

Travel to...

# KENYA

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...with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at ASU



## Memorable Moments...

- Participate in a activities to delve deeper into Kenya's wildlife & culture
- Come face-to-face with the world's last two remaining northern white rhinos
- Accompany a Maasai tribesman to learn about life in the Maasai Mara and lend a hand on community projects
- Venture out on safari to spot zebras, giraffes, hippos, lions and a range of other wildlife
- Extend the journey with a visit to the Indian Ocean Island of Zanzibar, Tanzania

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# Itinerary

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**Date:** June 1-13, 2027 (Post-Trip Extension: June 13-15)

**Duration:** 13 days/12 nights (Post Trip Extension: 3 days/2 nights)

**Locations:** Nairobi / Ol Pejeta Conservancy / Masai Mara

**Lodging:** 4-star boutique hotels and tented camps

**Optional Post-Trip Extension:** Zanzibar, Tanzania

**Special Notes:** An eTA (visa) is mandatory to enter Kenya. If joining the extension, Yellow Fever Vaccine, Zanzibar Travel Insurance and a visa are mandatory to enter Tanzania.

**Day 1:** A warm welcome awaits you as you arrive in Nairobi at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, where the OLLI Corps team will greet you with open arms. After bags are collected and everyone is set to go, we'll head to our hotel in Nairobi. Unpack, relax and get a good night's sleep.

Over the next two weeks, we will explore the natural beauty and wildlife of Kenya while also interacting with Kenyan personnel including guides and local communities. This will allow for a range of unique, behind-the-scenes experiences as well as intergenerational dialogue to take place surrounding some of the most pertinent issues facing Kenya and the African continent. Tonight will be a free dinner as everyone will arrive throughout the day/evening.

**Day 2:** After breakfast, enjoy a welcome and orientation session, introducing you to Kenya's history, conservation landscape and cultural diversity. Then venture to the Nairobi National Museum, a treasure trove of Kenya's natural and cultural heritage, followed by a Welcome Dinner together. *(B,L,D)*

**Day 3:** We will be up bright and early to visit the Nairobi National Park – one of the few national parks in the world that is located right in the midst of a city. Here you will have an opportunity to see wildlife in its natural habitat. We will stop at a memorial dedicated to poached elephants and the wildlife rangers who lost their lives to conservation. Next, visit the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which has been raising orphaned elephants and rhinos and returning them to the wild since its founding in 1977. At the orphanage, we'll get the opportunity to learn about the Trust's initiative of conservation and rehabilitation and meet its residents. After lunch, we will visit the Kenya Wildlife Service where KWS personnel will give us a primer on the country's protected areas and connections between Kenya and the US. This will be followed by a discussion and will also serve as a primer for our time in the more rural parts of the country. Later in the evening, we will have dinner together. *(B,L,D)*

**Day 4:** Today, contribute to hands-on service learning with the Centre for Ecosystem Restoration–Kenya (CER-K). Take part in tree planting, biodiversity monitoring, and discussions on reforestation. Enjoy a forest walk at Brackenhurst Indigenous Forest, where you'll witness the restoration of native ecosystems.

Finish the day with a visit to the Giraffe Center, a project of The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife Kenya, which helps to conserve the Rothschild Giraffe. *(B,L,D)*



**Day 5:** After breakfast, travel north to Ol Pejeta Conservancy (approximately four hours). Upon arrival, check into the Sweetwaters Serena Tented Camp, an amazing safari camp overlooking a busy wildlife watering hole. After settling in, head out for your first evening game drive, a thrilling introduction to Kenya's wildlife-rich landscapes. (B,L,D)



**Day 6:** Begin your day with a conservation talk by Ol Pejeta staff, highlighting their community-based approach to wildlife management. Then, experience a moving encounter with the world's last two Northern White Rhinos inside the Endangered Species Boma. An evening game drive offers another chance to spot elephants, lions, and rhinos. (B,L,D)

**Day 7:** Today offers an insider's look at conservation in action. Visit the Chimpanzee Sanctuary, operated in partnership with the Jane Goodall Institute, where rescued chimps thrive in naturalistic enclosures. Later, join a behind-the-scenes tour to learn how the conservancy manages habitat and anti-poaching initiatives. Spend the afternoon on a game drive through Ol Pejeta. (B,L,D)



**Day 8:** Embark on a scenic drive to the legendary Maasai Mara (approximately 8 hours), Kenya's most famous wildlife reserve. Check into the Zebra Plains Mara Camp, a comfortable tented camp surrounded by open savanna. Relax and soak in the views before an evening orientation. (B,L,D)

**Day 9:** Engage in service learning with The Maa Trust, a nonprofit organization supporting sustainable Maasai communities.

