

## 3 Week Community Life Kenya CP2703

You will be working alongside local Kenyans as part of an ongoing development programme with a coastal primary school and the surrounding village to improve the lives of the local people by enabling the community to become self-sustaining. Work will involve expanding and enhancing existing facilities as well as building new ones.

You will spend 11 days assisting in the building and renovation of classrooms and other amenities (e.g. making desks), and this will provide you with opportunities to learn new skills such as bricklaying, carpentry, plastering, painting, and basket weaving. There may also be the opportunity to teach and coach sports.

This visit offers you a wide variety of safari experiences, from the lush tropical rainforests of Shimba Hills, a stronghold for the now endangered Angolan black and white colobus monkey and sable antelope, to the semi arid savannah of the Tsavo ecosystem where there is a good chance of spotting the 'big five'. You will also get the unique opportunity to see some of the more elusive nocturnal creatures during a night game drive in Taita Ranch.

### Highlights

- Community development volunteer programme
- Working with the local community
- Game viewing in Shimba Hills National Reserve, Taita Ranch, and Tsavo National Park
- Enjoy the beauty of the Kenyan coastline and stunning Indian Ocean
- Enjoy a wide range of optional water sport activities

### Itinerary (20 nights/ 21 days)

**Day 1, Mombasa – Mukurumuji Camp** - Arrive at Mombasa Airport and transfer to base situated near the Indian Ocean for meet and greet and a brief orientation of Diani. This will be followed by a short scenic transfer to Mukurumuji camp in the Sable Valley for lunch. After settling in to your tented accommodation, you will be given a full briefing and orientation before dinner. (LD)

**Day 2, Mukurumuji Camp** – In the morning, after a wildlife safety briefing, we enjoy a guided walk to spot elephants (which roam freely in the area) and visit the local community and school. After dinner you will be given a basic Swahili lesson. (BLD)

**Days 3-7, Volunteer Programme** – Five rewarding days participating in our school and community development programme at Mukurumuji. (BLD)

**Day 8, Ocean day** – An opportunity to relax by the beach, do some shopping, or sign up for one of the many optional adventure activities available at Aqualand Adventure Centre. (BLD)

**Day 9, Cultural day** – You will be shown around a traditional local homestead of the coastal Swahili people by a specialist guide for a 'hands on' cultural experience. This could include basket weaving, roof thatching, and local food harvesting, preparation and cooking techniques. (BLD)

**Days 10-13, Volunteer Programme** – Continuing your work on our community development programme at Mukurumuji. (BLD)

**Day 14, Safari, Shimba Hills National Reserve - Mwaluganje Elephant Safari** - Shimba Hills National Reserve offers beautiful, lush scenery and has a unique and botanically rich coastal rainforest. It is most famous for its sable antelope that are found nowhere else in Kenya and is also a haven for the endangered Angolan black and white colobus monkey. Game drives before transferring to Mwaluganje Elephant Sanctuary. The sanctuary boasts the highest density (per km<sup>2</sup>) of elephants in Africa. Learn about elephant behaviour and the threats facing this amazing

animal. Overnight is spent at the Traveller's Camp, situated in the centre of the Sanctuary overlooking a water hole where a variety of wildlife regularly comes to drink. (BLD)

**Day 15, Safari, Satao Rock/Taita Ranch - Satao Rock Camp** - is located on the 98,000 acre Taita ranch on the border of Tsavo East National Park. The camp overlooks a small waterhole where there are opportunities to see elephant, cheetah, lion, leopard, impala, warthog, buffalo, lesser kudu, baboons and vervet monkeys. Afternoon and night game drives, which give you the chance to spot more elusive nocturnal creatures. (BLD)

**Day 16, Safari, Tsavo East National Park** - Game drive before breakfast at Taita Ranch. Transfer to Tsavo East National Park for game drives. Tsavo East is one of the largest national parks in Kenya and is also home to some of the largest herds in Kenya. Game includes elephant, rhino, lion, leopard, crocodile, waterbuck, kudu, gerenuk, zebra and Aruba Hunter's Hartebeest. Transfer back to Mukurumuji Camp. (BLD)

**Day 17, Ocean day** – Another opportunity for rest and relaxation. Optional adventure activities available at Aqualand Adventure Centre. (BLD)

**Days 18-19, Volunteer Programme** - Two final days to continue your valuable contribution to our community development programme at Mukurumuji. (BLD)

**Day 20, Community Farewell** - An opportunity to say goodbye to the people that you have worked closely with over the previous weeks. (BLD)

**Day 21, Departure** - Transfer to Mombasa and depart. (BL)

Please be aware that the exact nature of the work you will be involved in will depend on the current needs and priorities of the school and village. As volunteers it is important to remain flexible and keep in mind that sometimes priorities and/or emergencies may arise which may result in your duties changing at short notice.



## **Fitness**

None of the activities featured require anything more than a reasonable level of fitness. No special skills are required for any of our projects.

Maximum Group Size

**Ten**

## Inclusions

- **Arrival and Departure transfers:** Airport transfer to camp on day 1. Transfer from camp to Airport on day 21.
- **Orientation**
- **Staffing and participation:** Fully escorted by a tour leader, and local guides used within National Parks and Reserves. Construction work will also be supervised by qualified local builders and carpenters.
- **Transport:** Fully equipped safari vehicle, minivan or bus.
- **Accommodation:** 20 nights camping in classic safari style tented units.
- **Meals:** As per itinerary B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D - Dinner
- **Project Funds, Project Materials and Project coordination**
- **Entrance fees:** All park fees are included in this tour.
- **Laundry**
- **Single sex twin** (shared) accommodation throughout tour. Exclusive accommodation available with 40% single supplement charge.

## Price Does Not Include

- International and domestic flights
- Arrival and departure fees (if applicable)
- Insurance
- Vaccinations
- Tourist Visa (typically \$50 US)
- Personal equipment
- Spending money
- Drinks
- Tips
- Personal laundry
- Meals other than those listed
- Exclusive accommodation available with 40% single supplement charge.

## Travel Dates

Availability is throughout the year. Please contact us for further information

## Prices

	Standard Season		High Season (Jul & Aug only)
	2007	2008	2008
Community Life 3 (weeks)	£1200	£1260	£1320