VOLUNTEER TIME OFF

A JOURNEY OF PURPOSE AND CONNECTION

What if your journey became a gift rather than an escape? What if your journey changed lives? What if every mile you traveled carried hope, every encounter built understanding and every moment left a lasting imprint on the lives you touch? This is more than a vacation; it is a pilgrimage of the heart. We invite you to step off the well-known tourist paths and into the lives of the resilient, vibrant people of Kenya. Through this journey, you won't just see the beauty of our landscapes; you will become part of the story that builds our future.

Sustainable impact

At Royal Star Expeditions Ltd, we believe in **Sustainable Tourism**. We don't just show you the world; we work to protect it. **50% of the profits from your expeditions are channeled directly back into the very communities you will visit**, **funding education, clean water and healthcare**.

Vetted Community Integration

Our volunteers stay with carefully selected and vetted host families, offering a safe and authentic experience of rural Kenyan life.

Urgent, Documented Needs

We have identified critical infrastructure and resource needs at three primary schools in Machakos County in Kenya: Konza Primary School, Kasengela Primary School, and Tulila Primary School.

KEY PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR GROUP / ORGANISATION / INDIVIDUALS:

1. **Classroom Refurbishment**

Renovate existing classrooms to create safe and conducive learning spaces for all learners.
Classroom floors are worn out, cracked and have uneven surfaces.

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2. **Washrooms (Toilet / Pit Latrine)**

Build strong and permanent pit latrines and toilets with proper doors and clay roofs.

Pit latrines are in poor condition.





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Some have broken doors and rusted iron sheets.





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Others have been blown away by wind.





3. **Repainting**

Freshly paint classrooms, walls and hallways to provide a welcoming and motivating school environment.

Classroom walls have visible cracks.



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Dirty classroom walls.



4. Furniture

Provide durable desks, chairs and shelves to improve classroom organization.

Four learners share one desk.



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There are no shelves to place water bottles and lunch boxes.





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School bags are placed on the floors.



There are few classroom shelves to hold books



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5. **Kitchen Upgrade**

Build properly ventilated kitchens with modern cooking facilities.

Firewood for cooking exposes learners and cooks to a lot of smoke.





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No dish washing sinks.





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Kitchen roof in poor conditions.



Kitchens are not well-ventilated.



6. Classroom doors and Windows

Repair and replace broken doors and windows.

Classrooms have no doors and exposes learns to cold.



Classrooms do not have glass panes.



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7. **Dining Area**

Build dining areas to ensure learners eat meals in a clean environment.

Learners have their meals on the floor.





Learners eat with hands as they lack basic cutlery like spoons.



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8. Water Supply

Installing additional water tanks and digging boreholes. Most schools have one or 2 water tanks that do not provide enough for cooking, drinking and washing hands.





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No enough water tanks to support school kitchen gardens that provide vegetables through irrigation.





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9. Learning Resources

Provide textbooks, class readers, storybooks, pens, pencils, colouring books, painting books, modeling clay, crayons, whiteboards, smart boards and other teaching aids to support effective learning.

A classroom with worn out blackboard and sinking floors.





Small learners do not have study materials like painting books and modeling clay.





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10. <u>Uniform, school shoes and socks</u>

Supply pupils with proper uniform, socks and shoes to protect their feet.

A boy walks barefoot.



A girl wears torn shoes.



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A pupil queues to use a pit latrine without shoes.



Some pupils have torn sweaters.



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Pupils don't have shoes.





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A girl doesn’t have proper school shoes and socks.



Some learners don’t have sweaters



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11. **Sports and Games Kits**

Provide equipment for physical education and extra-curricular activities to encourage fitness and holistic development.

This is the only ball in the school; it is torn and deflated.





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Some learners do not have games kits and sports shoes.





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12. **Extra Classrooms & Offices**

A Place to Learn and Lead. At Konza, Tulila, and Kasengela Primary Schools, students are often squeezed into overcrowded spaces and teachers lack dedicated offices to prepare lessons. Currently, none of these schools has sufficient classrooms or administrative blocks to support a dignified learning environment.

13. **School Libraries: Opening Windows to the World**

A library is the heart of a school, yet for the children in these three Machakos schools, a "library" is a luxury they have never known. Without books or a quiet place to read, their world remains small.

