

# 11-Day Ultimate Giraffe Safari - Kenya

📍 Samburu, Masai Mara, Nairobi



Experience Africa's tallest animals on the **11-Day Ultimate Giraffe Safari**, an exclusive adventure for giraffe lovers. Partnering with the **Giraffe Conservation Foundation (GCF)**, you will learn directly from experts **Dr Julian and Stephanie Fennessy** and East Africa Coordinator **Dr Arthur Muneza**. Over ten nights, encounter three giraffe species - the critically endangered **Nubian/Rothschild's giraffe**, the endangered **Reticulated giraffe**, and the endangered **Masai giraffe**.

Your journey begins at **Giraffe Manor in Nairobi**, where you can feed and interact with giraffes in a unique setting. Then, travel to **Sasaab in Samburu**, where the rugged wilderness provides excellent opportunities to observe giraffes and other wildlife. Participate in **hands-on conservation activities**, including giraffe surveys and tracking with the **Twiga Tracker Initiative**, the largest GPS study of giraffes. You will also meet local communities and see how they coexist with these gentle giants.

Next, visit **Sala's Camp in the Masai Mara**, where you can experience giraffes in the heart of Kenya's premier wildlife reserve. Witness a **giraffe tagging operation**, where experts fit GPS satellite tags to track their movements. Enjoy game drives, photography, and evenings around the campfire while reflecting on your discoveries.

The safari concludes at **The Retreat at Giraffe Manor**, allowing a final, unforgettable interaction with the giraffes before departure. Limited to eight guests, this journey offers **personalized experiences, luxury accommodations, and immersive wildlife encounters**.

By combining adventure, education, and conservation, the 11-Day Ultimate Giraffe Safari gives you a unique chance to **experience giraffes in the wild while actively supporting their protection for future generations**.

## Tour Facts

Group Size:  
**2-7**

Duration:  
**11**

Language:  
**English, France, Germany, Spain**

Tour Type:  
**continuous**

## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1-2 : Close Encounters with Nubian Giraffes - Giraffe Manor, Nairobi



Stay at Giraffe Manor for two nights and begin your giraffe conservation adventure.

**Getting there:** Upon arrival at **Jomo Kenyatta International Airport**, a team member will transfer you to **Giraffe Manor**, a scenic 30-minute drive along the edge of **Nairobi National Park**.

**Experience:** Meet the **GCF team**, including co-founders **Dr Julian and Stephanie Fennessy** and **Dr Arthur Muneza**, who will guide you through the world of giraffe conservation. Depending on your arrival time, enjoy your first close encounters with the **critically endangered Nubian/Rothschild's giraffes**, perhaps during afternoon tea on the front lawn.

These giraffes are part of a **successful breeding program** by the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW), helping bring this species back from the brink of extinction. Visit the **AFEW Giraffe Centre** next door for an in-depth tour of conservation efforts.

The following morning, hand-feed giraffes over breakfast before heading out to explore **Nairobi National Park** with GCF experts. Despite being within a capital city, the park offers incredible wildlife sightings, including **four of the Big Five**, Masai giraffes, rhinos, and over 400 bird species. Learn giraffe identification and survey techniques while assisting the GCF team in data collection. Witnessing wildlife against Nairobi's skyline makes for **truly unique photo opportunities**.

*Please note: The giraffes at Giraffe Manor are wild, and interactions cannot be guaranteed at any specific time.*

Meals Included  
**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration  
**6 Hours**

## Day 3-6 : Reticulated Giraffes of the North – Sasaab, Samburu



Stay at Sasaab for four nights and discover the striking Reticulated giraffes.

**Getting there:** After breakfast with the Nubian giraffes, you will be driven to **Wilson Airport** with the GCF team for a scheduled flight to **Sasaab**. Upon arrival, the lodge team will welcome you and transfer you to Sasaab, marking the start of your Samburu adventure.

