

The background of the advertisement is a photograph of a savanna landscape. In the foreground, two white rhinoceroses are visible. The one on the left is in profile, facing right, with its head lowered as if grazing. The one on the right is facing the camera, with a small bird perched on its back. The ground is covered in dry, yellowish-brown grass. In the background, there is a line of green trees and a hazy, blue-tinted sky. A large, white, stylized ampersand is overlaid on the left side of the image, partially obscuring the rhino on the left.

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Activities - Nairobi



DAVID SHELDRIK ORPHANAGE

This iconic experience is located on the edge of Nairobi National Park. Watch as the youngsters drink their milk and in the hot weather have a mud bath. Visitors can see this between 11:00 and 12:00pm. For guests that have adopted an elephant there is a semi private encounter with them at 17:00pm. There is also a totally private encounter at 15.00. They will be able to see the elephants come in for their feed and watch them being put to bed.



When considering a safari most people only think of the game drives involved. However there are a number of unique and different activities available in various areas of Kenya. This activity & excursion document will provide you with an overview of what is available in each area listed. Please contact us for the prices of the activities. Please note that activities are subject to availability and may be seasonal or specific to individual camps and lodges in each area.

KAREN BLIXEN MUSEUM

The house and grounds were made famous by the film 'Out of Africa' and have been restored by the Danish community in Kenya. Visitors have a glimpse at typical colonial life in Kenya at the turn of the twentieth century. As well as many of Karen's original belongings, replicas have been made to replace items which have been lost over the years.

BROWNS CHEESE FARM & FACTORY

Brown's Farm has been in the Brown's family for over 35 years. Established in 1979, the family-run business is currently in the hands of the second generation of Browns. Guests can spend an afternoon at the farm which would include a tour of the factory and an overview of how cheese is made followed by a three course lunch made with 100% home-grown ingredients. After lunch, they go on an extensive tour of the biodynamic vegetable garden and the children get the chance to milk cows.



NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK

Unbelievably close to the human bustle of the city, this is an important wildlife reserve (Kenya's first in fact). With wide open grass plains and a backdrop of the city scrapers, the scattered acacia bush play host to a wide variety of wildlife including the endangered black rhino, lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, buffaloes, giraffes and diverse birdlife with over 400 species recorded. This is a fantastic excursion to take during those precious hours before jetting back home or when first arriving or if only staying in Nairobi - this is surely one of the easiest game drive opportunities on Earth.



A&K Insider Access - Nairobi

A&K's Insider Access works to satisfy your guests demand to delve deeper into the culture, history and wildlife of the country they are visiting to understand, interact and ultimately, to expand their own horizons. Utilising ground level local knowledge, our Insider Access Experiences identify the hidden aspects of a destination so that guests will be privy to the excitement of rare and authentic experiences that are not bookable online or with any other operator.

RIDE LIKE ROYALTY

Travel in style in some of the finest vintage cars available in the country. For lovers of classic rides A&K can organise for tours within Nairobi and transfers in such classic models as Rolls-Royce, Bentley, Chevrolet, Sedan and Fords. Each of these vehicles has won in the annual Concourse d'elegance, a prestigious motor vehicle beauty parade in Kenya.

SIT DOWN TO A SLIDE SHOW BY JONATHAN SCOTT, WORLD RENOWNED WILDLIFE EXPERT AND PHOTOGRAPHER

Sit down to a slide show by Jonathan Scott accompanied by his entertaining anecdotes and descriptions of wildlife in the Serengeti and Masai Mara. He captivates guests with his images of Africa as well as educates them about all elements of the ecosystem. Jonathan has been watching and photographing wildlife for more than twenty years. One of the world's finest photographers and a gifted wildlife artist, Jonathan has also made detailed studies of animal behaviour for his books, but has lost none of his boyhood enthusiasm for Africa. Jonathan has co-presented BBC's wildly popular Big Cat Diary and Big Cat Week, reporting on the daily lives of the Masai Mara's three species of big cat.

A MEAL AT MUTHAIGA CLUB

The Muthaiga Club is a colonial-era gem, from its pink and white colonnades, to the ancient animal heads hung from the walls of several beautifully maintained bars, to the 20,000-book library. Standards are rigidly maintained: jackets and ties are compulsory for men in several rooms after 7:30 p.m.; no women are allowed in the Member's Bar; and no flip-flops, T-shirts, mobile phones or hats "other than those integral to national costume" are permitted inside. This is a members-only club but special guests of A&K will be granted access.



A&K Insider Access - Nairobi

NAIROBI SHOPPING TOUR WITH LANA TRZEBINSKI

Enjoy a day of shopping in Nairobi and explore the best shopping areas with Lana Trzebinski, daughter of world-famous designer Anna Trzebinski and the late artist Tonio Trzebinski. Enjoy shopping in the big city, where you can find the typical handicrafts from African to high-end jewelry and clothing. With this guided tour, you can visit the best places to shop: local markets, shops and shopping centers. Also included is a tour of Anna Trzebinski's studio in Karen.

