Amboseli is about elephants against Kilimanjaro; the Mara is **Masai Mara budget safari** about big cats and the migration. Amboseli is closer to Nairobi, drier, and best in the clear months when the mountain shows.

The Mara has denser predator populations and more camps at every price point. It also has the migration, which Amboseli cannot offer.

For a one week trip, either park plus a conservancy works. For a two week trip, combining them gives two very different landscapes. Consider seasonal clarity: Amboseli's mountain views are unreliable outside June to October and January to February. Compare options at %LINK%.

