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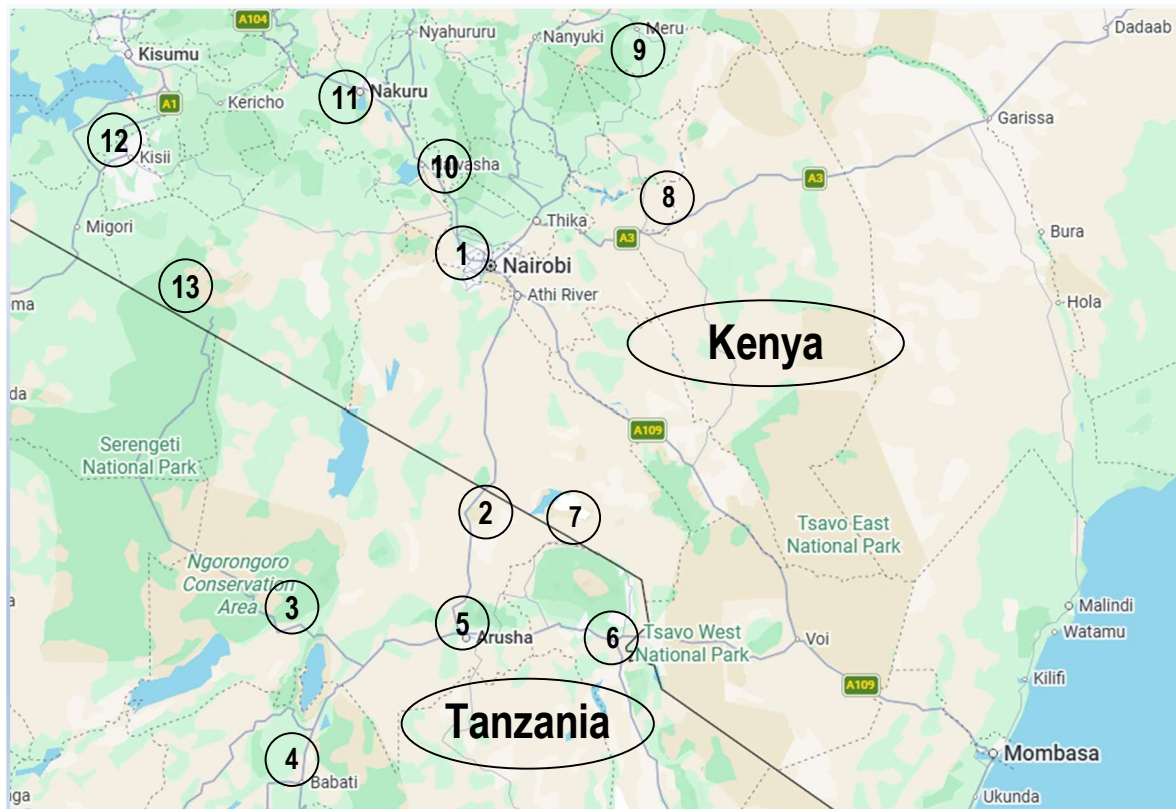
Kenya & Tanzania



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you're taking up too much room !*

African Adventures Motorcycle Safari



Destinations and Places of Interest

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| 1. Nairobi | 6. Marangu (Kilimanjaro) | 11. Nakuru |
| 2. Longido | 7. Amboseli Nat Park | 12. Bomet |
| 3. Karatu (Ngorongoro) | 8. Matuu | 13. Maasai Mara |
| 4. Babati | 9. Mt Kenya | ... and return to |
| 5. Arusha | 10. Naivasha | 1. Nairobi |



