

**FRIENDS OF NGONG ROAD: KENYA VISIT WITH SAFARI
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some details will change

DAY 1: Depart the U.S.

Day 2: Arrive at Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO) in the evening and transfer to guesthouse for the night.

DAY 3: Breakfast and morning orientation at guest house. Opportunity to attend church later morning. A trip to the Elephant Orphanage (<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/>) & Giraffe Centre in Nairobi (<http://giraffecenter.org/>). Meals and other cultural experiences in Nairobi.



DAY 4: Meet NRCA staff and learn in more detail about the program. We will hopefully be joined for dinner by several members of the Kenya Board of Directors of Ngong Road Children Association, giving you the opportunity to meet and dine with middle-class Kenyans, many of whom come from backgrounds as humble as those our children experience.

DAY 5: Drive approximately 4 hours to Lake Nakuru National Park where we will spend the day doing game drives and will stay at the game lodge. "On the floor of the Great Rift Valley, surrounded by wooded and bushy grassland, lies the beautiful Lake Nakuru National Park. Visitors can enjoy the wide ecological diversity and varied habitats that range from Lake Nakuru itself to the surrounding escarpment and picturesque ridges. Lake Nakuru National Park is ideal for bird watching, hiking, picnic and game drives."
(<http://www.kws.go.ke/lake-nakuru-national-park>)



DAY 6: Depart Lake Nakuru and drive approximately 7 hours to Masai Mara Game Reserve. Dinner at the game lodge where we will stay.

DAY 7: Full day spent at Masai Mara Game Reserve. The Mara, Kenya's portion of the Serengeti, has the highest concentration of land mammals in the country. Rolling plains as far as you can see often bring sightings of the "big five" and your best chance to see cheetah. We will arrive in time to enjoy a relaxing lunch and then a late afternoon game drive. There will also be time for relaxation and soaking up the moment in the beautiful landscape of Masai Mara.



Day 8: After an early morning game drive, return to the guesthouse for breakfast. At around 10:00 AM, head back to Nairobi, stopping for scenic vistas of the fertile Great Rift Valley along the way. Have a late pizza lunch in the outskirts of Nairobi. Arrive and get settled again at the guest house for one last night. In the late afternoon, we will reconvene for discussion with some of our program graduates and learn about their journey. Overnight and dinner at the guest house.

DAY 9: Our last full day in Nairobi will be a busy one. In the morning, we will leave the guest house at 8:30 and arrive at NRCA headquarters for a private craft sale. Mothers of children in the program are involved with making beaded baskets, objects and jewelry. Here you will have a chance to buy what you want with no negotiating required. And, you will get the satisfaction of knowing you have helped these women feed and support their children.

By 10:00 a.m. the child you sponsor will be at the office and we will divide into groups to go to the local Nakumatt for shopping. This is your chance to buy your child a small gift of something they need (tennis shoes, a new pair of jeans, etc.) Please plan to spend \$35 - \$50. We usually allocate \$35 for a gift for the child and the balance to purchase food for the child's family. After shopping we will take the children to eat chicken and chips (fried chicken and French fries). This is a huge treat for them as they don't get a lot of meat in their diet.

By about 1:30 we will be back at the Saturday program to participate in reading, games and other activities. After the Saturday program, we will divide into groups and accompany children to visit their homes, giving you the opportunity to meet their parent/guardian and see their living situation.

At 4:00 you will say goodbye to your sponsored child and head back to the guest house. We will have several day rooms where you can shower and change for the trip home. By 6:00 we will begin to make our way to the airport. We'll enjoy one



last meal together on the way to the airport at ChomaZone. One of the most famous restaurants in Nairobi is called Carnivore and ChomaZone is a less expensive, less touristy imitation of Carnivore (prepare to eat meat!)

You will arrive at the airport in plenty of time for your late night departure from Nairobi. Once on the airplane, exhaustion will set in and you will sleep peacefully all the way to Europe!

COST: Approximately \$5,000

Suggested Payment Schedule:

- September 1: \$900 nonrefundable deposit
- October 1: Airfare (approximately \$2,000)
- November 1: \$500
- December 1: \$500
- January 1: \$500
- February 1: remaining (approximately \$500)