

Kenya Conservation

1 Week

Overview

School students always enjoy visiting the wonderful country of Kenya, where they can work directly with some of the world's most incredible wildlife. Many of these animals are endangered and need the protection of volunteers.

Students will have to be flexible to adapt to the Kenyan way of life and will develop communication skills as they work closely with local people.

Caring for animals requires initiative, time management, and leadership skills, as volunteers plan ways to be have a meaningful impact during their time in the country.

They'll also help to build facilities to keep the conservancy running smoothly, improving the lives of locals who live there.



Highlights

- ▶ Track lions and care for giraffes
- ▶ Spot animals, such as hippos and buffalo
- ▶ Build facilities, including eco-stoves
- ▶ Develop personal and employability skills
- ▶ Explore incredible national parks

Accommodation

Shared dormitories

Transport

Private bus, safari vehicle, and foot

Responsible Travel

We offset 100% of carbon emissions associated with your in-destination transport. We're committed to being fully climate-positive by 2024!

By travelling with us, you're making a positive contribution to the economy of communities around the world, supporting local jobs.



Arrival

Volunteers board their plane with anticipation, knowing that they're heading into an exciting new world.

Day 1

Sunday

Arrival & Induction

They touch down in Nairobi, Kenya's lively capital. After passing through border control, they're greeted by a member of staff wearing a Projects Abroad t-shirt.

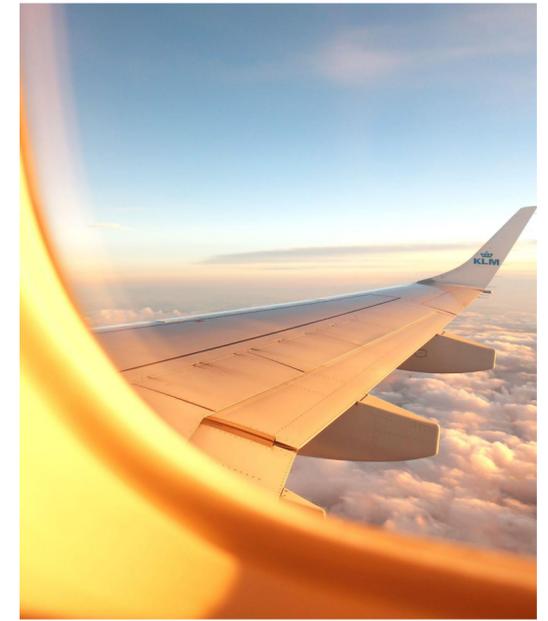
Volunteers are taken to a shuttle bus, which will carry them to the Soysambu Conservancy in around three hours.

The First Day

Living in a conservancy is a different experience from staying in a town or city. Volunteers are given an induction to help them settle in.

They're shown around the area, giving them a sense of the amenities that are available. During this time, they can pick up a local sim card and get some cash for the coming days.

There is also a cultural awareness course to help volunteers bond with local people.



Day 2 Monday

Introduction to the Project

Planning for the Week

The first morning is spent planning for the week ahead. Students from different schools collaborate with local conservation experts to decide what the priorities are for the coming days.

With the expert guidance from our staff, students cultivate their time management skills by creating a schedule for the week, along with a list of goals they want to achieve.

Spotting Animals

Students spot different animal species and learn about the environmental challenges to their existence.

With the help of local experts, students use their critical thinking skills and knowledge to come up with realistic solutions.

Already, they feel the excitement for the chance to help African wildlife.



Evening Fun

After a busy first day, students have time to relax, meet local people, and enjoy a lesson in East African dance. With joy and laughter, they move to the enchanting drum beat.

It's during this time that students develop their social skills, communication, confidence, and cultural understanding.

As night falls across the conservancy, students drift to sleep to the wild soundtrack of nocturnal creatures.

Days 3-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Conservation Work

The main role of volunteers throughout the week is to maintain the conservancy for the benefit of its inhabitants.

The week is filled with activities that allow students to improve or develop a range of skills. Students get involved in maintaining waterholes, removing alien plants, collecting data by observing wildlife, monitoring camera trap footage, surveying giraffes, tracking lions, and mapping GPS signals.

They strengthen their teamwork skills and enjoy the confidence that comes with getting their hands dirty, completing both manual and cognitive tasks.



Cultural Events

Evenings are spent building up the communication, collaboration, and social skills of students. Volunteers engage in various cultural activities, including a basic Swahili lesson and local cooking lessons. This is a chance for students to form valuable friendships.

Day 6 Friday

National Park Visits

Fun at the Lake

After completing work on Friday morning, the group is taken to explore beyond the Soysambu Conservancy.

They head to nearby Lake Nakuru and marvel at its serene, shimmering beauty. For an even more magical experience, local staff take the group onwards to Lake Victoria, Africa's largest lake by area.

Here, volunteers spot flamingos and learn about the special place that freshwater has in the hearts of the people and animals of Africa.



One Last Night

There's one last chance for the group to bond with each other and the local people. They enjoy their final delicious Kenyan dinner and go to bed bursting with pride for the work they've completed.



Saying Goodbye

It's been an unforgettable week for all involved and now it's time to say goodbye. Volunteers pack their bags and thank the local staff for the experience.

During the three-hour drive back to the airport, volunteers have a chance to read back through their reflective diaries. Having kept track of all they've achieved, it's easy to see the amazing impact they've had.

The world's greatest animals remain safe, the community-run conservancy remains open, and local people have what they need to thrive.

