Four days **Masai Mara trips from coast** lets a Masai Mara safari add Lake Nakuru without rushing. The usual route is Nairobi to Nakuru on day one, an afternoon game drive among flamingo flocks and rhino, then a morning drive west through Narok into the Mara for two full days.

The benefit is variety: Nakuru is compact and reliable for white rhino, while the Mara delivers big cats and open plains. The cost is road time, roughly six hours between the two parks.

Book %LINK% with a 4x4 rather than a minivan if the trip falls in the long rains, and check whether the Nakuru night is inside the park or in town, because gate timings affect the first Mara game drive.

