Cruise Details

Name:	Safari and The Seychelles - Cruise & Land Journey
Reference:	EMERALDYX01010328-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Ultra Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Raiya
Regions:	Africa
Departs On:	01 Mar 28
Departs From:	Nairobi
Arrives On:	17 Mar 28
Arrives At:	Mahé
Cruise Nights:	16
Total Vacation Days:	17

Itinerary

Day 1: Nairobi (Kenya)

JAMBO – Welcome to Kenya. Upon arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Nairobi, Kenya’s colourful capital city. Meet your experienced Driver – Guide at the hotel this evening.
Overnight Stay: Nairobi

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Day 2: Nairobi (Kenya)

Your African safari begins this morning as we head north via Nanyuki for the Samburu Game Reserve set in the rugged, semi-arid northern region of Kenya, with spectacular scenic landscape.

Your first safari drive is this afternoon. Samburu is visited by large herds of Elephants, drawn by the promise of water. It is one of the best places to find several endemic Northern species, including the reticulated giraffe, the Somali ostrich and Gravy’s Zebra. The

Samburu culture is a truly fascinating one, sharing a great deal of ancestral and linguistic ties to the Maasai.
Two-night Stay: Samburu Game Reserve

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Day 2: Samburu National Reserve (Kenya)

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Day 3: Samburu National Reserve (Kenya)

Enjoy morning and afternoon game viewing drive. The entire Samburu region is a place of breath-taking and magical beauty, a place where the vision of a deep red sunset silhouetting the doum palms along the river brings the perfect end to a day on safari. Visit a Samburu Manyatta or Village and see what life is like in this harsh landscape.

Arrives On: 03 Mar 28

Day 4: Samburu National Reserve (Kenya)

After breakfast depart for Lake Nakuru National Park with a brief stop at the Thompson's fall for a breath-taking view of the great scenery.

The park is one of the best game viewing parks with various animal species including prides of lion, Cape buffalo, waterbucks, warthogs, the endangered Rothschild giraffe, the black & white Rhino, the Burchell's zebra, impala, and the elusive leopard among many others. Over 300 bird species have been recorded here too. Lake Nakuru National Park is one of the best places to see the endangered black and white Rhino.

Enjoy an African sunset experience with drinks and canapes.
Overnight Stay: Lake Nakuru National Park

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Day 4: Lake Nakuru National Park (Kenya)

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Day 5: Lake Nakuru National Park (Kenya)

Visit the Mission in Action Orphanage and hear the stories of how it was started by an Australian family. Continue to the Masai Mara National Reserve – Kenya's most renowned game reserve offering wonderful scenery and plenty of wildlife. Arrive at your tented camp for lunch and a little bit of leisure time before you depart on an exciting game viewing drive. The rolling plains and grasslands, stretching far into the horizons as far as the eye can see is home to the black-manned lion, the savannah elephant, the Cape buffalo, wildebeest, the elusive leopard, cheetah, the spotted & stripped hyena, the rhino, topi, Burchell's zebra, the Maasai giraffe among many

others.
Three Night Stay: Masai Mara Game Reserve

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Day 5: Masai Mara (Kenya)

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Day 6: Masai Mara (Kenya)

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Optional Hot Air Balloon Safari (extra expense, please book on tour) Enjoy a full day in the Masai Mara with morning and afternoon game drives.

Visit a traditional Maasai Village and experience the culture of this world-famous community. The Masai still live as they did for centuries -interact with these nomadic people and experience their way of life as you learn about their customs and traditions.

Arrives On: 06 Mar 28

Day 7: Masai Mara (Kenya)

Another day of game drives with an opportunity to see more of the big five that Maasai Mara is famous for. These include the lion, savannah (African) elephant, the Cape buffalo, the leopard and the black rhino.

Dine under the stars tonight.

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Day 8: Masai Mara (Kenya)

Fly back to Nairobi this morning This afternoon a visit to the Giraffe Centre followed by the Karen Blixen Museum.

Enjoy an early dinner at the Carnivore Restaurant.
Overnight Stay: Nairobi

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Day 8: Nairobi (Kenya)

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Day 9: Nairobi (Kenya)

Fly to Mahé, the largest island in the Seychelles and home of the capital, Victoria.
Overnight Stay: Mahé

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Day 9: Mahé (Seychelles)

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Day 10: Mahé (Seychelles)

Your tropical cruise begins in Mahé island, where you'll be transferred to your Emerald Cruises luxury yacht and embark on your discovery of the Seychelles. In the afternoon, we sail to Sainte Anne Channel.

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Day 11: Sainte Anne Island (Seychelles)

Sainte Anne Island is encircled by a Marine National Park that's home to incredible marine life including more than 150 species of fish. Sainte Anne is also a significant nesting site for Hawksbill turtles.

Late in the morning, you'll sail to Cousin, a small island renowned as a haven for seabirds. The granitic islet was a private property until 1968 when it was purchased by the International Council for Bird Preservation to transform it into a nature reserve. It's the most protected island in the archipelago, providing a breeding ground for 11 seabird species annually and a habitat for five birds native to the Seychelles. Later, you will sail to Praslin to stay overnight.

Arrives On: 11 Mar 28

Day 12: Praslin Island (Seychelles)

Praslin, the second largest island in the Seychelles, is visually stunning with tropical jungle-fringed beaches, emerald waters and powdery sand. Anse Lazio beach has been voted one of the world's best several times and there's a dazzling reef just offshore brimming with coral and marine life. On land, coconut palms and granite boulders create a picture-postcard landscape. In the centre of the island, discover the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Vallée de Mai Nature Reserve.

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Day 13: La Digue (Seychelles)

Early in the morning, set sail for La Digue Island, the smallest of the three populated islands in the Seychelles. Like Praslin Island, it is also fringed by world-famous beaches. One of the most

recognisable is Anse Source d'Argent – it has pink-hued sands contrasting with granite boulders and aquamarine waters. Sail to Curieuse later in the evening.

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Day 14: Curieuse Island (Seychelles)

Curieuse is a rugged island swathed in unspoilt wilderness and home to hundreds of Aldabra giant tortoises. Apart from its obvious natural beauty, it has a fascinating history. The island was once a quarantine station, and the original French colonial doctor's house now has a museum and visitor's centre. Nature trails wind through the island, passing mangrove swamps and the native coco de mer palm trees.

Arrives On: 14 Mar 28

Day 15: Aride Island (Seychelles)

Early in the morning, sail to the lush, green island of Aride, a nature reserve managed by the International Conservation Society. Nature enthusiasts and wildlife photographers flock to this island, where more than 30 rare bird species nest in the verdant vegetation. The landscape is enticing with fine-sand beaches, coconut palms and soaring cliffs.

Arrives On: 15 Mar 28

Day 16: Mahé (Seychelles)

Return to Mahé for the final days of your voyage. The capital city, Victoria, was founded in the French settler period in 1778 and named later by the British for Queen Victoria. The island of Mahé has pristine beaches dotted with huge rocks and tranquil nature trails threaded through the Morne Seychellois National Park.

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Day 17: Mahé (Seychelles)

Your Emerald Cruises voyage concludes here. From the yacht, you will be transferred to the airport for your journey home or to continue your holiday. Please book your flight to depart out of Mahé, Seychelles after 11:00 AM. The itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons. As such Emerald Cruises cannot guarantee the cruise will be operated unaltered from the itinerary states above.

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