

SAFARI CALENDAR 2026-2027

THE BEST TIME TO TRAVEL TO EAST AFRICA

JANUARY

Low season, but it still offers compelling safari options. Calving starts mid January.

FEBRUARY

Excellent game viewing, lower visitor numbers, and more wallet-friendly. The Serengeti begins its calving season – an epic wildlife spectacle.

MARCH & APRIL

The long rainy ("green") season. Viewing can be challenging as wildlife disperses, but dramatic green landscapes, vibrant vegetation, and significant savings await seasoned travellers.

MAY

The 'long rains' green season continues. Expect fewer crowds, generous green landscapes, and lower rates.

JUNE

The tail end of the rains and the dry season begins. Wildlife concentrates around permanent water sources, and game viewing improves significantly.

JULY – SEPTEMBER

Peak safari season with optimal viewing and cooler, dry weather. Iconic events like the Great Migration river crossings occur. Increasingly crowded.

OCTOBER

Still dry and excellent for game viewing. Slight easing of crowds – tail end of peak season. Some rain in late October.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

The 'short rains' season. Prices drop and crowds thin – November offers especially good value, while December starts to warm up and gets busy during the holiday season.