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Itinerary for November 2027

Day	Date	Details	Distance
1 M	Nov 01	Arrange your international flights to arrive in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya	
2 T	02 *	A day exploring Nairobi, with motorbike commissioning in the afternoon/evening	
3 W	03	We ride across the Lake Natron plains, cross into Tanzania, and on to Longido	200k
4 T	04	We bypass the regional capital Arusha and proceed to Karatu in Ngorongoro	210k
5 F	05 *	A 'rest day' (but not really) exploring Ngorongoro crater and surrounding landscapes	---
6 S	06	We head further south to enjoy the hills and lakes of the region around Babati	160k
7 S	07	Our turnaround point, we head north on different roads for a half-day ride to Arusha	130k
8 M	08	We strike eastwards, and skirt the southern slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro to Marangu	170k
9 T	09	Continuing our loop around Kilimanjaro, we cross back into Kenya, to Amboseli N P	100k
10 W	10 *	We take another non-riding day, with a 4WD game drive motor-safari in Amboseli	---
11 T	11	Optional hot-air balloon, then we head north through magical remote scenery to Matuu	250k
12 F	12	We continue north on country roads through African villages to reach Mt. Kenya	205k
13 S	13	Stunning views of Mt. Kenya as we ride the Great Rift Valley to Lake Naivasha	240k
14 S	14 *	Non-riding day, as we take a boat ride to view hippos in their natural environment	---
15 M	15	A Conservancy game drive (on motorbikes!) on our way to Nakuru in the west	120k
16 T	16	Through tea estates on remote roads, bringing us to Bomet in the far west of Kenya	215k
17 W	17	We head to Kenya's famous Maasai Mara (called Serengeti on the Tanzanian side)	100k
18 T	18 *	4WD game drive in Maasai Mara/Serengeti, and visit a local Maasai tribal village	---
19 F	19	We head back to the capital Nairobi to complete our loop of two amazing countries	240k
20 S	20	Tour concludes after breakfast, fly out today... or, possible optional extensions: a) Mountain gorillas in Uganda b) Beach relax in Zanzibar	----- 2,340k

* indicates consecutive night in same hotel, allowing for laundry, etc.

Departure Date

For our African Adventures Motorcycle Safari, your recommended arrival date in Nairobi is **Monday 01st November 2027** as shown above, or earlier. Many international airlines have daily connections to Nairobi. Please see further discussion on International Flights herein.

Tour Operator

This Motorcycle Safari is one of several itineraries offered by **World On Wheels**, Australia's only professional tour operator specialising solely in international motorcycle adventures. Operating for 20+ years as **Ferris Wheels**, Mike Ferris pioneered the Himalayan Motorcycle Safari concept in 1994 with his first crossing of the world's greatest mountain range by an Australian group of riders. In 1995 as a newly qualified travel agent, he took his first commercial safari to the Khardung La in Ladakh (India), at 5,602 metres the highest road in the world. Mike now operates and personally leads annual **World On Wheels** motorcycle safaris to diverse destinations such as the Indian Himalaya, Nepal-Bhutan, Peru-Bolivia, Iceland, Turkey, Mexico-Guatemala-Belize, South Africa, the Baltic States, and the Dalmatian coastline, as well as this new one through East Africa, each of them two to three weeks in duration. **Mike Ferris** is Australia's only international motorcycle guide who is also a fully qualified and government-accredited motorcycle riding instructor.

Be aware that this itinerary is a guide only and may need to change due to weather, road conditions or other factors. Please be flexible, but rest assured your Tour Leader will make the final day-to-day decisions only after consultation with our local partner, local authorities and group members.



Package Price in Euro (€)

The **African Adventures** package price, excluding airfares and joining in Nairobi, is €7,500-00. Riders must have a full and unrestricted Rider's license. For this scouting tour we do not have pillion-friendly bikes available but will have a limited number of passenger seats available in our support vehicle, accompanying the riders for the length of the Safari – price for a passenger is €6,000-00. Please note that our prices are subject to foreign exchange fluctuations, and we reserve the right to alter any pricing pursuant to Clause 7 of our Terms and Conditions herewith, up to the date of final payment.

