



Action for Cheetahs in Kenya Conservation Safari- led by Jessica Watters

ACK Specialist



Jessica Watters - Your host

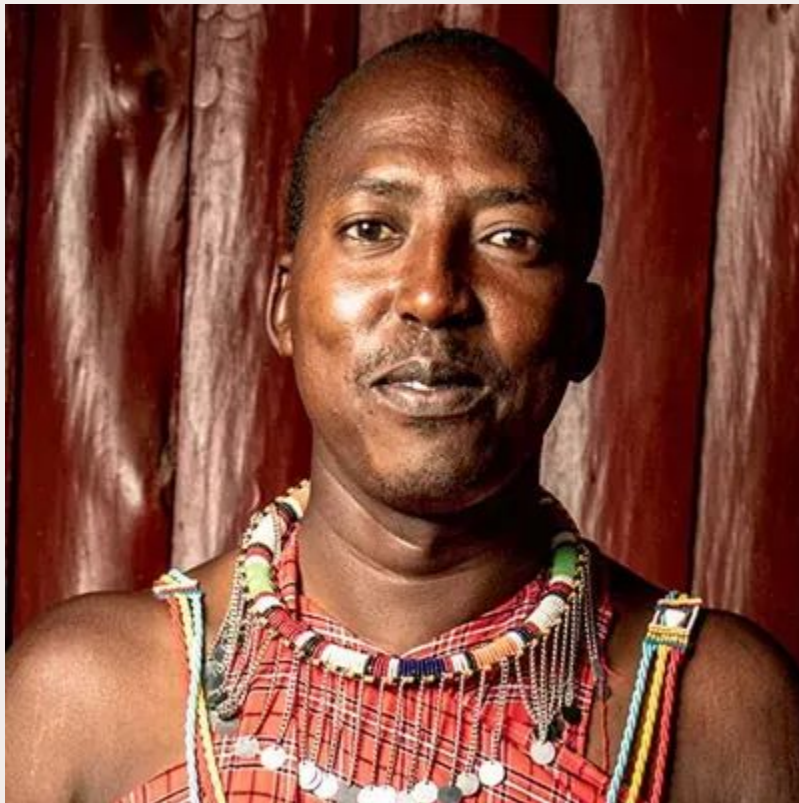
Jessica currently holds the role of Senior Wildlife Care Specialist for the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, in which she has dedicated the past 7 years to wildlife care and educating the public. Jessica has worked in the fields of wildlife care, conservation, education, rehabilitation, and research for over 15 years, and has traveled the world volunteering and doing research in wildlife care and conservation in many countries including, Thailand, South Africa, Kenya, Costa Rica, and Bonaire. In her spare time, Jessica is an enthusiastic wildlife photographer who finds that through this creative art, can bring awareness, respect and love for our earth's wildlife and can help conservation efforts both local, and throughout the globe. Jessica would love for you to join her on this amazing journey to experience ACK and Kenya first hand.

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Day 15 (Tue Nov 18, 2025)	Depart Anytime	

RAW Africa Eco-Tours leader



Jaros Karmushu – RAW Africa Eco-Tours Manager Kenya

Meet Jaros—a passionate conservationist, cultural ambassador, and one of the founding members of RAW Africa Eco-Tours. Since 2012, his journey with RAW Africa has been driven by an unwavering love for Kenya's breathtaking landscapes and its vibrant wildlife.

Home to the majestic slopes of Mt. Kenya in Laikipia—a region celebrated for its diverse fauna and thriving community conservation efforts—Jaros's roots run deep in both the land and its traditions. His life is a unique blend of wild adventure and rich cultural heritage. Whether you're trekking through the rugged terrains or exploring the hidden gems of Kenyan nature, Jaros is your knowledgeable guide, ready to unveil the secrets of the wild.

But there's more to Jaros than his expert knowledge of Kenya's natural wonders. He is also a proud advocate of his Masai heritage, eager to share the stories, traditions, and deep spiritual connection that his people have with the land. His passion is contagious, ensuring that every tour is not just a journey through nature, but also an immersive cultural experience.

Join Jaros for an unforgettable adventure where every moment is infused with the beauty of nature, the rhythm of Masai culture, and a genuine love for Kenya that shines through every step of the way.

Itinerary Detail

Day 1: Arrival in Nairobi

Tuesday Nov 4, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** ACK Facility Nairobi
- **Meals:** D

On arrival, we'll pick you up and take you to Mary's home in Nairobi. This is an incredible opportunity to spend time with the founder and director of Action For Cheetahs Kenya. You'll have plenty of time to settle in and relax before our evening get together to chat about our fantastic upcoming adventure through Kenya.