14. **ICT Rooms & Labs: Bridging the Digital Divide**

In a world driven by technology, the students at Konza, Tulila and Kasengela are being left behind because they lack ICT rooms and science labs. The "digital divide" is a daily reality here, where computer literacy remains a distant dream.

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15. Feeding Programs: No Child Should Learn on an Empty Stomach

Hunger is a silent barrier to education in Machakos County. Currently, none of these schools has a sustained feeding program, meaning many children spend their entire day without a single meal. It is impossible to concentrate on a lesson when your stomach is empty.

16. Sanitary Towels, New Cotton Inner-wears & Bathing Soap

Students in the schools lack access to basic sanitation essentials, which greatly affects their dignity, health and school attendance. There is an urgent need to provide sanitary towels**,** brand-new cotton innerwear (not second-hand) and bathing soap.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

We provide a seamless experience, including airport transfers, a stay in Nairobi upon arrival and full logistical support during the mission.

We have two options as per your schedule and time frame in Kenya.

Option 1
Village School Visits;
1 Day Trip
2 Days 1 Night
3 Days 2 Nights

Option 2
Village School Visits plus a Safari;
5 Days 4 Nights
7 Days 6 Nights
9 Days 8 Nights

Upon request, we can customize the village visits to fit your schedule, especially those who may wish to stay for long during volunteer teaching, physical education training and Mentorship.

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO NAIROBI, THE GREEN CITY IN THE SUN

Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO), you will be met and greeted with warm smiles from the Royal Star Expeditions team. After a long flight from your home country, we will whisk you away to the Argyle Grand Hotel for dinner / lunch and an overnight stay.



Argyle Grand Hotel offers a comfortable, secure and serene stay, ideal after long international journeys. Its strategic location allows smooth and time-efficient transfers via major roads. It is near the airport.

The hotel is known for high cleanliness standards, reliable service and spacious rooms. A calm atmosphere helps guests rest and recover before continuing their activities. Quality dining options cater to diverse dietary needs with consistent, hygienic service.

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DAY 2: A VISIT TO VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN MACHAKOS COUNTY

With the dawn of a new day, you shall be up early to experience the tranquil morning magic. After an early morning breakfast, you shall proceed to check out from your Nairobi Hotel in preparation for the journey to the village.

Thereafter, representatives from Royal Star Expeditions will pick you up by 8:00 AM and embark on a journey towards the heart of Machakos County.

The vehicles shall roll away from the city, leaving behind the concrete jungle for the lush landscapes of the countryside. You will see lots of beautiful scenery throughout your journey to the villages.

A Canvas of Rolling Hills and Valleys: As you leave the city behind, the horizon begins to ripple with the iconic Mua and Iveti Hills. These emerald-green ridges rise sharply against the sky, creating deep, dramatic valleys that seem to cradle the morning mist. Other hills are: Kibauni, Maluini, Kititu and Ngoni Hills. These hills are characterized by thick-dense forests that are habitats to several wildlife, including the different antelope species like the kudu, dikdiks, gazelles, wild pigs, reptiles like snakes, hyenas, wild hare, squirrels, monkeys and baboons and over 450 bird species.



Iveti hill

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Seasonal Magic: If you travel during the rainy season (March to May or November to December), the landscape erupts into a vivid, lush green. You'll cross several winding streams and small rivers that come alive with flowing water, carving silver paths through the verdant earth.



A seasonal River in Machakos flowing from a nearby hill

The famous Athi River also passes near the villages. This river is home to hippos, crocodiles and several fish species.