In this itinerary our tour prices are shown in **Euros** for greatest stability, but we ask for the equivalent in AU\$ at the prevailing daily exchange rate. The international website (unaffiliated with any bank) to be used for daily foreign exchange calculations is: www.XE.com/currencyconverter. We request a €1,000 deposit and will invoice you thereafter for the remaining balance in Euro, but payable in the AU\$ equivalent at the prevailing daily rate. So, you'll have some flexibility as to when to pay – final payment will be due 60 days before the tour date, but you may choose to pay us at any time beforehand if you feel the foreign exchange rate is favourable.

Price includes

- Motorcycle rental for the 17 riding days of the Safari; see '**Our Motorbikes**' below
- Clean, friendly, mid-range accommodation throughout the Safari, nights 1 to 19 inclusive
- Twin-share basis; (single room supplement, additional €900-00) ¹
- Three meals per day, breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Experienced guide, local agent and local mechanic
- Jeep/truck support vehicle and driver, for luggage transport and assistance
- Spare parts, tools, medicines and first aid equipment
- Permits and Park entries for Ngorongoro, Amboseli, Maasai Mara, Mt Kenya, Aberdare
- All fuel costs, maintenance and third-party insurance for the bikes
- Complimentary **World On Wheels** shirt and cap, luggage tags

¹Accommodation is provided on a twin-share basis and if you're on your own we'll do our best to bunk you in with an acceptable roommate. But if you're the last person to book, there's a 50-50 chance you'll have to take a room on your own and will therefore be liable for the single room supplement. So the moral of the story is, book early or bring your own roommate with you. Or preferably both!

Price excludes

- Airfares to/from Nairobi (allow around Au\$2,500-00 depending on airline)
- Comprehensive travel insurance policy, which must cover use of large-capacity motorbike ²
- Visas, if your nationality so requires, for Kenya and Tanzania – typically US\$50 each
- Medical examination and vaccinations before departure (recommended)
- Small tips for any local hotel porters you may choose to utilise
- Expenses of a personal nature such as postage, laundry, souvenirs and drinks
- Optional hot air balloon ride in Amboseli National Park
- Tips for support staff at completion; optional but always appreciated, €100-00 suggested ³

² Please note that a motorcycle safari overseas must be considered one of life's more adventurous pursuits and therefore personal travel insurance is mandatory. In Australia, we can suggest www.AussieTravelCover.com.au where you can easily issue your own policy online – just be sure to add in the optional Motorcycle Pack. **Be aware**, however, that travel insurance ceases immediately on return to your own country, even if on-going medical treatment or surgery is required. Private health cover or government Medicare resumes at that point.

³ A note on tips. We recognize tipping is not generally part of the antipodean psyche, but it is pretty much expected in most other parts of the world. Daily hotel porters will expect a small reward if they carry your bags to your room and our mechanic/driver/local guide will anticipate a reasonable tip to supplement their modest wages whilst on tour. We suggest something like €100 is affordable for this tour (approx €5 per day), collected at the conclusion of the tour. If you've had a good time, we would encourage you to contribute generously! (...and if you haven't, please let us know why and we'll contribute on your behalf).

International Flights

It's a pretty simple procedure these days to book airline tickets online. There are several internet sites such as Flight Centre, Expedia, Sky Scanner, Flight Network, etc which will give you comparisons on all available carriers to/from your required destination. There are several daily flights connecting many international cities to/from Nairobi. We suggest you book your airfare at least six months ahead to get the best price.

Food & Health

Quality of food can obviously be a concern when visiting exotic foreign lands. We take care in selecting clean and reputable establishments for our meals and the local fare is not always as fiery and spicy as some people would have you believe. Our riders are quite often pleasantly surprised by the delicious meals available. Even so, an occasional upset stomach cannot always be avoided in remote areas, so we advise initial caution and we carry various medicines to ensure as much comfort as possible.

