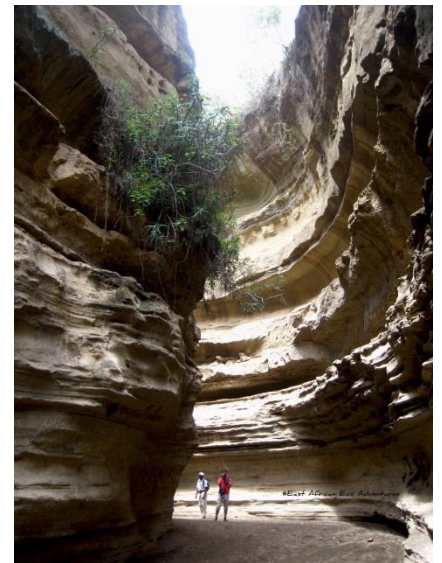


# The Great Rift Valley – Family Safari – 6 days



## Day 1: Lake Naivasha

You will be picked up early morning at your hotel in Nairobi and transferred by road to Hell's Gate National Park near Lake Naivasha, located at the highest elevation of the Great Rift Valley.



Hell's Gate is named for its massive red tinged cliffs framing a geothermic network of steam vents and bubbling springs. The park is home to a profusion of plains game and birdlife. Walking is permitted, making it ideal for hiking, biking and rock climbing. At the far end of the park, a guide will take you for a walk across the impressive canyons.

For lunch, you will be shuttled to Camp Carnelley's, on the shores of Lake Naivasha. Lake Naivasha is a beautiful freshwater lake stretching 13 kilometres in length, and is a paradise for more than 400 species of birds. Forests of Yellow-barked Acacias surround the lake, which is home to a great range of game including giraffes, zebras, buffaloes and the Colobus and Sykes monkeys.

Late afternoon, cruise along the lake's waters on a leisurely boat trip and enjoy the gracious ballet of hundreds of pelicans and cormorants among the tranquil groups of hippos.

Sunsets are always stunning with the haunting call of the Fish Eagle high above the lake, bringing the day to a perfect close.

Dinner and overnight at Camp Carnelley's – drinks not included



## Day 2: Crater Lake Sanctuary

After awakening to birdsong and a full breakfast by the lake, our experienced guide will take you for a walk with the giraffes in Crater Lake Conservancy (2-3hrs walk). Amidst many other species - including impalas, Grant and Thompson gazelles, elans and many zebras - walking alongside the giraffes offers a tranquil and unique experience.





Lunch at Crater Lodge (not included) and transfer to Lake Naivasha for an afternoon of leisure. Dinner and overnight at Camp Carnelley's – drinks not included

### **Day 3: On the Footsteps of the Great Explorers: 1 day trek on the Trans-Rift-Trail**

The "Trans-Rift Trail", also known as the Old African Highway, is a trekking route crossing the Kenya's Rift Valley region, used for trading by the Tugen communities for hundreds of years. It is also the route that used by some of Africa's great explorers, such as James Hannington, Joseph Thompson, and Count Teleki von Szek. It runs through some of Kenya's most spectacular landscapes.

In the morning, after a full breakfast by the lake, you will be transferred to Mogotio Tourism Information Center on the equator for a picnic-lunch before proceeding to camp overnight at the Nyalilpush Trail Base Station and Outpost, overlooking Lake Bogoria.

Lake Bogoria is one of the most beautiful lakes to visit in Kenya. Protected since 1973 and now added to UNESCO's World Heritage List (2011), Lake Bogoria is home to one of the world's largest population of lesser flamingos.

Well known for its hot springs and amazing colourful background, Lake Bogoria is a jewel around which tropical paradises are hidden, and where the Kalenji community call home. They will welcome you opened arms to share their culture, stories and accompany you trekking.



### **Day 4: The Hannington Trail down to Lake Bogoria**

Hike down the escarpment on Hannington Trail through Fig Tree Camp, located in the heart of a magnificent forest seamed with hot water streams flowing down the mountain. You will have a picnic lunch along the river under the shade of magnificent fig trees before proceeding to the shore of the lake where you will spend the night, overlooking thousands of flamingos.

### **Day 5: Lake Bogoria and the thermal river of Maji Moto**



Drive along the shores of the flamingo-laced and boiling hot springs of Lake Bogoria, then cut across the scorching rift valley floor to Maji Moto ("hot water" in Swahili), named after the thermal rivers surrounding the village. After a barbecue lunch, enjoy the afternoon swimming in the Maji Moto River's natural pools of hot spring water. You will spend the night in the bandas of the Greater Kudu Camp, and experience an evening of cultural dances with traditional music.

**Day 6: Drive back to Nairobi**

After a full breakfast at the camp, you will have a couple of hours to relax before making your way back to Nairobi, with a lunch stop en route (not included).

**Includes:**

Accommodation and meals (as described), park fees (Hell's Gate, Crate Lake Conservancy, Bogoria National Reserve), walking safari and boat ride in Naivasha, camping equipment, guides and cook (on the Trans-Rift-Trail), transport in a 4x4 Land Cruiser, driver, fuel, bottled mineral water in vehicle (2 litres per day per person)

**Not included:**

International flights, visas, optional activities, drinks, tips, any personal expenses and any services not mentioned above.