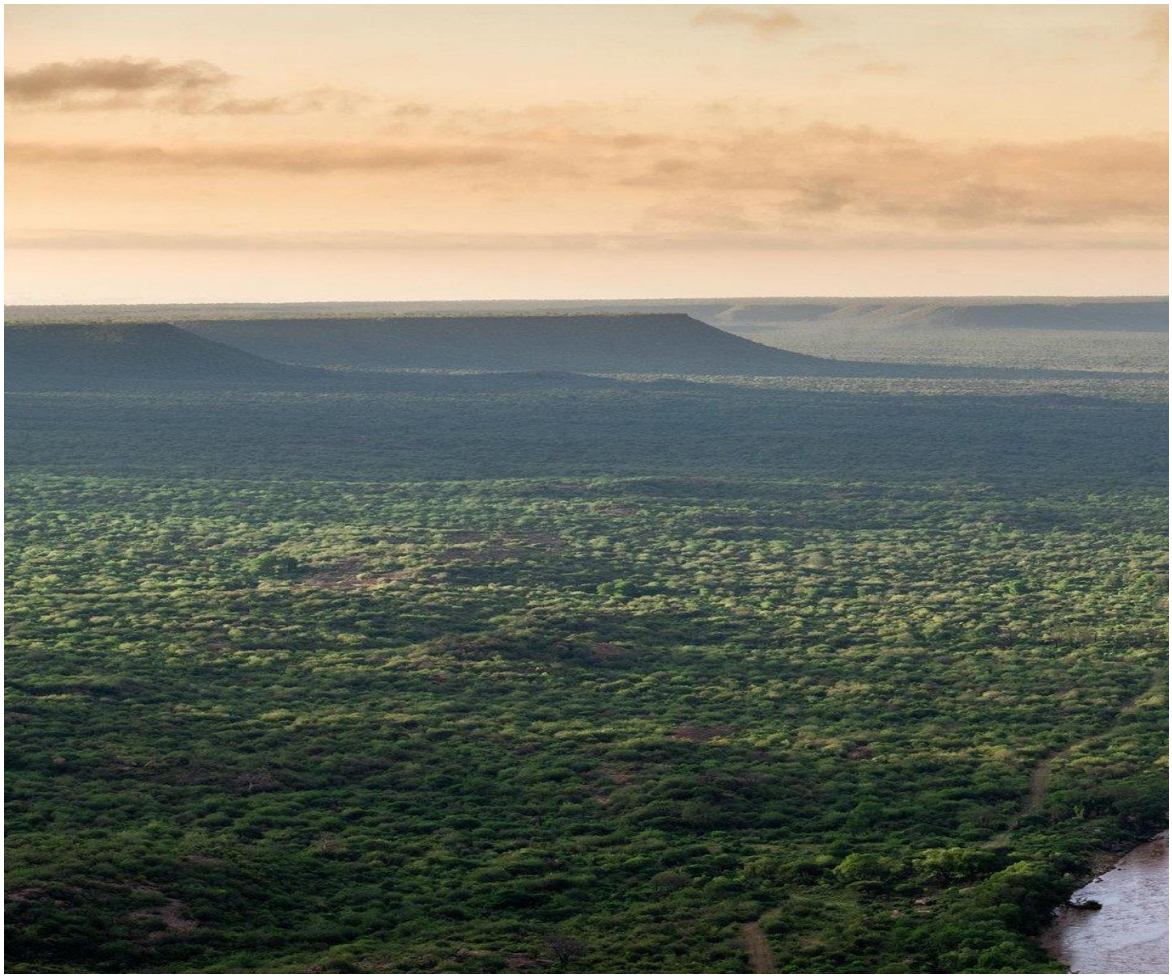


Aerial view of the Athi River as it meanders across the village plains

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The Yatta Plateau, **Nature's Giant Table:** The true showstopper of this journey is the Yatta Plateau, one of the world's longest lava flows, stretching over 300 kilometers.
The "Table-Like" Marvel: This massive, flat-topped ridge rises over 100 meters above the surrounding plains, looking like a giant's dining table.

Volcanic History: Characterized by its hardened volcanic rock, it serves as a silent testament to prehistoric eruptions from Ol Donyo Sabuk Mountain. Its unique shape dominates the skyline, offering a jagged, otherworldly backdrop to your drive.



The Yatta Plateau

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Life in Motion

Captivating Farmlands: The scenery is not just in the land, but in the people who call it home.



Aerial View of farm lands

Vibrant Farm Life: The roadsides are a tapestry of greenery, where farmers tend to their livestock, herds of cattle and goats grazing peacefully in open fields.



Livestock herding in open fields

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Open-Air Markets: You'll pass through bustling trading centers like Yathui and Ikalaasa, where open-air markets overflow with colorful local produce. The air here is filled with the scent of fresh earth and the energetic hum of trade, inviting you to stop and experience the authentic warmth of the Akamba people.





Open Air Markets

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Thrilling Detours

The Gravity-Defying Hill: Near Machakos town, keep an eye out for Kyamwilu (Kituluni) Hill. This "magic" spot is a must-see thrill where water appears to flow uphill and cars in neutral mysteriously roll against the slope, an optical illusion that has baffled travelers for decades.