Day 2: Travel to Masai Mara

Wednesday Nov 5, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Tipilikwani Mara Camp
- **Meals:** B, L, D

After an early breakfast we set off on our journey to the Masai Mara. Our accommodation is located in the heart of this famous reserve.

Make sure you keep an eye out along the way, you never know when you might see a stray elephant or warthog wandering near the Mara.

At 30 miles in length, the Mara River is best known for the dramatic and legendary wildebeest crossing, shown in wildlife documentaries worldwide. Tonight, we'll spend the evening sitting back and watching the locals frolic on the plains in front of the lodge. And we're talking about the animals! Look out for elephants, crocodiles, hippos and zebras among others.

Day 3: Game Drives in the Mara/Optional Balloon Experience

Thursday Nov 6, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Tipilikwani Mara Camp
- **Meals:** B, L, D

Located in the south-west corner of Kenya, the Masai Mara National Reserve is one of the most famous wildlife parks in Africa. The park is teeming with wildlife and is one of the best places for wildlife viewing in Kenya. You might not want to blink in case you miss something! Return to your lodge for a sundowner and an evening under the stars. Today you can opt to see wildlife from a different angle on a balloon flight above the Mara plains.

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Day 4: Game Drives in the Mara/ Or Arrive Nairobi Friday Nov 7, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Tipilikwani Mara Camp, ACK Facility Nairobi
- **Meals:** B, L, D

Head out for another day on the magnificent mara plains. Spend an inspiring afternoon with one of ACK's conservation partners, Dr Elena Chelysheva, director of Mara Meru Cheetah Project. The MMCP works in partnership with ACK to conduct behavioural and genetic analysis of cheetahs across Kenya. For guests arriving in Nairobi today, we will meet you at JKIA and transfer you to Mary's House in Nairobi.

Day 5: Transfer to Soysambu Conservancy, afternoon game drives

Saturday Nov 8, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Mbweha Lodge
- **Meals:** B, L, D

Escape to the serene beauty of Soysambu Conservancy. Settle into your accommodation before heading out on an afternoon game drive. Soysambu Conservancy was established in 2007 and its 48,000 acres is home to spectacular Rift Valley Wildlife such as the rare Rothschild giraffe, various antelope species, leopard, lion and hyena.

Meet some of the researchers based at Soysambu to gain a better understanding of the challenges facing wildlife in Kenya and some of the innovative approaches used in conservation.

Day 6: Game Drives Lake Nakuru & Gilgil Weavers

Sunday Nov 9, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Mbweha Lodge
- **Meals:** B, L, D

We will start our day with game drives at Lake Nakuru National Park. This is one of the few parks where you can see both black and white rhino as well as a host of water birds and antelope which make their home along the water's edge. Enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking the lake and finish your day with a visit to a local community project - Gilgil weavers.

Day 7: Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Monday Nov 10, 2025



sun goes down. US \$70pp

DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Sweetwaters Serena Lodge
- **Meals:** B, L, D

After an early breakfast we will head north to the bustling town of Nanyuki and to the wildlife haven of Ol Pejeta Conservancy. This is your chance to see the 'Blg Five', so keep your eyes opened and your cameras poised! Ol Pejeta Conservancy is a privately owned wildlife reserve and is home to a host of African wildlife. Its rhino population is world famous as OPC is home to the last of the Northern White Rhino. If you fancy a close encounter with these gentle giants, just let us know! Finish the day with an optional night drive and see what nocturnal species we can see once the

Day 8: Ol Pejeta Conservancy Game Drives

Tuesday Nov 11, 2025



peaceful highland vibes and have some funky food.

DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Sweetwaters Serena Lodge
- **Meals:** B, L, D

Start your day with an exhilarating game drive through Ol Pejeta Conservancy, where you'll encounter Kenya's diverse wildlife in their natural habitat. Next, head to Sweetwaters for a heartwarming visit to the Chimpanzee Sanctuary, where you'll get a chance to observe and learn about these fascinating primates up close. Afterward, enjoy a special moment with Baraka, the beloved blind rhino, and witness firsthand the incredible conservation efforts at the Rhino Sanctuary. As the day winds down, make your way to Nanyuki to relax and soak in the

Day 9: Action for Cheetahs Camp & Community Visit

Wednesday Nov 12, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Action for Cheetahs Camp
- **Meals:** B, L, D

Today we journey further north into the heart of northern Kenya and the ACK camp in Meibae Conservancy. Arrive at Meibae Conservancy and immerse yourself in local culture with a community visit, where you'll interact with residents and learn about their traditional lifestyle. Spend the rest of your first day unwinding in the tranquil surroundings of the conservancy, taking in the natural beauty and enjoying the peaceful atmosphere. It's a delightful introduction to the region, combining cultural exploration with relaxation.

