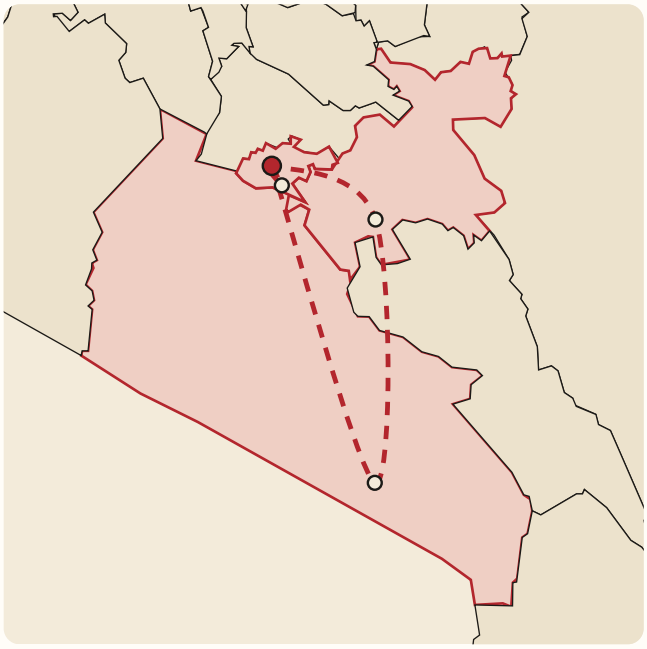
KENYA EXPERIENCE SUMMER CAMP ACADEMY 2027, 10 DAYS

Ngamia: Resilience in the Drylands

Learn how families thrive in Kenya's drylands: Somali heritage and Nairobi National Park, dryland farmers and water and renewable energy practitioners in Machakos, pastoral livelihoods around Amboseli, and an elephant safari.



1 Nairobi, 2 Nairobi National Park, 3 Machakos, 4 Amboseli

LENGTH	PRICE
10 days, 9 nights	$6,950 per student
REGION	**SAFARI**
Nairobi, Machakos and Amboseli	Nairobi National Park and Amboseli National Park
HOSTS	**DISTANCE**
Invited Somali and northeastern educators at alternative sites; pastoralism, food and water.	About 835 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.

Capstone: Thriving Beyond the Rains

Propose a host-reviewed dryland resilience initiative.

Discover the Big Five

Nairobi National Park and Amboseli National Park. 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, NAIROBI

Nairobi National Park and Somali heritage

Morning: Early guided safari seeking rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo; Nairobi National Park has no resident wild elephants. Afternoon: Invited Somali educators lead language, poetry, food preparation and hospitality learning. Community: Share a host-selected meal; discuss family life, trade and youth identity. Evening: Wildlife notes and cultural reflection. Overnight: Nairobi, Tamarind Tree or Sarova Stanley. About 60 km of road and local travel.

DAY 3, MACHAKOS

Dryland agricultural hosts

Morning: Transfer to Machakos; approved crop research or farm session. Afternoon: Practice safe seed sorting; compare drought-resistant crops and household economics. Community: Join dryland growers in safe seed sorting and discuss family water and food practices. Evening: Rest and journal: Dryland crop worksheet. Overnight: Machakos, Gelian or Lukenya Getaway. About 65 km of road and local travel.

DAY 4, MACHAKOS

Water and renewable energy practitioners

Morning: Learn rainwater harvesting and solar water systems at approved site. Afternoon: Design a small water-storage model; invited pastoral educator discusses water decisions. Community: Meet a local school group for a reciprocal water and climate learning activity. Evening: Rest and journal: Water innovation sketch. Overnight: Machakos, Gelian or Lukenya Getaway. About 35 km of road and local travel.

DAY 5, AMBOSELI

Pastoral livelihoods and Amboseli

Morning: Transfer from Machakos to Amboseli-area host and lodge with breaks. Afternoon: Meet invited pastoral educators; learn grazing, livestock care and water decisions. Community: Host-led household food and livestock livelihood discussion; no unsafe animal handling. Evening: Pastoral livelihood journal. Overnight: Amboseli, Amboseli Serena or Ol Tukai Lodge. About 230 km of road and local travel.

DAY 6, AMBOSELI

Elephant safari: Amboseli

Morning: Guided game drive focused on elephants, dryland wildlife and wetlands; complete Big Five search across the two parks. Afternoon: Continue wildlife observation; meet an approved conservation educator or pastoral enterprise host. Community: Discuss drought, grazing, tourism employment and community water access. Evening: Big Five field journal and climate resilience proposal. Overnight: Amboseli, Amboseli Serena or Ol Tukai Lodge. About 90 km of road and local travel.

DAY 7, NAIROBI

Return and reflect

Morning: Return to Nairobi with rest and meal stops. Afternoon: Hotel check-in, rest and project preparation. Evening: Completed field portfolio. Overnight: Nairobi, Tamarind Tree or Sarova Stanley. About 240 km of road and local travel.

DAY 8, 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 9, 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 10, 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, 5 nights.
- Machakos: Gelian or Lukenya Getaway, 2 nights.
- Amboseli: Amboseli Serena or Ol Tukai 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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