



### OPTIONS

This program has something for you whether you want to focus on baboon behavior, plant species or the relationships between humans, wildlife and cattle in the ecosystem. Please specify your preference for the walk's focus when you meet your guide.

1. 7am - 9am: Meet the baboons as they wake up and cross the river in trees overhead and then follow them through their morning activities.
2. 4pm - 6pm: Follow the baboons as they wind up their day and return to the river and fig trees for the night.



### 5 FACTS ABOUT BABOONS

- Baboons can live up to thirty years in the wild.
- Infants and juveniles play games like hide-and-seek and catch-me-if-you-can.
- Baboons have complex social structures based on friendship, alliance-building and family ties.
- Females are the stable core of the troop, while males migrate into and out of different groups.
- Family units are close and supportive.

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# WALK WITH BABOONS



Don't miss this incredible opportunity to walk with a habituated troop of baboons in Kenya's magnificent South Rift valley. Follow the baboons as they swim through a river, play in acacia trees and eat sweet cordia berries. You'll be led through the bush by a local Maasai guide and you'll also have the chance to learn about other species, tracking and Maasai culture.

# Program with a Conscience

## SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

All of the funds generated from your walk are funneled back into educational programs and community projects in the area.

## SUPPORTING BABOON CONSERVATION

Attitudes toward baboons tend to be very negative in Kenya, ranging from apathy to fear or hatred. The main goal of "Walking with Baboons" is to show that baboons can bring benefits to the local communities through tourism.

## SUPPORTING SCIENCE

Your guide is also trained to collect basic behavioral and ecological data on the habituated troops. The data is used to understand how baboons and people can share the dry rangelands of Kenya in the future.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The baboon troop has a large range and can travel several kilometers in one day. In order to follow them, you will be asked to walk in steep and rocky areas. We strongly recommend that you take into account your physical fitness and inform the guide of your desires before deciding to join us on a walk.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

- A liter of water, binoculars, sunscreen, a hat, good walking shoes, and the signed disclaimer.

## MEET YOUR GUIDE

Your guide's name is Joel Njonjo. Joel started habituating the Mpaleki baboon troop in August 2008. He is Maasai, from the town of Nguruman. When not walking with baboons, he herds cattle and goats, tends to his farm, and actively participates in the local political scene as a member of Kenya's Orange Democratic Party.



## OTHER SPECIES YOU MIGHT SEE...

*Vervet Monkeys*

*Wildebeest*

*Impala*

*Grant's Gazelle*

*Porcupines*

*Ground Squirrels*

*Guinea Fowl*

*Kingfishers*



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