



**Discover Corps**

*Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose*



## **KENYA:** SAFARI & CONSERVATION



### MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- **Experience the world-renowned wildlife of the Masai Mara**
- **Help protect lions, rhinos & cheetah with innovative conservation projects**
- **Come face-to-face with the world's last remaining northern white rhinos**
- **Venture into a Masai boma and experience traditional village life**
- **Learn how to track wildlife in the African savannah as you participate in the conservancy's population data collection**

*Spot Iconic African Animals and Help Protect Them on this Wildlife Adventure*

# TRIP AT A GLANCE

10 Days / 9 Nights

**GROUP SIZE** Average 6, Maximum 12

**LODGING** Premier

## OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY

**DAY 1** - Touch down in Nairobi and arrive at Ol Pejeta Conservancy

**DAY 2** - Join conservationists to track African lions and spend time at the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa

**DAY 3** - Meet anti-poaching squads and participate in a wildlife-livestock activity

## NAIROBI

**DAY 4** - Drive to Nairobi and stop at Brakenhurst along the way to learn from Plants for Life International about their reforestation efforts

**DAY 5** - Visit orphaned baby elephants and their caretakers at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, and visit a rescued giraffe center just outside Nairobi

## MARA NABOISHO CONSERVANCY

**DAY 6** - Travel to the Mara Naboisho Conservancy and settle in to your luxury camp

**DAY 7** - Collect wildlife data on a morning drive and meet the women of the Maa Trust

**DAY 8** - Monitor lions and cheetahs, and meet a local Masai herder

**Day 9** - Spot iconic African wildlife on game drives through Mara Naboisho

**Day 10** - Drive back to Nairobi for your flight home or continue on to the extension

## OPTIONAL EXTENSION: ZANZIBAR ISLAND

**Day 10** - Arrive mid-evening for dinner and a relaxing evening at the famous Tembo Hotel

**Day 11** - Visit Stone Town and Prison Island

**Day 12** - Optional snorkeling and beach time

**Day 13** - Tour a spice farm before returning home



SIGNATURE JOURNEY



## KENYA: SAFARI & CONSERVATION

### OUR PURPOSE

Engage with local conservationists, researchers and indigenous communities to learn what it takes to protect critically endangered species. Make a direct contribution to conservation as you collect population data on the region's wildlife, help remove invasive plants from the bush, track lion movement with researchers, and more that will be used by local conservation groups to protect these exquisite creatures.

Over the course of 10 days, you'll be immersed into an African safari experience unlike any other. Whether you're viewing the world's last remaining northern white rhinos, dining with the endangered Rothschild giraffe, or supporting an elephant orphanage, this will be a truly up close and personal experience with wildlife in East Africa.

In addition to epic safari drives and hands-on interaction with innovative conservation projects, we'll enjoy some unforgettable cultural experiences. Take time to meet with the indigenous Masai communities that inhabit the reserves and experience their traditional ways of life, and visit two different beading initiatives that empower the women of the region (with a chance to make your own bracelets!). Each night, return to the comfort of some of Kenya's finest luxury tented camps or your lodge in Nairobi where 100% of your stay benefits the Kibera slums. All promise to provide an unforgettable stay that only add to this trip of a lifetime.







## HIGHLIGHTS



### OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY

The first stop on your wildlife adventure is the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, an important wildlife reserve in the foothills of Mt. Kenya. The reserve is home to crucial populations of the African lion, whose numbers have plummeted in recent decades, and the critically endangered black rhino. Most precious of all, though, is the northern white rhino – only two females remain, and they both live here. You'll have the chance to come face-to-face with this creature and learn more about the conservancy's uncertain plans to bring the species back.



### SUPPORT ORPHANED BABY ELEPHANTS

A visit to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is a popular activity, but a huge highlight for animal lovers. Learn about this organization's efforts to save orphaned baby elephants, many of whom were young when their mothers were killed by poaches, or were found in a ditch and abandoned. All of the orphaned baby elephants are raised and eventually released back into the wild. Get to know the individual stories of each baby elephant, and if you're lucky, witness a mud bath!



