

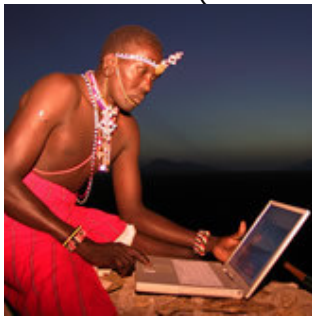


COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Activities: Conservation, Community Participation, Education, Gap Year, Child Friendly, Photography, Safari, Wildlife

Location: Tsavo, Kenya

Duration: 1 month (minimum)



Technology and culture combine



Community computer training



Interviewing members

Guide: Leigh Ecclestone

COSTS

£790 for the first month (or part of)

£168 per week thereafter (or part of)

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 Nairobi

New arrivals are met on arrival and transferred to the meeting point for the Varan Bus departing at 10am, arriving in Maungu Village at 3pm. You are met on arrival in Tsavo and taken on a short drive across the Kasigau Trustlands to the Taita Discovery Centre.
1 Overnight Taita Discovery Centre (full board)

Days 2,3 &4 Taita Discovery Centre, Kasigau

3 full days & nights of guided orientation on the 170,000 acre conservation area managed by the Kasigau Conservation Trust: opportunities for game drives, guided walks, waterhole observation & general familiarisation with the local eco-system, rural community structure and customs.
3 overnights Taita Discovery Centre (full board)

Days 5-14 Kasigau Bandas

Our volunteers stay in a rural village in the Kasigau Wildlife Trust lands at the foot of Mount Kasigau, a fascinating mountain steeped in history with its own cloud forest ecosystem creating an isolated hardwood forest atop the only elevation for miles around. You stay in simple accommodation specially built in the style of the local homes, known as the Kasigau Bandas. You buy and prepare your own food from local shops and get involved in a number of community based development projects under the guidance of our community liaison officer.

9 overnights Kasigau Bandas (self-catering)

Days 15&16 Taita Discovery Centre

Return to the Taita Discovery Centre for some rest and relaxation, opportunities for game drives, research, night and day bush walks.

2 overnights Taita Discovery Centre (full-board)

Days 17-26 Kasigau Bandas

You return to Kasigau for a further 10 days working on your assigned Community Development project in one of the rural villages. Each project has four key benefits:

Educational exchange: which enlightens both Kenyans and overseas visitors about the immense bio-diversity, endemic species and natural wonders of this wilderness and instills the desire to preserve it

Personal growth through participation in the grassroots existence of remote rural communities, with the opportunity to acquire as much knowledge as possible about every aspect of the Tsavo environment

Conservation-in-action: through the introduction of income generating, environmentally sustainable micro-enterprises

Community service by assisting in the funding and implementation of infrastructure improvements to local schools, hospitals and other village resources

9 overnights Kasigau Bandas (self-catering)

Days 27&28 Taita Discovery Centre

You say farewell to your community and are transferred back to the Taita Discovery Centre for some rest and relaxation and a debriefing about your experience and project progress. Final opportunities for game drives, day and night game walks etc.

2 overnights Taita Discovery Centre (full-board)

Day 29 Depart

You say farewell to Taita Discovery Centre and the team and are transferred to catch the 11am departure Varan Bus to Nairobi, which drops you off at JKIA Airport.