



Wilderness Zones



Cultural, Hiking, Educational and Wildlife Safari

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Education Trip to Kenya

Join James Makau Nzioka and a host of local experts on this unique educational trip of a lifetime to East Africa. This trip is great for both high and University students. The trip was developed as a special itinerary, one that would enhance a student's educational experience. Involved with environmental education in the schools of Kenya, James Makau and his team are adept in working and relating well with youth. Because the students will interact with Kenyan school children, arrangements can be made so that participants can receive a number of community service hours. Furthermore, on this special trip, students will have lots of opportunities to enjoy the gracious people and exotic wildlife of Kenya. This special experience will go far beyond any typical safari excursion to Africa. Students will keep extensive journals, try to capture incredible photos of wildlife, and participate in nightly lectures and discussions of a literary work.

- Duration:** 16 or 20 days if you are doing the extension
Dates: Anytime although out of the rain season. (see conditions for weather chat)
Grade: Mt. Kenya can be tough. No previous hiking experience required.
Group Size: 13-17 students, 2 teachers and a Kenyan guide
Guides: Full-time bilingual guide as well as expert local guides
Lodging: Camping, cottages and dormitory-style accommodations

*B=Breakfast, Lunch=Lunch, D=Dinner
All times are estimated and are subject to slight variations.*

Day One: Nairobi

You will be picked from the airport and transferred to your Nairobi base hotel for meals and overnight. The drive from the airport to your hotel would be about 30 minutes.

Day Two-Five: Nguruman Hills

The Nguruman Hills are considered to be some of the best hiking areas in Kenya. There are spectacular sceneries, water falls, virgin forests, primates like the vervet monkeys, baboon and quite a number of antelopes among them the dik dik, gazelle, impala, duikers and a variety of birds. During the hikes, we will be accompanied by Masai guides who inhabit this area. Besides the animals and birds, we will also be learning about the medicinal value of the plants in the forest. The Masais have been taking care of the illness through the herbs that they collect in the forests.



Hiking the Nguruman



Scenery



Getting ready to cross



Tents used



Relax time



Relax Time

There are two options for this trip. Participants could decide to carry their luggages or have porters carry their packs. On trips that there are porters, we also include donkeys and support vehicles that will help in carrying the group gear. We will be hiking across different terrains from hills to flat savannah, we will cross rivers and sleep among the wildlife that is found in the forest. On average you will be hiking between four and six hours. Hikes are normally done very early to avoid the sun especially on the open lands.

Transportation



4x4 Land Cruiser



4x4 Minivan



Vehicle configuration

Day Six-Eight:

Masai Mara

There will be a last evening “graduation” on outdoor navigation and other wilderness training that we would be doing as we hike across these great hills. Our hike will end at the Loita Hills which is believed to be home of the original Masai spiritual leader. Once in the Masai Mara, we will be exposed to the greatest wildlife school in the world. During the wildebeest migration across the Masai Mara, there are over 1.5 million wildebeest, zebras and Thompson gazelles that cross the river to “follow” food. This has made the Masai Mara to be elevated to one of the wonders of the modern! Meals and overnight at one of the lodges in the Masai Mara. Accommodation could also be in one of the locally run camp. The camp offers tented accommodation targeting students.



Wildlife Time



Learning on the trail



Great Sunsets

Day Nine:**Lake Nakuru**

From the Masai Mara we head to Lake Nakuru. This park has been referred to as the world greatest bird spectacle by the renowned ornithologist, Tory Peterson. During our one night stay at this park, we will get to learn more about the birdlife in Kenya and the environmental challenges that the park encounters. Accommodation at the Wildlife clubs hostels in the park or one of the tented camps/ lodge in the park.

**Meal room****Dormitory Set Accommodation****Camp Ground Option****Day Ten-Fifteen:****Mt. Kenya**

From Lake Nakuru, our journeys will take us to Mt. Kenya. By this time we would have trained and rested enough for the mountain challenge. Mt. Kenya offers some of the best mountain features for studies. The mountain holds quite a number of endemic plants, animals and birds. The different mountain terrain also offers climbers lots of quality hikes and for rock climbers, you won't be disappointed by the mountain.

