

## OL PEJETA BUSH CAMP

### Activities List

1 January – 31 December 2020

Aside from being a beacon in sustainable conservation, the 400 sq. km Ol Pejeta Conservancy boasts one of the greatest game-to-area ratios of any reserve in Kenya and East Africa and the highest population of black rhino in East Africa. From evergreen thickets to gnarled acacia forests, Ol Pejeta Bush Camp offers a diverse range of habitats to explore. The Big 5 can all be found in the area, alongside some of the rarer Northern species of Grevy's zebra, Beisa Oryx and the locally threatened Jackson's hartebeest, and of course the majestic black and white rhino – Ol Pejeta is actually home to East Africa's largest population of black rhino. The area also offers excellent birding opportunities with over 200 migrant and resident species in a great ornithological gathering that ensures excellent sightings.



Alongside the traditional bush walks, game and night drives, activities from Ol Pejeta Bush Camp focus on the unique conservation and community projects in the conservancy. A visit to the conservancy is not complete without spending time at the Endangered Species enclosure where you can encounter the last remaining 2 Northern white rhino in the wild in the world.

However you choose to spend your days on safari here, Ol Pejeta guarantees a wonderfully varied safari experience in this unique corner of Kenya and the chance to make a true difference to the future of conservation. To maximise your time here we recommend a minimum of three or four nights to allow you time to enjoy the conservation activities alongside more traditional safari activities, but there is more than enough to do here to keep you busy for a week if you have the time as Ol Pejeta Bush Camp offers Asilia's largest range of game activities amongst of the entire portfolio.

### Activity Seasons:

High Season: 1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August

Low Season: 1<sup>st</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> June; 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> December

Child: 3 – 11 years

### Activities included on Game Package:

#### Game Drives

Learn about the varied animal species and birdlife of the conservancy on a game drive from Ol Pejeta Bush Camp. Let our expert guides inspire you with their knowledge and explore this diverse conservancy. Vehicles are open-sided and seat up to 6 guests.

#### Night Drives (Included in Game Package)

High season: \$75 per adult/ \$38 per child

Low season: \$60 per adult/ \$30 per child

Dusk and the early evening just after the sun has fallen below the horizon is a thrilling time to be on safari. Antelope come out to feed in the cool air, predators take advantage of the cloak of darkness to stalk their prey and nocturnal species such as aardvark, zorilla and white-tailed mongoose begin their day. Join a knowledgeable guide on a night drive and seek out the action that takes place after darkness falls.

#### Walking Safaris (Included in Game Package)

High season: \$60 per person

Low season: \$60 per person

Discover the sights, sounds and smells of the bush on a walking safari. On foot, the magic of the bush truly comes alive and walking through big game country is an experience not to be missed. Minimum age for walking: 16 yrs on shared basis – children/under 12s by special arrangement and must be private basis



**Activities at an additional cost:**

*N.B. Please note the Conservancy does take credit cards but it requires a trip to Control and the activities can be very popular, so we strongly recommend pre-booking to avoid disappointment*

**Endangered Species Enclosure**

**High season: \$75 per adult/ \$38 per child**

**Low season: \$60 per adult/ \$30 per child**

Today, only 2 Northern white rhino remain in the world and both are found at Ol Pejeta conservancy in a 700 acre enclosure protected by 24 hour armed security. Take the opportunity to visit the enclosure, learn from the keepers about the efforts being taken to preserve the last of this highly endangered species, as well as view Grevy Zebra and Jackson's Hartebeest in a private and intimate setting.

*Morning visit: 08h30 or Afternoon visit: 16h00 – duration 45 minutes. Maximum 6 people per visit and physical interaction with the rhinos is relatively restricted.*

**Horse riding with rhinos: Endangered Species Enclosure**

**High season: \$60 per person**

**Low season: \$60 per person**

The chance to ride amongst the endangered species including the Northern white rhinos is a once in a lifetime experience. This predator-free area is wonderful to explore on horseback, with the chance to also encounter other of the endangered species such as Southern white rhinos, Grevy's zebra or Jackson's hartebeest.

*Morning ride: 10h00 or Afternoon ride: 15h00 – duration approximately 1 hour. Riding hats and tack are provided. Riders must wear suitable footwear, long trousers and sleeves. Maximum of 9 riders in a group. The rides will only be open to experienced riders and some proof of riding ability will be required at point of booking; clients judged to be of insufficient riding ability will not be permitted to undertake this activity.*





### Horse riding in the Conservancy

High season: \$70 per person

Low season: \$70 per person

Carry more memories home by riding on horseback across the Ol Pejeta plains. You will ride through the endangered species enclosure, then out the gate onto the Ol Pejeta plains and to the rhino memorial, Sudan's resting place. Horse riding gives you a unique perspective of the landscape and allows you to get closer to wildlife than in a safari vehicle. You will feel a sense of quiet isolation amidst the vast scenery of Ol Pejeta Conservancy. Depending on weather conditions and rider experience there may be a swim in Pelican dam.

