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# KENYA

## *Love of Wildlife*



12

DAYS



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Kenya is considered one of the most untouched and unique parts of Africa and after twelve days in the company of the people who live and breathe it, you'll understand why.

Visit Reteti Elephant Orphanage in Samburu and understand what it takes to return these precious creatures to the wild. Spend a day at Ol Pejeta Conservancy on a game drive, rhino encounter and tour the only chimpanzee sanctuary in Kenya. Drive across the plains of the iconic Masai Mara to spot the "Big 5". Spend time with your Maasai guide, visiting local markets, traditional villages and going on a game walk, as you learn about their culture and traditions.

This magical tour ends with a stay in Samburu National Reserve. Set within view of stunning Ololokwe Mountain and along the magical Ewaso Ngiro River, you'll get to watch the local elephant, antelope and even lions as they spend their days along the edge of this life-giving river. The only problem is, you won't want to leave!

## How you can help support people & wildlife

### -Buy Beads!

In northern Kenya, wildlife competes with livestock for grazing and water. The northern Conservancies support Maasai and Samburu women to earn a sustainable income through selling their beautiful beaded products. Purchase a piece of beadwork directly from the women or through BeadWorks Kenya and you'll help decrease reliance on livestock for income, and support people

### Key

**B:** Breakfast

**L:** Lunch

**D:** Dinner

### Day 1: Arrive Nairobi, Kenya

**D**

On arrival, we'll meet you at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, and take you to your accommodation. There'll be heaps of time to relax before we get together to chat about our amazing northern Kenya safari.

### Day 2: Sights of Nairobi

**B L D**

This morning we won't have to journey very far to experience the first of our game drives.

Nairobi National Park is the only game park within city boundaries and hosts a huge variety of wildlife. From rhino to hippos, giraffe and lion. Experience this unique park with its grassy plains and cityscape backdrop.

After lunch we will visit the Langatta Giraffe Centre. Learn about the rare Rothschild giraffe and the breeding program aimed at repopulating this threatened species. You can even get up close and personal while feeding these gentle giants.

### Day 3: Maasai Mara/ Village Visit

**B L D**

Located in the south-west corner of Kenya, the Maasai Mara National Reserve is one of the most famous wildlife parks in Africa.

The park is teeming with wildlife and is one of the best places for wildlife viewing in Kenya. You might not want to blink in case you miss something!

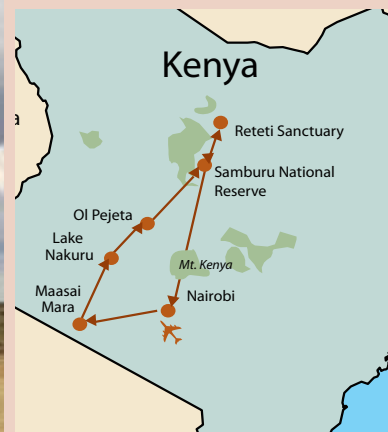
After settling into your accommodation on the edge of this stunning reserve, we will drive to a local Maasai village to see this incredible culture first hand. Return to your lodge for a sundowner and an evening under the stars.

### Day 4: Maasai Mara

**B L D**

Known as one of the finest wildlife destinations in the world and with 95 species of mammals, your chances of ticking off the 'Big Five' are pretty high. We will spend our day on a game drives throughout the reserve.

Experience a picnic lunch on the open plains or opt for an early morning balloon safari (additional cost US \$455pp). Return to your lodge in the evening after a stunning day in this iconic reserve.



## TRIP EXTENSION

Combines seamlessly with our Mountain Gorilla Adventure in Uganda.

## TRIP DETAILS

**Price: From AU \$6795**  
**pp Twin Share.**

**Solo Traveller**  
**Supplement AU \$395**

### Inclusions

All transfers, transport, activities, accommodation, water with activities, meals (as per itinerary), all tips except your RAW Africa tour leader.

### Accommodation

6 nights guest house, 5 nights luxury eco lodge.