Kyamwilu Gravity

After two and a half hours drive, you shall arrive at one of the schools between 11:00 AM and 11:30 AM. Following your arrival, the school head teacher shall then give a brief introduction of the school and tour you around the facility.

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It is from the tour of the schools that you will experience the gaps of each of the schools you will visit.

The choice of what to do and how much to contribute is entirely yours. **Whether you participate hands-on or provide materials, your involvement will directly support the improvement of the schools**. You are free to select activities that we highlighted above and that you are passionate about and participate in during your volunteer time. All options are available based on your interests and how you would like to contribute.

Additionally, 50% of the profits Royal Star Expeditions Ltd will make from this program will be channeled back to fund these school projects. Volunteers are, of course, welcome to donate more if they wish, further amplifying the impact of their contribution.

After a successful day of familiarization, our guide shall take you to your host family for an evening wind-down and Dinner. **Host families are carefully vetted and selected to ensure your safety and comfort. You will stay with your host family, experiencing their day-to-day life and sharing in the amenities they use in their daily routines.**

DAY 3, 4 & DAY 5: VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE VILLAGE SCHOOLS

The day begins with breakfast shared with the host families, allowing you to experience a typical Kenyan morning routine within the community and engage in warm, morning conversations with your hosts.

This time allows visitors to better understand local family life, values and traditions before departing for the day's volunteer activities.

Later, you shall proceed to your respective schools. This is where your volunteer journey begins. We invite you to participate in supporting the schools. Your involvement is flexible and entirely depends on your budget and personal preferences, giving you the freedom to choose how you would like to contribute to the school's development.

You can select activities that resonate with you or that you feel passionate about.

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Over the past years, Royal Star Expeditions has actively supported needy schools through various donations and volunteer initiatives.



Our Managing Director, Ms. Winnie Mbesa donating sanitary towels to pupils in the needy schools in previous years.



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Our Managing Director, Ms. Winnie Mbesa donating Bar Soap to pupils in the needy schools in the previous years



School shoes donations to pupils in the needy schools in previous years

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Our Managing Director, Ms. Winnie Mbesa donating school socks to pupils in the needy schools in previous years





Our Managing Director, Ms. Winnie Mbesa donating school books to pupils in one of the needy schools in previous years

Later in the evening, you shall spend your time learning invaluable skills from the villagers. Under the guidance of local hosts, guests will take part in food preparation using locally sourced ingredients, gaining insight into traditional cooking methods, flavors, and the cultural significance of shared meals within the community. This experience encourages interaction, storytelling and cultural exchange in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

You shall discover the art of preparing Muthokoi, a flavorful dish celebrated in local cuisine, alongside Brown Ugali and Sour Milk that tantalizes the palate.

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A village woman cooking using firewood



Villagers Making Sour Milk

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Village Women Collecting Firewood



Villagers ploughing and sowing using a team of oxen

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Village Women preparing Soap



Donating Soap to the Village locals

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Village Woman Fetching Water from the Stream



Village Woman Carrying Water on her back

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The experience concludes with a cultural interaction session with the Kamba community. This includes traditional music and dance, storytelling and open discussions that highlight Kamba customs, heritage and social values. Guests are encouraged to ask questions and share experiences, creating meaningful connections before returning to their host families for dinner and an overnight stay.



You will also have the opportunity to purchase authentic souvenirs from local artisans. These handcrafted items reflect the rich culture and creativity of the community, making them meaningful keepsakes from your journey. By buying directly from the artisans, you support local livelihoods and contribute to sustainable tourism while taking home unique pieces that tell the story of the region.

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DAY 6: MACHAKOS TO AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK

This day begins with breakfast with hosts, after which guests bid a warm farewell to their host families, marking the end of their homestay and community immersion experience. The group shall then depart by 9:00 AM for a road transfer to Amboseli National Park.

Your drive will cover around 180 kilometers, hence it will take approximately two to two and a half hours at most to arrive at your destination.

"**Home of African Elephants**"

Crowned by Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, the Amboseli National Park is one of Kenya's most popular parks. The name "Amboseli" comes from a Maasai word meaning "salty dust", and it is one of the best places in Africa to view large herds of elephants up close. Nature lovers can explore five different habitats here, ranging from the dried-up bed of Lake Amboseli, wetlands with sulphur springs, the savannah and woodlands. They can also visit the local Maasai community who live around the park and experience their authentic culture.



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Upon arrival, you shall proceed to check-in at Amboseli Sopa Lodge. Proceed to relax and energize as you await for evening refreshments followed by lunch and afternoon relaxation.