VISIT THE RAPTOR REHABILITATION TRUST

Raptor Rehabilitation Trust Kenya, was formed to rehabilitate injured raptors, raise orphaned birds of prey, and increase public awareness about the importance of raptors and conservation of birds of prey. It is run by a volunteer group dedicated to the rehabilitation of sick, injured and orphaned birds of prey. They are officially recognized and licensed by Kenya Wildlife Service. No children under six are allowed and group size is a maximum of six people.



Activities - Nairobi

AFRICALLA FLOWER FARM VISIT

Your guests can visit the Africalla Flower Farm which grows 35 hectares of calla lilies that are known for their intense colours and unique quality. The tour takes about two and a half to three hours and starts at the flower fields and finishes at the main farm. At the main farm guests are introduced to the flower handling process which includes cleaning, grading packaging, storage and drying area for the tubers.

NYUMBANI CHILDREN'S HOME

What began with three children in 1992 has evolved into a home for over 100 children. Nyumbani, which is Swahili for "home", was Kenya's first facility for HIV+ children. The home is located in Karen, Nairobi where the Nyumbani community creates a safe and secure environment for each child by emphasizing the importance of family style living - for some of these children, this is the first and only family that they will ever know.

GIRAFFE CENTRE

Made famous by 'Daisy Rothschild', a giraffe calf rescued from Soi, on the border of Western Kenya, the Giraffe Centre was established in 1983 as a sanctuary for the then endangered Rothschild giraffe. The breeding programme has been a great success and visitors can now watch and feed these gentle giants at eye level from a raised platform.



VISIT THE OCEAN SOLE WORKSHOP

This incredible upcycling company takes flipflops that have washed up on the Kenyan beaches and that clog up Nairobi's waterways and landfills and turn them into incredible works of art. A tour of the workshop will give your guests an insight into the process - from cleaning to carving and a chance to see and buy the finished product.

NAIROBI SAFARI WALK / MINI-ORPHANAGE

The safari walk is an educational centre set up to further awareness on wildlife and habitat conservation. The Animal Orphanage is a rescue and rehabilitation centre for orphaned and injured wildlife rescued from around Kenya.

KAZURI BEAD-MAKING FACTORY TOUR

Kazuri Beads was set up to help struggling single mothers who were in need of jobs. Guests have an opportunity to meet and talk to the women as they work shaping, painting or stringing the beads by hand. The beads are polished and kiln fired, painted and fired again before being strung into a necklace which is then sold in the Kazuri shops.

NAIROBI NATIONAL MUSEUM & SNAKE PARK TOUR

The Museum aims to interpret Kenya's rich heritage and offers a stop for visitors to sample the country's rich heritage; both for education and leisure. The Nairobi Snake Park has snakes and reptiles that are found in Kenya. Also present are displays of marine and freshwater fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and small mammals, as well as invertebrates.



Activities - Nairobi

KIAMBETHU TEA FARM

Kiambethu has been the family home of one of the earliest tea growers in Kenya. The farm dates back to 1910 and the present house, set amidst colourful gardens has been home to four generations. Guests learn about the tea making process and tour through the tea fields and the indigenous forest before settling down to a delicious home-grown, farm to table lunch.

CIRCLE ART GALLERY

Enhance your guests Kenya safari experience with a visit to a local art gallery to sample works from some of East Africa's most talented artists. Circle Art Gallery features work from over 100 artists from five countries and guests can enjoy a one hour guided tour of this dynamic art space located in Lavington Nairobi.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Your guests enjoy exhilarating activities such as kayaking, wall climbing, archery, mountain biking, zip lining and camping at the outskirts of Nairobi. The highly popular white water rafting takes place on the rapids of the Athi River in Central Kenya. Should the guests wish to go camping, there are beautiful camping grounds that ensure a great camping experience.



Activities - Nairobi

AFRICA CONCOURSE D'ELEGANCE

The Concourse d'Elegance is an annual beauty pageant for vintage cars and classic motorcycles showcased to motorists and car enthusiasts from around the world. The history of Concourse d'Elegance dates back to the 17th century when French aristocrats paraded their horse drawn carriages in the parks of Paris during summer holidays and weekends. Over time horse drawn carriages became museum pieces and were replaced by motor cars in the "gathering of elegance" where rival manufacturers competed against each other for prizes and the attention of potential buyers. Today there are Concourse d'Elegance events organized around the world which still attract owners of classic and vintage cars and motorcycles. This show happens once a year in September.