**Gorgeous Valleys on Mt. Kenya****Unique plant life on Mt. Kenya****Great lakes on the mountain****Day Sixteen:****Nairobi**

Upon descending from the mountain, you will be transferred to Nairobi. There will be dayrooms reserved for refreshments. Late evening transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

NB: For those who have extra time, there is an extension to Island of Lamu, Mpeketoni and Kiwaiyu.

Day Seventeen-Nineteen:**Lamu, Mpeketoni and Kiwaiyu**

From the mountain, we head back to Nairobi and proceed to the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight to Lamu. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation for meals and overnight. The next morning will be departing to the Islands of Kiwaiyu and Mpeketoni. Our travels to this island will be in sail boats. During your stay in these two islands, you will get to snorkel, dive, fish and get to visit with the local fishermen. There is a school that we support in Kiwaiyu and you will get a chance to visit the school.



Sail Boat



Fun time at the Indian Ocean



Day Twenty:

Nairobi

We depart Lamu late afternoon for your flight to Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Since you will be arriving in the domestic unit, we will transfer you to the international departure lounge to connect with your onward flight back home. .

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- All airport transfers, transportation while on safari in Kenya in exclusive use of 9-seater microbus although we have a maximum of 6 per minivan to guarantee a window seat. There is an option of upgrade your transport to the use of 6-seater Land Rover/ Cruiser. Vehicles are equipped with photographic roof hatch, sliding windows, ice chest and driven by expert English-speaking safari Driver/Guide;
- Meals as specified in the itinerary;
- Accommodations as specified in the itinerary;
- All entrance fees;
- Flying Doctors' Insurance – Kenya and Tanzania, within a radius of 1000 kms from the Wilson Airport in Nairobi (includes one free medical emergency air ambulance evacuation to the nearest medical center. It, however, does not cover any medical bills).

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- Tips to safari Driver/ Guides.
- Meals outside of those specified in the itinerary;
- Passport and visa fees;
- All items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, drinks, etc.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

- 35% deposit payable upon confirmation of tour. 65% balance payable 60 days before commencement of services.

CANCELLATION TERMS AND PENALTIES:

- Notification of cancellation must be given to Wilderness Zones in writing;
- If cancellation notification is received by Wilderness Zones 45 or more days prior to commencement of services, a cancellation fee of \$100.00/person will be charged;
- If cancellation notification is received by Wilderness Zones between 44 days and 30 days prior to the commencement of services, a cancellation fee of 25% of the total cost for land arrangements will be charged;
- If cancellation notification is received by Wilderness Zones between 29 days and 14 days prior to the commencement of services, a cancellation fee of 50% of the total cost for land arrangements will be charged.
- If cancellation notification is received by Wilderness Zones within 14 days of departure, 100% of the total cost for land arrangements will be charged.

ALTERATIONS TO TOURS:

The right is reserved to change any route or arrangements should conditions so necessitate, to offer substitutes of equal value, or to cancel the operation of any scheduled tour. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any tour at any time, in which event an equitable amount will be refunded.

Any losses sustained due to the above must be borne solely by the Participant. All baggage and personal effects are solely the responsibility of the owners of such baggage and personal effects at all times.

NB: Insurance.

Wilderness Zones strongly advises Participants to purchase travel protection insurance. Due to unexpected events, illness, and emergencies, Participants risk losing all or part of their travel investment. In the absence of travel protection insurance, Participants are not covered for any losses sustained in addition to tour costs, such as medical expenses, baggage loss, and death benefits. There are a number of policies available, varying in the extent and type of coverage, as well as the cost. Typically, the policies do not cover losses incurred due to civil disturbances, war, terrorism, or insolvency of tour operator. Participants are not required to purchase this or any other travel protection insurance in order to participate in the tour package, but again, such coverage is strongly recommended for the reasons stated above.

