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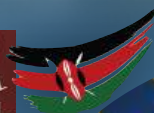
Journey to Kenya



OCTOBER 8-16, 2025

Celebration of the Kenya Borehole Project

NAIROBI • AMBOSELI • MOMBASA



Dear Trusted Travelers & Friends!

Welcome to our Magical Journey to Kenya! It will be magical not only because of the natural beauty of this African country, but because of the commitment many of those traveling with us this time have shown to caring for a community across the globe. Global Linkages, Inc. specializes in developing partnerships between the United States and the African continent, with a particular focus on Africa and the African Diaspora. This journey embodies our mission, as it incorporates the partnership our previous travelers to Kenya established with Water is Life Kenya, a United States and Kenyan based non-profit organization, and the Olmoti Community Development Organization that serves the Maasai community impacted by a three-year drought. We will be making good on our promise to bring fresh, clean water to the Olmoti by building a borehole, and celebrating by planting trees that can now flourish thanks to the fresh water from the borehole.



This will be a different type of Global Linkages experience for those who have traveled with us before. We wanted to make this journey more affordable for some, while still having a quality experience that you are use to. This will also be a hands-on experience that will bring a stronger connection to the Borehole Project as well as have fun!

Thank you to Rebecca Doggett and Carole Best for spearheading the Global Linkages Water Project and much appreciation to the other Borehole Project Ambassadors who have heavily contributed to the success of this project. Join us as we travel to Nairobi and Amboseli from October 8 -16, 2025 (9 days), with an optional trip to Mombasa for another five days (14 days total).

Be a part of the magic!

Lorna R. Johnson

Global Linkages, Inc.

MAGICAL JOURNEY TO KENYA

Your Journey at a Glance

day 1

Wed October 8
Depart JFK to Nairobi

day 2

Thurs October 9
Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta Intn'l Airport, Nairobi
Welcome Event-Ankole Grill
Check-In Hotel, Nairobi

day 3

Fri October 10
Briefing on Olmoti and the Maasais
Planning & Packing for Amboseli
Dinner in Nairobi •

day 4

Sat October 11
Maasai Market /Giraffe Experience/ Elephant
Sanctuary

day 5

Sun October 12
Hotel Check-Out
Drive to Amboseli
Check-In at Kibo Camp
Dinner

day 6

Mon October 13
Hot Air Balloon (Optional) - AM
Full or Half Day Safari
Prep Visit & Meeting with Olmoti
Dinner at Camp

day 6

Tues October 14
Olmoti & Water Is Life Kenya Programming
Dinner

day 7

Wed October 15
Olmoti Community Learning Session
Afternoon: Service Activities
-Tree Planting
-Visit to Primary School
- Visit to My Chosen Vessels Programs
Farewell Event

day 8

Thurs October 16
Depart for US or Optional Tour to Mombasa
Check-In Hotel in Mombasa



GLOBAL LINKAGES *Water Project*

The Global Linkages Water Project started on Giving Tuesday 2023 after a core group of past travelers discovered Water Is Life Kenya and began working with the non-profit to bring fresh, clean water to the Olmoti Maasai community living at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro. Ambassadors committed to swimming laps and walking for water, presented to organizations, sold dinners, and enlisted help from local barber and coffee shops. The group is looking to raise \$100,000 by December 2024 to drill a borehole for the Olmoti, making way for this trip which will allow the group to plant trees in the community made possible because of the new fresh, clean water. Visit Global Linkages | Water is Life Kenya at www.waterislifekenya.org for more information.



Welcome to Nairobi

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8

Depart JFK to Nairobi
Kenya Airways Direct Flight
Add on USA cities available

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International
Airport, Nairobi | Check-In Hotel, Nairobi
Welcome Event - Ankole Grill



Nairobi is Kenya's capital, and its largest city—with a population over 4.7 million. It is in the south-central region of Kenya, in the highlands, at an elevation of approximately 5,500 feet. The city originated in the 1890s as a colonial railway settlement, and from about 1900 onward, a small Indian bazaar and trading center was established. As a government center, Nairobi began attracting migrants from rural Kenya, making it one of the largest cities in Africa. It is the principal industrial center of the country, with the railways being the largest single employer. Nairobi is also home to manufacturing industries, and tourism is a key business. In addition to its urban core, the city is home to Nairobi National Park, a large game reserve known for breeding endangered black rhinos and home to numerous mammals, reptiles and birds.

STAY | THE FAIRVIEW HOTEL NAIROBI



In the heart of Nairobi, the Fairview Hotel is the secret gem of Nairobi's Upper Hill. Surrounded by lush gardens, woven with intricate pathways, the atmosphere creates an oasis of calm for anyone who stays here. The Fairview Hotel is the perfect setting to help begin this trip with unforgettable memories.