GOLF/DINNER AT A PRIVATE CLUB – KAREN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Founded in 1937, Karen prides itself in being one of the oldest golf clubs in Kenya. A large part of the 18-hole course was built on the former coffee estate developed by the Danish pioneer, Karen Blixen, whose life and times were depicted in the film 'Out of Africa'. Indeed, the shade trees from her coffee plantation still dominate parts of the golf course, eighty years after they were planted.

BOMAS OF KENYA

Bomas of Kenya offers a cultural tour of Kenya's major ethnic groups, such as Mijikenda, Luo, Taita, Embu, Maasai, Kikuyu, Kamba, Kalenjin, Luhya, Kisii, Kuria to name just a few of the native people that are represented. This is depicted through display of the culture's traditions in music, dance, theatre, exhibitions and so much more.

ISRAELI WINE TASTING

Wine was always a big part of the Jewish religion and tradition. During the wine tasting your guests will get an overview on the relationship between the Jewish tradition and the Israeli wine culture on one hand and also learn about wine in general (the meaning of the shape of the wine bottle, how to sample wine properly and so on). The tasting includes sampling of 6-8 Israeli wines, paired with chocolate, cheese or food.



Activities - Samburu & Shaba National Reserves



SAMBURU VILLAGE VISIT

The Samburu are one of the few remaining communities in Kenya who still practice various aspects of their traditional culture despite the fast changing world. Your guests have the opportunity to visit a local Samburu village, where they can learn about the culture and also buy hand-crafted beadwork and carvings offered for sale. Remember to bargain!

BUSH BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR DINNER

This is fantastic way to end an early morning game drive or to surprise your guests with a sumptuous lunch. After your guests have been on a game drive they are driven to a private location in the bush where a full breakfast buffet or a BBQ hot lunch or dinner is laid up with clothed tables and chairs and drinks served by waiters.

CAMEL RIDES

Your guests will head out into the reserve on the back of a camel – a truly unique experience. Camels are indigenous to the area and are highly prized by the Samburu. Once they get used to the strange gait of the camel they will be able to take in the beautiful scenery around them from their high perch. Only available at certain properties.



Activities - Meru National Park



LINE FISHING

This tranquil experience is perfect for keen fishermen but is also the perfect kids activity to keep them busy in the afternoon. Enjoy sitting on the banks of the palm tree lined rivers fishing for catfish and barbell.

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CULTURAL VISITS TO THE THARAKA COMMUNITY

Visit the Tharaka community, a sub-tribe of the Ameru people who reside in the eastern slopes of Mount Kenya. Learn about their ornate clothing that includes the distinctive leather skirts for women and animal skin cloaks for men. A fascinating, off the beaten track, cultural interaction.

RHINO SANCTUARY

Inside Meru National Park 80 sq kms has been fenced to create a rhino sanctuary. About 60 rhinos call this area home and are semi-habituated, this offers travellers the opportunity or some close up photos in complete safety.



Activities - Laikipia Conservation Area



MOUNTAIN BIKING

See the wildlife from a different perspective; on a mountain bike. Bikes give guests the opportunity to travel long distances at their own pace and in a completely natural environment. Rides can be tailored to meet the needs of the guests level of fitness and confidence. This is only available in certain conservancies.

WALKING SAFARIS

Seeing big game on foot is extremely satisfying and allows guests to stalk game in completely safety. The slower pace means that guests also have a chance to see smaller animals that they would miss or scare off if traveling at a faster speed. Walks are between one and two hours but can be longer if required. Available in most conservancies.

RETETI ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

This sanctuary was set up to rescue and release orphaned and abandoned elephant calves. Your guests will first meet the keepers that look after the calves and hear what it takes to rescue, rehabilitate and release these orphans back into the wild. Then watch as the mini herd comes charging in for their milk feed – the excitement amongst the little elephants is palpable. Then it is playtime for the group and many of their antics may cause guests to laugh out loud as the eles wallow around or spray dust over themselves.



Activities - Laikipia Conservation Area

LION TRACKING

Visitors will have a unique opportunity to learn about and track the lions of OI Pejeta Conservancy and contribute towards conservation efforts. Guests can participate in helping researchers gather vital information needed to monitor the collared lions. In the event that the collared lions are inaccessible, other lion sightings are reported and identifying features such as whisker spots, ear tears and nose spotting recorded. It is a great way to learn about lions and all of the information gathered is passed on to the OI Pejeta Ecological Monitoring Department. Guests remain in the vehicle at all times. Available in OI Pejeta Conservancy.

NGARE NDARE FOREST VISIT

At the Ngare Ndare forest, guests can take a swim in the wild at a waterfall. The more adventurous may choose to leap from the top of the waterfall. After the swim they will be driven through the forest to an elevated canopy walkway. 80 feet high this wood and wire suspension bridge extends for about 400m through the tree canopy. The walkway ends at a wooden deck 30ft high, where they can rest and enjoy a view of the river from the elevated vantage point.

