

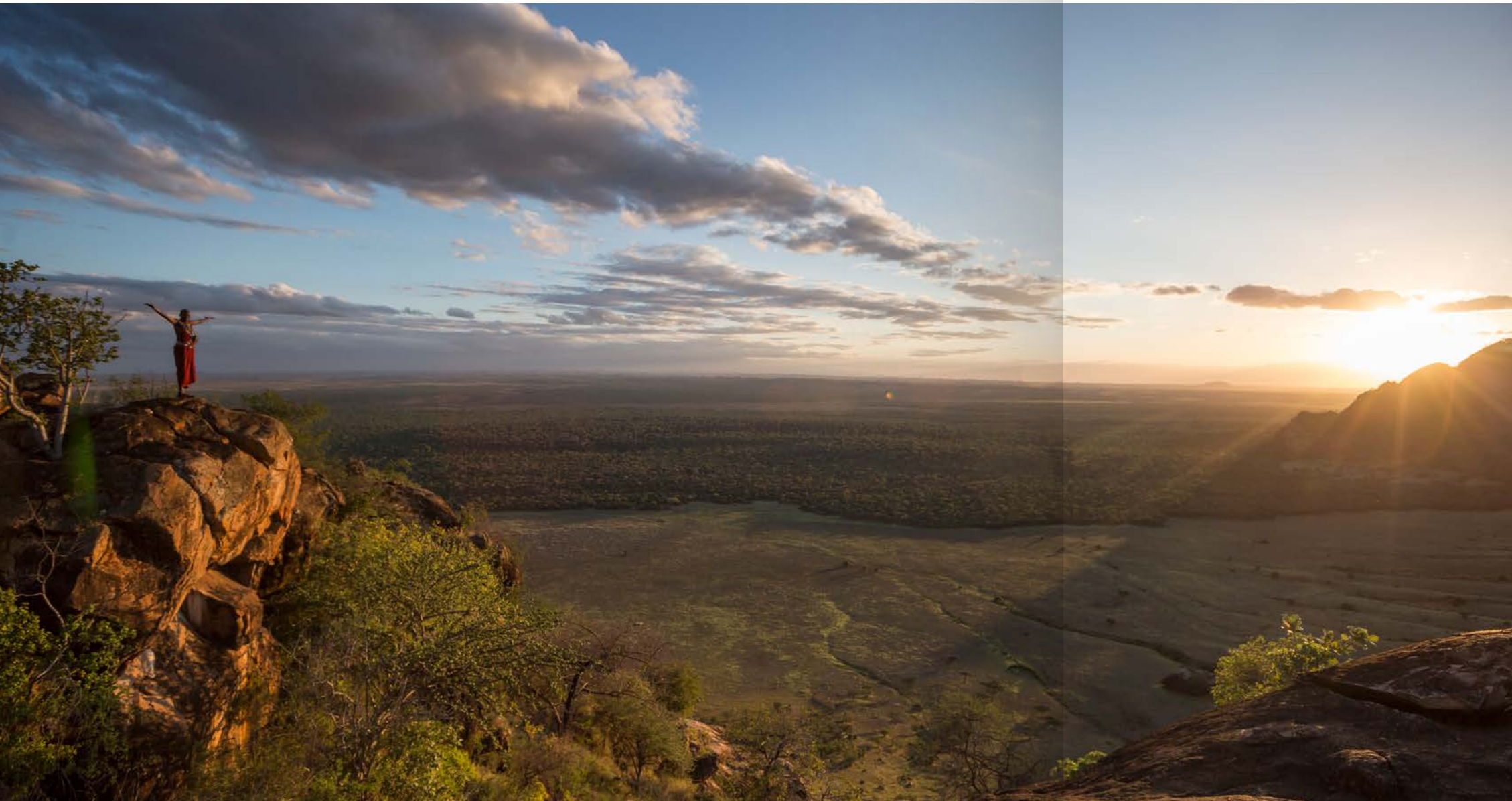


CHYULU  
WILDERNESS  
CAMP KENYA

# MY JOURNEY TO AFRICA







Discover the real Africa – an Africa beyond the usual tourist trails, in Hemingway’s Chyulu Hills looking across to Mount Kilimanjaro.

In leaving behind the digital world and stepping outside your comfort zone, you will build your leadership and teamwork skills at the heart of an enthusiastic group of young people.

