

MT. KENYA CHOGORIA ROUTE.



Day 1: Mt. Kenya

In the morning, we will depart Nairobi and travel north to the eastern slopes of Mount Kenya. We will be driving through some spectacular country as we contour around the valleys of the mountain. In the late afternoon we reach our private camp, which is located at the edge of Mount Kenya's rain forest (altitude 6,000 feet).

Day 3: Mt. Kenya

In the early morning we will meet our porters and begin the hike through the equatorial rain forest. This forest is the home of elephant, Cape buffalo, and leopard. We may also be fortunate to see Colobus monkey on our walk. After a picnic at 8,000 feet, we spend the afternoon hiking up through bamboo forest to our camp (altitude 10,000feet.) on the edge of the moorlands.

Day 4: Mt. Kenya

After breakfast, we follow the trail as it leads up through glades of montane forest to our camp on the shore of Lake Ellis. We arrive at our camp at 11,800 feet in time for lunch. After a short siesta, in the late afternoon we will take an acclimatization hike to the top of nearby Mugi Hill before returning to camp at dusk.

Day 5: Mt. Kenya

The day is spent traversing the eastern moorlands of Mount Kenya, along the edge of the Nithi Gorge. We will have our picnic lunch overlooking this great gorge, above Vivienne Falls. In the afternoon we will hike up the ridge of the Nithi to our private camp at Hall Tarns at 14,500 feet. We will also hike the short distance to the edge of The Temple,

establishing ourselves on a vantage point that will provide some of the grandest views on Mount Kenya, as the Nithi Gorge plunges several hundred feet below us to the banks of Lake Michaelson.

Day 6: Mt. Kenya

Leaving our camp at about 4.00 a.m. we leave the vegetation of Hall Tarns behind us, and enter the Alpine Zone - a world of rock, ice, and beautiful mountain lakes. Our destination is Point Lenana (16,355 feet), the third highest peak on the mountain. If the day is clear we can see as far north as Ethiopia, and Kilimanjaro is frequently observed 250 miles to the south. We then descend to the base of The Temple, to our campsite on the shore of Lake Michaelson, 13,500 feet. Our camp will be reached in time for a late lunch. Relaxing afternoon by one of the most beautiful lakes in East Africa.

Day 7: Mt. Kenya

After an early breakfast we hike down the Gorges Valley, skirting the base of the Nithi Gorge and passing Vivienne Falls. We arrive at our 10,000 feet camp in the late afternoon. A festive dinner awaits.

Day 8: Mt. Kenya

In the morning we descend through the bamboo and equatorial forest to meet our vehicles for lunch. An afternoon drive takes us around the northern slopes of the mountain, and on to Nairobi.