

Insider Access & Day Experiences
KENYA




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Our selection of **day experiences** encompass a wide selection of full and half day excursions allowing guests a tailor made experience to suit their individual interests.

Our **insider access** works to satisfy our guests' demand to delve into the culture of the country they are visiting – to understand, interact, and ultimately, to expand their own horizons and privy to the excitement of rare and authentic experiences in Kenya.



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Insider Access



Meet Jonathan Scott

Enjoy an evening of entertainment with Jonathan Scott, the famous BBC Big Cat Dairy and Big Cat Week's presenter. Jonathan will regale you with hilarious tales of his time filming in the Masai Mara and Serengeti and provide you with insider information on the Big Cats of these two superb areas of East Africa.

Forest Folk Stories

Become enchanted with the tales passed down from generation to generation in the midst of one of Nairobi's beautiful forests. Learn about the great warriors and tricky tortoises in this fascinating and enthralling experience.





Vivacious Vintage Vehicles

Explore the leafy suburbs of Nairobi on a half day tour in one of Kenya's best kept Vintage Vehicles, many of which have a unique history such as the one featured which was driven by Robert Redford in *Out of Africa*.

You can also choose to tour the workshop and see how the 20 cars in the collection are maintained before enjoying a ride to the Karen Blixen Museum.



Golf & Dinner at Karen Golf and Country Club

Enjoy a round of golf on what once used to be part of Karen Blixen's Farm which, in 1937, became the Karen Golf and Country Club. Then make your way to the formal dining room for dinner, usually reserved for members only.

Flip Flop Art

Flip flops - casual beach wear which wash up on the beaches of Kenya as a plastic menace. Visit Ocean Sole to see how they are turning these shoes into works of art and try your hand at creating your own flip flop animal.



Raptor Rehabilitation

Meet Zoe Gibbs the founder of the Raptor Rehabilitation Centre and some of her feathered friends in the garden of your Nairobi hotel. Enjoy an interesting and interactive session with these magnificent creatures and gain a unique understanding of how they hunt, breed and much more.



Collaring an Elephant

Set out in a helicopter with the Mara Elephant Project (MEP) in the Masai Mara and assist the team put a tracking collar on an elephant. Vital information is transmitted from the device which helps MEP in the fight against poaching and reducing the human wildlife conflict in the area.



Professional Photo Shoot

Capture those special moments with the ones you love on safari or in Nairobi with one of our dedicated professional photographers. They will join you for a day of your journey giving you the ultimate memento from your trip to Kenya.