Afterwards, experience an age-old tribal tradition as you accompany a Masai herder and his livestock in a walk through the bush and back to the boma, or a corral created to protect livestock from predators. We'll learn more about this model from the conservationists on site before and have a discussion on Kenya's Masai community. (B,L,D)



**Day 10:** Continue your engagement with The Maa Trust, supporting projects that empower local women, promote education, and strengthen human-wildlife coexistence.

Discussions with community members and trust leaders will deepen your understanding of Kenya's people-centered conservation approach. (B,L,D)

**Day 11:** Rise early for an unforgettable game drive through the Maasai Mara National Reserve. You will most likely witness lions, cheetahs, elephants, and more amazing wildlife. After lunch, head out for a second afternoon safari. (B,L,D)



**Day 12:** After breakfast, enjoy your final drive through the Kenyan countryside as you return to Nairobi (approximately 8 hours). Check back into the Trademark Hotel for a relaxing final evening. (B,L,D)

**Day 13:** Transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight home. Depart Kenya with lasting memories and a deep appreciation for the country's wildlife, culture, and community spirit. (B)

# Where You'll Stay

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*You'll begin at the Trademark Hotel in Nairobi, a stylish base that offers modern comfort and convenience before your safari. In Ol Pejeta, Sweetwaters Serena Camp gives you the experience of staying in tents with all the comforts you need, along with views of Mount Kenya and plenty of wildlife nearby. Finally, Zebra Plains Mara Camp places you in the heart of the Maasai Mara, combining comfort with close access to incredible game viewing. On the extension, you'll continue with carefully selected lodges that mirror this balance of comfort, character, and prime locations for bucket list experiences.*



*\*Please note the exact properties are subject to change.*

# Zanzibar Post-Trip Extension

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**Day 13:** In the morning, catch a quick flight to Zanzibar. Upon arrival, meet with our guide and get ready to explore Stone Town. Follow the trail of the Sultans, slaves, and explorers in the winding streets of this historic city. Your expert guide will lead you through the buildings and take you back into history as you learn about the former slave market and experience the underground rooms where they were held, see the Anglican Cathedral, the House of Wonders, the Sultans' Palace Museum, the Freddie Mercury House, and more. While tracing the steps of the past, the walking tour also provides a window into modern life in Stone Town. Meander through spice markets, fish markets, and smell the fresh loaves of bread in wicker baskets sold by the locals. (L,D)



**Day 14:** After breakfast, we'll experience Prison Island. Despite the harrowing name, the prison built on Prison Island was never used and the island is now home to a tortoise sanctuary. Get hands-on with the many tortoises who live out their days in the cool shade of the trees (some for over 94 years!) before a dip in the ocean off this secluded island. Then, we'll hit the road for 1 hour to the Northern part of the Island, Nungwi, home to some of Zanzibar's most beautiful beaches. Enjoy a free afternoon, and then dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)

**Day 15:** Wake up for your last breakfast overlooking the Indian Ocean before heading to the airport. Along the way, stop at a local spice farm for an unforgettable lunch and tour through the greens. Zanzibar was known as a spice island, exporting cloves, vanilla, nutmeg, and cardamom across the world. Explore the spice farm with an expert guide where you can touch, smell and taste different spices and tropical fruits. Learn about their properties, origins, and uses as medicines in food and drinks. Depart for flights home in the evening. (B)



# Trip Details

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## Trip Price

- Per Person Trip Fee (Double Occupancy): \$5,895
- Optional Single Room Supplement: \$1050
- Number of travelers: Min 15, Max 25 | Extension: Min 5

## Post-Trip Extension

- Per Person Extension Fee (double Occupancy): \$1,295
- International One-way Flight Supplement: \$400
- Optional Single Room Supplement: \$300

## What's Included - Your trip price includes the following:

- A portfolio of hand-picked boutique properties throughout the trip
  - Main Trip: Trademark Hotel (4-star) in Nairobi, Sweetwaters Serena Camp (4-star) in Ol Pejeta, and Zebra Plains Mara Camp (4-star) in the Maasai Mara
  - Extension: Maru Maru Hotel (4-star), Amaan Beach Bungalows (3-star)
- Full-time Discover Corps Guide
- All meals listed in itinerary
- Gratuities for all local staff on the trip
- All scheduled activities in the itinerary including wildlife viewing drives
- All in-country transportation
- Unlimited drinking water aboard the bus & at all lodges
- Secondary international medical insurance
- Full service pre-departure support from the Discover Corps coordination team
- 24-hour Discover Corps emergency hotline

