



## **Wildlife Conservation in Kenya**

Excited about Wildlife and being in harmony with nature? Participate in Wildlife conservation efforts at a local conservancy. This program is designed for nature and adventure enthusiasts. Involve yourself in the conservation of Giraffes, Birds, and Colobus monkeys amongst other species.

### **Program description**

Kenya is famously known and recognized for its wildlife which roams freely in the Savanna. Wildlife is a big part of Kenya's economy in general, and also at grassroots levels. In most cases, there are remote communities that live within close quarters with the wildlife. This has over time caused human-wildlife conflicts and in most cases, wildlife has been forced out of their natural habitat for human activities to thrive. In this case, various players of goodwill have set up conservancy areas to promote a healthy co-existence between wildlife and local communities. Along with our conservationist, you will be one of the key players in running the daily activities to meet the objectives of conservation efforts.

You will be involved in activities such as; ecological monitoring, census, tracking, collaring, amongst many other activities. You will be accompanied by a wildlife specialist during your work at the conservation site. This specialist will take you through your schedule and train you on the activities. It is important to know that there is a local community within the conservancy. Establishing meaningful interactions with the locals

will help you understand their co-existence with wildlife and the impact of the conservation efforts.

## **Aims and objectives**

- Gain invaluable, practical experience in wildlife conservation.
- Assist the local staff by providing an extra hand.
- Be part of the team conserving the endangered Rothschild giraffe.

## **Schedule**

### **Monday to Friday**

You will spend 4-5 hours in the conservancy with the wildlife conservationist in monitoring/census/tracking the wildlife and assisting the local staff where need be. Once back at the accommodation, you will have time to prepare your activities for the next day. The day could look like this:

- Breakfast
- Conservation related activities
- Lunch
- Conservation related activities.
- Preparing daily activities.
- Dinner

## **Additional Equipment**

Safety materials such as:

- Hiking boots
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Safari hat
- Comfortable clothing
- Day packs
- Insect repellents
- Water bottles
- Personal medication
- Torch

Modest or casual attire is required while in the conservancy area and when interacting in the village. It must be totally covering the knees and shoulders, (nothing revealing, tight fitting, sheer, low cut, or with any offensive/inappropriate displayed on it)

## **Accommodation & Meals**

You will stay in our volunteer house. All participants are expected to respect the environment and use all resources sparingly, especially electricity. There are occasional power stop during the day, but don't panic. This is life in the village. The water supply is always assured. You will have all the basic necessities during your stay.

Meals are provided daily and rooms are cleaned at weekends, but you will also be required to help to keep the accommodation clean and tidy. The Volunteer House is located close to the School and a short walk from the southern entrance to Lake Nakuru National Park. It is about 15 km from Nakuru town.