**Group Size** Maximum 6



### Day 5: Wild Walk/Transfer to Nakuru

#### BLD

Wake up early for a game walk with your local guides. Your guides and wildlife rangers are experienced with wildlife behaviour so relax and enjoy this different way to see the different species of the Mara.

After returning for breakfast we will head north to Lake Nakuru. Stay at a local guest house and experience Kenyan hospitality at its best.

### Day 6: Lake Nakuru/ Lake Naivasha

#### BLD

We will start our day with game drives at Lake Nakuru National Park. This is one of the few parks where you can see both black and white rhino as well as a host of water birds and antelope which make their home along the water's edge. After a picnic lunch in the park, you will head to nearby Lake Naivasha for a boat journey to view hippo and the stunning fish eagle which call the lake home.

### Days 7: Ol Pejeta Conservancy

#### BLD

After an early breakfast we will head north to the bustling town of Nanyuki and to the wildlife haven of Ol Pejeta Conservancy. This is your chance to see the 'Big Five', so keep your eyes opened and your cameras poised!

Ol Pejeta Conservancy is a privately owned wildlife reserve and is home to a host of African wildlife. Its rhino population is world famous as OPC is home to the last of the Northern White Rhino. If you fancy a close encounter with these gentle giants, just let us know! We will finish the day with a night drive and see what nocturnal species we can see once the sun goes down.

### Days 8: Ol Pejeta Conservancy

#### BLD

We will spend today on game drives in the conservancy. We'll stop at Sweetwaters' chimpanzee Sanctuary, which provides a lifelong refuge to both orphaned and abused chimpanzees from West and Central Africa. We will also have the chance to visit Baraka, the black rhino and learn more about rhino ecology and behaviour. After lunch we will visit the heart-warming Mt Kenya Wildlife Orphanage and breeding centre for the rare bongo antelope. We will also visit one of the local markets before heading to Ngarendare Forest for a night camping under the stars.



### Day 9: Ngarendare Community Forest

#### BLD

Wake to sounds of this stunning cedar forest before heading out on a morning walk through the treetops on east Africa's first canopy walk. Seeing wildlife from the canopies will give you a whole new perspective. Look out for the rare Turaco bird and elephants in the river that runs below. In the afternoon we will take a forest walk to visit the Blue pools, fed directly from the Mt Kenya springs, the pools are the perfect place for a quick dip. Spend another night camping underneath the African sky, surrounded by our Maasai guides, listening to the tales of their incredible culture.

### Day 10: Reteti Elephant Sanctuary

#### BLD

This morning we will depart early to head north to Reteti Elephant Sanctuary. The sanctuary is operated by the local Samburu community and is a haven for orphaned elephants in northern Kenya. Meet these incredible creatures and their carers and learn about the efforts and challenges of reintroducing elephants into the wild. After our Reteti visit we will journey to Samburu National Reserve. Spend the night at the famous Elephant Bedroom Lodge. Located on the bank of the Ewaso Nyiro River, the lodge is known for the groups of elephants that pass between the tents!

### Day 11: Samburu National Reserve

#### BLD

Samburu National Reserve is located north of Nairobi on the edge of the great arid rangelands of northern Kenya. Lying in the shadows of the imposing Ololokwe and Koitoger mountains, the reserve is the heartland of the Swwwwamburu people and home to a range of unique species such as the Grevy's zebra, gerenuk and beisa oryx. The reserve is also known for its large elephant herds, lions, leopards, and cheetah. Enjoy a day of game drives in this peaceful and tranquil wildlife haven.

### Day 12: Return to Nairobi

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Today we say goodbye to northern Kenya and return to Nairobi where we will drop you at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport or a central Nairobi location.

Alternatively why not extend your RAW Africa Eco-Tours journey with our Mountain Gorilla Adventure in Uganda and see a completely different side to Africa.



**RAW Africa Eco-Tours specialises in community & conservation based ecotourism with over 80% of your tour money going directly to our field partners.**

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