Day 10: Scat Dogs & Conservation

Thursday Nov 13, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Action for Cheetahs Camp
- **Meals:** B, L, D

One of the key tools to surveying cheetah in the area is the use of Scat Detection Dogs - Persi and Madi. These canine ACK team members are at the forefront of conservation innovation. Persi and Madi can differentiate cheetah scat from other predator faeces, which then enables the ACK team to survey large sections

of the conservancy. This helps to inform the team of the numbers of cheetah in the area and to understand cheetah land usage and movement with greater accuracy.

Spend a morning with Persi and Madi and see if you can find cheetah poop as quickly as the canine experts!

Day 11: ACK Community Project

Friday Nov 14, 2025



even take a dip!

We will finish the day with a sundowner on the rocky outcrops of Meibae.

DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Action for Cheetahs Camp
- **Meals:** B, L, D

Action for Cheetahs is not only committed to preserving the wildlife of northern Kenya, ACK is also passionate about supporting the communities who live alongside the wildlife. Spend the morning on a community project (project action will be confirmed closer to the tour date). In the afternoon we will spend time with local community members to gain a deeper understanding of culture and how the local Samburu people view and live with the wildlife of the area. Take a walk along the shore of the Ewaso Nyiro River. You might

Day 12: Transfer to Samburu National Reserve

Saturday Nov 15, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Elephant Bedroom Camp
- **Meals:** B, L, D

Transfer to Samburu National Reserve. Samburu is located north of Nairobi on the edge of the great arid rangelands of northern Kenya. Lying in the shadows of the imposing Ololokwe and Koitoger mountains, the reserve is the heartland of the Samburu people and home to a range of unique species such as the Grevy's zebra, gerenuk and beisa oryx. The reserve is also known for its large elephant herds, lions, leopards, and cheetah. Enjoy a day of game drives in this peaceful and tranquil wildlife haven.

Day 13: Samburu Game Drives and local researchers Sunday Nov 16, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** Elephant Bedroom Camp
- **Meals:** B, L, D

Be prepared for an early wake up call with tea or coffee delivered to your room. Head out on a dawn game drive and see what amazing wildlife is up as early as you are. Cheetah conservation is a small part of maintaining the biodiversity. Samburu is home to the field bases for Ewaso Lions and Grevy's Zebra Trust. We will invite researchers from the projects to join us for a meal and discussion. Finish your day with a sundowner on the edge of the Ewaso Nyiro River.

Day 14: Head Back to Nairobi

Monday Nov 17, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Accommodation:** ACK Facility Nairobi
- **Meals:** B, L, D

Sadly, today we must farewell this wildlife haven. We will head south back to Nairobi, where we will have our last night at Mary's house and wonder at the incredible grass roots efforts to save Kenya's Precious wildlife.

Day 15: Depart Anytime

Tuesday Nov 18, 2025



DAILY SUMMARY

- **Meals:** B

Feel free to spend your morning at your leisure. If you have an evening flight, we can arrange a visit to Sheldrick Wildlife Orphanage in Nairobi National Park. The cost will depend on the number of guests. We will work this out accordingly. For our departing friends, we will drop you at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your departure flight. We hope you leave Kenya with wonderful memories, knowing that you have also supported the work of an organization that is key to saving cheetahs in this part of Africa.

Accommodation

ACK Facility Nairobi

Dates: Nov 4, 2025; Nov 7, 2025; Nov 17, 2025

The heart beat of Action For Cheetahs in Kenya



Tipilikwani Mara Camp

Dates: Nov 5, 2025 - Nov 7, 2025

Tipilikwanin Mara Camp is nestled in the heart of Masai Mara National Reserve, offering a unique safari experience in the midst of the African wilderness. The camp features comfortable tented accommodation with modern amenities, allowing guests to immerse themselves in nature without sacrificing luxury.

Guests can enjoy game drives to witness the abundant wildlife of Masai Mara, including the Big Five, and experience the rich culture of the Maasai tribe through guided tours and cultural activities.

The camp provides delicious meals prepared with fresh local ingredients, as well as a relaxing lounge area and a campfire where guests can unwind after a day of adventures. Tipilikwanin Mara Camp is an ideal choice for travelers seeking an authentic safari experience in Kenya.



Mbweha Lodge

Dates: Nov 8, 2025 - Nov 9, 2025

Mbweha Camp, a charming off the beaten track Safari Camp, well hidden in the bush, surrounded by euphorbia candelabra, yellow barked acacia and other indigenous trees. The focal point of the camp, the thatched main lodge, the place guests gather together to relax and recount the days safari in the bar lounge. A few meters away, the dining room with cool blue washed walls and thatched roof that looks through the trees down to the waterhole a magnet for game during the day.

