

### **Day 1 Nairobi**

Departing Nairobi at 0800 hrs, you will drive a 6-hour journey to Rockside Camp on the Kasigau Trustlands. On arrival you will be introduced to the team and briefed on safety tips in the wild.

**Overnight Rockside Camp (FB)**

### **Day 2 Kasigau Villages**

After breakfast you will spend the morning on a guided orientation of the 170,000 acre conservation area managed by Kasigau Conservation Trust, introduction to Taita Discovery Centre's (TDC) program and general familiarisation with the local eco-system, rural community structure and customs. In the afternoon you will visit the rural villages at the foothills of Mount Kasigau. Here, you will be involved in a number of community-based development projects under the guidance of our community liaison officer.

**Overnight Rockside Camp (FB)**

### **Days 3 & 4 Community Service**

2 days of Community Service in Kasigau Villages. The success of any conservation programme depends on the stewards of the wilderness: the local people. We ensure that they benefit from the conservancy via our community service projects. This also provides a genuine cross-cultural interaction between participants and Kenyans. Projects vary according to the priorities of the local communities, funds and season.

**2 overnights Rockside Camp (FB)**

### **Days 5 & 6 Wildlife & Waterhole Monitoring**

2 days of Wildlife & Waterhole Monitoring in Community Conservation Area. You will visit some of the community initiatives to fend off elephant damage to crops and other wildlife threats to this rural existence. Debate over the pros and cons of wildlife tourism will be led by your experienced guide.

**2 overnights Rockside Camp (FB)**

### **Day 7 The Cloud Forests of Kasigau**

Optional hike to the cloud forests of Mount Kasigau or day spent at leisure. You will take a full day to visit and climb Kasigau mountain. This fascinating outcrop hosts endemic bird and insect species and an enviable range of mature hardwood trees.

**Overnight Rockside Camp (FB)**

**Day 8 Tsavo East National Park**

Full day of game drive with research insight to Tsavo East National Park. Tsavo provides an interesting case study on the management of elephants. In the 50's debates ranged on whether or not to cull the rapidly expanding population. In the 80's it was also the scene of mass poaching of elephants and rhinos. You will spend the day with an experienced elephant researcher learning research techniques and participating in the Centre's ongoing research project into elephant identification and behavioural patterns.

**Overnight Rockside Camp (FB)**

**Days 9 -11 Kasigau Villages**

You will return to Kasigau for a further 3 days working on your assigned Community Development project in one of the rural villages in the area.

**3 Overnights Rockside Camp (FB)**

**Days 12 & 13 Wildlife & Waterhole Monitoring**

More days of Wildlife and Waterhole monitoring in Community Conservation Area while programmes will be tailored according to your special interests.

**2 Overnights Rockside Camp (FB)**

**Day 14 Departure**

You say farewell to your community and drive another 6 hours back to Nairobi.