CHIMPANZEE & RHINO SANCTUARY

Your guests can visit the Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary which has rescued 42 chimps from terrible situations and given them a safe haven to enjoy the rest of their days in. OI Pejeta conservancy is also the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa and home to the last of the northern white rhinos in the world. Available in the OI Pejeta Conservancy.





ENDANGERED SPECIES CENTRE

In 2009 OI Pejeta Conservancy welcomed four of 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, where visitors have an opportunity to meet the rhino up close and hear their amazing stories. Times for this activity are from 8.30 to 10.30 and 16:00 to 18.00 with a ranger to learn about the wildlife and the conservation efforts being made. In the afternoon see the Northern white rhino being fed. This a great opportunity for wonderful photographs. Available in OI Pejeta Conservancy.

HELICOPTER EXCURSION TO THE POKOT TRIBE

This excursion takes your guests in a helicopter or charter plane to a remote part of the Rift Valley, rarely visited by outsiders, for a cultural encounter with the Pokot tribal community. The Pokot are nomadic pastoralists, independent and conservative by nature, with deep-rooted cultural systems of governance. Afterwards they will fly over the extraordinary volcanic Suguta Valley, forming part of the Great Rift Valley. This is a fascinating geological site with massive sand dunes, 'painted' valleys, Lake Logipe (a crater lake seasonally fringed pink by thousands of flamingos), and the southern end of Lake Turkana (known as the Jade Sea). Available in all conservancies.

HELICOPTER EXCURSION TO MT KENYA & FLY FISHING

At 17,058 feet (5,200 metres), Mt Kenya is Africa's second tallest mountain. It is believed that the mountain was at one time taller than Everest! The helicopter will land at a spectacular lake, one of the many lakes, rivers and tarns that cover the upper slopes. We will supply a delicious picnic breakfast and your guests can spend a few hours fly-fishing for rainbow trout from the lakeshore. To experience the mountain at its best, visits are scheduled in the early morning, arriving on the mountain at 7.30. Available in all conservancies.



Activities - Laikipia Conservation Area

BUSH WALKS / CAMEL WALKS

Accompanied by an experienced armed ranger, a bush walk gives your guests an appreciation for even the smallest things in nature and the environment around them. Camels accompany the guests on the bush walk and can be ridden on flat ground. Available in certain conservancies.

RIDING SAFARIS

On horseback humans become part of the landscape, just another animal in the bush. This allows your guests to get a little closer to the game and capture some amazing photographs. The plains of Laikipia are the perfect place to explore on horseback, this activity is only available to experienced riders and only available in certain conservancies.

HELICOPTER EXCURSION TO MAGADO CRATER

This helicopter excursion takes your guests on a north-easterly flight over Shaba National Reserve to the extraordinary Magado Crater, where pools of saline water shine with all the colours of the rainbow and local cave-dwelling miners eke a living collecting salt to sell to pastoral people in remote, rural markets. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the area and meet the miners. Available in all conservancies.

ANTI-POACHING CENTRES

Several conservancies employ an expert response teams that helps secure the conservancy and, in particular, the rhino population that is under constant threat from poachers. However, arguably their biggest asset is their special relationship with the tracker dogs. These incredible dogs, their specialist human handlers, and the security team, carry out numerous roles and activities, whether it is anti-poaching, general law enforcement, community-supported conservation and even showing off as a tourist attraction! Only available in certain conservancies.



Activities - Laikipia Conservation Area



CULTURAL VILLAGE VISIT

The Samburu and Pokot are cousins of the Maasai tribe and like the Maasai they still retain their ancestral customs, living in their traditional bomas. They are friendly, welcoming people. An experienced guide will take your guests through the village where they can meet the elders and learn about the social structure of the homestead, the role of women in their society, the medicinal uses of local trees and herbs and many more aspects of their daily life.

Only available in certain conservancies.

COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

There is strong commitment to community development and conservation projects in this area. The projects have proved successful improving the standards of living, helping to provide water and healthcare and also helping in conservation by educating the local villages on the importance of wildlife and preservation of the environment.

Only available in certain conservancies.

NANYUKI SPINNERS & WEAVERS

Visit the Nanyuki Spinners and Weavers a women's self-help project - it was started with the aim of helping poor, widowed and single women living in the villages surrounding the Nanyuki area to be self-reliant & train them in the craft of spinning, knitting and weaving. Guests will be able to interact with these women and watch as they produce marvellous creations.

Available in most conservancies.



Activities - The Great Rift Valley



MAA MUSEUM

Located at the Enashipai Resort & Spa in Naivasha, the Maa Museum is dedicated to showcasing the Maasai customs, traditions and culture. The museum is in an old settler's cottage whose rooms have been filled with exhibits such as weapons, tools and other implements given to the museum by the Maasai people. Outside the cottage, a traditional manyatta (home) has been built to give insight to the Maasai's way of life. The knowledgeable guides will teach visitor's about the origin of the Maasai, their migration into Kenya and Tanzania, their pastoralist lifestyle and their ceremonial dressing.