Set along ancient elephant routes and seasonal marshes, Amboseli Sopa Lodge enjoys sweeping views of the mountain and easy access to wildlife. It blends comfort with authenticity, making it an ideal base for game drives and cultural encounters.

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Built with sustainability in mind and working closely with local communities, Amboseli Sopa is a place where nature, conservation and warm Kenyan hospitality come together.



The rooms feature a bed, bathroom with shower, wardrobe/closet, desk and a chair, dressing mirror, mini safe, tea and coffee making facilities. The bathroom features a hair dryer, toiletries and towels.



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Guests can enjoy local and international cuisine at the onsite restaurant. The lodge's restaurant offers a wide selection of scrumptious dishes, including traditional Kenyan cuisines and international favorites. Meals are served buffet-style, with a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian options available.





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The lodge features a swimming pool where you can dip yourself as you enjoy the cool and serene environment of Amboseli.



You will have ample time to soak in the serene beauty of Amboseli. The lodge offers endless opportunities for adventure and relaxation.

Prepare to head out for your afternoon game drive in the park by 3:30 PM. An afternoon game viewing in a safari land cruiser is a great way to start your adventure. Most of the animals will be out searching for dinner. If you are lucky, you might film a hunt.

You shall continue your safari, perhaps venturing into different parts of the reserve to track elusive predators, watch herds of zebras or enjoy the stunning birdlife that thrives in this diverse ecosystem.

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Your driver guide will take you to a different part of the vast park, giving you a chance to experience everything that the Amboseli has to offer.



The view of Amboseli for the first time can be overwhelming so take it all in and don't forget to take photos. It will soon be dark and by 6:00 PM, your guide will drive you back to your lodge for dinner and hopefully a good night's sleep.

Relax, rejuvenate and prepare for the next day that packs in a lot of adventure.

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DAY 7: AMBOSELI NATIONAL PARK TO TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK

Following a peaceful night at your accommodation, start your day with a delightful breakfast, relishing the flavors of delicious delicacies. As the sun begins to rise, casting a warm glow over the savanna, it is time to bid farewell to Amboseli and by 8:00 AM, commence your journey towards Tsavo West National Park. Your drive will cover around 120 kilometers, hence it will take approximately two hours to arrive at your destination.

Upon arrival, you shall head to check in at Ngulia Safari Lodge. Later on enjoy a leisurely lunch, savoring the flavors of local cuisine prepared with care and expertise. Immerse yourself in a culinary celebration of flavors, textures and aromas.



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Ngulia Safari Lodge offers a unique and unforgettable safari experience in the heart of Tsavo West National Park. The lodge combines comfortable accommodations with an authentic bush experience, offering modern amenities while immersing visitors in the beauty of the African savannah.



Many rooms provide stunning panoramic views of the surrounding landscape and watering holes, giving guests the chance to observe wildlife right from the lodge. With delicious local and international cuisine, excellent hospitality, and a range of activities.

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Guests can enjoy local and international cuisine at the onsite restaurant. A range of drinks is served at the bar. The lodge's restaurant offers a wide selection of scrumptious dishes, including traditional Kenyan cuisine. Meals are served buffet-style, with a variety of vegetarian and non-vegetarian options available.



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The lodge's strategic location within the park gives guests direct access to incredible wildlife sightings majorly a leopard that comes during the late evenings.

After lunch and relaxation, a thrilling afternoon game drive awaits by 3:30 PM. This afternoon safari shall provide the opportunity to explore different areas of Tsavo West, potentially spotting rare wildlife. The park's unique landscapes, from rolling hills to vast plains and rocky outcrops, offer plenty of photographic opportunities.

Later in the evening by 6:00 PM, head back to the lodge as the sun sets. You can enjoy an evening of relaxation with dinner served in the lodge's restaurant. Relax, rejuvenate and prepare for the next day.

DAY 8: FULL DAY GAME DRIVE IN TSAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK WITH A PICNIC LUNCH

On this day of your Tsavo West safari, you will have a full-day game drive in a safari vehicle. This means you will only return at sunset after enjoying all the views of the game park. You shall wake up early by 7:00 AM to savor a hearty breakfast, without wasting time you shall embark on your full day game drive. Get ready for an unforgettable safari adventure as you delve into the heart of Tsavo West and discover its untamed beauty.