CHYULU WILDERNESS CAMP IS A UNIQUE ONE-WEEK PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 12 TO 18 YEARS OLD, SET IN THE HEART OF THE STUNNING CHYULU HILLS IN KENYA.

By exploring the savannah, cloud forests, hills, and wilderness, **discover African nature** and learn how wild animals can be best protected.

By living in an ecological camp, learn how we can **live in balance with nature** and understand the issues facing the ecosystem.

Through working on artistic projects and by **exchanging ideas with the Maasai people**, understand their civilization and respect it.

Through **teaching in local schools**, become aware of the area’s educational needs and offer practical solutions.

By participating in concrete wildlife preservation and reforestation projects, with the help of specialists from the Maasai Wilderness Conservation Trust, **learn, assess, and help solve the planet’s conservation challenges.**



# ACTIVITIES

## ADVENTURE EXPEDITION

- A true African experience with outdoor adventure led by Maasai guides and rangers, spotting wildlife while on foot or in electric jeeps.
- A full-day trek in the cloud forest of the Chyulu Hills, one of the most iconic landscapes on the continent, accompanied by Maasai guides.



## CONSERVATION

- Learn how humans and wildlife can coexist; how to ensure that wildlife becomes a resource which is of value to local land-holders.
- Build a personal conservation project with our experts – and continue to promote this project at home.
- Experience the concept of eco-tourism in a self-sufficient camp.
- Help to reforest Maasailand by working in a tree nursery and contribute to offsetting your CO<sup>2</sup> with the Chyulu Hills REDD+ Carbon Project.

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING

- Offer time and energy to the local community; playing sports, creating arts & crafts, debating and teaching in local schools.
- Create a film or documentary about the Maasai, learn the Maasai language, explore Hemingway's Africa, discover the art of bushcraft.



## MINDFULNESS

- Delve into Maasai culture and African traditions.
- Gain a greater understanding of yourself and create a more balanced way of life.

# A SAMPLE PROGRAMME

## MONDAY

School and sports at the local Maasai school, including shared learning experiences. Teaching at the school. Working on a joint project with local pupils.  
Evening: experience Maasai music and dance.

## TUESDAY

Expedition in the cloud forest in the Chyulu Hills accompanied by guide and tracker; botanic safari to explore a unique habitat; picnic in the forest.  
Evening: Conservation education with local experts; lectures, workshops, and group discussion; preparation of your personal conservation project.

## WEDNESDAY

Safari to Tsavo West National Park: visit to Mzima Springs and the Shetani Lava Flow.  
Evening: movie and debate with Maasai students.

## THURSDAY

Morning: work with the guides and Maasai children on a joint project: tree planting for reforestation; work at the botanic garden and the organic farm.  
Afternoon: trek in the savannah, accompanied by tracker; sports and meditation.  
Evening: preparation of your personal conservation project.

## FRIDAY

Morning: spent at the Maasai village, sharing creative activities with pupils; handicrafts and jewellery making.  
Afternoon: work on the concept and examples of ecotourism in the camp; learn about solar technology, water catchment and filtration; sports and meditation.  
Evening: farewell party at the village.

## SATURDAY

Early morning: game drive, brunch in the bush and camp debriefing.  
Afternoon: flight to Nairobi, return flights to home country.

# PRICE & ENROLMENT

One week stay, everything included\* (air transfers between Nairobi and Chyulu Camp, full boarding, all activities):  
**4,900 US\$.**

\*Flights from home country are not included in the price.

Teachers accompanying students of a school group (1 for 10) are welcomed free of charge.

All details can be found at [chyulucamp.com](http://chyulucamp.com)



## THE CAMP IS ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH LE ROSEY ADVENTURES AND THE MAASAI WILDERNESS CONSERVATION TRUST (MWCT).

The camp is situated in Opulsare Spring, at the border of Tsavo National Park, covering 800 hectares (2000 acres), rented from the Maasai community and equipped with its own private runway (45-minute flight to Nairobi).

The camp can welcome up to 56 students and up to 12 teachers in tents with en-suite bathrooms, each housing two to four people and safely placed on wooden platforms (boys and girls separated). It boasts an authentic African lounge, dining room, library, conference room, outdoor fireplace, and the famous *Acacia Café*.

Chyulu Wilderness Camp is the first no-carbon emissions lodge. Induction kitchens and electric Land Rovers are powered by a photovoltaic system. All hot water is heated by solar thermal panels; rains are cropped and used waters recycled ecologically in a pond for wildlife. All waste is recycled, and vegetables grown with drip irrigation organically.