BOAT RIDE ON LAKE NAIVASHA

Your guests can cruise through pods of hippos and listen to the shrill cry of the Fish Eagle while on a boat ride excursion on Lake Naivasha. It is Kenya's second largest fresh water lake and it plays host to a massive number of birds including kingfishers, herons, pelicans, fish eagles among many others. The boat ride provides an excellent opportunity to not only watch but also photograph the birds up close in a stunning and tranquil environment.



Activities - The Great Rift Valley



OLKARIA GEOTHERMAL VISIT

Olkaria is located in Hell's Gate National Park, on the eastern edge of the Eastern Rift Valley. Guests visiting this facility will be able to learn geothermal energy – a natural product from the earth. The power is cost effective, reliable, sustainable and environmentally friendly. In addition, guests can enjoy swimming in the Olkaria swimming pool with its natural warm waters.

MOUNTAIN BIKING & GORGE WALKING IN HELLS GATE

Your guests can ride alongside herds of zebras and other wildlife in this little park. Some of the other highlights are Fischers tower, Central tower and the Hells Gate Gorge. The gorge walk will take them through narrow twisting gorges that suddenly open up into wider spaces with beautiful rock formations. The activities can be adjusted according to your guests fitness level.

A VISIT TO CRESENT ISLAND

Crescent Island is a private wildlife sanctuary on the eastern side of Lake Naivasha. Surrounded by water on three sides, the island is actually a peninsula that is accessible by boat and road. There are more animals here per acre than any other wildlife area in Kenya. The terrain is flat, making it easy for walkers of all abilities to admire the surrounding wildlife. There is a lot of easy to see game & it is also a heaven for birds with over 200 species recorded.



Activities - Masai Mara



MAASAI VILLAGE VISIT

The colourful and vibrant Maasai people are one of the few communities in Kenya to retain their culture and traditions. Your guests will be welcomed into the village with a traditional dance followed by a guided tour by the chief. He will also give a brief talk to the group about the lifestyle of the Maasai people. They will then be introduced to some of the families and invited into their homes where they will have the unique opportunity to see how they live.

LAKE VICTORIA EXCURSION

This involves an early start and transfer to the airstrip for a 0630 flight (25 minutes) by light aircraft to Rusinga or Mfangano Island on Lake Victoria. On arrival on the island, breakfast is served. Guests then board their boat for the morning - 30 feet (9 meter) boats complete with sunshades. Guests can then try fishing for the legendary giant Nile perch as they explore the myriad of tiny islands found in the lake. An experienced and knowledgeable fisherman captains each boat. There is also the chance to stop at a traditional fishing village and see how the villagers live from day to day before returning to the lodge for the return flight to the Masai Mara.



A&K Insider Access - Masai Mara

TALK BY ELENA V. CHELYSHEVA (PHD) - PROJECT MANAGER OF THE MARA-MERU CHEETAH PROJECT

Dr. Elena Chelysheva is a Russian zoologist with a broad knowledge of captive and wild cheetah ecology and behaviour. She has over 25 years of experience in the field. Former supervisor of Carnivore Department of Moscow Zoo Conservation Centre, today she works with the Mara-Meru Cheetah Project to promote the conservation of cheetahs through scientific research, community involvement and education. In the 1970s there were about 15,000 cheetahs in Africa, while now the global wild cheetah population is estimated to be as low as 7,100 animals and confined are to 9% of its historical distributional range, the Kenyan population is considered to be one of the strongholds for the species in Africa. Elena will come to the property that your guests are staying in and give a talk on these fascinating creatures and the challenges they face. Only available from certain properties.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER PHOTOSHOOT

Have one of our highly skilled professional photographers join your guests on safari for as long as they would like. What better way to celebrate this once in a life time experience then have these special moments captured in photographs which tell the story of their adventure. Following the photoshoot the photographer will select and prepare your guests images creating a personal show just for them. Available in all safari locations.

GOING ON HELICOPTER PATROL WITH THE MARA ELEPHANT PROJECT'S CEO MARC GOSS

This activity is offered in addition to the normal MEP HQ tour. Guests would get a minimum thirty minute flight in the project's Robinson R44 Helicopter. They will see collared elephants from the air along with all of the other wildlife in the Mara and hopefully the Mara River, which is nearby HQ. Marc Goss, the C.E.O. of MEP, will be piloting the helicopter so it is an amazing experience to have a one-on-one chat with him and ask any questions your guests may have. Seeing the Mara from the air gives guests a great perspective on the complicated relationship between elephants and people and the diminishing space in the ecosystem. This activity depends on the availability of the helicopter and is only available from certain properties.

