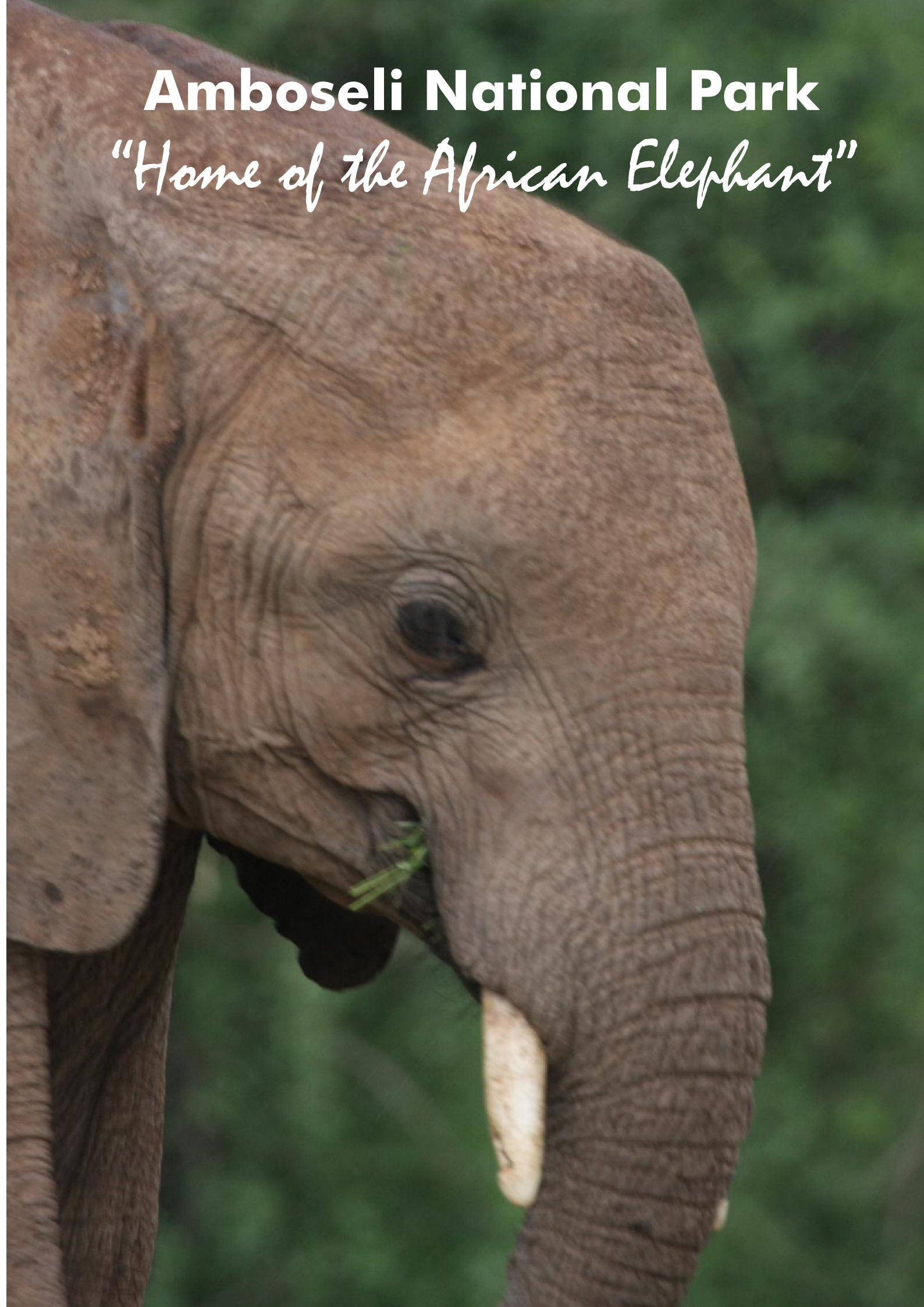


Amboseli National Park

"Home of the African Elephant"





Amboseli is one of Kenya's **most photogenic** park. The amazing backdrop **vistas of Mt. Kilimanjaro (Africa's highest mountain)** is breathtaking. Amboseli is known for its vast herds of elephants and is home to **Dr. Cynthia Moss's Amboseli Trust for Elephants**, a sensational conservation and research center you ought to visit. She is also known for her book *"The Amboseli Elephants and Elephant Memories."*

he name "Amboseli" comes from a Maasai word meaning "salty dust", and it is one of the **best places in Africa to view large herds of elephants** up close. Nature lovers can explore five different habitats here ranging from the dried-up bed of Lake Amboseli, wetlands with sulphur springs, the savannah and woodlands. They can also **visit the local Maasai community** who live around the park and experience their authentic culture.

The nearby Conservancies of **Elerai, Selenkay** and **Kitirua** provide extended holiday stays with an offbeat serenity and touch in Amboseli



Elerai Conservation Area

In the 40km² Elerai Conservation Area, just east of the park itself, Satao Elerai Camp, is a very well-run, comfortable set-up with great views of Kili (*it's the closest Kenyan lodge to the mountain*) and a welcome swimming pool. Game drives are conducted in the conservation area, which is exclusive to Satao, as well as in Amboseli National Park itself.

Kitirua Conservancy

Located between Amboseli National Park and the exclusive 120km² Kitirua Conservancy, Tortilis Camp is named after the flat-topped *Acacia tortilis* umbrella thorn tree, common to the area is one of the best places to stay in Amboseli area. Set on a low hill around a waterhole, with excellent views of Kilimanjaro.

Selenkay Conservancy

Selenkay's conservation model was initiated by Jake Grieves-Cook after returning after 20+ years in the 1990s, to find wildlife decimated, elephants absent and the environment degraded by livestock over-grazing. An agreement with the Maasai gave birth to a protected habitat to bring back the wildlife and generate an income for the community. Another success story in sustainable tourism worth witnessing.

6 Days Amboseli, Naivasha, Mara Safari

Day 1: Arrival

Holiday makers are met at the airport and transferred in a comfortable vehicle to a Nairobi hotel on Bed and Breakfast basis.

Day 2 & 3: Nairobi - Amboseli

Early breakfast and depart to Amboseli National Park. Arrive in time for lunch and relax until time for an afternoon game drive. Excellent game spotting till dusk. Return to selected lodge or camp for dinner and overnight.

The second day here is spent exploring the 'main' Amboseli with packed lunches and returning to lodge or camp for dinner and overnight

Day 4: Naivasha

Travel after breakfast to Naivasha where a host of activities await vacationers. A choice of 1 day as per this itinerary idea or two depending on interests (See section on Naivasha Attractions) is recommended. Amazing scenery enroute.

Day 5 & 6: Masai Mara

From Naivasha the safari entourage heads to Masai Mara via the Great Rift Valley floor. Arrive Masai Mara in time for a ready lunch. Relax at leisure in readiness for a late afternoon game drive before dinner and overnight. Day 2 is a full exploration of Masai Mara with packed lunches. Return to lodge or camp for dinner and overnight

Day 7 - Nairobi

Return to Nairobi after checking out, arriving early afternoon. Lunch at Carnivore is recommended or dinner if spending the night in Nairobi awaiting onward flight home.