

9 Days - Kismayo, Mogadishu and Puntland Tour

This 9 day tour will take you to Mogadishu, Kismayo and Puntland in Somalia, including Bosaso the economic capital of Puntland State, and the easternmost point of continental Africa and the site of an impressive colonial era lighthouse shaped like the emblem of Benito Mussolini's notorious brainchild, the National Fascist Party.

The off-road adventure to Cape Guardafui will take us across a rugged landscape of rocky mountains and wild shorelines, dotted with picturesque fishing hamlets and melancholic colonial ruins, including the former salt mines of Ras Hafun.

DATES AND ITINERARY:

Day	Date	Start City	End City	Accommodation	Notes
1	Thursday 25.April	Nairobi	Kismayo	Hotel	Goobweyn day trip
2	Friday 26. April	Kismayo	Mogadishu	Hotel	
3	Saturday 27.April	Mogadishu	Mogadishu	Hotel	
4	Sunday 28.April	Mogadishu	Bosaso	Hotel	
5	Monday 29.April	Bosaso	Ras Hafun	Hotel	
6	Tuesday 30.April	Ras Hafun	Baargaal	Hotel	
7	Wednesday 1.May	Baargaal	Baargaal	Hotel	
8	Thursday 2.May	Baargaal	Bosaso	Hotel	Cape Guardafui and Tochin daytrip
9	Friday 3.May	Bosaso	Nairobi	Hotel	

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Itinerary

DAY 1: NAIROBI- KISMAYO

- Meet at Nairobi airport for an early flight to Kismayo.
- Upon arrival at around 9 am, we will be transferred to our hotel in Kismayo.
- Drive to Goobweyn in the Southern Lower Juba Region, around 13km North of Kismayo to explore the place where Jubba River joins the Indian Ocean. This fertile area is home to flamingos, camels and other grazing animals.
- A local Somalian lunch will be waiting for us back in Kismayo City, where we will have some rest before visiting Alanley Beach and hiking up the nearby hills for sunset.
- In the evening there will be time to walk around town, visit coffee shops and mingle with locals

Overnight in a hotel in the city centre.

DAY 2: KISMAYO- MOGADISHU

- We will have an early breakfast around 6 am to continue the sightseeing in Kismayo. Optionally you chose to join the guide even earlier and head out to Kabora Beach to see the sun rise over the Indian Ocean.
- Head to the fish market, where all kinds of fish and sea turtles are being sold
- On the way to the airport, we will make a stop at the camel market where you can try drinking camel milk, as fresh as it gets.
- Around 7.30 we will be transferred to the airport for your included flight with Freedom Airline to Mogadishu.
- Upon arrival in Mogadishu, we will be greeted by an airport assistant and transferred to our hotel before heading out to a local restaurant for lunch consisting of fresh fish, or camel meal, as you like,
- During our afternoon city tour, we will aim to make a stop at the following places:
 - The busy Hamarweyne Market
 - Mogadishu mall where we will visit the old and historical parts of the market, and opt to have a sit for coffee or Somali tea with camel milk.
 - Tour to Lido beach; Lido is one the important beaches where travellers can meet/ interact with thousands of Somalis coming to swim and do boat riding.

Overnight in a hotel in the city centre.

DAY 3: MOGADISHU FULL DAY

- After breakfast, we will start our busy day of sightseeing by visiting the fish market of Mogadishu. The fish Market is one of the most photogenic places to visit in Mogadishu. It comes alive in the morning.
- We will then check out the old harbour. This is the oldest port in Somalia.
- The next stop will be the famous lighthouse in Mogadishu. Rebuilt during the Italian colonial era, it is now considered to be an iconic landmark of Mogadishu. It is no longer functioning but it's still an important symbol in Mogadishu's maritime tradition and history. The staircases were intentionally damaged during the Civil War, but if you are brave or crazy enough to climb to the top, the view over the bay will be a rewarding experience.
- We will then head to the Bakara market, which is an open market and the largest market in all of Somalia. It opened up in late 1972 during the reign of Siad Barre.
- Our lunch will be in a Somali local restaurant, where you will get the opportunity to try out some traditional food.
- After lunch we will do some sightseeing in bazaars and malls. Walk through the shopping areas to experience everyday life and do some souvenir shopping.
- Other areas of interest that will be covered during the day will be:
 - The SYL Monument. The Somali Youth League (SYL) was the first political party in Somalia. It played a key role in the nation's road to independence during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. The Somali Youth League's establishment on May 15 1943 is annually commemorated in Somalia.
 - The Dhagahtur monument. The monument symbolises the struggle for independence from the colonial occupation.
 - The Union Mosque. Also known as the mosque of Islamic Solidarity, this is one of the largest religious sites in the Horn of Africa, with a capacity of over 10,000 people.
- After dinner, we will head back to our hotel to socialize and get some rest.