COLLARING AN ELEPHANT WITH THE MARA ELEPHANT PROJECT

Currently, Mara Elephant Project 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. When guests cover the cost of the full three year lifespan of an elephant collar then they will get the chance to follow an elephant collaring operation from start to finish. Depending on the number of people guests will either fly in the MEP helicopter or follow the operation in a chartered helicopter. They will get to see the collar before it's put on, meet the DSWT/KWS vet that's going to do the darting, help take measurements of the elephant while it's asleep, take plenty of photos and watch the elephant then get up and walk away with its brand new collar. A private photographer is a nice touch to really capture the moment and we have recommendations for this as well. Only available from certain properties.



Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy - Masai Mara

Many A&K guests experience their journey's most impactful moments during a visit to an Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy (AKP) partner community. Available on many Tailor Made Journeys, these visits afford a wealth of local interactions and insights your clients won't experience anywhere else. They can even extend the visit with additional activities such as local cycle tours and classroom visits.

Your clients may also opt to donate to an AKP project in advance of their visit. In return, they can see their donation at work during their stay, making for a truly moving way to mark a special occasion or family journey

ENKERERI PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your clients visit with the students and staff of Enkereri Primary School, learning how the local community has partnered with A&K Philanthropy to expand the school's facilities, and provide the schoolchildren with eReaders, daily lunches and clean drinking water. After a tour of the school, your clients marvel as a LifeStraw® filter turns cloudy, contaminated water into pristine drinking water right before their eyes.

Donate Resources or Equipment to Enkereri Primary School

Your clients can also arrange to sponsor a day's lunch at the school, affording the opportunity to help prepare and serve the meal to the children during their visit. (Cost: From \$250)





COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

There is strong commitment to community development and conservation projects in this area. The projects have proved successful improving the standards of living, helping to provide water and healthcare and also helping in conservation by educating the local villages on the importance of wildlife and preservation of the environment. Only available at certain properties.

HELICOPTER SAFARIS

Guests will enjoy an un-paralleled view of Kenya's stunning scenery whilst airborne over the Mara River and on the edge of the escapement. It is a unique opportunity to capture the abundance of sights in the Mara from the ultimate perspective. The following tours can be organised: 1—2 hours Mara Tour, 2.5 hour tour of the Mara, Ruma National Park and Lake Victoria; 3 hour Mara—Lake Magadi tour and 1.5 hours wildlife conservation tour. The R44-Raven II Helicopter can carry up to 3 passengers. Doors can be removed at the guest's request.



WALKING SAFARIS

Your guests will be able to experience the vast landscape on foot and be introduced to all the smaller, but no less fascinating creatures. Walks are between one and two hours but can be longer if required. Only available at certain properties.



Activities - Masai Mara

MAASAI DANCERS/ MOCK AMBUSH ATTACK

This is an amazing guest experience. Traditional Maasai tribesmen and women from the Mara Narok region perform a number of their traditional, sacred songs and dances whilst the guests enjoy canapes and drinks around the fire. In a mock attack, as the guests enjoy a variety of sumptuous dishes they will suddenly hear a warrior's introductory songs in the air. The Maasai rush out of the bushes carrying their traditional weapons as they head towards where the guests are seated. The guests are often engulfed by a mix of shock and excitement! Singing and dancing follows and the guests are allowed (often encouraged) to join in the jumping dance.

MARA ELEPHANT PROJECT

Mara Elephant Project's (MEP) mission is to protect elephants to conserve the greater Mara ecosystem. They accomplish this mission by utilizing anti-poaching patrols and rapid response ranger units, collaring, monitoring and collecting data on elephants, and using innovative techniques and technologies to mitigate human-elephant conflict. You can venture to MEP HQ in Lemek Conservancy where you'll meet the MEP rangers, see an elephant collar, learn about their collar tracking system and unmanned aerial vehicle operation and get a tour of MEP HQ to see the helicopter (if it's at HQ). You'll also be guided to visit a MEP collared elephant on your way back to camp and learn all about elephant protection and the complicated issues with poaching and human-elephant conflict in the Mara.

BALLOON SAFARI

Much of the plains action occurs at first light and there is no better way to experience this than from a hot air balloon. Guests will have to be at the launch site before sunrise & will take off as the sun comes over the horizon. The balloon ride is between 40 minutes to one hour depending on the winds. The landing can be bumpy but guests are greeted by a full bush breakfast on the ground.



Activities - Amboseli National Park



VISIT CYNTHIA MOSS' (AUTHOR OF ELEPHANT MEMORIES) ELEPHANT RESEARCH FACILITY IN AMBOSELI

The Cynthia Moss Amboseli Elephant Project is the oldest of its kind in the world, with Cynthia and her assistant Joyce Pool, studying them from the mid 1970's. The new generation of researchers are now mostly Kenyan and they can identify almost every one of the 400 'regulars' in the Reserve and many of the more migratory ones. A morning visit takes you around the Centre and sometimes out in the field to watch and follow a family, with all their history explained. They will explain how Joyce discovered the silent language of elephants, low frequency "Infrasound" that can travel up to ten kilometers and their audible language from reassuring rumbles to frightened trumpets and squeals. They will also tell you about the poaching and its effect on the elephants.