### MARA NABOISHO CONSERVANCY

The Mara Naboisho conservancy sits beside the iconic Masai Mara Reserve, and is home to vital populations of big cats, elephants, giraffes and alongside myriad other creatures. On morning, afternoon, and sunset game drives, you'll have the chance to spot these animals, while contributing to their survival by collecting important data. Experience breakfast out in the bush each morning, and a sun downers, or snacks and drinks, at sunset each night, fully taking in the picturesque African sunsets.



### JOURNEY TO VISIT A MAASAI FAMILY

Your safari vehicle will bring you to the outskirts of the conservancy to find a herd of cows on their walk home for the evening. Join a Maasai herder as he walks the cattle back to a small village and inside their *boma*. You will be welcomed with open arms by the women and children of the village, who will help you milk cows, introduce you to the sheep, cows, and calves in the boma, and then invite you into their home to learn more about how they live.





# ITINERARY

## DAY 1: Arrive in Nairobi and Drive to Ol Pejeta Conservancy

After touching down in Nairobi and meeting your Discover Corps group, we'll take the scenic drive out of the city to Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Located on the plains of Mt. Kenya, the conservancy features a luxury tented camp clustered around a water hole that attracts wildlife from the conservancy. Settle into your accommodations and gear up for a big day of lion tracking in the early morning. (L,D)

## DAY 2: Track African Lions with Local Conservationists

Our conservation efforts begin today, as we head out at sunrise into the conservancy alongside a member of the pioneering *Exploring Lions Project*. This group aims to help the African lion population, which has declined 30-50% in the last two decades. This morning we'll experience these creatures up close and personal, helping the research team track lions and collect valuable data after lunch. After a well deserved breakfast, we get to enjoy a presentation from the team on the ground and learn more about the many conservation initiatives including anti-poaching and the dynamics in play. We'll then visit the endangered species enclosure, which houses the world's last two remaining northern white rhinos. This will be a private meeting where you will get the chance to ask questions to the rhino's caretaker. In the early evening, experience your first true game drive in the conservancy (B,L,D)

## DAY 3: Join an Anti-Poaching Unit and Ranch with Lions

This morning we'll meet the reserve's wildlife protection squads and anti-poaching dogs, joining them for an interactive experience to see how these dogs protect the vulnerable wildlife of the reserve. After lunch we'll have some free time before participating in a wildlife-livestock integration activity called ranching with lions. Learn how cattle is managed to promote the quality of grasslands by creating biodiversity hotspots. Visit predator-proof bomas and see the cattle herd out grazing. Afterwards, take a safari game drive through the conservancy with our expert local guide and visit the equator line! (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: Learn about Kenya's Stunning Biodiversity with *Plants for Life International*

As your time in Ol' Pejeta comes to an end, set off for the rolling green hills of Southern Kenya on a 4 hour drive, stopping to marvel at the Great Rift Valley along the way. On your way to Nairobi, enjoy lunch at the sprawling botanic gardens of Brackenhurst, one of Kenya's top eco-destinations. We'll meet with a local organization, *Plants for Life International*, to explore the area's stunning biodiversity before continuing on to our lodge in Nairobi for a relaxing night. (B,L,D)





## DAY 5: Meet Baby Orphaned Elephants, the Rothschild Giraffe, and Kazuri Beads

The Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is a fantastic organization dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating orphaned baby elephants from the wild. Get to know each of their baby elephants and hear their difficult stories, with some losing their mothers to poaching, others found abandoned in man-made ditches, and more. These elephants find a home here at the center before being released back into the wild to thrive. After you experience here, visit a Giraffe Center to learn about the endangered Rothschild giraffe.

This afternoon sees the first real cultural element to the trip. Visit Kazuri beads, a womens empowerment initiative where workers use volcanic clay to create jewelry and other items that have become popular in places like London and New York. Tour the factory and get to know the women who work there.