To live this back-to-nature experience to the full, there is no connection for mobile phone or Wi-Fi, except an Internet connection in the library for specific tasks.



Rosey Adventures has been leading camps for over 50 years; it is a guarantee of Swiss safety, organisation and pastoral care.

The Maasai Wilderness Conservation Trust works to protect the legendary ecosystems and astounding biodiversity of East Africa through conservation that directly benefits local Maasai communities.

**Activities leader, Aurélien Perrey-Leyonmarck**, is a Rosey teacher and trained camp director with more than 10 years of experience.

**Local supervision is provided by Luca Belpietro**, director of the MWCT and founder of the famous Campi Ya Kanzi lodge, situated in the same area.



- An average ratio of 1:6 between adults and children on each site ensures effective supervision, great care and strong guidance for all campers.
- At every location there is a comprehensive fire drill for all staff and campers.
- Disciplinary rules are stipulated in the Chyulu Wilderness Camp's Codes and carefully enforced by staff to ensure the safety and wellbeing of this small community.

## CAMP SAFETY

We transit through Nairobi International Airport without leaving the premises. This fully renovated airport adheres to the highest standards of security.

The camp is located at the foot of Kilimanjaro, several hundred kilometres from any major city, in an area that no European embassy has ever deemed dangerous. The camp is surrounded by Maasai warriors who maintain trusted and close relationships with the camp.

The camp is within the 283,000-acre Kuku Group Ranch where the Trust employs 179 community rangers to monitor the area. We employ 7 Maasai trained guides, 2 trackers and over 40 people dedicated to safety, cooking, service, driving and maintenance.

A nurse is resident on campus and flying doctors are available from Nairobi where there are excellent hospitals. Trained staff and emergency equipment are present at the camp; if necessary, the camp plane can get to a hospital within the hour.

Food is mainly provided by our own organic farms and all diets are respected. Chefs are trained; clean and safe food standards are respected. Water is totally purified.



FOR STUDENTS AGED 15 AND ABOVE PREPARING THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, OUR PROGRAMME SPECIFICALLY FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENTS OF CAS FOR THE IB AND THE EPQ AT A-LEVEL.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) & CREATIVITY-ACTIVITY-SERVICE (CAS)



- CREATIVITY – Make a film or documentary about the Maasai, learn the Maasai language, explore Hemingway's Africa, discover the art of bushcraft...
- ACTIVITY – sports activities and full-day trek to the cloud forest; how to read footprints and identify animal droppings; understanding and using the rangeland and wildlife monitoring tool SMART (Spatial Monitoring And Reporting Tool).
- SERVICE – working on an organic local farm; helping to reforest by planting trees; teaching in a primary school.

The Camp caters for a wide variety of learning outcomes including: engaging with issues of global importance, consideration of ethical implications, developing new skills, working collaboratively with others, undertaking new challenges, showing perseverance and commitment.

CAS students could also use this trip for their project by researching needs in the local community and then spreading awareness and continuing the conservation project when returning to school.

## A-LEVEL & EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

At Chyulu Wilderness Camp, students seeking to complete the EPQ will have the opportunity to explore fields of study outside of the usual A-level subject choices, adding a different dimension to your Sixth Form year, and giving you a platform to prove that you are an ambitious and inspired scholar.

Completion of the EPQ will prove that you possess the ability to go beyond the curriculum, and that you have the necessary research skills, time management and independent learning required for successful higher education.

Whether your EPQ relates to biology, economics, geography or even art or another topic, our one-week programme provides an opportunity to venture into a wide range of local and global issues, allowing you to obtain first-hand knowledge for your essay or to develop your artefact.



## IMPACT OF MWCT & CWC IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

### EMPLOYMENT

- Over 40 local community staff employed directly at CWC
- 15 rangers employed to protect and patrol the area

### EDUCATION

- New classrooms and technology for schools to benefit over 9,000 students
- Improved infrastructures for meetings and gatherings for use by the local community
- Programmes for local students
- Sports activities

### HEALTH

- 19,000 locals benefitting from health services supported by CWC
- Reliable and healthy food sources from the organic farm

### DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE

- Direct income from sales of local Maasai goods, promoting alternative livelihoods
- Promotion of local enterprise that provides for CWC
- Tree nursery and reforestation
- Grass seed banks



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *by Parents*

### CAN PARENTS JOIN THE STUDENTS?

Although parents are not able to join the students, families will be informed of the arrival of the students to the Camp.