BUSH BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR DINNER

This is fantastic way to end an early morning game drive or to surprise your guests with a sumptuous lunch. After your guests have been on a game drive they are driven to a private location in the bush where a full breakfast buffet or a BBQ hot lunch is laid up with clothed tables and chairs and drinks served by waiters. A bar serving cold drinks including wine, beer and soft drinks is also set up (drinks are generally charged on consumption but this will vary according to the supplier used).

HELICOPTER SCENIC FLIGHT TO MT.KILIMAJARO

This Scenic Flight to Mount Kilimanjaro is spectacular and is done as day breaks because the mountain gets covered in fog later in the morning. Nothing else comes close to touching the magic of vertical flight, from the moment you lift into the air to the second the helicopter settles gracefully back on the ground, it is an unforgettable experience! Take your seat as the pilot climbs gracefully to over 1,000 feet above ground and accelerates to over 80 miles an hour. You will be left awestruck as your helicopter pilot points out all the iconic features on this scenic flight.



Activities - Tsavo National Park



NGULIA RHINO SANCTUARY

Established in 1986, the Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary remains a stronghold for black rhinos as well as a breeding ground to help bolster other rhino sanctuaries and wild populations. What started off as a population of three rhinos has grown to an estimated 71 individuals. The Intensive Protection Zone, an unfenced but highly protected area just outside of Ngulia where many of the Ngulia rhinos have been relocated, holds another 19 rhinos. Only available at certain properties.

MZIMA SPRINGS

Mzima Springs are a series of four natural springs in Tsavo West National Park, Kenya. They are replenished with two hundred and twenty million litres of crystal-clear water every day, from the underground streams stemming from the Chyulu Hills, 40-50 kilometres away. Mzima forms a haven for a rich wildlife pageant with elephant soaking half immersed in the waters, the light footed but ponderous looking hippo, apparently weightless, tip-toeing across the bottom, crocodiles basking on the bank or swirling through the water; gazelles, zebra and giraffe wandering around the banks through the thick acacias and raffia palms together with hundreds of chattering monkeys and birds. Only available from properties in Tsavo West.



Activities - Tsavo National Park

MUDANDA ROCK

Mudanda Rock is a massive whale-backed rock, 1.5km long, which erupts from the plains between Manyani Gate and Voi. It is an excellent vantage point from which to survey the waters of the natural dam that lies at its foot and potently draws to it many hundreds of wallowing elephant. This area is a favourite leopard haunt.

CHAIMU CRATER CLIMBS

The Chaimu Crater is a viewpoint high up, from where you have a stunning view over the park. Eagles, buzzards and falcons can be seen there flying over the park. Best done in the morning.

LUGARD FALLS

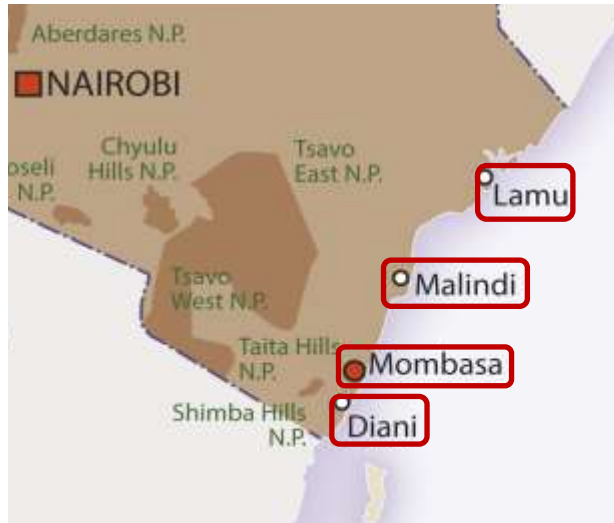
Lugard Falls is a long stretch of rippling white water cataracts and a favourite spot for sunbathing crocodiles. The falls gush through a small fissure, before dropping to Crocodile Point below, where the river changes its name to the Galana.

SHETANI LAVA FLOW & SHETANI CAVES

The Shetani Lava Flow is the largest of a whole series of lava flows in the park. The caves used to be notorious for trapping prey animals that had stumbled inside in search of water, and then trapping predators that had followed them.



Activities - Kenyan Coast



SOUND & LIGHT SHOW AND DINNER AT FORT JESUS

Guests will be transferred to Fort Jesus where they will be welcomed with a traditional cocktail. This is followed by a 30 minute *son et lumiere* (sound and light) show on the history of the East African coast and Fort Jesus. The guests then sit down for dinner after which they are entertained by a live band and dance the night away.