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So much so like the evening game drives, morning game drives are an overflow of wildlife, birds and unique ambiences. Sunrise mainly makes this one a little more memorable. Your exclusive open roof top land cruiser traverses the breathtaking panorama, exposing you to varieties of wildlife and beautiful vegetation. You will get to learn so much more from our guide.

Morning game drive offers a captivating opportunity to witness the African wilderness come alive with the dawn of a new day. Animals are often more active making it ideal time for wildlife viewing. Be on the lookout for predators on the move as well as catch glimpses of diurnal species before they seek shade during the heat of the day.

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The soft morning light casts a golden glow over the landscapes, enhancing the beauty of scenery providing an excellent light for photography. It is magical time to capture images of actively moving wildlife.



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Your game drive will be led by an experienced guide who will not only point out wildlife but also engage you in the process. Learn about animal behavior, habitats and conservation efforts while actively participating in spotting wildlife. Feel free to ask your guide to stop for you to take better photos or a video of something interesting.



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By 1:00 PM, your guide will assist in finding the perfect spot for your picnic lunch, whether it's under the shade of a towering acacia tree or overlooking a scenic vista.

Spread out your picnic chairs and unpack your delicious lunch, enjoying a leisurely meal in the heart of nature. Take your time savoring each bite as you soak in the tranquility of your surroundings, with only the sounds of the wilderness as your sound track.



One of the most exciting parts of the safari is having a picnic lunch in the middle of the savannah.

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It also makes time for some very Instagram-worthy photos, so take every chance you can to immortalize your Tsavo West safari. After lunch, you will embark on the second part of your safari.

Your driver guide will take you to a different part of the vast park, giving you a chance to experience everything that Tsavo West has to offer.



As the day starts to cool, embark on an afternoon game drive to catch the glimpse of nocturnal animals and predators on the hunt. Keep your cameras ready for amazing photo opportunities against the backdrop of grand vegetation and skyline ensuring that you return with incredible photos to cherish forever.

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Later in the afternoon, you shall visit Shetani Lava, this geological wonder showcases the aftermath of volcanic activity with its vast expanse of black lava flows. The fascinating story behind its name, which means "devil" in Swahili, adds an intriguing element to the visit. The rugged terrain and unique formations provide excellent photo opportunities and a chance for you to witness the raw power of nature firsthand.



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Mzima Springs: These crystal-clear natural springs are a hidden oasis within the arid landscape of Tsavo West. You can observe hippos, crocodiles, and various species of fish in their natural habitat from the underwater viewing chamber. The lush surroundings offer a stark contrast to the surrounding dry savannah, highlighting the importance of water sources in sustaining life in the wilderness. Additionally, the guided nature walk along the scenic trails allows for a deeper appreciation of the local flora and fauna.



By including visits to both Shetani Lava and Mzima Springs, you will gain a comprehensive understanding of the geological and ecological diversity that makes Tsavo West such a remarkable destination.

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The drive will span till evening when you can take advantage of the sunset and the tranquil ambience to take some photos. By 4:00 PM, you will then drive slowly in the direction of your lodge in the evening. Enjoy the fullness of the park as the animals come out again to graze for dinner.

DAY 9: DEPARTURE

This day marks the end of your adventure. After a relaxing night's sleep, wake up to a final breakfast at 8:00 AM. You will proceed to check out by 9:00 AM. A representative from Royal Star Expeditions will pick you up and transfer you to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) to catch your flight back to your home country. He will drop you off and then bid a fond farewell.

END OF SAFARI

Included in the Safari Cost:

- ✓ Accommodation for 9 days, 8 nights as per itinerary.
- ✓ Return airport transfers by a luxury air-conditioned vehicle.
- ✓ Meals on bed and breakfast basis in Nairobi, full board with host families in Machakos, Full board basis in Amboseli and Full board basis in Tsavo West.
- ✓ Ground transportation from Nairobi to Machakos.
- ✓ Game drives as mentioned by a safari Land Cruiser.
- ✓ Services literate English driver/guide.
- ✓ Park entry fees to Amboseli National Park.
- ✓ Park entry fees to Tsavo West National Park.
- ✓ Government taxes.

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Excluded from the Safari Cost:

- ✓ Excursions & other activities not indicated as per the itinerary with a request
- ✓ Personal Taxes.
- ✓ Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines, cigars and cigarettes.
- ✓ Drinks, tips, laundry, telephone calls and other items of personal nature.
- ✓ Medical cover and insurance.

