



# Wilderness Zones

## **ADVENTURES' CLUB IN KENYA.**

Welcome to the most exciting adventure in 21st century Africa! Adventurers' Club – a unique holiday experience that combines a fascinating wild education with all the luxury and hospitality of East Africa's finest safari lodges and beach resorts. Whether you're visiting us with your family, friends or school, we guarantee you the ultimate adventure – in the world's most adventurous land.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Here are small samples of the exciting activities offered by the Adventurers' Club:

### **In the Bush**

- Build your own mini Maasai homestead
- Have a close brush with a toothbrush tree
- Learn to make a fire with a pair of sticks
- Catch and study the brightest butterflies
- Plant a tree and help bring back the rains
- Cast Big Cat tracks from the real thing
- Hide and seek in the animals' 'clothes'
- Make friends quiver with your own bow
- Learn how to identify birds of all feathers
- Stalk victory in our Bush Treasure Hunts.

### **At the Beach**

- Ride over reefs in our glass bottomed boats
- Dive deep with dolphins, whales and dugongs
- Fly like the wind in a flashy Topper dinghy
- Pull a fast one in our pool tug-o-war contests
- Snap away at Africa's largest crocodile farm
- Go for gold in our Beach Olympics sports
- Make a splash on our wet, wild waterslides
- Help to clean up Kenya's precious beaches
- Snorkel over magical fish-filled coral reefs
- Learn how to windsurf - it's a real breeze!

## **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

Members of the Adventurers' Club are kept in touch with Club activities through:

- A quarterly newsletter
- Personal birthday cards
- Adventurers' Logbooks
- School 'Adventure Kits'.

## **FACILITIES & ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The Adventurers' Club also offers young visitors the following facilities and excursions:

- 'Adventure Centres' with educational displays and audio-visual presentations
- Excursions to Maasai and Samburu villages (a small fee may be charged)
- Trips to Haller Park/ Bamburi Nature Trail, Ngomongo Villages, Gedi Ruins and Fort Jesus.
- Children's bush dinners and cultural shows
- Wildlife and cultural video documentaries
- Presentations by local conservationists

Young Rangers' Club offers a unique opportunity for older children and school groups to get 'up close and personal' with the African wilderness, learning its wild ways from some of the continent's most qualified guides, and taking part in vital community and conservation initiatives in some of the world's last great wild places. The 'big brother' of the Young Rangers' Club is available to 12-17 year olds at four safari properties – in the world-famous Maasai Mara game reserve, the wilds of Tsavo West, the northern deserts of Samburu, and the lush 'Happy Valley' of Lake Naivasha.

## **LOCATIONS**

The Young Rangers' Club is based at:

- Siana Springs in the Maasai Mara National Reserve
- Voyager Ziwani in Tsavo West National Park,
- Samburu Intrepids in Samburu National Reserve,
- Great Rift Valley Lodge at Lake Naivasha.

Special Marine Rangers' courses are also available by special arrangement at Voyager Beach Resort in Mombasa.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The Young Rangers' Club is available to all children aged between 12 and 17 who are visiting Heritage Hotels with their families or in organized school groups. By providing Rangers with a comprehensive programme of conservation education, community interaction and practical 'bush skills', the Club aims to help children to appreciate the importance of Africa's wilderness and tribal cultures – and the need to preserve both for future generations.

Rangers' courses are usually staged over three or four days, with an established itinerary of interrelated activities. After each day in the bush, Rangers spend the evenings discussing their day's 'findings' with local naturalists and community members, watching documentary programmes, or undertaking special nighttime activities, such as stargazing or nocturnal animal spotting. Special fly-camping expeditions are also available to the Loita Hills in Maasailand or to the summit of the Samburus' sacred Mount Ololokwe – where Rangers are guaranteed even loftier heights of cultural awareness!

Here are just a few of the many activities presented by the Young Rangers' Club:

### **1) Bush Orienteering**

The Rangers are divided into groups and learn to find their way through the bush using traditional methods (sun and stars), compasses and watches, as well as high-tech Global Positioning Systems equipment.

### **2) First Aid**

Rangers are presented with practical lessons on how to treat and administer to shocks, snakebites, bleeding, circulation problems, and other debilitating conditions.

### **3) Snakes**

Everyone is both intrigued and afraid of snakes, and our lectures on identifying different snakes, the properties of venom, and the treatment of snakebites are invariably one of the

## **CLUB'S HIGHLIGHTS!**

**Guided Bush Walks** All the Rangers' Club properties are ideally located for safe and illuminating walks through a variety of bush, forest and mountain habitats. These walks offer an ideal way of getting close to nature, studying local flora, small mammals, reptiles, birds and insects, identifying larger mammals through their spoor, and finding water in the bush.

### **1) Bird Identification**

Through a variety of lessons and bush walks, our avian experts help Rangers to learn how to identify African birds through their calls, bills, feet, habitats and plumage patterns.

### **2) Tree Identification**

Through a similar variety of face-to-face encounters, Rangers learn how to identify various key tree species, their importance and roles in their environment, and their local and medicinal uses. The activity often ends with a 'tree marathon' contest, through which Rangers try to identify as many trees as possible in a given time.

### **3) Mammal Behaviour Studies**

At the beginning of the Rangers' courses, each Ranger chooses a specific mammal to collect data on during their game drives and bush walks. Data is collected at specific times to ensure a comprehensive understanding of behaviour patterns. At the end of their stay, each Ranger is invited to give a short presentation on the data they have collected.

### **4) Animal Obstacle Course**

Siana Springs Intrepids is equipped with a unique 'Animal Obstacle Course', which enables Rangers to mimic and study the movements and hunting techniques of 10 different animals, including lions, leopards, elephants and baboons. After imitating the movements of each animal, the Rangers are taught the scientific rationale behind them.

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  - Overnight fly-camping for groups at Masai Mara and Samburu
  - Overnight stays in Maasai/ Samburu manyattas by arrangement with communities.
  - Fishing and boating
  - Golf lessons, practice and competitions at the Rift Valley at a small fee.
  - Special marine excursions and programmes at a Beach Resort.