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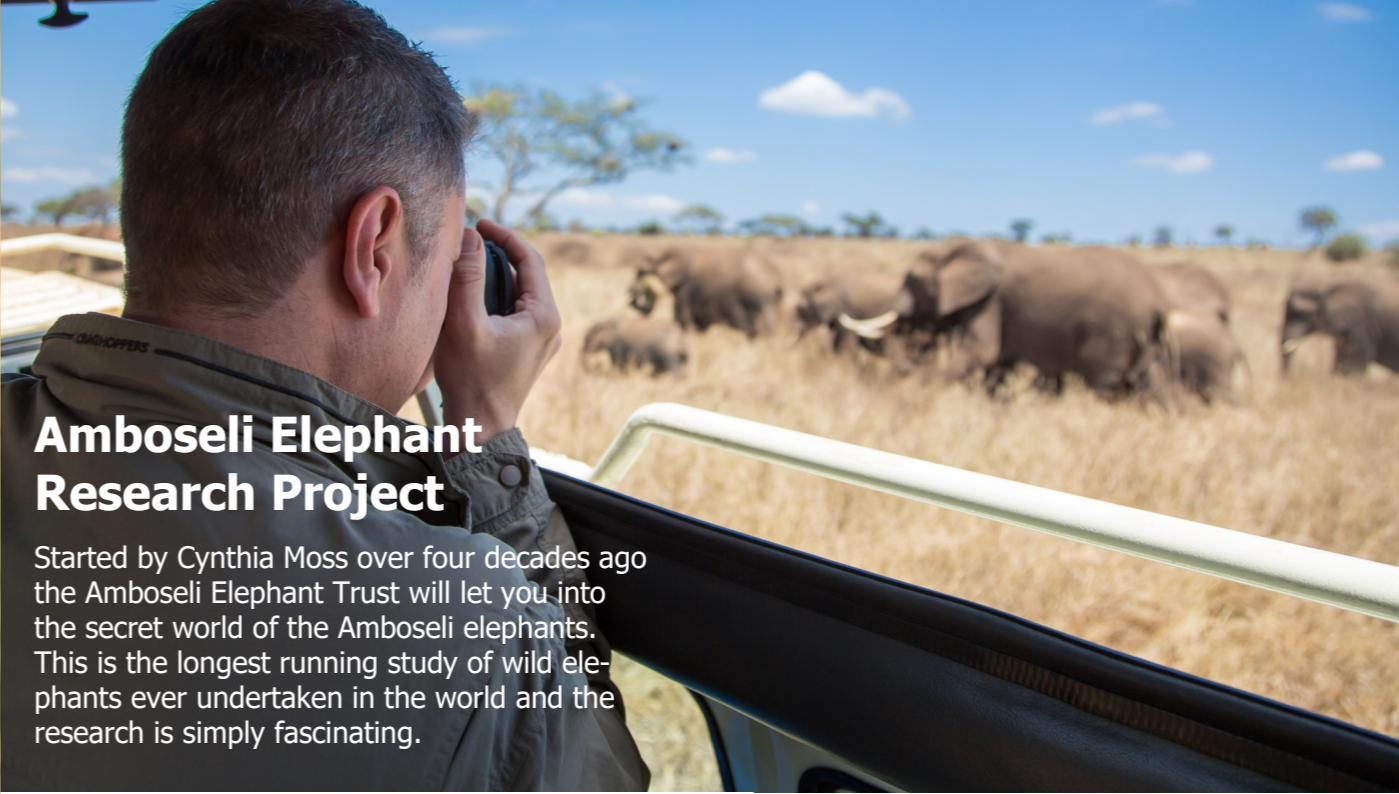
Akorn DMC Philanthropy (AKP) supports schools in the Masai Mara National Reserve and Amboseli National Park through its Safe Water for Schools initiative. This brings LifeStraw filters to remote schools giving students and teachers access to clean drinking water.

Visit one of the schools on your journey, interact with the children and see what a positive impact this project has.



The Meru-Mara Cheetah Project

Sit down with Dr. Elena Chelysheva and learn about what the project is doing to preserve Africa's dwindling cheetah population. Currently Kenya is considered one of the strongholds on the continent and Elena provides you with a unique insight into why.



Amboseli Elephant Research Project

Started by Cynthia Moss over four decades ago the Amboseli Elephant Trust will let you into the secret world of the Amboseli elephants. This is the longest running study of wild elephants ever undertaken in the world and the research is simply fascinating.



Shopping with Lana Trzebinski

Explore the world of high end fashion and jewellery in Nairobi with Lana Trzebinski. Daughter of the famous designer Anna Trzebinski and artist Tonio Trzebinski Lana now has her own fashion, jewellery and ceramics lines which are all created in Nairobi. Meet designers and see what is emerging from this vibrant city.




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Day Experiences



Browns Cheese Farm & Factory

Brown's Farm has been in the Brown's family for over 35 years. Spend an afternoon at the farm and tour the factory, see how cheese is made and enjoy a three course lunch made with 100% home-grown ingredients. After lunch, go on an extensive tour of the biodynamic vegetable garden and even milk a cow.



Nairobi National Park

Unbelievably close to the human bustle of the city, the park is home to a wide variety of wildlife including the endangered black rhino, lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, buffaloes and much more. 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.



Nairobi Safari Walk

Explore the boardwalk that runs along the edge of the Nairobi National Park and over the enclosures that have been built to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that are rescued from around the country.



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 colorful 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.

Nairobi National Museum & Snake Park

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.



Kazuri Beads

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 Railway Museum

Step back in time at the Nairobi Railway Museum and discover what it cost, both in monetary terms and human life, to build the railway from Mombasa to Uganda during the colonial era.



