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Kenya Rhino & Elephant Conservation Safari

Be Part of an Inspiring Ecotourism Effort Protecting Endangered Pachyderms

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Trip Details:

Days
12 Days / Dec–Feb, Jun, Oct

Price
From $19995 (+Air)

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Among the oldest mammals on Earth, elephants and rhinos have roamed the African continent for millions of years. Yet these mighty, enduring beasts have become endangered, and some subspecies are threatened with extinction as poaching for their horns and tusks has decimated their numbers. But hope glimmers, with concerted conservation efforts helping these pachyderms step back from the brink. This special safari gives you an intimate look not only at the rhinoceros and elephant, but at the crucial strides being made by local communities to protect and preserve them. Our private and secluded safari camps—exclusively for Nat Hab guests—offer a comfortable, atmospheric base for exploration.

Trip Highlights

Private Visit with the World's Last Two Northern White Rhinos

On the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, meet Najin and Fatu, talk with the keepers who guard them, and learn where hope may lie for the future of their subspecies

Find Abundant Wildlife on Private Conservancies

From our exclusive camps on community conservancies, look for diverse species on game drives and bush walks, and explore the Maasai Mara away from crowds

Meet Orphaned Elephants & Rhinos at Renowned Rescue Sanctuaries

On private tours of the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and Reteti Sanctuary, get close to baby elephants and rhinos rescued from the wild and being rehabilitated to return



Kenya Rhino & Elephant Conservation Safari Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Nairobi
Day 2	Nairobi National Park / Sheldrick Wildlife Trust / Giraffe Center
Days 3–5	Ol Pejeta Conservancy
Days 6–8	Namunyak Conservancy
Days 9–11	Maasai Mara / Olderkesi Conservancy
Day 12	Nairobi



Day 1

Nairobi

Begin in Karen beneath the Ngong Hills

- Settle into a boutique hotel in the historic Karen district, named for Out of Africa author Karen Blixen
- Join your Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner and safari briefing

Our Kenya safari begins in Nairobi, with a transfer from the airport to our boutique hotel in the quiet residential suburb of Karen on the outskirts of the city. This area at the foot of the Ngong Hills is named for Danish author Karen Blixen, also known by her pen name Isak Dinesen, who wrote the famous memoir *Out of Africa* chronicling her life on a Kenyan coffee plantation in the early 20th century. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner with our Expedition Leader and a preview of our safari adventures ahead.

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Day 2

Nairobi National Park / Sheldrick Wildlife Trust / Giraffe Center

Meet the wildlife at the heart of Kenya's conservation story

- Search for black rhinos on a safari in Nairobi National Park
- Go behind the scenes at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust to meet rescued elephant calves
- Feed endangered Rothschild's giraffes while learning about their recovery

After breakfast, meet your guide and head out for your first wildlife experience, a morning game drive in nearby Nairobi National Park. Designated as a protected reserve by the British colonial government in 1946, this 45-square-mile park on the outskirts of the city is home to black rhino, lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, buffalo, giraffe and diverse birdlife, with more than 400 species recorded. Here, we'll have our first rhino encounter and introduction to this very special endangered species.

After our safari and a picnic lunch in the park, continue to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which operates the most successful elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world. The trust's pioneering programs for orphaned elephants—rhinos, too—are a leading inspiration for conservation work in East Africa, with numerous wildlife and habitat protection successes to tout. On a private visit to the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, learn about its history and mission, how the baby elephants here were rescued, and what their care involves until they can be released back into the wild. We'll meet their keepers, watch a feeding, and likely observe some mud bath play as well.

Then it's on to Nairobi's famous Giraffe Center, established in 1983 to protect the endangered Rothschild's giraffe found only on the grasslands of East Africa. The Giraffe Center is the creation of the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife, a Kenyan non-profit whose main purpose is to provide educational programs for Kenyan youth about the country's wildlife and environment, and to offer visitors a chance to come into contact with the world's tallest species, the giraffe. The center has introduced several breeding pairs of Rothschild's giraffe into Kenyan national parks. You'll stand up high on platforms to engage eye-to-eye with these gentle giants, and a chance to feed them by hand is lots of fun.

