



## Activities

**Tumaren Camp, Laikipia.** We like to tailor your stay so please options with your guide

**Guided Walks-** Embark on a short walk, a stroll or longer walk for a few hours with our guides and trackers. The wildlife in this area is rich and you can enjoy walking in different locations each day but please do not go walking alone.

**Camel Rides-** These are especially popular with children. Our camels are very friendly and not only great for carrying children but also water, snacks and extra bags for longer treks. Tracking and looking at wildlife is just as much a part of our camels outings as it is while walking or tracking.

**Rock Climbing-** We have trained guides and we have set up a number of top-rope climbs which range from beginner levels to advanced levels. The guide belays the climber from below and the climber simply climbs up to the anchor and is then lowered back down. We have all the equipment needed for this activity. The routes are good for children and adults alike.

**Tracking wildlife-** Our trackers are excellent and to begin to see the world even for a moment from their perspective is to experience an entirely new world. Tracking is a rewarding skill and while it is a distinctly human skill, it is one that has dwindled in the modern world. Re-engage your inner tracker!

**Swimming-** In the 20 metre lap pool or else the Ewaso Nyiro River. Both are great places to cool off during the heat of the day. Please note we do not have a guard on duty at the swimming pool and the average depth is 1.2-1.4 metres. There are steps for children to play on but all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Game Drives & Nightdrives-** Game drives during the day or night can be very productive. Ask the guides where might be best for game viewings and if you like photography let them know what kind of pictures you most like to take (e.g. Birds, Landscapes, Elephants etc).

**Market Visit-** Please ask your guide about market days as they occur once every two weeks on a Wednesday in Kimancho (1 hour away) and every Tuesday in Ol Donyo Nyiro (1.5 hours drive away).

**Masai Ultimate Frisbee-** We have built and Ultimate Frisbee team of young neighbours from our local primary school on Ol Motiok, our neighbouring community ranch. Challenge them to a game and get to know these great kids! We play in a beautiful dry riverbed near the school and in addition to frisbee we also play football and other games. Drinks for all are served after.

**Manyatta Visit-** Visiting the homes of one of our Masai neighbours is great fun. Spirits are usually high in the evening when the livestock are coming in for the night and it is interesting to see where the animals sleep as well as arrangement of the homes. You can watch the goats and cows being milked and go into the homes to catch a glimpse of the day-to-day life of our neighbours.

**Jogging-** We often have people wanting a run in the morning or evening. Please arrange this with your guide and he will get a team member to accompany you.

**Camel Creche-** A visit to the female camel boma is a visit to cuteness. You can watch the baby camels suckling and help milk a camel if you wish. Selfies with camels are highly encouraged!

**Afternoons-** It is often hot in the afternoon, so we tend to enjoy a rest or a read. But for those wanting to do something or keep the kids busy here are some thoughts:

**Samburu Games-** The trackers and guides have a wealth of local games that they can play with the children. Including bow and arrow practice, making a rungu (club), spear throwing and 'Ndubei' a game played like darts in the sand.

**Beading-** Making a beaded Masai bracelet or ring with the guidance of Mary or Eunice.

**Football / Ultimate Fisbee -** With the local village/ community.

### **COMMUNITY PROJECTS:**

#### **Schools:**

We support and work closely with two schools in our area. II Motiok High School and Kimanjo Primary Schools.

Should you want to visit a school or perhaps to even do a lecture to a class, this can easily be arranged.

The children love this and learn a lot from meeting people from other cultures.

We financially support the local schools in a variety of ways and if you would like to get involved please see the information below:

- We provide school lunches and a morning porridge for 1,100 children at the local Primary Schools. One meal per child costs US\$ 5 per child per term. Any support is appreciated.
- We fund pupils whose parents cannot afford the fees.
- We donate books, pens, paper and art supplies. These are always very useful and appreciated.
- We sponsor teachers- often the teachers are unpaid or underpaid.
- Conservation Club/ Young Naturalist Club- We bring the local kids on day safaris and rock-climbing days and they spend the day on Tumaren with our guides. You could purchase binoculars that Karisia will care for so that club members can join our guides on nature walks. You could also buy a bird book for the local children to use when they visit or go walking.

#### **INTERESTED IN RESEARCH?**

This needs at least 36 hours to arrange so please let us know as soon as possible if this is of interest. Baboon walk [www.baboonsrus.com](http://www.baboonsrus.com) – There are some habituated baboons that have been studied for the last 20 years by Shirley Strum and her team through the Uaso Ngiro Baboon Project. This is a great way to spend a few hours following this troop with the resident research assistant and learning about these fascinating creatures. US \$80 per person including the donation and transport to and from the baboons. This is an early morning activity and is about 1 hour from Tumaren.