NOTES:

- ✓ Transportation is shared by 6 adults in a safari Land Cruiser. Please note the price will change if the number of pax is below 6. (Upon request, we will prepare quotes for individuals).
- ✓ Bookings are only valid upon making payments.
- ✓ 50% of the profits Royal Star Expeditions Ltd will make from this program will be channeled back to fund these school projects.
- ✓ Carry your Resident's cards/passports.
- ✓ We are not holding rooms and they will be subject to availability.
- ✓ We reserve the right to re-route the itinerary when there is no availability of a service, i.e., accommodation to another of similar standard.
- ✓ The rates quoted are subject to change without prior warning if there are any increases in bed levies, park fees, fuel, sales tax or VAT, third-party services and season's low seasons and peak seasons or any other circumstances beyond our control.

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- ✓ Medical cover we advise you to get from your home country.
- ✓ **75%** booking fee should be paid upon confirmation and the balance payment **21** days prior to travel dates.
- ✓ Trading terms apply.

How to Make a Lasting Impact

Beyond your physical presence, you can choose to "***Adopt a Project***" or contribute by donating specific items that directly support our initiatives.

1. **Learning Resources**:
   Pencils – USD 1 per pack,
   Pens – USD 2 per pack,
   Colouring books – USD 3 per piece,
   Painting books – USD 3 per piece,
   Crayons – USD 4 per pack,
   Modeling clay – USD 4 per pack,
   Class readers – USD 3 - 10,
   Storybooks – USD 3 - 10,
   Textbooks – USD 5 - 12,
   Whiteboards – USD 80,
   Smart boards – USD 2,500.

2. **Sanitary Towels, New Cotton Inner-wears & Bathing Soap**:
   Bathing soap – USD 4 per pack,
   New Cotton Innerwear – USD 15 per pack of 6,
   Sanitary Towels - USD 50 per box, per student (to last a year).

3. **Sports and Games Kits**:
   Full games Kit - USD 25 per set,
   Balls – USD 35 per piece.

4. **Uniform, school shoes and socks** - USD 65 per full set.

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5. **Furniture** – USD 80 per set (Desk and chair).

6. **Feeding Programs** - USD 250 per pupil per year.

7. **Classroom Doors and Windows** – USD 1,500 per classroom.

8. **Full Scholarship** – USD 500 to USD 700 (covers tuition for a bright student for in both Junior secondary and Senior Secondary for one year).

9. **Repainting** – USD 600 per classroom.

10. **Water Supply**:
    Water Tanks – USD 950 per tank.

    Boreholes – USD 7,500 per borehole.

11. **Washrooms** – USD 5,860 per 6 door block.

12. **Classroom Refurbishment** - USD 5,900 per classroom.

13. **Extra Classrooms** – USD 7,800 per classroom.

14. **Kitchen** – USD 10,500.

15. **School Library** – USD 25,500.

16. **Dining Hall** – USD 27,500.

17. **ICT Rooms & Science Labs** - USD 38,000 per lab.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Ethical Storytelling:

We respect the dignity of our community. Royal Star Expeditions Ltd holds **written and signed consent forms** from the parents and guardians of all pupils. This allows us to share their images and stories with you responsibly.

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Inner-wears:
To ensure the highest standards of hygiene and personal dignity for our recipients, we kindly request that all donated innerwear; including panties and underwear, be brand new and in their original packaging. While we deeply appreciate all contributions, we are unable to accept second-hand items in this category. We specifically recommend cotton fabrics for their health benefits and comfort.

Sustainable Giving:
We focus on "hand-ups," not just "hand-outs." Every project is designed to be maintained by the community long after you return home.

Packing for a Purpose:
We will provide a specific list of items (books, clothing, school supplies) that you are welcome to bring in your luggage to donate directly.

- Participants are welcome to donate **whatever they feel comfortable giving**. Every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful difference and is deeply appreciated by the community.

- If you already have suitable **give-away items** such as **black leather school shoes, home clothes,** or **gently used items in good condition**, you are encouraged to bring them along.

- For **school uniforms**, school sweaters and school socks, we kindly recommend purchasing them from **local shops within the village**. This not only ensures the correct sizing and school standards but also supports local businesses.

Volunteer Teaching:
Volunteer teaching and spend time in classrooms supporting pupils' learning and literacy.

