

# Kenya Discovery

## 8 Day Discovery Expedition



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## Highlights

- Beautiful camp located in Tsavo region
- Community project days
- Evening 'sundowners' at our very own 'Pride Rock'
- Interaction with a local women's group
- Luxurious breakfast in the bush
- Wildlife game safari around Rukinga Sanctuary
- Wildlife projects and environmental conservation
- Visit a Masai village

## Work together with real innovators

The people we work with deal with real world challenges. Therefore the communities you will spend time in are home to some of the world's most exciting innovations and ideas. You'll work with them to turn their ideas into reality and return home with so many ideas of your own.

## Create real impact

You're in the hands of the community you live in. You will work collaboratively with them on projects that are based on what they believe needs doing. So one thing is for sure, your work will be purposeful and impactful.

## The real world in real time

When you travel it is easy to seek out people who are just like you. Our camps are based in some of the most incredible locations in many dynamic, exciting countries around the world. We are 100% integrated within real communities so you'll be part of their culture not on the edge of it. You'll trade stories, ideas, customs, beliefs and wisdom with people completely different to you.



## Overview

Camp Tsavo is nestled amongst the Marungu Hills, adjacent to Rukinga Wildlife Sanctuary. This camp is the epitome of tranquillity and truly embraces the glorious environment it is blessed to be within. Camp Tsavo offers so many great opportunities to be completely immersed in community life here, which will leave you with a deep love of Kenya. We have our very own pride rock for you appreciate the amazing views of Rukinga Sanctuary.

Based out of Camp Tsavo, this trip provides you with the opportunity to take part in a wide range of community, conservation, environmental and wildlife activities. This trip facilitates positive outcomes and encourages individuals to take on new challenges and reflect on their personal achievements. The itinerary provides a unique experiences for people of all ages.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is in a simple tented camp, the comfortable and rustic set up enables you to relax, enjoy and at the same time, appreciate camp life. Due to the scarcity of water in this arid environment, conserving water is a high priority. Therefore, we have chosen to provide eco friendly long drop latrine toilets with western style seats. These enable you to feel confident that you are helping minimize the water usage.

Showers are western style and we encourage eco friendly shower gels and soaps to be used. Our huge dining area is located at the highest point of the camp which allows for fantastic photo opportunities of the surrounding hills. On a clear day the sunset is simply wonderful.

## Camp Life

Camp activities range from Swahili lessons, African stories, toasting marshmallows on the camp fire, to wildlife quizzes and learning the famous Jambo song!

# 8 day Kenya Discovery Itinerary

## **Day 1: Arrive Mombasa Airport and transfer to Camp Tsavo (Overnight Camp Tsavo)**

Camp Tsavo is approximately a 3-4 hour drive from Mombasa Airport. Once settled into camp and provided with an arrival safety brief and an orientation of the area, the rest of the day is left for the group to enjoy the views over Marungu Hills. The camp is peaceful, allowing groups to immerse into rural village life.

## **Day 2-3: Primary school project (Overnight Camp Tsavo)**

These two days will be spent working on some of the necessary projects at one of the local schools within the community of the camp. The school infrastructure is dilapidated and water is scarce, therefore, projects will be related to improving the infrastructure, such as classrooms, toilet blocks, soil erosion or installing water harvesting systems. You will also get the chance to play games and sing songs with the local children.

## **Day 4: Wildlife conservation and game safari in Rukinga Sanctuary (Overnight Camp Tsavo)**

Rukinga Sanctuary is one of the wildlife corridors linking the famous Tsavo East and Tsavo West National Parks. It covers 80,000 acres, dominated by acacia woodland, a haven for a variety of wildlife species e.g. elephant, buffalo, giraffe, antelope and cheetahs, as well as over 50 bird species. This is a fantastic opportunity to conserve one of the unique habitats by contributing to activities such as waterhole maintenance, road clearing, wildlife monitoring and invasive species clearing. In the afternoon you will drive slowly around the sanctuary, viewing wildlife and watching the 'Sundowners' from our very own 'Pride Rock'.

## **Day 5: Tumaini women's group & Maasai Tribe (Overnight Camp Tsavo)**

Today you will interact with a local women's group and learn about the daily challenges that the women and their families face. You will assist them on their farms by cultivating or harvesting, which is their main source of income, and you will also learn how to make beaded jewellery which is another income generative activity that

they survive from. This is a fantastic opportunity to really have a deep insight into rural village life. In the afternoon, visit a Maasai tribe to experience their way of life and traditional dance.

## **Day 6: Elephant deterrent fence and dung paper making (Overnight Camp Tsavo)**

Today the group will gain an understanding, and experience firsthand, the challenges of human wildlife conflict and the possible ways of mitigating such issues through initiatives such as maintaining an oil and rope fence which is highly regarded by locals as one of the main ways of reducing the conflict. In the afternoon all of the group will need to prepare to get dirty as they learn how to make paper from elephant dung. They will be taught each stage of the process, resulting in a finished piece of paper, or if time and creativity allows, a piece of art.

## **Day 7: Marungu Hills eco walk and bush adventure (Overnight Camp Tsavo) \***

Enjoy a luxurious breakfast in the bush before the team begins an eco walk up into the hills of Marungu. During the walk they will receive interesting information about the historical background of the hills, the different uses of indigenous plants and fascinating cultural practices as well as how the locals have played a crucial role in protecting the hills. The panoramic views from the top of the hills are incredible and truly breathtaking. After a picnic lunch the team will get involved in traditional bush activities such as; shelter making, bow and arrow shooting and fire making, all of which will be judged by professional field guides. A slow and steady descent leads the group back to camp for a well earned supper. The final day finishes watching the stars and enjoying a campfire.

**\* Option: Overnight camping on Marungu Hill for additional cost**

## **Day 8: Transfer to Airport and depart**

Departure timings are flexible to suit the return flights from Mombasa.

Although it is our intention to operate the itinerary as detailed above, it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of climatic conditions, alterations to flight schedules, or other operational factors.

# Overview

## Included

- International flights
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- UK Expedition Leader
- Fully staffed camps and local guides
- Entrance fees for all sights listed in the itinerary
- All transfers listed in the itinerary in private vehicles
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Unlimited drinking water
- Project costs and management
- 24 hours support throughout expedition

## Not Included

- Visa
- Vaccinations
- Spending money
- Additional food and drinks
- Personal equipment

## Weather

The weather in Kenya is little short of perfect as it's generally sunny, dry and not too hot for most of the year, despite being situated on the equator. Temperatures average between 22-31°C with the hottest months falling between December and February. The main rainy seasons are from March to May and November to December but the amount of rainfall varies from year to year and rainfall is seldom continuous over long periods.



## Our Location

Camp Tsavo is located at the base of Marungu Hills in Tsavo region, Kenya. This permanent camp is in the heart of a rural community with stunning panoramic views of the beautiful Sagala and Taita Hills.



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