WELCOME EVENT | ANKOLE GRILL



The inspiration for the name Ankole Grill comes from the recognition and fascination that the oldest ancestor to all African cattle is the majestic and iconic Ankole Watusi bull. In its beauty and magnificence, it embodies the love and devotion and deep sense of connection that the Nilotic peoples of East and Central Africa share with their cattle. It is from this devotion and passion that we find inspiration to invite you to a warm, authentic, and generous dining experience...in the spirit of true African hospitality.

a Weekend in Nairobi

FRIDAY OCTOBER 10

- Briefing on Olmoti and the Maasai
- Planning & Packing for Amboseli
- Dinner in Nairobi ●

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

- ★Optional Excursions
Maasai Market | Giraffe Experience | Elephant Sanctuary



MEETING THE OLMOTI

All participants will receive a briefing on the Olmoti Community Development Organization, Global Linkages' beneficiary community partner for the Borehole Water Project. Olmoti is a big community with limited economic activity other than cattle breeding. Olmoti is located along the Kenyan/Tanzanian border and the national park of Amboseli. This community, distant from urban areas, is on the corridor of Kitenden, one of the best places to see Mount Kilimanjaro's peak. A three-year drought left the Olmotis without water for themselves and their livestock, which inspired the Global Linkages Water Project.

THE MAASAI MARKET



The Maasai Market is an open-air market where you can find curios, paintings, jewelry, clothes and fabric, wood carvings, batik wall hangings, soap, stone and more. The market was named after the Maasai, one of the most popular tribes in Kenya. This is a roving market that can be found in different locations depending on the day of the week. Enjoy bartering with the sellers and expect to walk away with some great deals (with the recognition that this is the sellers' livelihood.)

GIRAFFE EXPERIENCE



Those interested in this experience will visit the Giraffe Centre, the creation of the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (A.F.E.W. Kenya), a Kenyan non-profit organization. The main purpose is to educate Kenyan school children and youth on their country's wildlife and environment, as well as give local and international visitors an opportunity to come into close contact with the world's tallest species, the giraffe.

ELEPHANT SANCTUARY



Born from one family's passion for Kenya and its wilderness, the **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust** is the most successful orphan-elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world and one of the pioneering conservation organizations for wildlife and habitat protection in East Africa. To date, they have successfully hand-raised over 150 infant elephants!

The Safari

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12

- Hotel Check-Out
- Drive to Amboseli
- Check-In at Kibo Safari Camp
- Dinner

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

- ★Optional Hot Air Balloon
- Prep Visit & Meeting with Olmoti
- Full or Half Day Safari
- Dinner at Camp

KIBO SAFARI CAMP



Kibo Safari Camp is a luxury-tented camp that lies within Amboseli National Park at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in Africa. Amboseli is the core of a 3,100 square-mile ecosystem that spreads across the Kenya-Tanzania border, and is famous for being the best place in Africa to get close to free-ranging elephants among other wildlife species. Other attractions include opportunities to meet the Maasai people, including the Olmoti.

HOT AIR BALLOON SAFARIS



Hot air balloon safaris in Amboseli National Park are operated by Kilimanjaro Balloon Safaris, which is located just outside Kimana Gate at the southeast section of Amboseli National Park in Kenya. This is an excursion for early risers and those who are most adventurous.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14

- Olmoti & Water Is Life Kenya Program
- Dinner

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Olmoti Community Learning Session
- Afternoon: Service Activities
 - Tree Planting | Visiting Primary School
 - Visit My Chosen Vessels Program
- Farewell Event

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

- Depart for US or Optional Tour to Mombasa
- Check-In Hotel in Mombasa

at your Service!



Learning about the Olmoti and the Water Is Life Kenya (WILK) Program!

[Water is Life Kenya \(WILK\)](#) is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization founded by Joyce Tannian of Newark, Delaware and Joseph Larasha of Kenya. It is a US-based charitable organization which for 17 years has worked primarily with indigenous Maasai people in southern Kenya. It exists to spark personal, economic, and community development in marginalized communities in Kenya, according to existing customs and culture, by providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, empowering women, and equipping people to develop income by managing their resources. Through WILK's clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) program, they have completed 30 WASH projects, provided clean water to 100,000 people, and freed up 2 million annual hours per community with each new borehole.

TREE PLANTING



The government launched a campaign to plant 15 billion trees in ten years from 2022 in a bid to reach 30% tree cover in Kenya. The campaign aims at reducing greenhouse emissions, stopping, and reversing deforestation. The second phase of the Global Linkages Water Project encouraged donations for planting a tree in someone's honor, which is a key reason for this trip.

VISIT TO A PRIMARY SCHOOL



Olmoti Primary School provides education from grades 1 through 4, with preparations for levels up to grade 7. Global Linkages travelers often visit schools to connect with children and deliver much-needed supplies and donations.

MY CHOSEN VESSELS



Founded in 2009, My Chosen Vessels (MCV) is a 501(c)(3) Organization in the USA & a registered NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) in Kenya. Its mission is to empower Maasai people through water, education and culture conservation initiatives.



Farewell

Every Global Linkages journey has a meaningful conclusion. It provides the opportunity for travelers to reflect on their travels and celebrate the impact of the trip. The farewell event has always left its those in attendance craving more, so we will see you on our next voyage!