Participants in any of our adventure activities are obviously expected to have a reasonably high level of health, fitness and capability, but in all cases a **consultation with your doctor is suggested** in order to identify necessary vaccinations and precautions, particularly if you are traveling overseas for the first time. Be aware that malaria and rabies can both be a concern in East Africa, so be guided by your doctor's advice regarding relevant precautions.



Climate & Clothing

Our itinerary is designed to take advantage of the pleasant weather of the southern spring. However, the region's geography varies greatly and therefore temperatures can range from very cold in the mountains to warm on the plains, with also a chance of some rain. At times there will be little shade available, so sunscreen, sunglasses, hats and sleeves will also be required. Jeans or riding pants and our *World On Wheels* shirts tend to be the norm, with strong boots and riding gloves. Helmets, full or open-faced as you prefer, should be brought from home. Our personal preference is the modern flip-up variety which gives the option of opening the face when standing stationary, while closing it to provide security at cruising speeds.

Professional quality riding gear including jackets, over-pants and other protective clothing are an excellent investment and will go a long way to ensuring your comfort and protection in what may sometimes be adverse conditions. Multi-layered jackets and pants with removable liners are the way to go. If you're susceptible to the

cold, then possibly a good set of thermal underwear might also come in handy. Mike uses and recommends **Held** riding gear, sold in Australia by a company called Made In Germany. It's top quality clothing.

And while we're giving plugs, we'd like to suggest you consider a Rider Improvement course, regardless of your experience or perceived ability on a motorcycle, to brush up on your skills prior to joining an international riding safari. Our recommendation here is the renowned operation Stay Upright, who offer a range of courses designed to progressively increase your riding ability. Mike completed his Instructor's course with Stay Upright, who offer various track and adventure riding courses in the eastern states of Australia. Check your own regional area to see what courses might be available. Highly recommended.

Our Motorbikes

Our standard bike for this tour is the locally built Kibo 250. It is a rugged all-rounder, with a 21" front wheel and an 18" rear. Not a common bike outside of Africa, but comparable to the Honda CRF250L in performance and comfort levels.



Our bikes are comprehensively insured, but to cover any small incidental bike-drop damages not worthy of an insurance claim, we will require a €200 deposit, which is fully refundable upon return of an undamaged bike.

For future tours we are exploring the possibility of acquiring some Royal Enfield Himalayan 450's, but the Kibo is our only bike option for this inaugural scouting tour. As you can probably deduce from the photo, it is not exactly designed with pillion comfort in mind...

Our Riding Policy

We will occasionally require riders to 'bunch up', particularly when navigating through busy towns, but out on the open road we know that you will want a lot of freedom and time on your own (isn't that what riding is all about?) We allow plenty of time for people to set their own pace, and it's unlikely that you'll ever be pressed to keep up. We know of some motorbike tour operators who insist that everybody ride in formation every day and play follow the leader, but that's not our style at all.

You'll be given Google maps with daily directions on how far we're going, the destination for the night (including hotel name and phone number), and where we are likely to stop for lunch, drink breaks, sight-seeing and refueling along the way. Our preferred **Corner Marking** system will be explained to you in detail. There is always plenty of time to take photos, chat to the locals, or just sit and soak it all in. Our backup support vehicle with our luggage will always be the last vehicle in the convoy, with our mechanic, spare parts and tools, in case of any bike issues, punctures, etc.

But let's not pull any punches here. A tour such as this is potentially a dangerous undertaking; it's inherent in the very nature of the trip. You'll be on an unfamiliar bike, on unfamiliar roads in unfamiliar traffic conditions. It is important for you to recognize this and accept ultimate responsibility, firstly for joining and secondly for riding in a circumspect manner for the duration of the tour. Please read and acknowledge Paragraph 16 of the Terms and Conditions on our Booking Form. (End of sermon)

Detailed Daily Itinerary

Day 1 will probably consist mostly of flying, and we need you to arrive in Nairobi by this afternoon, in time please for a meet 'n' greet with a welcoming drink at our hotel early this evening, before our first group dinner together where you'll either re-acquaint with previous WOW tour travellers, or meet some new friends!



