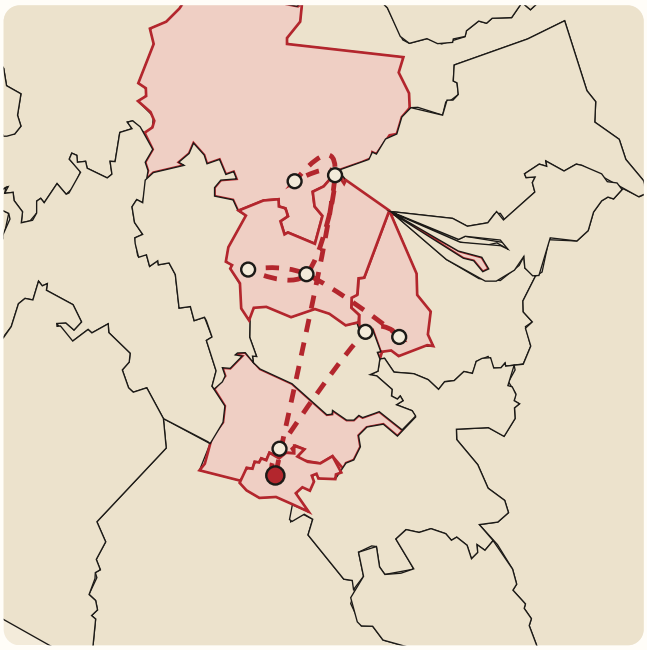
KENYA EXPERIENCE SUMMER CAMP ACADEMY 2027, 12 DAYS

Milima: From Farm to Family

Meet Kiambu coffee growers, Murang'a families and elders, Mwea rice farmers, dairy households and forest-edge communities below the Aberdares, then search for the Big Five at Ol Pejeta.

LENGTH	PRICE
12 days, 11 nights	$7,950 per student
REGION	**SAFARI**
Central highlands	Ol Pejeta Conservancy
HOSTS	**DISTANCE**
Agikuyu and other central highland hosts; farming, food and cooperatives.	About 910 km by road

Hotels, hosts, school and church visits, park access, route distances and 2027 pricing are proposed and subject to confirmation. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. Religious participation is voluntary; equivalent learning is available. Full board, twin sharing, international airfare excluded. Proposed 2027 rate, subject to confirmation.



1 Nairobi, 2 Kiambu, 3 Sagana, 4 Mwea, 5 Nyeri, 6 Aberdares, 7 Nanyuki, 8 Ol Pejeta

Capstone: From Farm to Market

Develop a realistic agricultural enterprise plan.

Discover the Big Five

Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Guided safari seeking lion, elephant, leopard, rhino and buffalo across the scheduled wildlife sites. Wild animal sightings are never guaranteed. Sanctuary and ranger access are subject to approval. All scheduled wildlife safaris include private 4x4 safari Land Cruisers and professional driver-guides.

Live the culture

Participate in safe household routines, traditional food preparation, language, oral histories, crafts and seasonal livelihoods. Hosts choose what to share; students rotate in small supervised groups.

Learn together

Proposed local school exchanges and church youth/community engagement; participation in religious activities is voluntary, with equivalent alternatives. Visits depend on calendars, consent and safeguarding approval.

Responsible engagement

Pay hosts fairly; do not replace local workers. No hazardous tasks, unsupervised wildlife contact or clinical work. Photography and recording require consent.

Full-board routine

Breakfast, host-prepared or packed lunch, and dinner. Evening rest, journals and preparation. Arrival and departure meals depend on flight times.

Graduation and recognition

Proposed university or partner venue, KESCA certificates, Tourism Ambassador induction and Kwaheri Night.

Day by day

DAY 1, NAIROBI

Karibu Kenya: orientation

Morning: JKIA airport pickup, supervised transfer and hotel check-in; rest according to flight arrival. Afternoon: Welcome by academy team; safety, safeguarding, cultural etiquette, Kiswahili greetings and learning briefing before regional departure. Evening: Rest and journal: Personal learning goals and signed group code of conduct. Overnight: Nairobi, Tamarind Tree or Sarova Stanley. About 25 km of road and local travel.

DAY 2, SAGANA

Kiambu coffee growers

Morning: Coffee estate learning en route; safe sorting or harvesting if seasonal. Afternoon: Travel to Sagana; discuss processing, export quality and household livelihoods. Community: Join growers for safe sorting and discuss the daily schedule of a coffee-farming household. Evening: Rest and journal: Coffee chain diagram. Overnight: Sagana, Nokras Riverine. About 120 km of road and local travel.

DAY 3, SAGANA

Murang’a families and elders

Morning: Host-led family history and Kiswahili/local language practice. Afternoon: Prepare mukimo or another host-selected meal; discuss changing family livelihoods. Community: Prepare mukimo or another host-selected meal, practice greetings and discuss family traditions and responsibilities. Evening: Rest and journal: Consented oral-history notes. Overnight: Sagana, Nokras Riverine. About 45 km of road and local travel.

DAY 4, NYERI

Mwea rice farmers

Morning: Observe irrigation and seasonal rice production; safe field demonstration. Afternoon: Meet a cooperative or mill educator; compare water, labor and market prices. Community: Meet a local school group for an exchange on rice farming, irrigation and student life. Evening: Rest and journal: Rice enterprise worksheet. Overnight: Nyeri, Aberdare Country Club or White Rhino. About 120 km of road and local travel.