Mentoring or life skills sessions:
Engage pupils in discussions about personal growth, health, or future aspirations.

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The Healing Touch:
Visit a local clinic or assist in projects aimed at building hospitals, ensuring a mother doesn't have to travel a day's journey for basic healthcare.

LONG-TERM GOALS FOR THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE:

- **Comprehensive School Facelift**

Full renovation of school buildings, including painting, structural repairs, and general maintenance to create a safe, welcoming, and inspiring learning environment.

- **Repair and Replacement of Furniture**

Repair of damaged desks and chairs, and production of new classroom furniture by local artisans, supporting skills development and the local economy.

- **Construction of a School Library**

Establishment of a dedicated library equipped with age-appropriate books, reading materials, and quiet study areas to promote a strong reading culture.

- **Construction of a Dining Hall**

Building a proper dining area to allow pupils to eat meals in a clean, dignified and weather-protected environment.

- **Improved Sanitation Facilities**

Construction of safe, durable pit latrines with proper ventilation and privacy, ensuring dignity and improved hygiene for all pupils.

- **School Fencing and Security**

Installation of perimeter fencing to enhance safety, protect school property, and create a secure learning space.

- **ICT Laboratory Development**

Establishment of an ICT lab equipped with computers, power supply, and basic digital learning tools to prepare learners for the modern world.

- **Handwashing Facilities and Soap Supply**

Introduction of permanent handwashing stations with a reliable supply of soap to improve hygiene and prevent illness.

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- **Access to Safe Drinking Water**

Provision of safe and sustainable drinking water through rainwater harvesting, water tanks, filtration systems, or borehole access.

- **Improved School Kitchen Facilities**

Upgrading kitchens to safer, cleaner, and energy-efficient cooking solutions to reduce smoke exposure and health risks.

- **Strengthening the School Feeding Program**

Expansion of feeding programs to ensure consistent, nutritious meals that support attendance, concentration, and overall well-being.

- **Teacher Support and Learning Resources**

Provision of teaching aids, textbooks, and learning materials to improve lesson delivery and student engagement.

- **Environmental and School Greening Projects**

Tree planting, kitchen gardens, and waste management initiatives to promote environmental responsibility and sustainability.

PACKAGES COSTS

ALL QUOTES ARE BASED ON A MINIMUM GROUP OF 6 PEOPLE. A CHANGE IN NUMBER WILL AFFECT THE PRICES GIVEN BELOW. ON REQUEST, WE WILL PREPARE INDIVIDUAL QUOTES.

Date: 5th January 2026 to 10th December 2026 (Excluding Easter Holidays 3rd April 2026-6th April 2026 & Festive season period.

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1. VILLAGE SCHOOL VISITS

AMOUNT IN USD FOR A MINIMUM OF 6 PEOPLE ON SIC BASIS

Duration	Per person cost	Meal Plan	Transport
1 Day	160	Lunch	Landcruiser
2 Days, 1 Night	220	Full Board	Landcruiser
3 Days, 2 Nights	375	Full Board	Landcruiser

2. VILLAGE SCHOOL VISITS PLUS SAFARI

AMOUNT IN USD FOR A MINIMUM OF 6 PEOPLE ON SIC BASIS

Hotel/Camp	Per person sharing in a double/twin occupancy room	Single occupancy	Meal Plan	Transport
5 DAYS, 4 NIGHTS 4*Argyle Grand Hotel-1 night Accommodation at Host Families in Machakos – 2 nights 4*Amboseli Sopa Lodge-1 night	1830	1980	Bed and breakfast Full board Full board	Land cruisers + Return Airport transfers+ ground transfers in Machakos

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7 DAYS, 6 NIGHTS 4*Argyle Grand Hotel-1 night Accommodation at Host Families in Machakos – 3 nights 4*Amboseli Sopa Lodge-1 night 3*Ngulia Safari Lodge-1 nights	2510	2715	Bed and breakfast Full board Full board Full board	Land cruisers + Return Airport transfers+ ground transfers in Machakos
9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS 4*Argyle Grand Hotel-1 night Accommodation at Host Families in Machakos – 4 nights 4*Amboseli Sopa Lodge-1 night 3*Ngulia Safari Lodge-2 nights	3190	3455	Bed and breakfast Full board Full board Full board	Land cruisers + Return Airport transfers+ ground transfers in Machakos

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