Days 3–5

Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Meet the world's last two northern white rhinos

- Visit the northern white rhinos with an Ol Pejeta conservation expert
- Search for the Big Five and endangered Grevy's zebras across the conservancy
- Stay at Nat Hab's Rhino Camp while learning how Ol Pejeta protects wildlife and supports neighboring communities

Fly north to the renowned Ol Pejeta Conservancy, located on the Laikipia Plateau. A working cattle ranch established in the 1940s during Kenya's colonial days, Ol Pejeta set aside land for rhino conservation in 1988 and has become a highly regarded trailblazer for conservation innovation. Today it is the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa and home to the world's last two remaining northern white rhinos, a staunchly guarded pair of females that we visit in person, learning about their fate and future with a local conservation expert.

With their sharp, swooping horns, large nostrils, whimsical ears and wrinkled, armor-like hides, Africa's rhinos look both ferocious and charming. The world's largest land mammal after elephants, rhinos can weigh more than two tons. They are among the oldest mammals on Earth, roaming the continent for millions of years. Yet this mighty, enduring beast is threatened with extinction as poaching has decimated its numbers. But hope glimmers, as concerted conservation efforts are helping rhinos step back from the brink.

The conservancy is also home to the endangered Grevy's zebra and has some of Kenya's highest predator densities, yet it still manages a very successful livestock program. Ol Pejeta seeks to preserve the exceptional biodiversity within its 90,000 acres while supporting the people living on its borders, to ensure that wildlife conservation translates to better education, healthcare and infrastructure for the next generation of wildlife guardians. In 2014, Ol Pejeta achieved IUCN Green List status, one of only two conservancies in Africa to be so recognized. The Green List aims to define excellence in managing valuable natural areas.

Nat Hab's Rhino Camp inside the conservancy is the ideal base from which to explore this diverse wildlife haven that contains many of Kenya's endemic northern species. We'll hope to see the legendary Big Five and much more on day and night wildlife drives and guided walks against the backdrop of snowcapped Mount Kenya. At the end of each exhilarating foray into the bush, return to the comforts of our tented camp, redolent with the ambience of East Africa's classic safari era.

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Days 6–8

Namunyak Conservancy

Go behind the scenes of community-led elephant conservation

- Stay at Nat Hab's Elephant Conservation Camp in the heart of Namunyak Conservancy
- Visit Reteti Elephant Sanctuary during an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience
- Search for elephants, reticulated giraffes and other northern Kenya wildlife on game drives and guided walks

A short chartered flight takes us to the Namunyak Community Conservancy in the heart of Kenya's northern frontier. Backdropped by the dramatic Mathews Range, this land is home to the Samburu people, semi-nomadic pastoralists who have raised livestock here for centuries while coexisting in harmony with the region's striking wildlife. Namunyak is one of Kenya's most pristine wilderness areas, serving as a critical refuge for many wildlife species, with important northern populations of reticulated giraffe, gerenuk, leopard, African wild dog, impala lion, greater kudu and many different birds. The conservancy is particularly important for elephants as they move seasonally between the Mathews Range and the Ngare Ndare Forest near Mount Kenya, a route they have used for decades.

Our base for exploration is Nat Hab's Elephant Conservation Camp, where seclusion, comfort and exceptional service are hallmarks of this exclusive experience. Our stay includes a private visit to Reteti Elephant Sanctuary, the world's first such enterprise owned by Indigenous community members. The sanctuary was designed to rescue and release orphaned and abandoned elephant calves while creating much-needed benefits for the local people that live alongside them—inspiring them to recognize the intrinsic value of nature and protecting local wildlife for its benefit to their own well-being.

We have the rare opportunity to go behind the scenes to meet the dedicated local caretakers and to witness firsthand how Reteti is transforming elephant conservation. Observe feeding time, learn the elephants' individual stories, and support a model of conservation that uplifts both wildlife and the surrounding Samburu community. We'll also take game drives and guided bush walks to look for roaming elephants and other wildlife, punctuated with peaceful interludes at camp. The entire experience offers a soulful connection to northern Kenya's people, animals and landscapes—one that few travelers are privileged to encounter, and one that will certainly ignite your own passion for conservation.

Days 9–11

Maasai Mara / Olderkesi Conservancy

Explore a private corner of the Mara from Nat Hab's Mara East Camp

- Search for lions, elephants and abundant plains wildlife across an exclusive conservancy
- Enjoy guided walks, off-road safaris and night drives unavailable in the national reserve
- Learn how private conservancies protect wildlife while supporting Maasai communities

Transfer this morning to the airstrip for our flight to Kenya's famed Maasai Mara. Our first safari destination in the Mara is a vast private conservancy offering unparalleled access to wildlife viewing. Nat Hab's own mobile camp on the Olderkesi Conservancy features bush luxury in classic canvas tents, surrounded by all the natural wonders of the Maasai Mara ecosystem without the crowds. The conservancy model has been a boon to the region's legendary wildlife, creating buffer zones and protecting migration corridors while providing economic benefits to local landowners through responsible safari tourism.