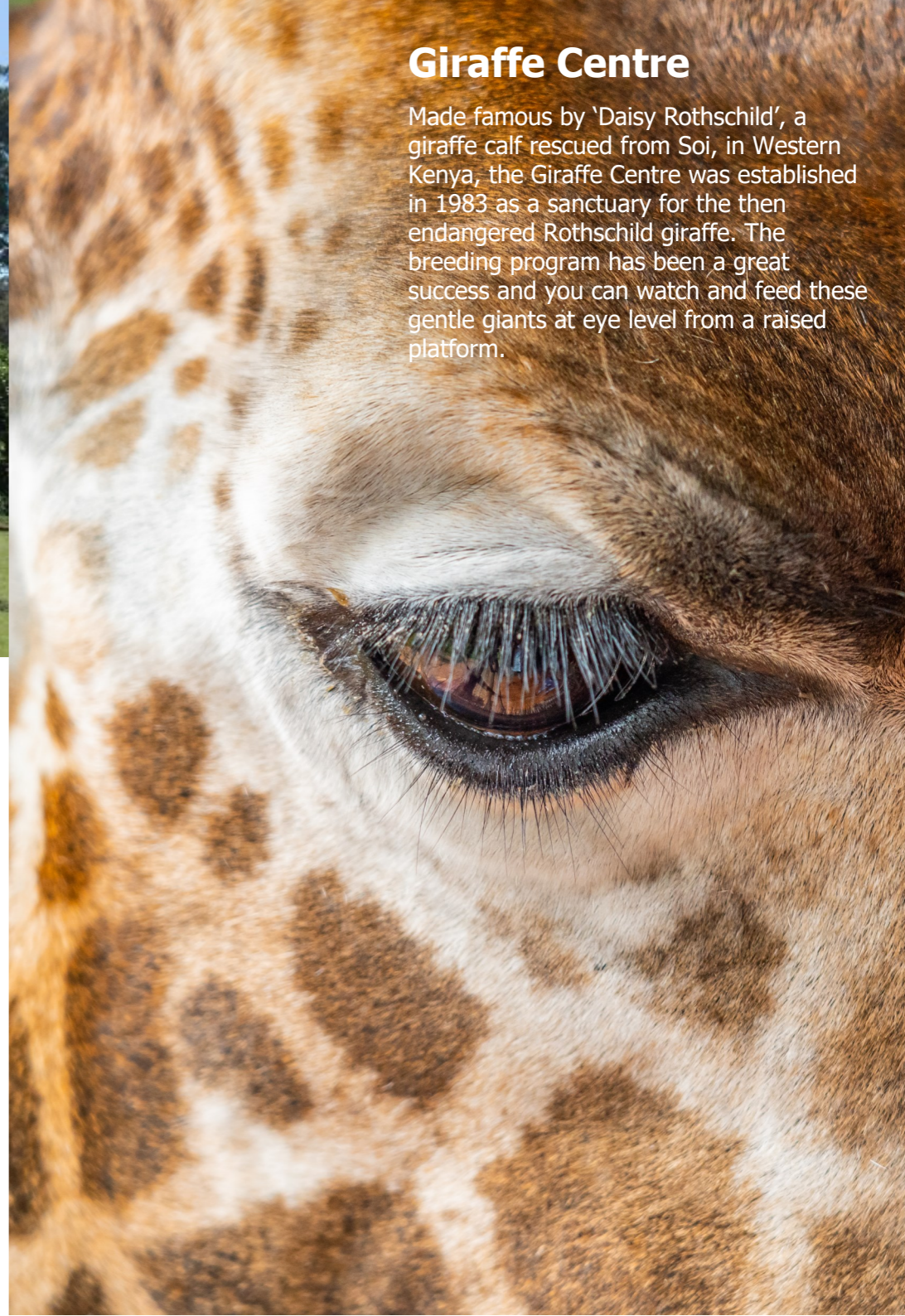
Karen Blixen Museum

Made famous by the film 'Out of Africa' the Karen Blixen Museum give you glimpse at typical colonial life in Kenya at the turn of the twentieth century. The house contains some of Karen's original belongings as well as some replicas.