Day 2 Our first day settling in offers a city tour of Nairobi, with options like visiting the National Museum. We also need to dedicate some time to processing paperwork for your motorbike rental, and have a briefing on road rules, etiquette, our corner-man system, 'the plan' and so forth.

Day 3 sees us jumping on the bikes and heading out of the capital. We track south along the eastern fringes of the Great Rift Valley on our way to the border to cross into Tanzania. The border

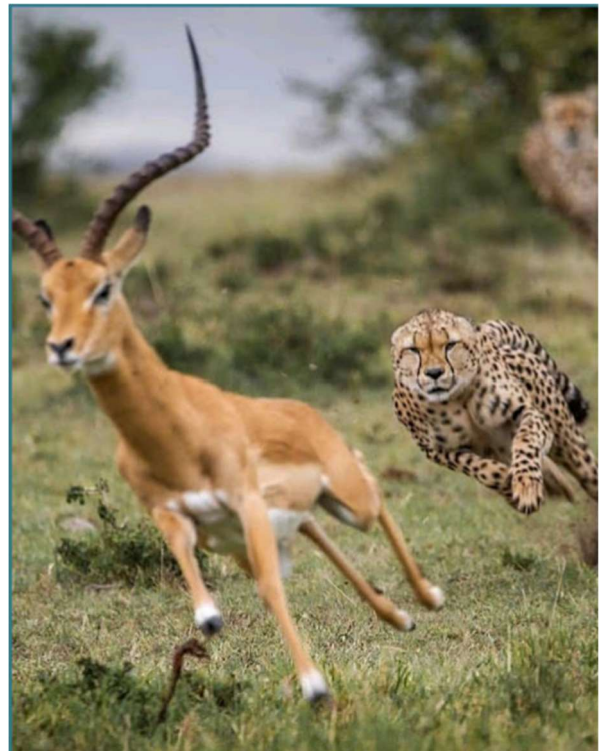
bureaucracy will inevitably consist of the usual four-stage process; humans out, bikes out, humans in, bikes in. Soon enough we'll be on our way to our overnight stay in the nearby town of Longido, a Maasai tribal town in Tanzania's gemstone region known for the unique Longido Ruby and Anyolite.

Day 4 From here we continue south and bypass the regional capital Arusha, which we'll come back to in a few days' time. We pass through Makayuni and Mto Wa Mbu on our way to Karatu on the edge of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Day 5 is a rest day if you feel like resting... but Ngorongoro Crater National Park is just up the road and not to be missed! This is the largest volcanic caldera in the world, nearly 20km in diameter, and forms a huge natural amphitheatre for 20,000 animals. Because of the abundance of grazing prey, it has the highest density of large predators in Africa (and therefore also probably the world). It is also possibly the best place to find the amazing but endangered black rhino.

Day 6 has us on the road to Babati. Vast plains and exquisite landscapes are all around, with numerous lakes. This region was the inspiration for Ernest Hemingway's famous book, *Green Hills of Africa*.

Lake Babati houses a large hippo population and we should arrive in plenty of time to venture out onto the lake for a close encounter. But hopefully not too close, as this beast is notoriously ill tempered and despite being non-carnivorous is responsible for more human deaths each year than any of the large predators!



Day 7 This is our turnaround point and we head north for the first time, through Tarangire National Park on a relatively short ride back to Arusha. The regional capital is a thriving multicultural city on the eastern edge of the Great Rift Valley, and houses Tanzania's National History Museum. We'll have a few free hours to explore.

Day 8 We head to the western slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro and then begin an anti-clockwise circumnavigation of this, the highest and most-ascended mountain peak in Africa. The scenery is superb, with magic photographic opportunities aplenty. We proceed around the clock face to Marangu on the eastern slopes, and with all the snow melt coming from Kilimanjaro this region has an abundance of picturesque waterfalls.