## DAY 6: Travel to the Mara Naboisho Conservancy

Today we'll hit the road 4 hours to the Mara Naboisho Conservancy, adjacent to the world-renowned Masai Mara National Reserve. The 50,000-acre private wilderness is home to some of the highest densities of wildlife in East Africa, including some rarer species such as the aardvark. We'll settle into our accommodations, award-winning luxury tents surrounded by acacia forest, and end the day with a sunset game drive and sun-downer. (B,L,D)

## DAY 7: Meet the Women of the Maa Trust between Game Drives

Over the next three days, we'll immerse ourselves into various conservation and community projects and experience two game drives each day, both with breakfast out in the bush and a sun-downer at night. Today, pair your game drives with a visit to the Maa Trust, another bead initiative where many of the Maasai women who live in the Mara work each day. (B,L,D)

## DAY 8: Participate in Population Data Collection and Visit a Maasai Village

During your morning game drive, we'll collect data on the number of animals and species we see as we use tools from the conservancy to gather the data. This data is collected each week, so it will be important that we record and submit this data to aid in this conservation project of the conservancy, which aims to show trends in wildlife populations.

In the evening, experience an age-old tribal tradition as you accompany a Maasai herder and his livestock in a 30 minute walk through the bush and back to the *boma*, or a corral created to protect livestock from predators. Once you arrive in the Maasai village, you will be welcomed like family by the women and children who call this land home. Learn to milk a cow, get to know more about rural life, and spend time in one of the homes in the village as you learn more about family life from both your driver, part of the Maasai tribe, and the women who live here. (B,L,D)





## DAY 9: Help Out on a Local Project in the Mara before Your Last Game Drive

On an early morning game drive, keep an eye open for lions, giraffes, and cheetahs. You will stop along the way to help remove alien vegetation that is invasive and unutilized by the wildlife of the area. This project is undertaken once a week by the conservancy, and over time they have seen a decline in the amount of this invasive species. Cover the area with seeds of acacia trees and other shrubs that benefit the animals.

Tonight, we'll enjoy an evening game drive followed by a farewell dinner together. Reflect on the incredible wildlife you've seen, and if you're lucky, you'll tell the tale of being one of the few to spot an elusive leopard! (B,L,D)

## DAY 10: Return Home or Continue to Zanzibar Island

Wake up for your last breakfast at the camp and say goodbye to the incredible staff at Encounter Mara - a team you won't soon forget! Then it's time to hit the road back to Nairobi for your flight home or for those who are continuing on, your flight to Zanzibar Island for some much needed beach time. (B)

# EXPERIENCE UNFORGETTABLE LODGING



### OI Pejeta Days 1-3

Sweetwaters Serena Camp, your home during your time in OI Pejeta Conservancy, serves as sheltered oasis clustered around a waterhole that attracts wildlife from the surrounding plains of Mt. Kenya, and you can take in the view from the private veranda (see photo on page 4 of our alum, Dan, enjoying some morning coffee!).



### Nairobi Days 4-6

In Nairobi, stay in the Tamarind Tree Hotel, a locally-owned 4 star hotel in quiet suburb of Nairobi. The hotel boasts a range of modern amenities including a pool. Most importantly, the property is perfectly located to make the most of our time exploring Nairobi and the organizations that we support there.



### Masai Mara Days 7-10

Finally, our stay in the Maasai Mara is the stuff safari dreams are made of. Shaded by thick acacia forest, we use several eco-friendly luxury camps which combine some of the best game views in Africa with five-star comfort. Fall asleep to the sounds of wildlife in the bush before waking up to tea or coffee brought to your tent each morning with the rising sun.



## OPTIONAL EXTENSION: Zanzibar Island

### DAY 10: Overnight in Nairobi and Relaxing Evening

After saying your goodbyes to the group, spend the evening in Nairobi. Relax at the hotel and enjoy a free dinner prior to our flight out the next morning.

### DAY 11: Visit a Tortoise Sanctuary on Prison Island and Explore Stone Town

In the morning, we'll fly to Zanzibar and start the adventure exploring Stone Town. Follow the trail of the Sultans, slaves, and explorers in the winding streets of this historic city. Your expert guide will lead you through the buildings and take you back into history as you learn about the former slave market and experience the underground rooms where they were held, see the Anglican Cathedral, the House of Wonders, the Sultans' Palace Museum, the Freddie Mercury House, and more. While tracing the steps of the past, the walking tour also provides a window into modern life in Stone Town. Meander through spice markets, fish markets, and smell the fresh loaves of bread in wicker baskets sold by the locals.