### DOES MY CHILD NEED ANY SPECIAL VACCINATION OR MEDICATION?

No vaccinations are required for a visit to CWC. There are no reported cases of malaria in this area.

### CAN STUDENTS BRING PERSONAL MEDICATION?

According to the Chyulu Codes, it is forbidden to self-medicate. All medicine must be handed in to the nurse. Students are reminded of the Codes upon arrival.

### IS THERE INTERNET ACCESS DURING THE CAMP?

Our goal is for the students to disconnect from the noise and rhythm of their everyday life, so they will hand in their devices upon arrival. The Camp Direction will always be able to contact families and the organising school in case of any emergency.

### IS THERE AN AREA TO STUDY?

We have a library in the main building, with computer stations that can be used for research purposes.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF STUDENTS NEED TO SPEND ONE NIGHT IN NAIROBI?

There is a hotel within the premises of the airport. If the group or an individual has to stay the night, then a CWC member of staff would stay with them. Whenever possible, groups will arrive during the day so that they can be transferred to CWC the same day.

### WHAT SHOULD I PACK FOR MY CHILD?

A comprehensive packing list will be sent well ahead of the visit. We recommend keeping in mind the following essentials: sunscreen, repellent, sunglasses, a camera, comfortable walking shoes, hat, a sweater for colder evenings, long sleeve trousers and top (green and beige clothing is best for Safari). We provide a backpack, binoculars, and rain poncho.

### DOES THE CAMPING EXPERIENCE PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY?

Sustainability lies at the core of Chyulu Wilderness Camp. We use locally grown food, sustainable energy sources and water from the local spring, exposing the students to more eco-friendly ways of living.

### ARE THERE FORMAL LESSONS DURING THE CAMP?

“Classes” in the traditional sense are not part of the programme. There will be, however, allocated hours for reflection, self-study, and personal research.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *by Schools*

### CAN SCHOOLS CREATE THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME?

We have a standard programme, covering our four main pillars: Adventure expedition, Conservation, Community Volunteering and Mindfulness. If there are specific activities you would like to do with your students, please get in touch beforehand.

### HOW WILL STUDENTS LEARN TO BE MORE ECO-CONSCIOUS?

By experiencing first-hand a sustainable form of eco-tourism and by witnessing how wildlife and human communities can co-exist, students will take the first step in a long-term process of changing mindsets.

### WILL THERE BE SCIENTIFIC LESSONS, EXPERIMENTS, OR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES?

As part of the programme, students will participate in flora and fauna-based activities, including a guided visit of the cloud forest.

### WILL STUDENTS RETURN HOME WITH A PORTFOLIO SHOWING WHAT THEY HAVE DONE AND LEARNT?

Every student will leave CWC with their own conservation project, created during their stay, and which they will present to their peers on the last day of camp.

For students counting on this experience as a main component of IB CAS/A-level EPQ, we require schools to contact us beforehand.

### HOW DO THE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAMP'S LONG-TERM GOALS ONCE THEY RETURN HOME?

We believe that it will be useful and beneficial for students to spend some time digesting their experience at CWC through reflective journaling, creative expression, carrying out surveys and presenting to their local communities at home. We will also work with the schools to debrief the students in order to monitor the programme continuously.

### ARE THERE ANY DOCUMENTS WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR OUR STUDENTS?

We strongly advise work to be done both before and after the students' time at CWC to ensure a deeper learning experience. With this in mind, preparatory work is crucial in order to maximise the lessons learnt whilst at CWC. We will send you some documents ahead of the visit to facilitate preparation work.

### WHAT WILL ACCOMPANYING TEACHERS DO DURING THE CAMP?

Teachers are responsible for chaperoning the visiting students during all activities, and to be a point of reference for visiting students so they feel comfortable with the Chyulu staff.

### WHAT ARE THE CHYULU CODES?

The Chyulu Codes and Guidelines are our behaviour expectations for students during their visit to Chyulu Wilderness Camp. They will be shared with groups prior to their trip.

### DO YOU OFFER ANY FEE REDUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL GROUPS?

For every 10 paying students, we can offer 1 free teacher and 1 free student.

### WHAT IS YOUR CANCELLATION POLICY?

A reservation will be confirmed upon payment. Up to 30 days before the chosen session, reimbursement is in full.







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