Day 7 Saturday

Leave Kenya



Final Thoughts

The flight home is a chance to reflect on the week with pride. Beyond the good work students have done for wildlife in Kenya, they've also built skills and gained confidence in their abilities.

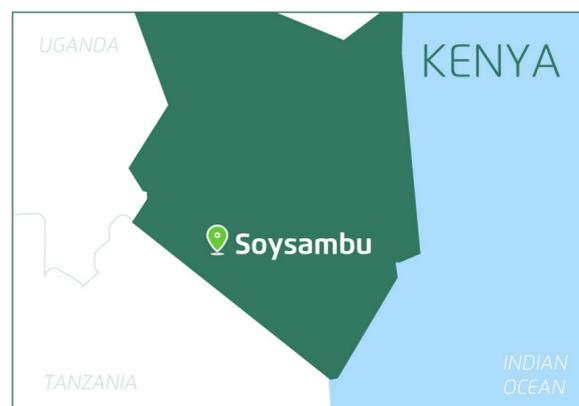
We wish them the best of luck for the future and hope this trip inspires them to do great things!



Employability Skills

Our Kenya Conservation Project will encourage students to develop their employability skills. Students will be expected to work on building the following **twelve 21st Century skills**:

1. **Critical Thinking** - identifying the best ways to conserve the wildlife in the conservancy.
2. **Creativity** - Engaging in the creative culture of the Maasai people, such as dancing.
3. **Collaboration** - Working together with locals and students from other schools.
4. **Communication** - Students will learn speak with local people and overcome language barriers.
5. **Information Literacy** - Conducting wildlife surveys and making sense of the data.
6. **Media Literacy** - Engaging with Kenya media sources and viewing the world from a new perspective.
7. **Technology Literacy** - Trawling through camera trap footage and mapping GPS systems.
8. **Flexibility** - Adapting to the Kenyan way of life.
9. **Leadership** - Taking charge of daily tasks and motivating the team.
10. **Initiative** - Deciding on the best way to complete conservation tasks.
11. **Productivity** - Making the most impact with less than a week to do it.
12. **Social skills** - Bonding with fellow volunteers and local people.



Student Learning Outcomes

INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE

Students will be immersed in new cultures, gaining an understanding of their role within our global community and developing cultural awareness.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Students will be pushed out of their comfort zones. They will build their confidence and resilience through team activities and life experiences.

HEALTHY ACTIVE LIVING

Students will be encouraged to prioritise their self-care, enhancing their physical and mental well-being.

EMPOWERMENT

Students will be empowered to think for themselves, challenging the "status-quo" and cultivating transformative decision-making mindsets.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Students will be exposed to new perspectives, engage with real-world challenges and contribute to sustainable development initiatives.

Our Promises

IMPACT

We're not your average travel company; our core mission is to make positive change. For three decades, we've supported the vulnerable and protected our natural world.

IMMERSION

Our programmes are unlike other trips. Students don't just skim the surface, they are required to engage with real issues, challenging their preconceptions.

INTEGRITY

Our integrity is everything to us. We promise safe, immersive, impact-driven travel and that's what we deliver.



Kenya Fact Sheet

From the chaos of inner-city Nairobi to the sweeping tranquillity of its national parks, Kenya has a diverse and wonderful culture. There's no better place on the planet to see the world's most amazing animals.

A proud and forward-looking democracy, Kenya is in touch with its ancient origins. Visitors to the country have an opportunity to learn about the Maasai people who live there.

FUN FACTS

- ▶ Africa's second-highest mountain is Mount Kenya
- ▶ Kenya is home to over 50 nature reserves and national parks
- ▶ 68 different languages are spoken in Kenya
- ▶ Kenya has strong laws protecting animals from hunting

Destination Information	
National Language:	Swahili, English
Population:	54 million
Currency:	Kenyan Shilling
Time Zone:	GMT +3
Capital:	Nairobi
Calling Code:	+254
Dominant Religions:	Christianity, Islam
National Dish:	Nyama choma
National Animal:	Lion
National Bird:	Lilac-breasted roller



Wildlife

Kenya has some of the world's greatest wildlife and there's no better place to spot it than on a Conservation Project!

Visitors should look out for Africa's big 5: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, and buffalo. There's much more than this, though, including giraffes, hippos, and flamingos.

Sadly, many of these animals are in desperate need of protection, which is why volunteers are in great demand.



Food

Food is important in Kenyan culture and visitors will be warmly welcomed with some local cuisine.

The national dish is nyama choma, a succulent and flavoursome grilled goat meat. A staple of the national diet is ugali, which is made of ground white corn.

Historical ties to India mean visitors can also find exceptional Indian food in Kenya, including biryani and pilau.

Get in Touch!

We've designed our trips to maximise your impact and experience. If you have any questions or specific requests, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

We have Project Experts available 9:00-17:30 (GMT) Monday-Friday to help you with anything you might need.



Culture

Kenya is an incredibly diverse country, home to over 120 tribes. Each one has its own customs and traditions.

On our Conservation Projects, volunteers interact with the Maasai people, who are well-known for their bright dress and distinctive jumping dances.

Bonding in spite of cultural differences requires developing strong awareness and communication skills.



Community

Community is at the heart of Kenyan life - a fact that visitors to the country quickly find out. Traditional dress is a way of signalling which community you belong to.

Religion is an important part of modern community life, with more than 85% of the population identifying as Christian and a further 11% following Islam.

Doing community work on a project is a great way to explore these cultures and help them continue to thrive.

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