Overnight in a hotel in the city centre.

DAY 4: MOGADISHU- BOSASO

- We will start early to make our journey to Bosaso.
- Upon arrival, you will be met by our friendly and professional tour guide, who will transfer you to your hotel in Bosaso. After a brief rest, you will embark on a city

tour, which includes visit to the local markets, the historic buildings, and the beautiful beaches. You will have the opportunity to interact with the friendly locals, sample the local cuisine, and learn about the rich history and culture of Puntland.

Overnight in Bosaso at our assigned hotel.

DAY 5: BOSASO- RAS HAFUN

- After breakfast, we will embark on a scenic drive to Ras Hafun, a picturesque coastal town located at the easternmost point of the Horn of Africa.
- Along the way, we will pass through rugged terrain, scenic valleys, and nomadic settlements.
- Upon arrival in Ras Hafun, we will check into our hotel, which offers breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean. You will have the rest of the day to explore the town, swim in the crystal-clear waters, Crossing natural bridge in Xaafuun and watch the stunning sunset.

Overnight in Ras Hafun at your assigned hotel.

DAY 6: RAS HAFUN- BAARGAAL

- After breakfast, we will head to Baargaal, a historic town known for its ancient architecture and rich cultural heritage.
- Along the way, we will pass through scenic landscapes, rugged mountains, and nomadic settlements.
- Upon arrival in Baargaal, you will check into your hotel, which is nestled amidst the lush greenery of the town.
- You will have the rest of the day to explore the town, visit the ancient ruined buildings and the beautiful beach, and interact with the friendly locals.

Overnight in Baargaal at your assigned hotel.

DAY 7: BAARGAAL - TOCHIN- CAPE GUARDAFUI - BAARGAL

- Today, we will embark on a full-day excursion to Tohin and Cape Guardafou, two of the most spectacular natural wonders in Puntland.
- We will start with a visit to Tohin, a beautiful oasis surrounded by towering sand dunes and palm trees. You will have an opportunity to climb the dunes, swim in the refreshing pools, and enjoy a picnic lunch amidst the stunning scenery.
- After lunch, we will head to Cape Guardafou, a dramatic headland that offers panoramic views of the Indian Ocean. You will have an opportunity to hike to the top of the headland, visit the lighthouse, and watch the spectacular waves crashing against the rocks below.
- We will return to Baargaal in the evening for a well-deserved rest.

Overnight in Baargaal at your hotel.

DAY 8: BAARGAL - BOSASO

- After breakfast, we will start our journey back to Bosaso, stopping at various points of interest along the way.
- You will have an opportunity to interact with the friendly locals, sample the local cuisine, and take in the stunning scenery.
- Upon arrival in Bosaso, you will check into your hotel for a final night in Puntland.

Overnight in Bosaso at your assigned hotel.

DAY 9: DEPARTURE FROM BOSASO

- After breakfast, we will transfer you to the airport for your departure flight. You will leave Puntland with unforgettable memories of your 9-day adventure and a deep appreciation for the beauty and hospitality of this remarkable region.

END OF TOUR

COST: 3000EUR (incl 500EUR deposit)

Included:

- All accommodation in single rooms at hotels
- Ground transportation between the places mentioned in the itinerary.
- Domestic flights
- All breakfasts for the duration of the tour
- Travel permits and entrance fees to all sites
- English-speaking tour leader and local guide
- Visa support (pre-arrangements to get visa on arrival)

Excluded:

- Tourist visa cost
- Travel insurance
- Restaurant meals
- International flights

Please note: The deposit payment of 500EUR is non-refundable and will have to be paid to our guide Haadi via PayPal to confirm a spot on the tour.

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