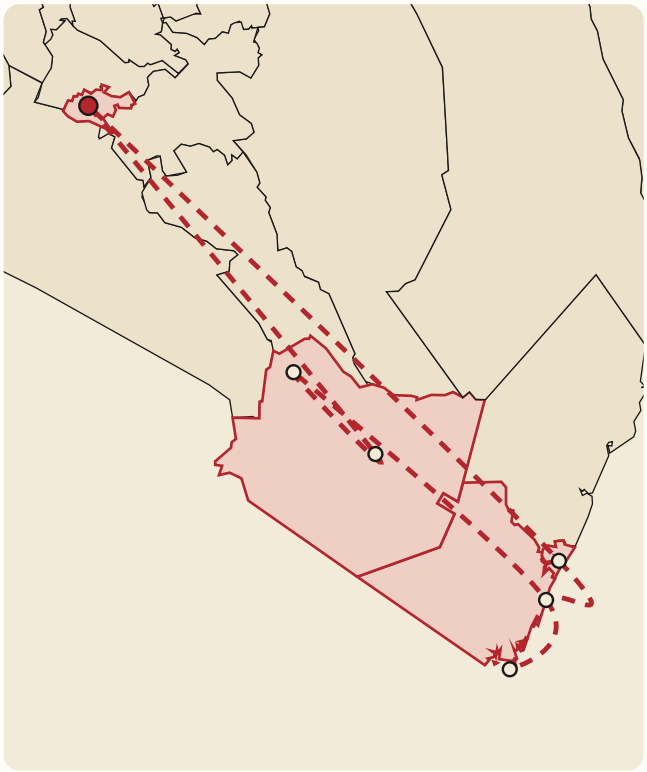
KENYA EXPERIENCE SUMMER CAMP ACADEMY 2027, 14 DAYS

Pwani: Living the Coastal Way

Taita farming families and a Big Five safari in Tsavo West, Mijikenda cultural hosts, coconut growers and a fishing cooperative at Diani, Swahili households, boatbuilders and Fort Jesus in Mombasa, then the Madaraka Express back to Nairobi.

LENGTH	PRICE
14 days, 13 nights	$8,900 per student
REGION	**SAFARI**
Tsavo and the coast	Tsavo West National Park
HOSTS	**DISTANCE**
Taita, Mijikenda and Swahili hosts; ocean livelihoods and coastal heritage.	About 1,220 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 Voi, 3 Tsavo West, 4 Diani, 5 Kisite, 6 Mombasa

Capstone: From Ocean to Household

Trace a coastal product from producer to market and propose a conservation action.

Discover the Big Five

Tsavo West 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, VOI

Taita farming families

Morning: Drive to Voi; meet local hosts after arrival and rest. Afternoon: Farm walk, seasonal crops, household water and daily routines. Community: Share a host-selected meal and greetings; exchange with a local school or church youth group if scheduled. Evening: Farm and family field notes. Overnight: Voi, Voi Wildlife Lodge or an approved group lodge. About 350 km of road and local travel.

DAY 3, TSAVO WEST

Taita livelihoods and Tsavo West

Morning: Join a Taita cooperative for safe produce grading and household food preparation. Afternoon: Transfer to Tsavo West lodge; introductory game drive if arrival allows. Community: Discuss farming, household responsibilities and wildlife coexistence with hosts. Evening: Compare farm income and conservation livelihoods. Overnight: Tsavo West, Kilaguni Serena or Ngulia Safari Lodge. About 130 km of road and local travel.

DAY 4, TSAVO WEST

Big Five safari: Tsavo West

Morning: Guided game drive seeking elephants, lions, buffalo, leopard and rhino; sanctuary access subject to rules. Afternoon: Mzima Springs or approved wildlife circuit; ranger or community conservation educator discussion. Community: Explore water, livestock and conservation benefits for neighbouring families. Evening: Big Five field journal and water stewardship notes. Overnight: Tsavo West, Kilaguni Serena or Ngulia Safari Lodge. About 100 km of road and local travel.

DAY 5, DIANI

Mijikenda cultural hosts

Morning: Drive to Diani via the approved highway with rest stops. Afternoon: Meet local hosts; learn greetings, family history and coastal food traditions if time permits. Community: Host-led introduction to daily living and forest stewardship. Evening: Coastal cultural journal. Overnight: Diani, Baobab or Diani Reef. About 300 km of road and local travel.

DAY 6, DIANI

Coconut growers and artisans

Morning: Observe coconut harvesting by trained workers; practice safe processing. Afternoon: Compare coconut oil, food and craft products; discuss household enterprise. Community: Practice coconut grating or food preparation with hosts; learn how coconut products support family income. Evening: Rest and journal: Product costing sheet. Overnight: Diani, Baobab or Diani Reef. About 35 km of road and local travel.

DAY 7, DIANI

Fishing cooperative

Morning: Observe landing and net repair from shore; learn fish handling. Afternoon: Marine park excursion with licensed boat and supervised optional snorkeling; discuss reef stewardship. Community: Help sort demonstration fishing gear and learn how fish is prepared for a household meal; discuss the daily rhythm of fishing families. Evening: Rest and journal: Ocean livelihood diagram. Overnight: Diani, Baobab or Diani Reef. About 80 km of road and local travel.

DAY 8, MOMBASA

Swahili households and traders

Morning: Transfer to Mombasa; visit Fort Jesus and Old Town with heritage guide. Afternoon: Cook a host-selected Swahili dish and discuss trade, language and hospitality. Community: Join hosts in preparing pilau, coconut rice or another selected dish; discuss hospitality, faith and everyday Swahili greetings. Evening: Rest and journal: Trade history reflection. Overnight: Mombasa, Sarova Whitesands or PrideInn Paradise. About 45 km of road and local travel.

DAY 9, MOMBASA

Boatbuilders and maritime educators

Morning: Observe dhow building or repair at an approved workshop. Afternoon: Discuss maritime careers with invited educators; compare traditional and modern transport. Community: Meet coastal apprentices and discuss training, work routines and the role of local congregations and community groups. Evening: Rest and journal: Boat design sketch. Overnight: Mombasa, Sarova Whitesands or PrideInn Paradise. About 25 km of road and local travel.

DAY 10, MOMBASA

Coastal youth and conservation group

Morning: Exchange with local students; host-led mangrove or beach stewardship task. Afternoon: Haller Park rehabilitation case study; share project findings with hosts. Community: Exchange songs, stories and school-life experiences with local pupils; learn how youth and faith-based groups support their neighborhoods. Evening: Rest and journal: Host-reviewed conservation action. Overnight: Mombasa, Sarova Whitesands or PrideInn Paradise. About 40 km of road and local travel.

DAY 11, NAIROBI

Madaraka Express to Nairobi

Morning: Check out, transfer to Mombasa SGR Terminus and board the prebooked Madaraka Express to Nairobi. Packed lunch or meal arranged within full board. Afternoon: Learn about rail transport and its role in trade and mobility; meet the Nairobi transfer team at the terminus and check in. Timing depends on confirmed train schedule. Evening: Rest, organize field notes and prepare the final portfolio. Overnight: Nairobi, Tamarind Tree or Sarova Stanley. Madaraka Express rail journey plus station transfers.

DAY 12, 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 13, 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 14, 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.
- Voi: Voi Wildlife Lodge or an approved group lodge, 1 night.
- Tsavo West: Kilaguni Serena or Ngulia Safari Lodge, 2 nights.
- Diani: Baobab or Diani Reef, 3 nights.
- Mombasa: Sarova Whitesands or PrideInn Paradise, 3 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. Madaraka Express return to Nairobi and station transfers included.
- 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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