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Conservation Safari
East Africa

A conservation safari that not only gives access to East Africa's breath taking and diverse landscapes, but also an inside look at what it takes to protect Africa's renowned wildlife.

15 night Conservation Itinerary

2 nights - Hemingways Nairobi

2 nights - Sanctuary Tambarare, Laikipia

3 nights - Mara Plains, Masai Mara

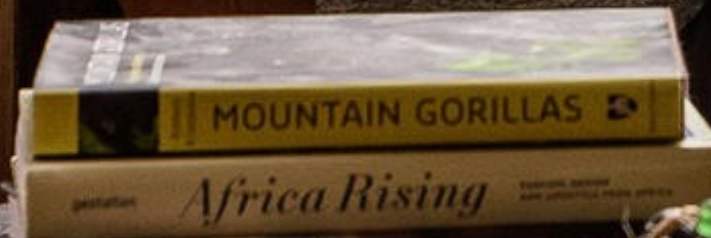
1 night—Siringit Villa, Arusha

3 nights - Singita Sasakwa, Serengeti National Park

4 nights - Singita Kwitonda, Volcanoes National Park

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A large elephant with prominent tusks stands in a savanna landscape with tall grass and trees in the background. The elephant is facing forward, and its trunk is slightly curved. The background shows a line of trees under a clear blue sky.

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A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE
Conservation Experiences

Nairobi



Hear the Forest Folk Stories

Take a short walk beneath the canopy of the Ololua Forest – a dry tropical forest that once would have covered most of this part of Nairobi. As you near the clearing you will hear drums in the distance and a traditional song of welcome calls you in. From the shadows your storyteller appears, their stories seem to weave a spell around you which intermingles with the sounds of the forest. They will pull you into the magic of the tales that have been handed down from generation to generation; stories of great warriors and tricky tortoises that will leave you captivated.



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Meet David Sheldrick's Orphaned Elephants

Set on the edge of Nairobi National Park, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust was set up by the late Dame Daphne Sheldrick in 1977 in order to raise and rehabilitate orphaned wild animals (mainly elephant and rhino) and later successfully reintroduce them into the wild. The sanctuary provides a perfect home for growing youngsters, with the habitat and space mimicking those that elephants enjoy in the wild. Meet the mini heard and their keepers on a private visit to the sanctuary.



Create your own Flip Flop Art

Arrive at the Ocean Sole Workshop in Karen where you will be greeted by the team; Ocean Soles' mission is to collect flip flops that have washed up on Kenya's beaches and in the Nairobi waterways and turn them into beautiful works of art. See how the flipflops are washed, sculpted and finished off on a tour of the workshop; then sit down with one of the head artists to create your very own flip flop animal.

OI Pejeta



Learn About the Last Northern White Rhinos

In 2009, OI Pejeta Conservancy welcomed Najin and Suni, the world's last remaining northern white rhinos, from the Dvur Kralove Zoo in the Czech Republic. They now live in the 700-acre Endangered Species Enclosure and you have an opportunity to meet them up close and hear their amazing stories. Their keeper will also tell you about the incredible efforts being made to save the species from extinction which includes the first rhino artificial insemination using their frozen eggs.



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Go Lion Tracking

Join the Lion Research Team and set out into the conservancy, tracking OI Pejeta's collared lions is a unique opportunity to learn about this big cat, once you locate the lions, record each lion's individual features including whisker patterns, scars, ear tears and other characteristics. All the information gathered is passed on to the OI Pejeta Ecological Monitoring Department that helps in the conservation of Laikipia lions.



Explore the Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary

Go on a Behind the Scenes visit to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary. The sanctuary, set up by the Jane Goodall Foundation, is the only place to see chimps in Kenya. The sanctuary hosts 36 chimps which have been rescued from terrible situations all across Africa. Learn about the day to day care of the chimpanzees, watch them being fed by their keepers and see them explore and socialise in their vast natural enclosure.



Collar an elephant with The Mara Elephant Project

Join the vets at the Mara Elephant Project as they set out to place a new collar on an identified elephant. You will follow in a back up helicopter and watch as the vet darts the elephant then land and assist the team with fitting the new collar onto the giant. Currently MEP has twenty-three collared elephants that they monitor via Google Earth daily. MEP focuses on candidates that will gather useful spatial data meaning elephants in border areas of conflict or areas outside conservancies or national reserves, they are also looking for candidates that represent crop raiding elephants. The collared elephants in most cases represents a whole herd that may be at risk. MEP's twenty-three collared elephants provide data that is being used daily to mitigate human-elephant conflict, inform ranger deployment and anti-poaching work, and promote transboundary cooperation within the wider ecosystem.

Arusha

Meet the African Wildlife Foundation's K9 Anti-Poaching Unit

Sniffer dogs to the rescue! The African Wildlife Foundation's Canines for Conservation program combats wildlife trafficking by deploying detection dogs and their handlers to key airports and seaports throughout the continent. The sniffer dogs can detect even the smallest amounts of wildlife contraband, like ivory or rhino horn dust, stopping traffickers before they can export the illegal products.

You will get to visit the training centre for these incredible dogs and see how they are trained and gain a deeper understanding on how they are helping the fight against poaching. All donations go directly back into the program ensuring the survival of the East Africa elephants and rhinos.

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Serengeti

**Take in the view from Singita's
Anti-Poaching Observation Post**

The Singita Grumeti Fund's anti-poaching team is made up of 120 dedicated scouts.. These scouts patrol the 350,000-acre private concession and are based in 12 scout camps and in 12 observation posts (OP) dotted across the reserve. You have the opportunity to visit OP 7, situated atop a hill with an incredible sunset view over the vast grassy plains below. The combination of a morning coffee or late afternoon drinks stop makes it a great location to truly absorb the beauty of the landscape but also take in the scale and importance of the work of the Singita Grumeti Fund anti-poaching unit.



Volcanoes



Go Behind the Scenes at the Karikose Centre

The Karikose Research Centre is a program supported by the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund with more than 100 expert gorilla trackers protecting about half of Rwanda's mountain gorillas every day. It is also the world's centrepiece for gorilla conservation and science.

You will enjoy a private, behind the scenes tour of the centre and meet many of the researchers and learn first hand about the incredible work they do.



Visit Dian Fossey's Tomb

Dian Fossey was a popular American primatologist who devoted her life to the conservation of the rare mountain gorillas. This hike is a must for those visiting Volcanoes National Park. It involves a 30-minute drive from the park headquarters to the trailhead to access the Karikose research where visitors walk for 10 minutes to the park boundary. The walk from the park boundary to the research centre where Dian's grave is located takes about an hour or so and affords good views of forest hogs, forest elephants, a variety of primates and bird species on the way.