GLOBAL LINKAGES *About Us*



Global Linkages, founded in 1997 and based in the NJ-NYC metropolitan area, is a management consulting firm that specializes in developing partnerships with the African continent and the diaspora. As part of its services, Global Linkages provides “boutique travel experiences” that connect individuals, educational institutions, governments and businesses with unique and exciting explorations in Africa. This is primarily due to those extensive relationships created by the firm’s international development work. Global Linkages Principal Lorna K. Johnson, trained as a lawyer and urban planner, has been working in Africa for over 30 years and has made over 300 trips to the continent. In 2017, Global Linkages

expanded its journeys and development work to Cuba and in 2019 began traveling to Morocco. In 2022 Global Linkages expanded its work to East Africa, and earlier this year celebrated its inaugural journey to Brazil.



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TRIP INFORMATION

2025 TRIP COST \$4,500 | SINGLE OCCUPANCY +\$850

AIRLINES

- ✓ Kenya Airways Roundtrip flight departing from JFK International Airport (JFK)
- ✓ Airline fares are subject to final confirmation by Kenya Airways.

HOTELS

- ✓ Fairview - 4.5 stars
- ✓ Kibo Camp - 4 Stars

MEALS

- ✓ Breakfast: Included daily at all accommodations.
- ✓ Lunch and Dinner: Included where indicated.

TOURS

- ✓ All tours, safaris and excursions are included except for optional activities

YOUR EAST AFRICA EXPERIENCE INCLUSIONS

- ✓ All Flights: JFK-Nairobi; Domestic flights to/from JFK, additional
- ✓ All Hotel and Camp Accommodations
- ✓ All Breakfasts
- ✓ Lunches and Dinners where indicated
- ✓ All Group Tours and Safaris
- ✓ Customized Curated Events
- ✓ Ground Transportation in Kenya and Amboseli
- ✓ Group Personal Guides & Assistants
- ✓ Welcome Packages & Zoom Call Orientation Meetings
- ✓ Ground Assistance in Kenya and Amboseli

EXCLUSIONS

- ✓ Visa Fee for Kenya
- ✓ Cost of Optional Excursions
- ✓ Accommodations Room Gratuities

GROUND OPERATORS

Game Watchers Safaris - www.gamewatchers.com

PAYMENT INFO

A deposit of \$500 will be required to reserve a place and can be paid by check, money order, credit card, PayPal or Zelle.

A payment plan and schedule are provided as a separate attachment.

Trip must be paid in full by or before July 31, 2025

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REGISTRATION FORM

Use this form to register and reserve your spot for the Magical Journey to Kenya.
I have read and understand the attached payment and refund policy.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I would like the following accommodations (Check one) Single Double

If double, my roommate will be _____

Method of Payment

Check or Money Order | Payable to Global Linkages

Credit Card | 5% transaction fee will be added

_____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration date ____/____

Signature _____

This card is a MasterCard Visa American Express Discover (check one)

Paypal Email: lkjglobalink@aol.com (Be sure to indicate Family & Friends)

Zelle Email: lkjglobalink@aol.com

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PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND REFUND POLICY

After paying a minimum deposit of \$500, payments of \$500 or more will be accepted for those who prefer to pay in installments. Please see the suggested payment plan for additional information and deadlines.

- Global Linkages accepts checks, money orders, major credit cards (Visa/Mastercard/American Express/Discover) and electronic payments including Zelle and PayPal.
- A returned check fee of \$40 will be charged for all returned checks.
- All credit card transactions incur a 5% transaction fee.
- Transmit Paypal and Zelle payments to lkjglobalink@aol.com.
- Please make all checks and money orders payable to Global Linkages.
- All final payments must be received by Global Linkages no later than July 31, 2025. Trip participants with outstanding balances after this date will incur a penalty equivalent to 10% of the balance due.

REFUNDS

The refund policy is:

October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024	Payment Minus \$500
January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025	Payment minus \$1,000
April 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025	Payment minus \$2,500
July 1, 2025 - September 15, 2025	Payment minus \$3,500
September 16, 2025 - To Trip Departure Date	NO REFUNDS



INSURANCE | Participants are strongly encouraged to purchase Travel Insurance. You can purchase TravelGuard (AIG) insurance through Global Linkages' travel agent, or you are welcomed to purchase travel insurance from a provider of your choice.

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SUGGESTED PAYMENT PLAN & DEADLINES SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 8-16, 2025

October 2024	• \$500 deposit
November 2024 - June 2025	• \$500 each month
February 28, 2025	• Minimum of \$2,500 payment due to GL
April 2025	• All Forms, including Optional Activities and Participants Info are due
May 2025	• Picture and Bio Due for Travelers Companion
July 31, 2025	• All Final Payments are Due
September 15, 2025	• Last Date to Electronically Apply for Kenya ETA • Yellow Fever Inoculation Should be Completed
October 8, 2025	• Depart for Kenya