**Experience:** Sasaab combines **serene luxury with thrilling wilderness adventures**. Enjoy panoramic views, a spa, gym, and swimming pools as your base while exploring Samburu to spot **Reticulated giraffes**, endemic to northern Kenya. These elegant giraffes are classified as endangered, with fewer than 16,000 remaining in the wild, making this area a must-visit for giraffe enthusiasts.

Engage with **local communities** and learn how people coexist with wildlife. Participate in **GCF's Twiga Walinzi (Giraffe Guards) program**, assisting local pastoralists in monitoring and conserving giraffes.

Daily activities include **game drives, bush breakfasts, and sundowner excursions** across Westgate Community Conservancy and Samburu National Reserve. Optional activities include **quad biking, camel rides**, and cultural experiences with the Samburu people. A visit to the **4C Centre** offers insights into Samburu culture and the region's unique geology.

**Optional Extra:** Take the **Jewels of the North helicopter safari**—a half-day aerial adventure over volcanoes, lakes, dune fields, and remote wilderness. Touch down to explore hidden landscapes. Cost: US\$4,200 per person (minimum four guests per helicopter). Advance booking is essential.

Sasaab provides an unparalleled opportunity to **observe endangered giraffes in their natural habitat while contributing to conservation and community initiatives.**

Meals Included

**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration

**8 Hours**

## Day 7,8,9,10 : Masai Giraffes in the Mighty Mara - Sala's Camp, Masai Mara



Stay at Sala's Camp for four nights and encounter the majestic Masai giraffes.

**Getting there:** Depart from **Sasaab Airstrip** with Steph, Julian, and Arthur for a flight to the **Masai Mara**, landing at **Keekorok Airstrip**. A Sala's Camp team member will meet you, and you will enjoy your first Mara game sightings en route to the lodge.

**Experience:** Situated on the southern border of the Masai Mara, near Tanzania's Serengeti, Sala's Camp offers **year-round wildlife viewing**. Participate in daily **game drives, bush breakfasts, and sundowner excursions** while observing the **Masai giraffe**, the third species on this ultimate giraffe safari. By now, you will be confident in **identifying individual giraffes** and knowledgeable about conservation challenges in different ecosystems.

Learn about GCF's **Twiga Tracker initiative**, the largest GPS satellite tracking study of giraffes worldwide. So far, GCF has tracked over **450 giraffes across 17 countries**, using solar-powered GPS units to study movements, habitat use, and territory needs. This vital research informs conservation strategies to better protect giraffes.

For technology enthusiasts, there is a **rare opportunity to assist in a tagging operation**, fitting Masai giraffes with GPS tracking devices. While this is an optional and highly sought-after experience, it cannot be guaranteed.

Sala's Camp combines **luxury, adventure, and conservation**, offering an immersive experience where you can witness giraffes in their natural habitat and gain hands-on insight into the science and strategies that protect them for future generations.

Meals Included

**LUNCH, DINNER, BREAKFAST,**

Duration

**8 Hours**

## Day 11 : Relax & Reflect - The Retreat at Giraffe Manor, Nairobi



Stay at **The Retreat at Giraffe Manor (day room only)** and unwind after an unforgettable safari.

**Getting there:** Depart **Keekorok Airstrip** on your scheduled flight back to **Wilson Airport, Nairobi**. A team member will meet you and transfer you to **The Retreat at Giraffe Manor**, overlooking the same forested giraffe sanctuary you visited at the start of your journey.

**Experience:** The Retreat offers a **peaceful haven in nature**, perfect for relaxing, rejuvenating, and reflecting on your safari adventures. Take your last opportunity to observe **Nubian/Rothschild's giraffes** as they browse the sanctuary—sometimes even visiting the pool.

Depending on your departure schedule, you can **loungue by the pool, indulge in a massage or beauty treatment, enjoy the hot tub, steam room, sauna, or gym**, or savor meals prepared from ingredients grown in the organic veggie garden. This serene setting provides the perfect conclusion to your immersive giraffe conservation experience while enjoying luxury and comfort.

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Duration  
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