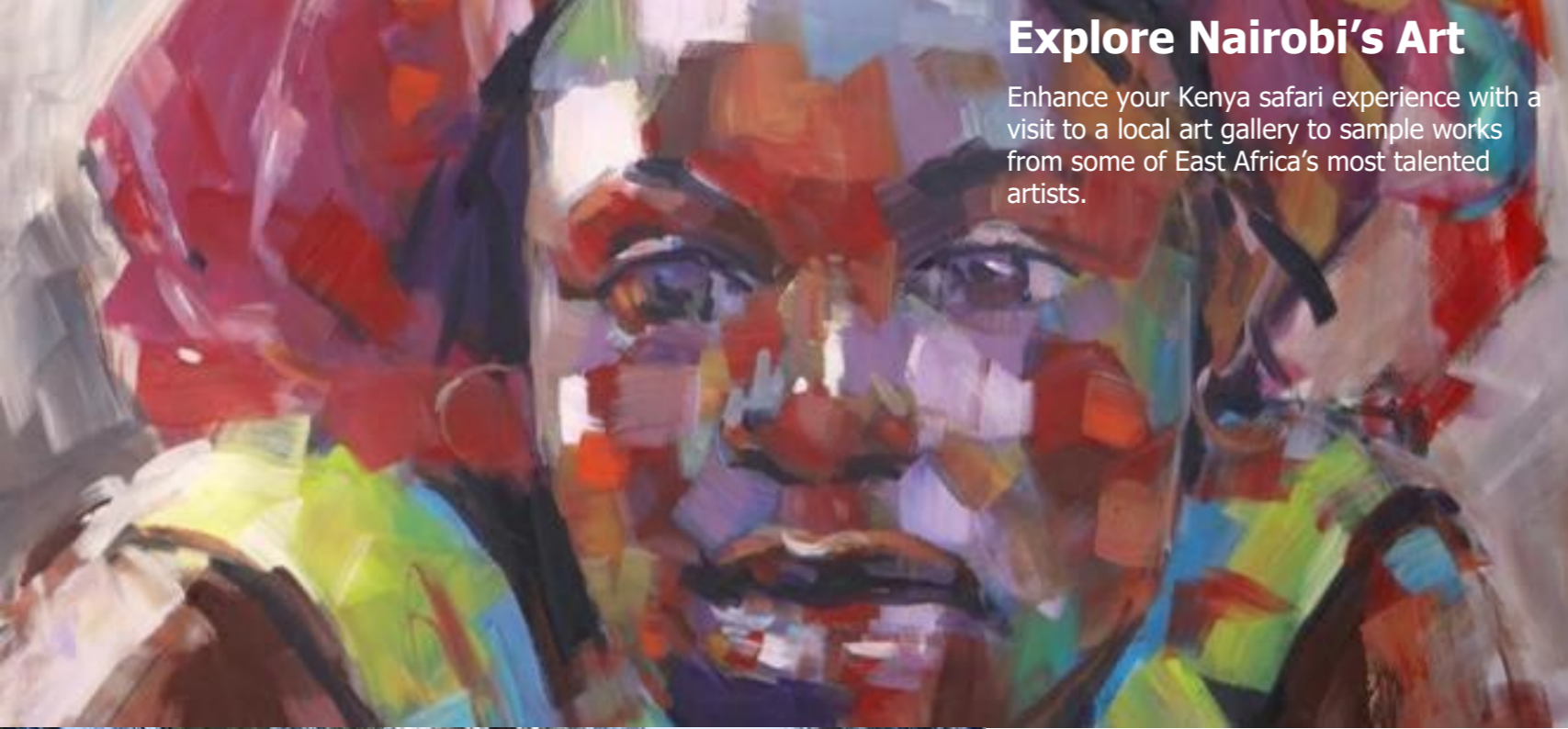
David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage

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 at 11:00 am. For guests that have adopted an elephant there is a semi private encounter with them at 5.00 pm. There is also a private encounter at 3.00 pm which includes watching the elephants come in for their feed and being put to bed.



