

## AT A GLANCE:

- Tailored 1-6 month programs
- Participation, Research and Monitoring
- Regular field visits
- Assistance in identifying a topic to study
- Support from highly experienced field staff
- Cultural immersion & interaction
- Participation in rural development
- Pristine cultural & wilderness environment



## ITINERARY

**Day 1: Arrive Nairobi.**  
1 o/n Boulevard Hotel.

**Day 2: Road transfer to Taita Discovery Centre:** introduction by Field Study Director & Biodiversity Specialist.  
10 o/n Taita Discovery Centre.

**Day 3: Ecology, Flora & Fauna:** field and centre based research.

**Day 4: Ecology & Research Project Participation:** wildlife, ethno-botany or entomology.

**Day 5: Community Service:** day-long activity program working alongside the communities of the Kasigau villages.

**Day 6: Human/Wildlife Conflict:** research & monitoring techniques & field study modules.

**Day 7: Environmental Utilization:** traditional and modern principles & techniques.

**Day 8: Craft & Culture:** practical sessions with Maasai cultural immersion.

**Day 9: Security & Survival:** bush skills, tracking & techniques.

**Day 10: The Cloud Forests of Kasigau:** climb & field study of Kasigau Mountain and cloud forest.

**Day 11: Tsavo Elephants:** spend the day observing & recording Elephant movements in Tsavo National Park, visit the KWS anti-poaching unit.

**Day 12: Road transfer to Nairobi & depart.**

# Wildlife and Community Participation Programs

## Wildlife Participation

A fantastic opportunity for visitors who want something more than a trip to a game park can offer. At the Taita Discovery Centre you get away from the tourist crowds and live in simple accommodation in the middle of the African bush.

Learn more about the wild, learn how to study animals, birds and insects in their natural environment and about interactions between the wildlife and people living in the area.

Our activities are tailored to your interests, the length of your stay and to the resources available. You will require no previous scientific knowledge or research skills. We provide you with:

### Program Opportunities:

- Lion research and radio tracking
- Elephant monitoring and identification
- Bird & Insect study: routines, diversity & density studies
- Species monitoring: foraging patterns & competition for resource
- Diversity and density studies of plants
- Identification and study of internal and external parasites affecting both plants and animals

## Community Volunteers

Community Volunteers spend five nights a week in a rural village on the Kasigau Wildlife Trust lands. The accommodation is simple, built in the style of the local homes, known as the Kasigau Bandas.

For the remaining two nights a week The Taita Discovery Centre offers rest and recreation, and the opportunity to participate in the wildlife conservation and research activities.

This is a participation opportunity for anyone of any age or background with a passion for conservation and sharing new ways of learning – truly a life-changing experience.

### Program Opportunities:

- teaching local people how to use computers
- sharing modern teaching techniques & resources
- constructing schoolrooms
- gathering GPS data, cataloguing local flora
- gathering and writing up oral history and traditions
- tree planting, making beehives, digging fishponds
- making recycled & eco paper, other local crafts

## Go Wild: Study in Tsavo

Calling all conservationists of tomorrow... visit the world-renowned Taita Discovery Centre. We offer tailor-made Educational Programs & Field Trips and the chance to study diverse environmental and community conservation issues.

The Tsavo eco-system, combining Tsavo East and Tsavo West is one of Africa's largest untouched wilderness tracts.

To preserve the vital wildlife corridor linking Tsavo East and Tsavo West, we have set up a community trust of local ranchers, private land-owners and local communities with a common goal: to find ways of avoiding human-wildlife conflict and generating income for the local people in order to safeguard this vast and extraordinary wildlife habitat.

The Taita Discovery Centre is an environmental, educational and field study hub in the heart of the Kasigau Conservation Trustlands: 380,000 acres of private, unspoiled wilderness.

The centre is a unique resource for university students, gap year volunteers, local and overseas researchers, conservationists and people seeking a meaningful career break or retirement challenge.

