



KENYA

PLEASE NOTE: Weather patterns are changing all the time and the below is a general guideline as well as a personal comment based on our experience of travelling at this time of the year. It is by no means a weather guarantee.

January to March

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

We love this time of the year in Kenya. Between the short rains in November and the long rains in April/May, it is the warmest time of the year with beautiful days. This was traditionally the high season before the 'migration fixation' and now offers great value and wonderful weather.

- JANUARY:** Clear, hot days and warm nights makes this a wonderful time for a safari.
- FEBRUARY:** The dry season is now reaching the climax, grass is grazed down and wildlife are gathering close to water points, this is a very good time for a safari. Can have some rain showers, which are a welcome relief.
- MARCH:** Hot, increasingly humid weather with some rain showers. Giraffe Manor closes 27th March.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

	Nairobi	Maasai Mara	Samburu	Laikipia
Average Day	27°C / 81°F	28°C / 82°F	35°C / 95°F	26°C / 79°F
Average Night	13°C / 55°F	12°C / 54°F	14°C / 57°F	7°C / 47°F

WHAT TO PACK

Light clothing and layers that can peel on and off with ease. Rain jackets are essential. Prepare for hot days and rains. Rains bring cooler days so a few warm layers are required. If heading up to northern Kenya then a swimsuit is needed for a break of the hot days at Sasaab.

April to June

GREEN SEASON AND GREAT VALUE

The rains start in April through May. It is an excellent time to visit northern Kenya – Sasaab. As the dry arid area springs to life and offers excellent light for photography.

- APRIL:** Temperatures drop soon after the rains begin and you'll often have facilities largely to yourself in this more affordable low – or "green" – season. Sala's Camp closes 3rd April.
- MAY:** While game viewing can be trickier as vegetation is thick and the abundance of water means the animals are dispersed. Colours and light are great for photography at this time of year.
- JUNE:** The rains give way to cloudy, cooler weather, making for very comfortable conditions, especially in the highlands and northern Samburu. Sala's Camp and Giraffe Manor opens 1st June.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

	Nairobi	Maasai Mara	Samburu	Laikipia
Average Day	25°C / 77°F	26°C / 79°F	32°C / 90°F	24°C / 75°F
Average Night	14°C / 57°F	13°C / 55°F	16°C / 61°F	10°C / 50°F

WHAT TO PACK

Light clothing and layers that can peel on and off with ease. Rain jackets are essential. Rains bring cooler days so a few warm layers are required and spare shoes as there is nothing worse than wearing wet shoes!



July to September

PEAK SAFARI SEASON

We are aware this time of the year fits in with many annual holidays, especially families with school children, and it combines perfectly with a wonderful time to be on safari. This makes for our peak safari season and to ensure your ideal trip and choice of lodges and camps, we do suggest making your bookings well in advance.

JULY: Kenya's "cool" season sets in, with crisp days and cold evenings, especially at higher altitude locations like Solio. But wildebeest, migrating from the Serengeti, start arriving in the Maasai Mara and Sala's Camp is one of the first camps to view their arrival.

AUGUST: The Great Migration fills the Mara plains – tourists and wildebeest are at their peak! Sala's Camp in the Mara is well located away from the crowds and this is one of the most wonderful times of the year to visit Solio and Sasaab.

SEPTEMBER: The clearing skies signal the start of hot, dry weather with little chance of rain – and fewer visitors – making the latter part of this month a good time for a quieter safari.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

	Nairobi	Maasai Mara	Samburu	Laikipia
Average Day	26°C / 79°F	27°C / 81°F	31°C / 88°F	23°C / 73°F
Average Night	12°C / 54°F	12°C / 54°F	14°C / 57°F	9°C / 48°F

WHAT TO PACK

Light clothing and layers that can peel on and off with ease. Can still have some rains so bring rain jackets. Prepare for warm days and cooler evenings (in highlands it can be very cold). We suggest fleece, warm hats and gloves for morning and evening drives, especially in July.

October to December

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED – OCTOBER & DECEMBER

Like January to March, September and October are another 'secret season' and the perfect time for travelers who are not bound by school holidays. These are wonderful months and can be getting hot and dry before the November shorts rains.

OCTOBER: Still hot, mostly dry and not too busy, this is many people's preferred month for a safari.

NOVEMBER: The "short rains" usually start in the second half, so this is low season, with accordingly lower rates and visitor numbers. Sala's Camp is closed for all of November. Sasaab and Solio are each closed for 2 weeks for refurbishments and community projects. (Solio closes 1st – 15th | Sasaab closes 9th – 30th)

DECEMBER: The rains usually finish by mid-month and landscapes often look their best, under clear blue skies, heralding the start of the peak tourist season over Christmas and New Year. The Kenyan coast tends to be busiest at this time and we highly recommend Solio and Sasaab. Sasaab is seriously funky for a Christmas break – as far away from Jingle Bells and mistletoe as you could possibly want to be!

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Average Night	13°C / 55°F	12°C / 54°F	15°C / 59°F	8°C / 46°F

WHAT TO PACK

Light clothing and layers that can peel on and off with ease. Rain jackets are essential. Prepare for hot days and a chance of rain – especially in November and early December.