Giraffe Centre

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



Explore Nairobi's Art

Enhance your Kenya safari experience with a visit to a local art gallery to sample works from some of East Africa's most talented artists.



Sustainable Farming

Explore one of the small farms around Nairobi and learn how they are feeding Kenyan's using sustainable farming practices that allow them to produce delicious, organic food without damaging the environment.

Bomas of Kenya

Bomas of Kenya offers a cultural tour of Kenya's major ethnic groups through a display of the culture's traditions in music, dance, theatre, exhibitions and so much more.

Dining Out, in the Bush

A superb way to end a morning game drive or a romantic sundowner, meals out in the wilderness give you that intimacy with nature that you cannot get when sitting in a camp or lodge. Enjoy breakfast out on the plains of the savannah or arrive to the romantic glow of lanterns for an evening under the stars.





Walking Safaris

A fantastic way to get out of the vehicle and learn about the smaller animals as well as learning how to track them from the little traces they leave behind. Offered in most areas of Kenya walks can be short, half an hour or so, or for those that want to experience the wilderness on foot multi day walking safaris can also be arranged.



Meet the Anti-Poaching Teams

Across Laikipia the private conservancies are working hard to combat the poaching menace which has threatened the existence of rhinos and elephants. Meet the teams and the tracker dogs who make the protection of these threatened species possible.

Explore the waters of Lake Naivasha

Cruise through pods of hippos and listen to the shrill cry of the Fish Eagle while on a boat ride on Lake Naivasha, Kenya's second largest fresh water lake. Whilst out on the water stop off at Crescent Island for a walk through the herds of zebras and giraffes that reside here.



Mountain biking through the Wild

Exploring the wild by mountain bike gives you the chance not only to stretch your legs but also to encounter the wildlife from a different perspective. Available in most properties in Laikipia and in Hells Gate National Park this is a great activity to add on to any safari.

Balloon Safari

Take-off just before sunrise and float across the savanna as the sun starts to break and the spectacle of the sights and sounds of the wildlife comes to life. Ascend into the blue of skies of Kenya for a panoramic view of the vast untouched wilderness below. After touch down, celebrate the adventure with a glass of champagne and breakfast in the bush.





Camel Rides

Across Laikipia it is possible to head out into the plains on the back of a camel. Should you wish to explore the wilderness without the sound of a vehicle ask us about walking safaris that are supported by camels - a truly authentic way to experience the landscape.



Cultural Encounters

Kenya has 42 different tribes many of which still hold true to their ancient traditions in the face of the modern world. Choose to visit the Masai, Samburu or Pokot whilst on your safari and get a glimpse into their way of life.



Horse Riding Adventures

Whether you are a novice or an experienced rider there is something for everyone and riding out on the open plains in amongst the wildlife is second to none. Available in Amboseli, Laikipia and the Masai Mara this unique activity gives you the chance to interact with the wildlife in a completely different way. For those that would like a longer adventure ask us about the multi day horse riding safaris.

Exploring Kenya From Above

Helicopters offer the most exciting way to explore Kenya's stunning northern landscapes, some of the most diverse and varied in the world. Choose to fly up Mount Kenya for a morning of fly fishing, explore Ol Lolokwe - a massif mountain that is sacred to the Samburu Tribe, or soar over the 'jade sea' - Lake Turkana.

There really is no better way to take in the raw, un-spoilt beauty of Kenya's exquisite landscapes.





Step back in time at Fort Jesus

Walk through the guarded entrance of Fort Jesus in Mombasa and be transported back in time with the sound and light show. Learn how the Arabs and Portuguese raided the coastline of East Africa for many years before giving way to the British Colonials. Afterwards enjoy a dinner under the stars.



Dinner on the Tamarind Dhow

Step aboard a magnificent dhow (a traditional sailing boat) for a night of music and laughter. Enjoy a seafood feast on board whilst sipping on the Kenyan Cocktail 'Dawa' before taking to the dancefloor in the centre of the dhow.



Deep Sea Fishing

Kenya boasts some of the best deep sea fishing experiences on the African Coastline. Proudly catch and release fishing can be organized for a full or half day adventure.