

FACT SHEET



AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK 'Kilimanjaro's Royal Court'

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ACCESS:

By Road

The main road into the park is from Nairobi via Namanga (240 km) on the Nairobi - Arusha Road, through Meshanani Gate. The other road is from Nairobi via Emali (228 km) on the Nairobi - Mombasa Road. Access from Mombasa is mainly through Tsavo West National Park via Kimana (Olkelunyiet) Gate.

By Air

Airstrips: The park has a single airstrip for light aircrafts at Empusel gate. Other airstrips exist at Kilimanjaro Buffalo Lodge and Namanga town

PARK GATES:

- Meshanani Gate
- Olkelunyiet Gate

SIZE / LOCATION

- 390.26 Km².
- Loitokitok District, Rift Valley Province

CLIMATE:

- Temperature ranges from 20-30^oc and rainfall from 200mm – 700 mm.
- Two rain seasons: Long rains – March & April & short rains – Nov/ December.

SMARTCARD REQUIRED?

Entry is by Smartcard only. Smartcards may be obtained and loaded at any KWS Smartcard office or at the Meshanani Gate. Proof of identification will be required.

- Citizens – Valid Passport or National ID
- Residents – Valid Passport & re entry pass

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

- Large Herds of Elephants
- Mt. Kilimanjaro
- Big Five
- Observation Hill which allows an overall view of the whole park especially the swamps and elephants,
- Swamp below observation hill hosts many elephants, buffaloes, hippos and a variety of water fowls like pelican, Egyptian goose
- Contemporary Maasai culture and indigenous lifestyle

WILDLIFE:

- Leopard, Cheetah, Wild dogs, Buffalo, Rhino, Elephant, Giraffe, Zebra, Lion, Plains Game, Crocodile, Mongoose, Hyrax, Dik- Dik, Lesser Kudu, and Nocturnal Porcupine.
- Prolific birdlife features 600 species.

WHERE TO STAY:

In - Park Accommodation

- a. Oltukai Lodge;
- b. Amboseli Serena Lodge;
- c. Tortilis Tented Lodge

KWS Self – Catering Accommodation:

- a. Kilimanjaro Guest house
- b. Kibo Guest House
- c. Simba Bandas
- d. Nyati Bandas
- e. Chui Bandas

Camping Facilities

- Amboseli National Park, KWS Hq Campsite

ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- Game viewing.
- Camping.
- Viewing Mt. Kilimanjaro
- Birdwatching
- photography

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU

- Drinking water, picnic items and camping equipment if you intend to stay overnight. Also useful are: binoculars, camera, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses and guidebooks

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