Day 9 We continue our perambulation of Kilimanjaro, which brings us back into Kenya where our next sensational destination awaits us, the famous Amboseli National Park on the beautiful shore of Amboseli lake.

Day 10 We hope you're not tired of wildlife yet, because today we have a game drive in Amboseli. It has one of the largest permanent populations of elephant, as well as zebra, gazelle, wildebeest, and of course all of the glorious big cats.

Day 11 This morning we can offer you the option of a hot-air balloon ride at dawn, and amazing experience with Kilimanjaro as the backdrop! We then continue north, passing through remote African villages on small country roads through more superb scenery. Roadside market stalls of fresh produce line the streets as we make our way along to Matuu, the main agricultural hub of this region.

Day 12 Kilimanjaro's little brother Mt. Kenya awaits us today. The second highest peak in Africa at 5,200m, this now-extinct volcano sits virtually on the equator and the roads that wind toward it are some of the most rewarding riding you'll find anywhere on the continent. Wide open country roads carry you through highland farms and forest edges, with Mt. Kenya's jagged peaks rising into view long before you arrive. Our overnight stay is within the National Park.

Day 13 Today is a full day in the saddle, with 240km of some of the best riding of the trip. Winding roads carry you through small villages and high country before a memorable stretch through Aberdare National Park. Then comes the Great Rift Valley, where the landscape opens up in a way that has to be seen from a motorcycle to be appreciated. We arrive into Lake Naivasha as the day winds down, with its spectacular bird life featuring thousands of flamingo.



Day 14 is a well-earned rest day on the shores of Lake Naivasha. We trade the motorbike saddle for a boat ride and drift out onto the water for a close encounter with the hippos — one of those only-in-Africa moments that reminds you why you made the trip.

Day 15 Motorcycles are not permitted to ride through Game Parks, for obvious reasons. But we are allowed to ride through a Conservancy, which offers the same sweeping African landscapes and wildlife but without the large predators. Today we'll ride through Soysambu Conservancy on our way to Nakuru, skirting the edge of Lake Elementaita before cruising into town — one of those stretches of road that reminds you there's no better way to see this continent than from the back of a bike.

Day 16 We continue heading west, the roads narrowing as the landscape transforms into endless rows of tea gardens, some of the most lush and remote riding of the entire trip. This is the Kenya most people never see. We roll into Bomet as the tea gardens give way to villages and towns.

Day 17 From Bomet, the tarmac ends and some real adventure riding begins. Gravel roads carry us through the bush toward one of the most legendary destinations on earth — the Maasai Mara.

Day 18 We forsake the bikes for a 4WD safari today and head into the world-famous Maasai Mara National Reserve. This is the moment the whole trip has been building towards — lions, elephants, leopards, buffalo, and if the timing is right, the spectacle of the wildebeest Great Migration. No handlebars, no helmet, just you and the great open wild.



Day 19 is our wind-down ride, and returns us to Nairobi where it all began nearly three weeks ago!

Day 20 Officially our tour completion is immediately after breakfast, so make your arrangements to fly out today. But there are also some splendid optional add-ons for anyone who may care to visit the mountain gorillas in Uganda or Rwanda, or spend a couple of days relaxing in the beachside resorts of Zanzibar.

The mountain gorilla experience ain't cheap. The Trekking Permit alone is US\$1500pp in Rwanda, or US\$800 in Uganda, without including any accommodation for a 2 or 3 nights stay, meals, flights to/from Nairobi. There is plenty of information readily available online – one informative website we have found quite helpful is <https://www.silverbackgorillatours.com/gorilla/the-cost-of-gorilla-trekking-safaris-and-tours>

Further trip notes including a Checklist of essential clothing and equipment to take, health considerations, visa formalities, etc, will be sent upon receipt of a completed Booking Form and deposit. Please contact our office any time for further information via email: Adventure@WorldOnWheels.Tours