



2011

TRAVEL AFRICA

VisionTrip to Kenya with Water School
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WATER SCHOOL

About Water School

Water School is a global non-profit organization with a mission of delivering clean water solutions to the developing world. Water School was founded in 2007 by Bob Dell, a water scientist, and Fraser Edwards, a businessman with decades of experience in partnering with indigenous leaders to implement lasting change.

Lack of safe drinking water and adequate sanitation is the leading cause of illness in developing countries as it was in western nations one hundred years ago. Repeated episodes of waterborne diseases that cause diarrhoea can push children to the brink of survival, leaving them weak and malnourished and unable to survive common childhood illnesses, let alone attend school.

Water School and SODIS

Water School provides simple, strategic and sustainable clean water solutions to the developing world. Our program integrates health and sanitation education programs with the Solar Disinfection (SODIS) technique which effectively changes contaminated water to safe-drinking water. The science of SODIS has been proven with over 25 years of research from the science community.

Clear plastic bottles are filled with contaminated water and placed in direct sunlight for one sunny day or 2 cloudy days. The UV rays of the sun effectively kill pathogenic microorganisms making the water safe for human consumption.

For more information on Water School please visit our website at www.thewaterschool.com.



KENYA

PEOPLE, CULTURE, LANGUAGE & MORE

Kenya

For a country of its size, Kenya definitely packs a lot in: mountains and deserts, colourful tribal culture, beaches and coral reefs, some of Africa's best wildlife attractions, and the vibrant city of Nairobi – one of the largest metropolitan cities in Africa and the largest in East and Central Africa. A former British colony, Kenya gained its independence in 1963 and has enjoyed relative peace since then, often considered an oasis of peace and stability in the region. With a population of about 37 million, Kenya comprises more than 40 different ethnic groups (the largest being the Kikuyu, making up 22% of the population) making it a country of great ethnic and cultural diversity. It is also a country of religious diversity, with Christians, Muslims and Hindus (the major religious groups) co-existing peacefully. With such diversity in regional peoples (such as the Swahili along the coast and several pastoralist communities in the North), it has been difficult for Kenya to have a mutually acceptable cultural identification. Instead, Kenyans tend to identify primarily with their tribe or ethnic group, and only secondarily with the nation as a whole.

Each ethnic group has their own culture and language, however most Kenyans are bilingual in both English and Swahili. Different communities also have their own native foods, with staples being maize and various meats and vegetables. Kenya is also rich in a diverse array of music styles, ranging from folk songs to imported popular music, afro-fusion and benga music (a fusion of Western and Kenyan music). Kenya has a strong oral tradition as stories are passed from generation to generation, often in the form of songs. Dancing is an important part of Kenyan culture as well with costume being an important element of many traditional dances.

Overall, Kenyan culture is a fascinating way of life, blending the traditions of thousands of years of African social evolution with the modern influences of the 20th century.

TRIP SCHEDULE

5 DAY TRIP



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- ▶ Arrival at airport in Nairobi, greeted by trip organizer, Gregg McNair and Water School CEO, Fraser Edwards
- ▶ Breakfast and noon flight to the Maasai Mara Game Reserve Park
- ▶ Dinner and overnight stay in luxury tented Mara Fairmont Hotel at Game Reserve Park

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- ▶ Morning and afternoon game drives at the Maasai Mara Game Reserve Park
- ▶ Dinner and overnight stay in luxury tented Mara Fairmont Hotel at Game Reserve Park

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- ▶ Morning game drive and return to Nairobi around mid-day
- ▶ Afternoon Water School project visits in Nairobi with Country Director, Jane Otai
- ▶ Overnight stay at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nairobi

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- ▶ Day-long tour of Water School projects in the Kajiado area with lunch at the Ostrich Farm
- ▶ Overnight stay at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nairobi

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- ▶ Check-out of hotel and depart Nairobi
- ▶ Arrangments can be made for guests to extend their stay to shop, sightsee or visit more Water School projects if desired

TRIP COSTS

Single occupancy \$2,257USD

Double occupancy \$3,542USD

This includes:

- ▶ All accommodation
- ▶ All meals
- ▶ All ground transportation and return flights to Mara
- ▶ Safari at the Maasai Mara Game Reserve Park

Please note:

- ▶ Participants are responsible for all visas, alcoholic beverages and return flights to Nairobi
- ▶ Visas for Kenya (\$50) are available at point of entry
- ▶ Please visit your local travel clinic to obtain the necessary vaccinations and anti-malaria medication



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION

More information:

More information about Water School and its programs can be found at:
www.waterschool.com

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact the trip coordinator:

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Thank you for your interest in visiting **Water School projects in Kenya** and your continued support of our mission to give clean water for life!