Not far off the coast is Prison Island. Despite the harrowing name, the prison built on Prison Island was never used and the island is now home to a tortoise sanctuary. Get hands-on with the many tortoises who live out their days in the cool shade of the trees (some for over 94 years!) before a dip in the ocean off this secluded island and a dinner back in Stone Town. (B,L,D)

### DAYS 12 & 13: Drive to the Northern Part of the Island for Beach Time and Optional Snorkeling

After breakfast, hit the road 1 hour to the Northern part of the Island, Nungwi, home to some of Zanzibar's most beautiful beaches. We'll spend two days here soaking in the beaches & sun. Walk to town, relax on the water, or opt for a massage at your gorgeous ocean-front hotel. For those who love adventure, choose from a menu of water sports and different organized activities, including world-class snorkeling half-day trips (at own cost). (B,D)

### DAY 14: Explore a Local Spice Farm before Returning Home

Wake up for your last breakfast overlooking the Indian Ocean before heading to the airport. Along the way, stop at a local spice farm for an unforgettable lunch and tour through the greens. Zanzibar was known as a spice island, exporting cloves, vanilla, nutmeg, and cardamom across the world. Explore the spice farm with an expert guide where you can touch, smell and taste different spices and tropical fruits. Learn about their properties, origins, and uses as medicines in food and drinks. Depart for your flight homes in the evening. (B,L)







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DATE	ADULT	CHILD
June 9-18, 2024	\$6,295	\$5,595
June 23-July 2, 2024	\$6,545	\$5,845
July 28-Aug 6, 2024	\$6,295	\$5,595
August 11-20, 2024	\$6,295	\$5,595
October 16-25, 2024	\$6,295	\$5,595
November 17-26, 2024	\$6,295	\$5,595
December 15-24, 2024	\$6,545	\$5,845
December 22-31, 2024	\$6,545	\$5,845
December 27-Jan 5, 2025	\$6,545	\$5,845
January 26-February 4, 2025	\$6,295	\$5,595
February 9-18, 2025	\$6,295	\$5,595

<b>OPTIONAL EXTENSION</b>	<b>\$1,795</b>	<b>\$1,695</b>
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The above prices reflect the price of double occupancy. Single Room Supplements are \$1195 per person for the trip and \$495 for the Zanzibar Island extension. You are required to pay the SRS if we cannot find you a suitable roommate on the Zanzibar extension.

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger at the time of travel sharing a room with an adult.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights in premier level lodging, 2 nights lodging in standard level lodging
- All meals throughout the trip, including one soft drink, local beer, or local wine at all of the dinners and lunches in the itinerary
- English-speaking local guides that are there to support, guide, and inform you throughout the trip
- Reliable in-country transportation with experienced drivers
- Admissions and entrance fees to national parks, historic sites and other scheduled events throughout the trip
- An active daily itinerary including projects with local conservationists
- All gratuities for hotels, meals, baggage, and transportation
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Discover Corps digital pre-departure booklet
- Turnkey customer support from preparing for your trip to arrival back home

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare
- All alcoholic beverages beyond one per dinner and lunch
- Kenya Visa
- Tips for Discover Corps guide and driver
- Laundry, phone, and Internet services
- Extension: \$350 one-way flight supplement (you are also responsible for your International flight back home from Zanzibar)
- Extension: Tanzanian visa
- Extension: Snorkeling or other activities you may choose on Days 12 & 13
- Extension: 2 lunches & 1 dinner

## RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

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## THE FINE PRINT

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

(B, L, D): Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

**Dates don't work? Contact us about adding a new date for the trip.**





# Our Mission

The mission of Discover Corps is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

## OUR DESTINATIONS

ALASKA	JAPAN
AUSTRALIA	KENYA
BELIZE	MEXICO
BHUTAN	PERU
COSTA RICA	SOUTH AFRICA
CUBA	TANZANIA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	THAILAND
EGYPT	UGANDA
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS	



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