On this private reserve, learn about conservation successes as we experience the Mara's spectacular wildlife in peaceful solitude—with strict limits on guest numbers, our camp is one of just a handful located within its bounds, allowing for unprecedent wildlife viewing of the multitude of species that resides on the conservancy. Great herds of antelope dot the grassy, rolling plains while stands of acacia woodland shelter prolific birdlife. Rich volcanic soils nurture a verdant landscape where we find more lions per square mile than anywhere else in Kenya. Impressive herds of elephant, giraffe and zebra also roam the savanna. Our activities make the most of our unrivaled access to this vast, wild region. In addition to daily game drives, enjoy guided walks, bush picnics, off-road safaris and night drives in search of nocturnal wildlife—pursuits not permitted in the adjacent Maasai Mara National Reserve.

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Day 12

Nairobi

Return to Nairobi after your Kenya conservation safari

- Fly to Nairobi and relax before your international departure
- Gather for a farewell meal celebrating Kenya’s conservation successes

After a rich range of safari experiences, and inspired by the conservation triumphs Kenya has achieved for endangered rhinos, elephants and other wildlife, it's time to fly back to Nairobi today. On arrival, day rooms await for refreshment and relaxation. Later, we'll share a farewell meal to close our Kenya conservation safari before meeting evening departures for international destinations.

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Nat Hab's Mara East Camp—Private Mara Conservancy

Our solar-powered mobile tented camp on a private conservancy in the Maasai Mara offers the ultimate in proximity to wildlife without the crowds—plus night drives and bush walks not available in the national reserve.



Nat Hab's Rhino Camp–Ol Pejeta

Offering a romantic safari experience reminiscent of bygone days, our solar-powered mobile luxury camp offers a host of amenities, even in remote areas far from tourist crowds where wildlife viewing is best.



Nat Hab's Elephant Conservation Camp

A solar-powered luxury camp in Namunyak Wildlife Conservancy, positioned along elephant migration corridors and co-managed with the Samburu community on their ancestral lands.



House of Waine

Set amid manicured gardens in the quiet residential suburb of Karen on the outskirts of Nairobi, the House of Waine, once a private estate, offers an appealing alternative to standardized city hotels.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/africa/kenya-rhino-conservation-safari/accommodations.

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The Difference in a Nat Hab Conservation Safari

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This is the ultimate East Africa experience focused on endangered elephants and rhinos, including visits to renowned conservation projects on community conservancies, behind-the-scenes talks by caretakers and conservation experts, up close and personal encounters with orphaned baby elephants and the last two living northern white rhinos on Earth. Read on:

1. **Rhinos, Elephants...& So Much More**
   On this unique itinerary, you'll enjoy encounters with elephants and both white and black rhinoceros in a variety of locations. And in addition to our pachyderm focus, you'll experience many other wildlife highlights of a classic Kenya safari: Scout for all of the Big Five on three different reserves including the famed Maasai Mara, also noted for its abundant lion population—and look for uniquely adapted northern species such as Grevy's zebra, plus two species of giraffe: reticulated and Maasai.

2. **Private Tour of Sheldrick Elephant & Rhino Orphanage**
   Enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes visit to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in Nairobi, acclaimed for its work in rescuing and rehabilitating orphaned and injured elephants and rhinos. Learn about and meet some of the famous babies during this inspiring experience, and talk with their devoted keepers.

3. **Private Tour of Reteti Elephant Sanctuary**
   In northern Kenya, we have a private tour of the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary, the only such Indigenous-owned and run endeavor focused on rescuing and returning orphaned baby elephants to the wild. A project of the local Samburu community, the sanctuary brings important conservation tourism dollars to the people living among elephants, inspiring them to protect the animals.

4. **Private Mobile Camps on the Ol Pejeta and Maasai Mara Conservancies**
   With our focus on private reserves, there are far fewer people to contend with...and with private occupancy camps, your sense of seclusion is further enhanced. With these small safari camps set aside for Nat Hab guests alone, you'll have a much more palpable sense of wild Africa, when it's just us and the animals.

