

# Tumaren Camp Activities

**Tumaren Camp** is a small camp and each day your guide will help plan your next day. We like to tailor make your stay and so please tell your guide what you enjoy doing.

**Guided walks** – these can be short walks / strolls or longer walks for a few hours. The wildlife in this area is rich and you can enjoy walks in different locations each day.

**Camel rides** – especially popular with children. Our camels are very friendly and useful for carrying children that can tire faster than adults giving parents a bit more freedom to walk for a longer time without complaints.

**Rock climbing** – we have trained guides and have set up a number of top rope climbs which range from beginner levels to intermediate levels. The guide belays the climber from below and the climber simply climbs up to the anchor and is then lowered back down. The routes are good for children and adults alike.

**Tracking** – Our trackers are excellent and it is very rewarding tracking and trying to sneak up on an animal and learning their skills.

**Swimming** – The river is a great place to cool off in the heat of the day and with kids a wonderful way to pass an afternoon.

#### Game drives and night drives

## COMMUNITY:

### School:

Should you simply want to visit the school and perhaps do a lecture to a class this is easily arranged and popular. The children love this and learn a lot from meeting people from other cultures.

We financially support the local schools in a variety of ways and if you are interested then we encourage you to visit the school and donate to these causes.

- a. We have a food programme where we substitute the school lunches with protein and top up the meals so that there are enough for the children. This have proved to be very popular.
- b. Fund a child whose parents cannot afford the fees
- c. Fund a teacher many times the teachers are unpaid
- d. Bring books, solar lights, pens and pads and these are always very useful and appreciated.

Market visit – please ask your guide as this happens once every two weeks on a Wednesday in Kimancho and every Tuesday in Ol Donyo Nyiro – 1 hour drive away.

Manyatta visit – It is interesting visiting a local home in the evening when the livestock is coming in for the night. You can watch the goats and cows being milked and go in to a home and see how the people live their daily lives.

**Camel creche:** A visit to the female camel boma is always rewarding. You can watch the baby camels suckling and help milk a camel if you wish.

**Afternoons:** It if often hot in the afternoon so we don't want to be out in the hot sun but for those wanting to do something here are some thoughts.

**Samburu games** – The trackers and guides have a wealth of local games that they can play with the children..

**Beading** – Making a beading masai bracelet or ring with the guidance of Mary or Leah.

Football – With the local village / community

**Jogging** – We often have people wanting a quick run in the morning – please arrange this with your guide and he can send a person with you.

# INTERESTED IN RESEARCH?

This needs at least 48 hours to arrange so please let us know as soon as possible if this is of interest.

**Baboon walk** www.baboonsrus.com. – There are some habituated baboons that have been studied for the last 20 years by Shirley Strum and her team through the Uaso Ngiro Baboon Project. This is a great way to spend a few hours following this troop with the resident research assistant and learning about these fascinating creatures. US\$ 80 per person including the donation and transport to and from the baboons. This is an early morning activity.

**Mpala Research Centre**, mpala.org — This centre is about 1 hour drive from Tumaren Camp and there are many fascinating research programmes that are ongoing from here. By prior arrangement we can take you there for a morning and you can follow and learn for a morning. Examples are the Grevy Zebra Research, Vulturine Guinea Fowl and Grassland Restoration project. There is an extra cost for this of US\$ 150 per person including transport and the donation to Mpala.