DAY 5, NYERI

Dairy households and youth

Morning: Learn feeding, hygiene and supervised milking demonstration. Afternoon: Meet a dairy cooperative; exchange with local students on agribusiness careers. Community: Help with safe feed preparation and learn how families manage daily dairy work and food. Evening: Rest and journal: Dairy cost and income model. Overnight: Nyeri, Aberdare Country Club or White Rhino. About 40 km of road and local travel.

DAY 6, NYERI

Forest-edge communities

Morning: Aberdare educational safari or approved forest route. Afternoon: Meet a local conservation educator on water catchments and farm livelihoods. Community: Meet a local church youth or community-service group to discuss mutual aid, family life and forest stewardship. Evening: Rest and journal: Water catchment map. Overnight: Nyeri, Aberdare Country Club or White Rhino. About 70 km of road and local travel.

DAY 7, NANYUKI

Highland farmers and Laikipia

Morning: Meet Nyeri-area dairy or vegetable growers; join safe sorting and food preparation. Afternoon: Travel to Nanyuki; learn about cooperatives and wildlife-friendly farms. Community: Discuss household budgets, daily farm routines and youth aspirations with invited hosts. Evening: Farm-to-market comparison. Overnight: Nanyuki, Sweetwaters Serena or an approved Nanyuki lodge. About 100 km of road and local travel.

DAY 8, NANYUKI

Big Five safari: Ol Pejeta

Morning: Full-day guided safari with packed lunch; seek lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino. Afternoon: Continue wildlife observation and approved rhino conservation learning; discuss neighbouring communities. Community: Explore how conservation supports jobs, schooling and local livelihoods with an invited educator. Evening: Conservation journal and enterprise reflection. Overnight: Nanyuki, Sweetwaters Serena or an approved Nanyuki lodge. About 90 km of road and local travel.

DAY 9, NAIROBI

Return and reflect

Morning: Drive to Nairobi with rest and meal stops. Afternoon: Hotel check-in, rest and host-reviewed project preparation. Evening: Completed field portfolio. Overnight: Nairobi, Tamarind Tree or Sarova Stanley. About 210 km of road and local travel.

DAY 10, NAIROBI

Made in Kenya: shopping and leisure

Morning: Guided shopping at selected artisan market or craft centre; learn fair pricing and buy directly where possible. Afternoon: Supervised leisure at a selected mall or recreation venue; graduation rehearsal and attire preparation. Evening: Rest and journal: Ethical purchasing reflection. Overnight: Nairobi, Tamarind Tree or Sarova Stanley. About 35 km of road and local travel.

DAY 11, NAIROBI

Graduation, ambassador induction and Kwaheri Night

Morning: Proposed university or partner venue: welcome, student presentations, invited educators and community-host recognition. Afternoon: KESCA certificate and tourism ambassador pledge, sash and pin; evening cultural gala, dinner, performances, awards and alumni induction; return to hotel. Evening: Final presentation and voluntary ambassador commitment. Overnight: Nairobi, Tamarind Tree or Sarova Stanley. About 30 km of road and local travel.

DAY 12, DEPARTURE

Kwaheri Kenya: departure

Morning: Breakfast, checkout and individual flight checks. Afternoon: Supervised JKIA transfer for scheduled international departures; packed meal if appropriate. Evening: Post-trip alumni action plan. About 25 km of road and local travel.

Where you stay, what is included and Kwaheri Night

- Nairobi: Tamarind Tree or Sarova Stanley, 4 nights.
- Sagana: Nokras Riverine, 2 nights.
- Nyeri: Aberdare Country Club or White Rhino, 3 nights.
- Nanyuki: Sweetwaters Serena or an approved Nanyuki lodge, 2 nights.
- Included: Full-board breakfast, lunch and dinner, including host-prepared or packed meals where scheduled. Arrival/departure meals depend on flights. Airport transfers, scheduled private ground transport, dedicated guided Big Five wildlife safari and scheduled park admissions, community workshops, school and church exchanges, academic programming, supervision, graduation, Tourism Ambassador induction and Kwaheri Night.
- Not included: International airfare, passport and entry authorization, personal shopping, travel/medical insurance and optional unscheduled activities.
- 07:00: Full-board breakfast and graduation preparation.
- 09:30: Arrive at the graduation venue.
- 10:00: Welcome, invited institutional and community representatives.
- 11:00: Student capstone presentations and host recognition.
- 12:30: Networking lunch and student exchange.
- 14:00: Leadership dialogue and cultural showcase.
- 15:00: KESCA graduation and completion certificates.
- 16:00: Tourism Ambassador induction, pledge, sash, pin and photographs.
- 18:30: Kwaheri Night reception and cultural gala dinner.
- 20:00: Performances, testimonials, awards and alumni induction.
- 22:00: Supervised return to hotel.
- Ambassador pledge: I pledge to celebrate Kenya’s cultural diversity, respect its communities, promote responsible tourism and share my experiences with integrity. I will honor its natural and cultural heritage, encourage meaningful connections and act as a lifelong friend of Kenya.
- Recognition is issued by Kenya Experience. Participation in alumni publicity and advocacy is voluntary. No same-night international departure is planned.

Before you fly

1. **Passport.** Valid for at least six months from your arrival date, with at least one blank page (we suggest two).
2. **Kenya eTA.** Apply on etakenya.go.ke or the official app at least two weeks before you fly. Processing usually takes about three working days. Avoid look-alike sites.
3. **Health.** See a travel clinic six to eight weeks ahead and check the CDC page for Kenya for vaccines, malaria advice and current notices.
4. **STEP.** U.S. citizens: register the trip with the State Department so the embassy can reach you.
5. **Insurance.** Comprehensive travel insurance with medical cover. Keep the policy number on your phone.

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