

JOURNEYS FOR GIANTS

Life changing adventures for wildlife conservation

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A 10-Day Conservation Safari

Journeys for Giants invites you to join a one-of-a-kind African adventure to experience first hand, our crucial conservation work and the environment we strive to protect. Not only will you explore the breathtaking landscapes of Laikipia and the Masai Mara, you will also experience local African cultures, search for the 'Big Five', and enjoy access to our leading conservationists and researchers striving to secure the future for Africa's giants.

Safari Overview: 1 night Nairobi; 3 nights Loisaba Conservancy; 2 nights Mobile Camel Walking Safari; 3 nights Masai Mara.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY ONE

On arrival in Nairobi at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), you will be met off your international flight by our Journeys for Giants representatives and escorted through immigration and customs to your awaiting vehicle. Your driver will transfer you to Hemingways Nairobi where you will spend the night.



DAY TWO

This morning after breakfast, you will be driven across to Wilson Airport to meet your scheduled Safarilink flight to Loisaba Conservancy. Loisaba is a 56,000 acre property, that is a critical refuge for large mammals and the most significant corridor for free ranging, migratory elephants moving between Laikipia and Samburu, in the north. It is here, in West Laikipia, where Space for Giants initiated land conservation programmes to help landowners and community groups work together to protect the environment. Your first two nights will be spent at the breath-taking Loisaba Tented Camp.



DAY THREE

On your second day at Loisaba Conservancy you will venture out with a Space for Giants researcher. You will learn how individual elephants are identified and aged and what is involved in the day to day monitoring, including the SMART tracking system which allows rangers to track not only elephants but all wildlife within the landscape. After lunch, you will see how wildlife movement can be controlled, preventing elephants from moving out of areas where they are accepted, onto smallholder farms, where they can have devastating impacts on local people's livelihoods



DAY FOUR

This morning you will wake up at sunrise to go and meet with the Frontline Protection Team: the rangers and sniffer dog team protecting the conservancy. Learn about the challenges they are faced with on a day-to-day basis and head out on patrol with the team. This afternoon you will move across to the Loisaba Starbeds where you will spend the night sleeping under the African stars.



DAY FIVE

This morning after breakfast you will be collected by vehicle to drive to Tumaren Ranch, the home of Karisia Walking Safaris where you will start off on your walk with giants. Your guides will be members of the nomadic Samburu tribe of northern Kenya. The Samburu people have a strong conservation ethic and affinity for elephants that is deeply embedded in their culture. The walking level will be moderate, approximately 10 to 15kms each morning – between 4 to 6 hours. From here, you will continue on to your first campsite, where you will be greeted by a team of cooks, camel herders, and trackers and enjoy a magical evening camped by an open fire.



SAMPLE ITINERARY CONTINUED

DAY SIX

From your first campsite, you will head out early after a delicious breakfast to see as much game as possible on your walk. With riding camels following behind, they can be ridden at any time and they will carry refreshments to enjoy along the way.



DAY SEVEN

This morning you will take a short drive to a nearby airstrip where you will catch a scheduled Safarilink flight to the great Masai Mara. Here you will spend the next three nights at Richards River Camp. The Masai Mara itself is one of the jewel's of Kenya's remaining wildlife areas. Located in South Western Kenya, together with Tanzania's Serengeti, it forms one of the world's most spectacular ecosystems. Home to some 95 species of mammals, amphibians and reptiles and over 400 species of birds, no where in Africa is wildlife more abundant - not least the incredible wildebeest migration where 1.5 million animals are on the move all at once. Here we encourage you to settle into camp and make the most of day and night game drives, birding and scenic bush walks, sundowners, bush meals, as well as cultural visits to a local Masai Village nearby.



DAY EIGHT

Early this morning you will be driven to catch your sunrise Hot Air Balloon Safari. This is one of Africa's iconic experiences: as the sunrise unfolds slowly to the East, the legendary Mara River winds and twists beneath you, and the great plains of East Africa open up in front of you. Completed in style with a celebratory champagne breakfast under an acacia tree in the middle of the reserve.



DAY NINE

On your final day in the Masai Mara, head out into the reserve with a picnic lunch and to take in the famous Wildebeest Migration, or simply to see the vast diversity of wildlife, birds and fauna.



DAY TEN

This morning, you will drive to the nearby Mara North airstrip to meet you scheduled Safarilink flight to Nairobi. From here you may wish to continue on to the coast if time allows? Alternatively, we will arrange for a day room and dinner at Hemingways Nairobi before transferring you across to JKIA for you onwards international departure.



DETAILS

Dates: Tailored to work with your availability.

Accommodation: 7 nights hotel, lodges and camps and 2 nights mobile camp.

Price: From US\$8,500 per person sharing, based on 4 adults travelling together.

(Please note these prices are based on 2019 mid-season rates and are subject to change.)

Prerequisites: Ability to walk 10kms per day over uneven ground.

Begins/ends: Nairobi

Inclusions: Full Board Accommodation including Drinks at all Hotels, Lodges and Camps. All Park and Conservancy Fees. All Internal Scheduled Flights. All Ground Transfers and Taxis. Emergency Flying Doctors Cover. Meet and Greet on Arrival. All Taxes and Fees within Kenya.

Exclusions: International Flights. Entry Visas. Gratuities. Travel and Medical Insurance. Any Personal Items, e.g.: Shopping or Massages.

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