## Excludes

- International flights
- Tips for the Guide and Driver
- Drinks and snacks etc outside of included meals
- Laundry
- Mandatory eTA (Visa for Kenya)
- Mandatory visa and Travel Insurance for Zanzibar Extension
- Snorkeling or other activities you may choose on Day 14 (extension)

## Terms & Conditions

It just takes \$395 to register for a program. The remainder of the program fee is due 30 days after registering for the program or 60 days prior to departure, whichever comes first.

## Refund Policy

The amount of your refund is based on how far in advance from the start date of the trip you notify us of your cancellation.

- More than five months prior, everything is refundable!
- Less than five months prior, 75% of program fee is refundable, except non-refundable \$30 registration fee. There is no fee to change the trip destination or start date.
- Less than four months prior, 50% of program fee is refundable, except non-refundable \$30 registration fee. \$100 fee to change trip destination or start date.
- Less than three months prior, 25% of program fee is refundable, except non-refundable \$30 registration fee.

\$395 fee to change trip destination or start date.

- Less than two months prior, the program fee is non-refundable. Changes to trip destination or start date are not possible and will be subject to refund policy.
- If the balance has not been paid in full, the above percentages apply to all monies paid at the date of cancellation.

**TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW WITH A \$395 DEPOSIT, PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#).**

You may also contact Discover Corps at (619) 758-3030 to register via phone.

## About the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at ASU

The mission of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Arizona State University is to provide university-quality learning experiences for adults ages 50 and over through diverse classes, campus-based learning opportunities, and public service initiatives.

We are a community of engaged learners discovering the joy of lifelong learning at its best . . . no tests, grades, or educational requirements! OLLI at ASU members have the opportunity to grow and learn inside and outside the classroom via campus events, local affinity groups, group discounts to local cultural and art events, and social media networks. Nationwide, there are 122 university-affiliated Osher Institutes, from Maine to Hawaii.

**ASU OLLI Corps** is a unique program for adults who seek more than just sightseeing when they travel. It was created to meet the growing demand among healthy, active adults aged 50 and better who want to contribute their skills and experience to international development efforts through short-term, faculty-led service-learning programs. The program enhances participants' well-being and sense of purpose by engaging them in meaningful community service and cultural immersion.

Participants act as mini-ambassadors, promoting peace and friendship while supporting community-driven projects in host countries. Through immersive learning and reflection, OLLI Corps fosters intercultural understanding, global friendship, and personal growth.

Aligned with ASU's mission of being socially embedded and globally engaged, OLLI Corps leverages university resources and faculty expertise to create impactful, sustainable service-learning opportunities. Ongoing reflection, evaluation, and a commitment to sustainability ensure that both volunteers and the communities they serve benefit meaningfully from every program.



Discover Corps believes that partnering with local programs, tours, and villages is the best way for both travelers and the communities to gain value and rejuvenate the human spirit. Discover Corps offers access and insight into our destinations' rich tapestry of cultures, for all ages, helping you and your family create memories that stay with you for a lifetime.

Our trips are split into two types: Nature & Wildlife Adventures and Cultural Explorations. All types of tours are purposeful for both our travelers and the communities we visit, so whether your focus is lending a hand teaching English to schoolchildren in Tanzania, being a part of The Sea Turtle Initiative in Costa Rica, or discovering the vibrant energy of Cuba, expect the unexpected experiences that keep life rich, no matter your age. Through responsible and sustainable initiatives, Discover Corps will connect you with the people and wildlife that keep our world inspiring.

# The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at ASU Team

## ASU Study Abroad Faculty

Dr. Megha Budruk



Dr. Megha Budruk is a natural resource social scientist whose work focuses on natural resource management and community development. Her research interests focus on the inclusion of stakeholder perspectives into resource management. Specifically, she studies human - nature relationships, visitor experience and impact management, and community development within the context of parks, protected areas, and cultural monuments. She has extensive research experience with several US federal, state, county and local public land management agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, National Park Service, Arizona State Parks, and Maricopa County Parks. Her work contributes to the long- term sustainability of natural and cultural resource settings through an increased understanding of human relationships with these settings. She has travelled extensively in Kenya and Tanzania and has over the years led a study abroad program to Kenya at ASU.