5. **Exclusive Activities on Private Reserves**
   On safari in private conservancies, as opposed to tightly managed government parks, we can participate in special activities not permitted elsewhere: guided bush walks, off-road exploration, and night drives in search of nocturnal wildlife. Guests who visit only public reserves don't have access to these opportunities.

6. **Internal Flights Maximize Your Time on Safari**
   With four chartered flights from point to point, we avoid long, rugged, dusty drives -- giving you more time in the bush for wildlife viewing...which is what you came for!

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7 **Extra Luggage Allowance—Optimal for Photographers**

We have arranged for additional weight allowance on our flights—a very special feature—ensuring you can take all your camera gear to capture the photos you covet. Most safari flights in East Africa strictly limit luggage to 33 pounds per guest, including carry-on bags, on even the highest-priced trips. Our luggage allowance of 44 pounds per guest makes it easier to travel comfortably.

8 **Open Safari Trucks with a "Window" Seat for All**

Experience exciting game drives in our top-quality 4x4 safari vehicles, never packed to capacity, with an open side view for every traveler – ensuring plenty of comfort and easy access to photography.

9 **Shoulder Season Travel Avoids Crowds**

Our visit is timed for a less-crowded experience in popular Kenya, with exclusive access to fantastic wildlife viewing away from throngs of other safari-goers.

10 **The World's Finest Safari Guides**

Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the finest naturalists on the planet. In Kenya, rather than using local camp guides at each stop, you'll travel from start to finish with our own Safari Expedition Leaders—the most highly trained guides in Africa—dedicated to providing exceptional service. Our photo safaris are led by guides who are also photography pros, adept at coaching photographers of all skill levels. Our Expedition Leaders average more than 15 years' experience each. Their training is further enhanced with materials from WWF scientists. See Expedition Leader bios and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

11 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Superior Safari Experience**

Natural Habitat Adventures offers an exclusive guarantee, which clearly states that we will meet the lofty expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. Read our important promise.

12 **Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey**

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

13 **Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner**

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund—the world's leading environmental conservation organization—has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!

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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $19995 (+Air)

Group Size
Limited to 12 Travelers

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Feb 5 - Feb 16, 2027	**$20495** +internal air	
Jun 16 - Jun 27, 2027	**$19995** +internal air	
Oct 22 - Nov 2, 2027	**$19995** +internal air	
Dec 11 - Dec 22, 2027	**$19995** +internal air	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Jan 15 - Jan 26, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	
Feb 1 - Feb 12, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Jun 18 - Jun 29, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	
Dec 18 - Dec 29, 2028	**From $19995** +internal air	

See https://www.nathab.com/africa/kenya-rhino-conservation-safari/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s), local guides and camp staff, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through lunch on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Internal air: All light aircraft flights within the itinerary (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least $250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins and ends in Nairobi, Kenya. Because this is a long international journey, **we recommend that you arrive at least one night prior to Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, recommended hotels will be included in your pre-departure materials. You must arrive in Nairobi by 5 pm on Day 1 in order to attend the 7 pm welcome dinner.

You may depart Nairobi anytime after 6 pm on the final day.

Our Natural Habitat Adventures Travel Desk can best assist with your travel reservations, as our staff is familiar with the specific requirements of this program and can help arrange the most efficient itinerary. Please call us at 800-543-8917. While we offer the

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best available rates to us on airfare and additional nights' accommodations, you may occasionally find special web rates or lower fares online.



Kenya Rhino & Elephant Conservation Safari Extensions

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Tanzania's Great Migration & Ngorongoro Crater

Witness one of nature's most exhilarating spectacles: thousands of wildebeest and zebra making their annual trek across the Serengeti! Itineraries custom-designed to follow the herds.

$16295 (+air)



Uganda Mountain Gorilla Extension

On a 5-day safari extension in the rainforests of Uganda, track endangered mountain gorillas on one of the world's most moving and heartwarming wildlife adventures.

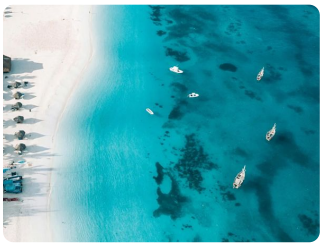
$3995 (+air/permits)



Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Extension

Track endangered mountain gorillas, hike through the rainforest with expert guides and spend rare moments with a habituated family troop.

$4995 (+permits)



Zanzibar Extension

Discover a serene oasis with white sand beaches and clear waters in this Indian Ocean archipelago celebrated for natural beauty, history and culture.

$2095

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