



# Kenya and Tanzania - "Baisikeli Maridadi" 16 Day Cycle Tour.

Travel at the pace of Africa on this 16 day biking adventure, Experience the culture, wildlife and landscapes of an amazing continent.

Baisikeli Maridadi is a 16 day camping cycle tour from Nairobi to Dar es Salaam (or reverse journey) using remote back roads and visiting local families and villages along the way. Our route varies from the chaos of Nairobi city to the sudden sparseness of open savannah with wildlife grazing the plains. We pass beneath the imposing Mt Kilimanjaro, visit Amboseli National Park in Kenya, the Ngorongoro Crater the cool mountain rain forested Usambara Mountains and ultimately the tropical Indian Ocean coast.

Biking far from the tourist routes you will experience Africa at face level – you'll view wildlife from the saddle of your bike, meet Maasai tribesmen and camp in the wilderness under a cloudless African sky.

Some people choose to extend their trip and follow with a trek of Mt Kilimanjaro or experience the culture and buzz of Zanzibar Island; either of which – we can point you in the right direction.

Start: Nairobi in Kenya

Finish: Dar es Salaam in Tanzania (or reverse journey).

Group: You will join a fun bunch of 6-12 bikers from around the world. We strive to create a relaxed, fun and intimate group dynamic that feels like a group of friends on holiday.

Leaders: All of our cycle tours are led by two of our own wonderful New Zealand based leaders, and our local interpreter. We pride ourselves on the calibre and resourcefulness of these great people who you will be spending your holiday with. Our leaders are all Emergency First Aid (PHEC) trained, passionate about biking, the outdoors, and focused on making sure you have a fun and safe adventure of a life-time.

Support: Our trusty support vehicle carries all your luggage, has lunch, snacks and water at hand, and is



there if you need a break from the saddle.

### The Biking

We ride 20-105km per day; a total distance of 540km spread over 12 days of biking. The terrain is mostly undulating and flat with some short rolling climbs. The riding surface is made up of 15% paved roads, 5% non-technical single track and 80% dirt roads which can at times be rough, pot-holed and dusty so a mountain bike with front suspension is the ideal bike. We have a fleet of our own mountain bikes available for hire. The trip is suited to riders with a good level of biking fitness. Off-road biking experience is necessary for the enjoyment of your trip.

DAY 1: Arrive Nairobi, pre-departure meeting and first dinner together. Safari Camp

DAY 2: A gentle day getting used to bikes from the city out into the savannah. 25km. Camping

DAY 3: A great day's biking in the real African savannah. 82km. Camping

DAY 4: Cycling to Amboseli National Park. 35kms + game drive. Camping

DAY 5: Morning game drive, afternoon bike around the lower slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro. 20km. Camping

DAY 6: Visit our Maasai friend's family. Cycle around lower slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro. Cross the border into Tanzania and transfer by vehicle to Arusha City. 45km. Guesthouse

DAY 7: Paved road ride out to the foot of the Rift Valley Escarpment. 105km. Camping/Upgrades available

DAY 8: All day game drive Ngorongoro Crater. Guesthouse

DAY 9: Heading towards the coast, cycle through the wide open spaces of the Maasai Steppe. 20-40km. Riverside Camping

DAY 10: Explore the Usambara Mountains. 45km. Camping/Upgrades available

DAY 11: Rest day OR optional hike, visit a local school or help with a local reforestation project. Camping/Upgrades available

DAY 12: Explore the smooth trails through rain forest and highland villages. 60km. Camping/Upgrades available

DAY 13: Cycling towards the tropical coast through sleepy palm lined villages. 35km. camping

on our family's farm

DAY 14: Ride into Saadani National Park. Game drive to our coastal campsite. 49km. Camping

DAY 15: A morning game drive then back on our bikes through small fishing villages to the historical town of Bagamoyo. 47km. Coastal Lodge.

DAY 16: Final breakfast together and a morning transfer to Dar es Salaam for those who are flying out. / enjoying the beach / onward travel.

Prices include

transport, meals, accommodation and activities for the duration of the trip as per detailed itinerary.

**Prices do NOT include**

airfares, visas, airport taxes, optional meals, optional activities and excursions, vaccinations and personal equipment.

**Local Payment**

is a part of your trip cost and is payable at the beginning of your trip to your tour leader at the pre-departure meeting on your arrival in Africa, rather than at the time of invoicing.

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**Note: Due to weather conditions this trip does not run between the months of November and May**