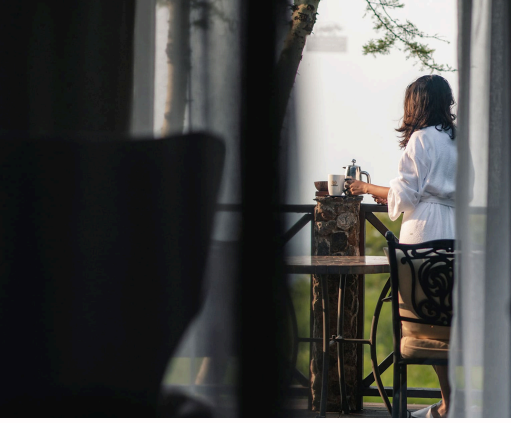
11th December 2026 (B, L, D)

As we sadly farewell our new friends at the lodge, it's time to continue to Serengeti National Park. Along the way, we will stop at the Olduvai Gorge to visit the museum.

Olduvai Gorge, often referred to as the “Cradle of Mankind,” is one of the most significant paleoanthropological sites in the world. The gorge is famous for the groundbreaking discoveries made by the Leakey family in the mid-20th century, including some of the earliest known hominid fossils, tools, and footprints. These findings, dating back nearly 2 million years, provide vital evidence of the origins and evolution of early humans.

We'll arrive at our next camp for lunch, before embarking on our afternoon game drive. Our (luxury!) camp for our two-night stay is ideally located within Central Seronera area of the famous Serengeti National Park in Tanzania around the vicinity of the famous Moru Kopjes and Lake Magadi. The Camp site is perched between the Rongai Hills & Nyaroboro Hills, a few metres away from the banks of the Mbalageti / Seronera River.





The Rooms and the Guest areas have been specifically designed to offer the Guests an optimum 180-degree view while on their bed or while enjoying their meal or drinks and to bring them as close to the nature as possible from the covered verandas. These stunning views embrace the sparsely spaced Acacia Tortillis Trees with the abundance of animals in the vicinity making the experience awe-inspiring.

12th December 2026 (B, L, D)



Today we will have morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park. Renowned for its vast, sweeping plains and incredible biodiversity, the Serengeti is often described as the ultimate safari experience. The park spans over 14,000 square kilometers and is home to a remarkable array of wildlife.

13th December 2026 (B, D)

A bush breakfast is an iconic way to finish our safari in Tanzania. At the end of our game drive we'll be greeted by the team of the lodge. In what feels like the 'middle of nowhere' you will be able to enjoy a freshly cooked English breakfast. What better way to finish our safari than with this unforgettable experience.



Once we've checked out of the lodge, we'll travel to the airstrip for our flight to Zanzibar!

Zanzibar, an enchanting archipelago off the coast of Tanzania, is a tropical paradise known for its rich history, stunning beaches, and vibrant culture. Our first two nights' will be spent in Stone Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a historic hub of culture and trade, with narrow winding streets, ancient Swahili architecture, and landmarks that reflect Zanzibar's diverse influences—from Arab, Persian, Indian, and European traders to the island's historical role in the spice and slave trades. Key sites include the House of Wonders, Freddie Mercury's birthplace, and Forodhani Gardens.

14th December 2026 (B, L)



We start our day with a visit to the Spice Farm. The tropical farm has more than 500 tropical medicinal plants and spices. Follow a guide through rural plantations and see where local staples such as clove, nutmeg, and cinnamon are cultivated, grown and used to produce some of Zanzibar's most aromatic cuisine.



After lunch, we'll take a short boat ride to Prison Island. The island is named because of the prison built in 1892. It was never actually used as a prison and currently an attraction for tourists as it is known as a famous place for the giant tortoise. Once on the island, you have the opportunity to feed and pet the tortoises, some of which are over a hundred years old. Enjoy the sapphire waters of the island and even take a quick snorkel/swim before returning to Stone Town.

During our stay in Stone Town, we'll enjoy a sunset Dhow Cruise. After you step on-board the vessel, the skilled crew will take the dhow about 1km away from the shore by means of an engine, once out in the sea the engine is shut off and during a tense moment the skillful crew put up the sail, once the sail is in favor of the wind, the guest can sit back, relax and enjoy the peacefulness of the ocean as you hear the ripple of water on the sides of the dhow as it glides swiftly through the clear turquoise water.

15th December 2026 (B, D)

Zanzibar is bigger than you may think, and why we split our time on each side of the island. As we leave Stone Town, we'll travel approximately 90minutes to our beach resort on Bwejuu Paje beach. This was voted as one of the top 30 Island beaches in the world by Condé Nast Traveler! It's where we will spend the final two-nights of our adventure.

This is your time to relax. Swim, relax, read, take in the last few weeks of adventure.

16th December 2026 (B, D)

Day at leisure at the resort. If you are already recharged and ready to adventure, visit the Water Club at the resort. Kayak, explore the reef, or snorkel - the day is yours to enjoy before we rejoin as a group for our final dinner together

17th December 2026 (B, meals in flight)

Today you will be transferred to the airport, to start our journey home to Australia. Due to the time differences, we will be in the sky on the **18th December**, and then land in Sydney on the morning of the **19th December**. Once we land in Sydney, you will be transferred to your home address in Newcastle/Hunter.





Your 2026 Jayes Travel Women Tour includes

INCLUDES

- Return Transfers from your home address* to Sydney airport
- Economy Class Flights with a full-service airline (upgrade to business class available)
- All accommodation, Sightseeing and transport as per the itinerary
- Meals: Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner (D) where indication - minimum of 2 meals per day
- Small Group of only 12 women (plus guides and Jayes Travel representatives)
- Jayes Travel tour manager, travelling with you
- Local sightseeing experts throughout
- Pre-tour get together meal
- All tipping throughout
- Departure Pack (luggage tags, luggage straps, ticket wallet etc)
- Welcome Home Pack
- Visas for Kenya and Tanzania
- Hot Air Ballooning in the Mara

PACKAGE COST

\$19,400.00 per person twin share

First deposit is \$3,500 per person

Second deposit of \$2,000 due 2nd December 2025

Balance due 4 months prior to departure.

UPGRADES

- Upgrade on flights - not available until January 2026
- Upgrade to a solo room for ALL hotel stays throughout - \$4500

Please note that we have done all possible to include all taxes and levies for travel through Kenya and Tanzania. However the Kenyan government does regularly change/add the community taxes/bed levy. If we do see a change in compulsory taxes/fees before November 2026, these will be added to the cost of your holiday.



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