The lodge has en suite Cottages, all beautifully built in cedar wood and makuti (palm fronds) about a meter above the ground allowing for cooling breezes from the natural ventilation, each with its own veranda where guests can sit and relax, looking at the views out to the waterhole.

Guests are welcome to enjoy day and night drives or guided walks with the resident professional guides. Enjoy the tranquility of an evening, that may be broken by the roar of a lion, a nightjar softly churring, or the laughter of the hyena. So no matter what time of day or night, there is always something to see.



Sweetwaters Serena Lodge

Dates: Nov 10, 2025 - Nov 11, 2025

Welcome to Serena Lodge located in Ol Pejeta, Kenya. This charming lodge offers a unique safari experience surrounded by stunning natural beauty. Situated in close proximity to the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, guests can enjoy thrilling game drives and the opportunity to spot the Big Five. The lodge features comfortable accommodation, delicious dining options, and top-notch service. Relax by the pool or explore the nearby attractions such as the chimpanzee sanctuary. Whether you're a nature enthusiast or looking for a peaceful retreat, Serena Lodge is the perfect choice for your safari adventure.



Action for Cheetahs Camp

Dates: Nov 12, 2025 - Nov 14, 2025

Located in a serene and picturesque setting, Action for Cheetahs Camp offers a unique experience for wildlife enthusiasts seeking an escape into nature. The camp provides comfortable accommodations with modest amenities amidst the breathtaking landscapes of nature. With a commitment to sustainability, the camp offers a truly eco-friendly stay for those who appreciate nature's beauty. Explore the untamed wilderness and create unforgettable memories at Action for Cheetahs Camp.

Elephant Bedroom Camp

Dates: Nov 15, 2025 - Nov 16, 2025

Nestled along the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River in Kenya's Samburu National Reserve, Elephant Bedroom Camp offers a luxurious retreat amidst the wilderness. Named after the gentle giants that roam the surrounding landscape, this boutique safari camp provides an exclusive experience in harmony with nature. Tastefully designed tents blend contemporary elegance with traditional African flair, offering lavish comforts alongside panoramic views of the river and nearby wildlife. From thrilling game drives in search of the Big Five to serene moments spent lounging by the campfire under the vast African sky, Elephant Bedroom Camp promises an unforgettable safari adventure immersed in the untamed beauty of Samburu.



Details

Price Includes

- Transfers & transport within travel dates
- Meals according to the itinerary
- Water
- Park fees
- Tips except your local RAW Africa Eco-Tours leader
- Donation to support the work of ACK

Price Excludes

- International flights airfare
- Visa
- Travel Insurance
- Personal expending
- Laundry
- Drinks other than water
- Snacks

Why choose RAW Africa Eco-Tours

Africa is a big continent with so much to see, but why rush? African cultures live in the moment because you never know what is going to happen tomorrow, next week or next year....so enjoy the now. At RAW Africa we agree, that's why some of our trips are a bit longer. We like to take our time, live in the moment and have the freedom to follow that lion for as long as it takes or enjoy that conversation with a Masai elder as he teaches you about his cattle. Isn't that what travel is all about, after all?



Small Groups

Our average group size is 6 to 8 people. We have amazing guides and we think everyone deserves to spend quality time benefitting from their extensive knowledge of wildlife and culture. We stay at many community-operated lodges and guest houses which are ecofriendly and can't host large groups. We keep our groups small enough to enjoy every part of our tour but big enough to enjoy a variety of travel companions.



Act for Wildlife

All of RAW Africa Eco-Tours journeys are linked to local enterprise programs so that the majority of your tour dollar directly benefits local people and wildlife. RAW Africa Eco-Tours is passionate about educating travelers on how you can support communities and wildlife directly through a simple action you can do while on tour or at home. All RAW adventurers leave Africa knowing they did something that actually made a difference.



Unique Experiences

In the same way that every zebra has a unique stripe pattern, all our RAW Africa Eco-Tours journeys are unique. We strive to show you the real soul of Africa on all our journeys. We visit wildlife areas, programs and communities that are off the beaten track and team with local guides and businesses who are excited to share the intimate connection they have with their region and its people. Your experiences will be unique, genuine, personal and unforgettable.



Supporting Local Communities

RAW Africa Eco-Tours was created out of a shared vision to secure Africa's wildlife future through responsible and ethical ecotourism. We partner with local conservation and ecotourism organizations, which means that more than 80% of your tour money directly benefits local people, local communities and local wildlife.