

# 25 top reasons to visit midseason

(KENYA &amp; TANZANIA – PROPERTY INSIGHTS)



## MERU NATIONAL PARK - KENYA

### Elsa's Kopje

- November and December bring the rains to East Africa and with that comes the most spectacular display of wild flowers, particularly in the more arid northern areas such as Meru and Shaba/Samburu.
- A number of migratory bird species are passing through Meru, particularly in November - Carmine and European Bee Eaters, Eurasian Rollers, European Swallows, Hobby Falcons, Eurasian Marsh Harriers... to name but a few.
- The rainy season also brings out an amazing array of butterfly species, some of which are particular to the arid northern regions.



## AMBOSELI - KENYA

### Tortilis Camp

- Best possible time to view elephants as they gather in great numbers in the swamp
- After the rains the dry Pleistocene (Lake Amboseli) basin fills and is the top destinations in East Africa to view flamingos.
- The highest free standing mountain in the world, at 19,341ft (5,895m) above sea level, is at its best, with clear visibility nearly every day. There is no better place to marvel at Mount Kilimanjaro.



## THE MASAI MARA - KENYA

### Sand River / Elephant Pepper Camp

- The best time for bird watching is when migratory species from Europe and northern Africa are present between September and April. Many species can be seen in breeding plumage. Some 21% of Kenya's birds are migratory; White Stork, Woolly neck storks, Open billed Stork, European Stork and Wheatear
- As soon as the rains start, the landscape is transformed by bursts of bright colour in reds, pinks and yellows. Flowers to be found this time of year include fireball lilies, flame lilies, vlei lilies and leopard orchids.
- A photographer's paradise for dramatic landscapes and vivid skies.



**LAIKIPIA REGION - KENYA**

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## Loisaba Tented Camp / Loisaba Star Beds Lewa Safari Camp / Kifaru House

- New-borns are plentiful; Impala, Gazelle, warthog as the cycle of life starts again
- Migrant birds start to arrive in September in addition to crowned Cranes that arrive in large numbers.
- Spectacular Butterfly migration late January.



**NORTHERN SERENGETI - TANZANIA**

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## Serengeti Migration Camp

- Hyrax give birth during the month of February and there are so many “fresh out the oven” baby hyrax and they aren’t shy of humans and you can get quite close and observe them learning to climb and develop



**CENTRAL SERENGETI - TANZANIA**

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## Serengeti Pioneer Camp

- January to March is the wildebeest calving season in the Serengeti



**DIANI BEACH - SOUTH COAST KENYA**

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## Afrochic Diani

- If you are lucky, witness Sea Turtles hatching from our own hatchery (Note: unpredictable)
- The Indian Ocean with its crystal blue waters offers some of the best coastline for scuba diving at this time of year.
- The Humpback Whales migrate along the coastline and the best time to see them is October. The Whale Shark travel earlier in the year so catch them in February or March.



#### RANDILEN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA - TANZANIA

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### Tarangire Treetops

- The wet season is a birding paradise. We have nesting in our baobabs, Brown Parrots, Lilac Breasted Rollers, Masked weavers, all the Starlings, Swifts and Swallows (migratory birds) and Green Wood Hoopoe's. The bird life is prolific, with over 400 species being seen in our area. The swamps, in both WMA and the NP, there are a variety of wetland birds to discover too.
- Large herds of Oryx that choose to calve in the WMA, not often seen anywhere else.
- Often get good sightings of Kudu, greater and lesser, as well as Eland, which are generally harder to see during the drier months.



#### ZANZIBAR - TANZANIA

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### Kilindi Zanzibar

- Humpback whale migration takes place between July and September each year. During this time there is also a slight possibility to see whale sharks around Mnemba Island.
- Red colobus monkeys can only be seen in Jozani Forest, visit early in the year to see the new-borns fumble in the trees as they learn to climb
- Prison Island (Changuu) has a fascinating history but also hosts more than 100 giant tortoises, a collection of endangered Aldabra giant tortoises which were originally a gift from the British governor of the Seychelles.



#### NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA - TANZANIA

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### The Manor at Ngorongoro

- Cultural experience with a traditional twist; visit the Hadzabe tribe and try your hand at bush hunting or learn the traditions of the Iraqw tribe alternatively savour a traditional lunch with a Mto wa mbu cultural visit.
- The forest is bustling with life as you enjoy a walking safari to the Endoro Elephants cave and magical waterfall