enya has long captured the imagination of adventurers and romantics. From the soda lakes of the Great Rift Valley to the fabled plains of the Maasai Mara, Kenya is abundant with iconic wildlife. In fact, it hosts the planet's most dramatic wildlife event: the Great Migration, when enormous herds of wildebeest and zebra make a great circuit across the Serengeti Plains following the new grass that sprouts with the seasonal rains.



WWF began working in Kenya in 1973 when 37,000 acres adjacent to Lake Nakuru were purchased to expand the park into an ecologically sustainable size and establish a sanctuary for the black rhino. Decades later, Lake Nakuru National Park is the site of some of our cutting-edge wildlife technology work, as we test new strategies—including thermal imaging cameras—to stop poachers in their tracks.

Join WWF's Bas Huijbregts for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore firsthand how WWF and our partners on the ground in Kenya are working together to protect the country's iconic wildlife and their habitat.



For wildlife lovers, there is no place more exciting than Kenya. Come with me to experience it for yourself and see what WWF and our partners are doing to protect some of the world's most majestic creatures.

—Bas Huijbregts

WWF Expeditions is an invitation-only conservation travel program for our closest supporters, along with friends and family, to see firsthand the positive impact World Wildlife Fund is making.

These custom-designed journeys are led by WWF experts and offer exclusive opportunities to discover the wildlife and ecosystems we protect; meet community members whose lives are being improved because of our work; and immerse yourself in the worlds of our field staff and partners on the ground.

Come explore the best of the natural world and see how together we are making a difference for our planet.



## **WWF EXPEDITIONS**

Cutting Edge Wildlife Conservation: A Great Migration Safari to Kenya with Bas Huijbregts





## Meet Our Expert

A nature loving adventurer, Bas Huijbregts has two decades of intimate experience with Africa's charismatic wildlife, including sitting in the pouring

rain next to a silverback gorilla and narrowly escaping charging elephants.

Bas' career with WWF began in 1997 with his dream job: Conducting the wildlife surveys that would lead to the creation of Minkebe National Park in Gabon, home to the world's densest population of forest elephants. After nearly twenty years spent in the Congo Basin, in 2014 Bas moved to the US where he now serves as WWF's African Species Manager.



Our adventure begins in Nairobi where you will enjoy a welcome dinner with local staff. Then it's off to Lake Nakuru National Park in the Great Rift Valley, an important sanctuary for black and white rhinos, and the Rothschild giraffe. The area is also home to tree-climbing lions, a behavior only found in certain prides in the region. The eponymous lake attracts

more than 400 different bird species, including the great white pelican, African spoonbill, yellow-billed stork, lesser and greater flamingo, and long-crested eagle. During our time in the national park, we will talk about some of the cutting-edge technologies WWF and partners are creating to fight wildlife crime. This discussion will come to life during a

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visit to the park's central command station, where you will get an on-the-ground demonstration of new static thermal imaging cameras used to catch poachers.

Our journey continues with a charter flight into the heart of the Greater Maasai Mara ecosystem, one of Africa's most renowned wildlife regions. Here we split our time between two camps to enjoy Africa's greatest wildlife

spectacle: the Great Migration. As 1.5 million wildebeest race across the vast Mara plains, we may witness dramatic river crossings. Against this impressive backdrop we will find an array of charismatic wildlife, including large numbers of zebra, Grant's gazelle, Thompson's gazelle, eland, and impala. Throughout, we will discuss the conservation measures that are necessary to ensure these natural wonders persist for generations to come. This will include a day spent in the wildlifeabundant Mara Triangle where WWF experts and park authorities

will demonstrate mobile thermal imaging cameras, with a discussion about why the landscape influences how we deploy this innovative anti-poaching technology.



## **Reservation Information & Trip Details**

Dates: August 23-September 1, 2018

Limited to 11 travelers
Land cost: \$14,420 per person, double occupancy with 5—8 guests
\$13,240 per person, double occupancy with 9—11 guests
Internal air cost: \$845
Single supplement: \$1,550

For reservations and additional information, please contact Karl Egloff at WWF at 202-495-4119 or karl.egloff@wwfus.org.