TAMARIND DHOW CRUISE & DINNER

At about 5.30 pm guests make their way down the Tamarind jetty where they will climb aboard their Arab dhow and sail beneath Fort Jesus, sipping cocktails as the sun sinks. They will then have a seafood or steak dinner, before the band picks up the tempo and the dancing starts beneath the tropical sky. The cruise ends at about 10 pm.

DEEP SEA FISHING

Kenya is one of the most famous destinations for deep sea fishing in the world. The vast array of billfish that can be caught along the coast include black marlin, sailfish, tuna, dorado, barracuda, wahoo, bonito, striped marlin and blue marlin. We at A&K are proud supporters of the catch & release program. Trips start at 6.30 am and guests can either go out for a full day or a half day.



Activities - Kenyan Coast



SHIMONI SLAVE CAVES

Formed millions of years ago by coral polyps under the sea, there are several caves that were once interconnected and believed to extend some 5 kilometres inland. At the height of the infamous slave trade in 18th and 19th centuries, slaving dhows from Arabia came down on the monsoon winds to the East African coast returning with the slaves as cargo. This visit lasts about 15 - 20 minutes. The walk is easy, however guests will need to descend a manmade staircase down to the caves. When the guests reach the bottom the caves are well lit and on flat ground. Available from properties located in Diani.

ARABUKO-SOKOKE FOREST

The Arabuko-Sokoke Forest Reserve is the largest stretch of coastal dry forest remaining in Eastern Africa and due to its sheer diversity it is the second best bird-life area in Africa. The diversity of species is incredible with 270 different birds, 261 butterflies, 79 amphibians, 52 mammals and more than 600 different plant species. The forest walks are short. Available in properties located in Malindi and Watamu.

HELL'S KITCHEN

A 30 minute drive from Malindi is Hell's Kitchen which is an odd sandstone canyon that might be Kenya's best kept-secret. It has been named Hell's Kitchen due to the soaring temperature that during the hottest part of the day (11:00 - 15:00) can reach 50° C / 122°F. The most ideal timing to visit is from 16:30 until sunset (approx. 18:30). The visit begins with a guided walk around the canyon followed by watching the amazing sunset. The walk is about one to two hours long. Available in properties located in Malindi and Watamu.

WASINI ISLAND / KISITE MARINE PARK EXCURSION

This trip takes your guests to the Kisite Marine Park – branded as home of the dolphins! There is fantastic snorkelling, scuba diving and sustainable, responsible dolphin watching here. They will have a delicious sea food based lunch on Wasini Island including drinks. The trip leaves early in the morning and finishes in the late afternoon. Available from properties located in Diani.

Activities - Kenyan Coast

DONKEY RACES

Lamu, just off the coast of Kenya, has been called the donkey capital of Africa. A small island with 24,000 people, 6,000 donkeys, and just two cars. It is a place where there are donkey traffic jams, the largest humanitarian organization is a donkey sanctuary, and donkeys are the key to earning a living. Donkey races are a popular past time and is the most anticipated event at the annual Lamu Cultural Festival.

DHOW PRODUCTION

The dhow is a traditional boat synonymous with navigation along the Kenyan coast, reflecting centuries of design evolution and a primary vehicle of trade and cultural exchange. While the number of dhow boat builders has declined in most regions, the art remains vibrant in the Lamu archipelago where the boats still play a major part in daily life and livelihood. Characterized by a narrow frame that sits low in the water and a massive sail, there are many sizes of dhows, ranging from small canoe-like mashuas to huge ocean-going jahazis.

HENNA PAINTING

Henna is decoration used by women at weddings, ceremonies and celebrations among the communities living along the East African Coast. It is applied by a woman onto the skin of another with a small thin stick, often a toothpick or a matchstick. Fingernails and toenails are often painted, too. The woman must then sit very still and allow the henna to dry so that it doesn't smear. Once the henna is dry, the paste is peeled or washed off, leaving the dye on the skin. The dye mostly made from tea leaves stays on the skin for two to three weeks.

SAIL ON THE TUSITIRI DHOW

Dhows are traditional wooden sailing vessels originally built for carrying exotic spices and goods along the Indian Ocean trade routes. This historic dhow was originally built as a trading vessel over 50 years ago and subsequently restored by her current owners. Tusitiri is today a majestic and comfortable vessel offering dhow safaris in the Lamu archipelago. It is ideal for families or a group of friends wanting a unique and private experience of the beautiful and islands of the north Kenyan coast. A tour of Lamu town can be incorporated and activities such as SUPing, snorkeling, kayaking and fishing are available from the boat. The dhow can be chartered on an exclusive use basis for multi-day dhow safaris for up to 10 guests. Tusitiri is also available for day trips from Lamu for up to 20 guests.



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