



Kenya: Socially Responsible Tourism

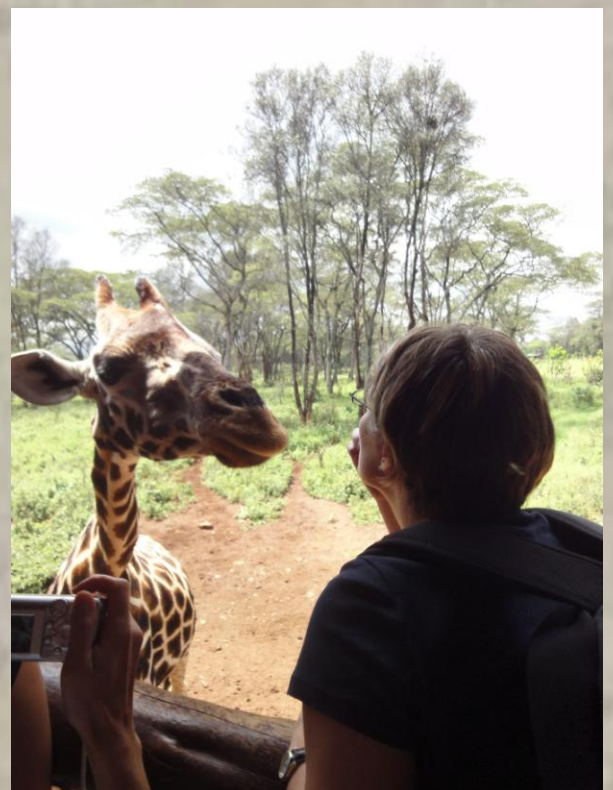
Mission: To uplift impoverished communities in the developing world through creating and supporting sustainable, incoming-generating projects. This trip will focus on an internally displaced persons camp and its new medical center in Nakuru, Kenya.

Day 1: Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya and check into hotel. Nairobi lies on the Nairobi River and is the most populous city in East Africa. It is considered the economic center of the area as it houses many multi-national corporations and international NGO's. Take in the sights as you drive around this bustling capital city.

Day 2: Visit three unique fair trade organizations in Nairobi. These organization support local artisans and help them earn a living that supports their family and keeps them out of devastating poverty. Begin with Kazuri Beads which employs over 300 women making unique ceramic jewelry. Proceed to Amani Ya Juu for lunch at their income-generating restaurant. Amani Ya Juu is a reconciliation project employing women from all over Africa. Finally, stop by Jacaranda and visit with handicap artisans creating one-of -a-kind items. Return to hotel in the evening.

Day 3: Travel to the Rift Valley town of Naivasha in the morning for a boat ride with the hippos on beautiful Lake Naivasha. Enjoy your lunch near the water and then continue to your hotel in Nakuru, the capital of the Rift Valley province of Kenya. Nakuru is known for its stunning flocks of flamingos!

Days 4-6: Volunteer at a camp for internally displaced persons that has been transformed into an eco-village with help from The Village Experience. Contribute to micro-financing and community development projects. Micro-financing is the process of giving very small loans to individuals who then use the money to grow their new or current business to the extent that they are can provide a good living for themselves and their families. It allows individuals to make a big step in lifting themselves out of poverty. You will also participate in the construction of a new medical facility that is very much needed in this area. Lunch in the village. Return to hotel in the evening.



Day 7: Safari! Enjoy a full day safari in Lake Nakuru National Park to spot the “big five”: lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino, and elephant. Stop for lunch at The Lake Nakuru Lodge. This lodge plays a huge role in conservation efforts and actively works with surrounding communities to lift them out of poverty.

Days 8 -9: Volunteer at Nakuru’s Child Discovery Center to set up a Vocational Skills Training Center for the children in the Center and others in the local community. Help install training programs including a tailoring project, a barber shop, a computer school, and a DJ/music school. CDC houses over 80 children orphaned throughout Kenya. Lunch at the center. Return to hotel in evening.



Day 10: Visit Mwariki Village Heart to Heart Women’s Cooperative – a group that The Village Experience founded in 2009. Enjoy a walk through the village and participate in a traditional cooking class hosted by the women. You can also purchase their handmade fair trade products! Your purchases contribute to the women’s community tourism program that is creating a sustainable income for themselves and their families. Return to hotel in evening.

Day 11: Enjoy a peaceful free day for relaxation! Shop the local markets, visit surrounding lakes, or continue volunteering in the area.

Day 12: After a lazy morning, return to Nairobi for a farewell dinner and then transfer to the airport for international flight back to the United States.

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