*Morning ride: 8h00 -10h00 or Afternoon ride: 14h00 – 16h00 – duration approximately 2 hours.*

*Riding hats and tack are provided. Riders must wear suitable footwear, long trousers and sleeves.*

*Maximum of 9 riders in a group. The rides will only be open to experienced riders and some proof of riding ability will be required at point of booking; clients judged to be of insufficient riding ability will not be permitted to undertake this activity.*

### Canine Anti-Poaching Unit visit

High season: \$60 per adult/ \$30 per child

Low season: \$60 per adult/ \$30 per child

Visit the conservancy's blood hound dog kennels and learn about the training that transforms these canines into anti-poaching patrollers. After your tour, you can play a game of human-canine hide and seek, trying to evade the dogs and finding a spot to hide within the Morani Information Centre.

A great way to interact, get a bit of exercise for you and the hounds as well as assist in their training.

*Morning visit only: 08h30, maximum group size 6, minimum age 12 years. Closed toe-shoes recommended. In case the dogs are deployed we will refund money or try to reschedule the activity.*



### Lion Tracking

High season: \$75 per adult/ \$38 per child

Low season: \$60 per adult/ \$30 per child

Several lions on the conservancy have been fitted with radio collars and you can learn how to track them with the researchers with a special tracking device. When you locate a pride, you will learn how to identify the individuals by notches on their ears, whisker patterns and other distinguishing marks, and all data is passed to the OI Pejeta Ecological Monitoring team in order to further understand these magnificent predators. Guests remain in the vehicle at all times.

*Morning activity: 06h30 and Afternoon visit: 15h30 – duration approx. 2 hours, maximum 6 people*

### Junior Ranger Program

High season: \$30 per child

Low season: \$30 per child

Are you under the age of 12? Are you ready to join the OI Pejeta Team? Become an OI Pejeta Junior Ranger by purchasing one of our exciting Junior Ranger Packs which includes an activity booklet, a box of crayons and 5 stickers all contained within a very cool OI Pejeta bag. As you journey through the Conservancy, the idea is to work through all of the questions and games in the booklet. At the end of your journey, the Tourism Team at Morani Information Centre will be waiting for you and will ask you to repeat the official ranger oath, before presenting you with a ranger hat, a certificate and an honorary pin.



### Running with the rangers

High season: \$40 per person

Low season: \$40 per person

Keep your fitness levels up whilst on safari, to counteract all the delicious food you'll be eating, by joining the OI Pejeta Conservancy rangers on their early morning run. They do this daily to keep fit, and we can arrange for our guests to join them and the chance to have a coffee with them afterwards to learn more about their work to keep the wildlife on the conservancy safe. A fun and rewarding way to start your day!

*Available on Mondays and Wednesdays at 07h00, maximum 6 pax, minimum age 12 years. Suitable running shoes are needed as well as the ability to run a minimum of 5kms without stopping*

### **Gym in the wild**

**Cost: \$12 per person, per class**

**For private session \$20 per person, per class**

Going to the gym will never be the same again after trying it in the wild! In these one hour long classes enjoy some functional fitness which will include strength, endurance, mobility, agility and flexibility but will be scaled to your fitness level and ability.

*Open Mondays and Thursdays. Sessions available on the hour from 10h00 until 16h00. Must book in advance. Maximum of 10 people in a class.*

### **Cycling Safaris**

**Year round: 1 – 4 pax: \$100 per person/ 5+ pax: \$70 per person**

Are you a cycling enthusiast looking for a unique ride? Then look no further we offer a weekly 84km ride from Nanyuki to Mpala Research Centre and back including a stop for lunch at the Big Rock and some non-technical rock climbing.

*Departs every Sunday from Ol Pejeta to Nanyuki by car at 9h00 and returns at 17h00. Bikes and helmets are provided.*

### **Cultural and Community visits**

**High season: \$60 per person**

**Low season: \$60 per person**

The staff at Ol Pejeta Bush Camp are all drawn from the communities surrounding the conservancy and are always eager to share their culture and history. See first-hand how these communities are benefiting from the conservancy, visiting agricultural projects such as water collection and tree nurseries, or the jiko energy project to reduce firewood usage. During term-time on weekdays, it is also possible to visit a local school.

*Visit: 10h30-12h30 and pre-booking recommended*

### **Nanyuki Market Day**

**High season: \$100 per person**

**Low season: \$100 per person**

Head into the nearby market town of Nanyuki with staff from the Ol Pejeta Bush Camp to visit the huge open air market at Mutumba. Pick up the week's supplies for the camp and soak up the hustle and bustle before heading to local restaurant, Mulima View for a traditional nyama choma lunch – roasted goat, maize meal ugali and local vegetables. Return to camp in the mid afternoon in time for an afternoon activity if you wish.

*Available Wednesday and Saturdays*

### **Wildlife – Livestock Integration**

**High season: \$60 per adult/ \$30 per child**

**Low season: \$60 per adult/ \$30 per child**

Ol Pejeta operates a unique wildlife-livestock integration model; balancing over 6000 cattle with conservation. During the activity guests will learn about the creation of biodiversity hotspots and either help move one of the conservancy's predator proof cattle 'bomas' or assist in a cattle spray race.

*Morning activity: 9h00 duration of 2 hours. Closed shoes recommended.*