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RUIRU TOWN., KENYA, January 15, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Wildebeest Migration](#) 2024 is set to kick off in mid-June. It is expected to peak in August before taking a slump in October. November will mark a period of significant inactivity, when most of the herds will be scattered across the plains awaiting the rains.

The Great Wildebeest Migration: The 8th Wonder of the World
Every year, over 2 million wildebeests embark on [the Great Migration](#) – a natural phenomenon that has come to be known as the 8th wonder of the world. This breathtaking spectacle sees massive wildebeest herds traverse the Serengeti in Tanzania and the Maasai Mara in Kenya covering over 3,000 miles.

Accompanying the herd across the greater Mara-Serengeti ecosystem is a large number of zebras, impalas, elands, and gazelles. The sheer animal numbers, synchronized movements, and the challenges they encounter during this migration is a sight like no other in the animal kingdom.

Be that as it may, the timing of the great migration cannot be guaranteed. The migration's timing is entwined with the climate, making it an ever-changing spectacle. A delicate balance between



Wildebeest Crossing Mara River to Kenya.



Wildebeest Migration in Masai Mara National Reserve

rainfall, vegetation, and temperature influences the precise movements of the colossal herds.

We have been tracking the Wildebeest Migration across Kenya and Tanzania, and here are the key dates to mark on your calendar this year and what to expect.

Spoiler Alert: The dates may vary slightly depending on the rains.

13th-17th June: The Central Serengeti
The rainy season ends in mid-June. It's the time when the central Serengeti plains are lush and green. This region becomes a focal point as the herds gather to graze on the fresh vegetation that blankets the Serengeti plains. This is also the time when the herd is preparing for the arduous trek ahead. Travelers lucky to be present during these initial days witness the early stages of the migration, characterized by a sense of anticipation and restlessness among the wildebeest.



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1st-15th July: The Grumeti River Crossing

In early July, the migration takes a significant turn as the herds approach the Grumeti River. This phase is marked by daring river crossings, adding an element of suspense and drama to the migration. Crocodiles lurk in the river's depths, while the wildebeests face the daunting challenge of navigating the strong currents. It's a time of heightened tension and thrilling spectacles, showcasing the determination and instinctual prowess of these migrating animals.

Mid-July to End of July: Northern Serengeti Beckons

By mid-July, the herds begin their northward journey, crossing into the Northern Serengeti. This region is renowned for its sprawling landscapes and abundant wildlife. The migration's transition to the northern reaches introduces travelers to a different facet of the Serengeti's beauty, with the promise of more river crossings and captivating wildlife interactions.

August: Epic Mara River Crossings

August is the peak of the iconic Mara River crossings. The Great Wildebeest Migration reaches its zenith as the herds surge into the Maasai Mara in Kenya. Millions of wildebeests brave the treacherous currents, with predators—from crocs to lions, cheetahs to hyenas—, capitalizing on the abundance. It's a rare spectacle that showcases a dynamic interplay between prey and predator that captivates onlookers and photographers alike. In August, the vast plains of the Mara become the stage for one of the most extraordinary wildlife displays on the planet.

September to October: Heading Back South

As September progresses, the wildebeest herds, having exhausted the resources of the northern regions, begin their return journey southward. The vast landscapes of the Serengeti, once again, bear witness to the colossal movement of animals, showcasing the cyclical nature of the Great Migration. The returning herds bring life and vitality to the regions they traverse, leaving behind a trail of renewed vegetation.

October marks a period of relative inactivity in the migration. The herds, now spread across various parts of the Serengeti, engage in more sedentary grazing. The once tightly knit groups become scattered, setting the stage for the eventual conclusion of the migration as the animals prepare for the upcoming November rains.

Conclusion

As we gear up for the [2024 Wildebeest Migration](#), nature enthusiasts, researchers, and tourists alike are in for a treat. Don't miss out on this natural extravaganza. Mark your dates and join the millions who will witness the 8th wonder of the world.

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