



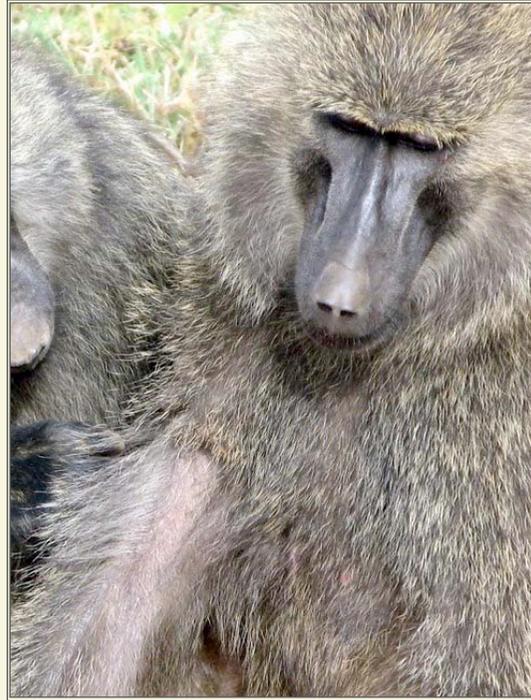
OPTIONS

The ideal time to pay a visit to the troop is when they are sitting around their rocky sleeping sites.

Tours can therefore be arranged very early morning at dawn (6:30am) or late in the afternoon leading up to dusk (4pm). The length of time spent with the animals is flexible, although tours will normally last for 1-2 hours.

Although baboons are generally far more active and social in the early morning and slightly more relaxed in the evening, both times offer excellent viewing opportunities.

Your lodge can arrange for a bush breakfast after the morning session, or sundowners after the evening tour.

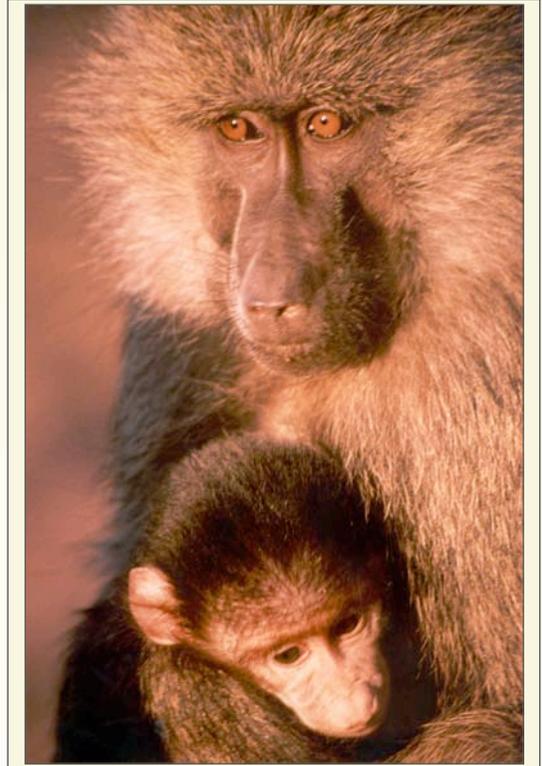


5 FACTS ABOUT BABOONS

- 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.

TO SCHEDULE YOUR WALK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL US AT (0)724.943.948 OR SEND INQUIRIES TO TWALAMANYATTA@HOTMAIL.COM

WALK WITH BABOONS



Don't miss this incredible opportunity to walk with a habituated troop of baboons in Kenya's magnificent Laikipia plateau. Follow the baboons as they clamber down from their sleeping sites, play in acacia trees and eat sweet opuntia fruit. 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.

Responsible

Ecotourism



OTHER SPECIES YOU MIGHT SEE...

Elephants

Dikdik

Rock hyrax

Grant's Gazelle

Porcupines

Ground Squirrels

Guinea Fowl

Lions

Zebra

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.

Although rare, there have been sightings of elephant, leopard and cheetah on and around the sleeping sites. Please be aware of these risks and understand that you may not be able to access the baboons if the guide feels it is unsafe to do so.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

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

THE UASO NGIRO BABOON PROJECT

The habituated baboons are part of a long-term research project on social behavior and ecology of wild groups that began in 1971. The results of the studies have changed international perceptions of baboon lives.

Ecological monitoring of the area where the baboons range has been a significant part of UNBP's research since 1981. UNBP has one of the best ecological data sets of any primate research project in Africa.

In partnership with African Conservation Centre (ACC), UNBP is also examining the impact of pastoralism in the past and present with the goal of promoting better options for livelihoods in the future.



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