

KENYA 2027 · PERSONAL INVITATION · MARCH 2026

An Invitation to Kenya.

January 2027. A Seat on the Expedition.

THE INVITATION

Three Worlds. *Fourteen days.*

You are invited. This is not a safari.

Most luxury Africa travel follows a familiar arc: fly in, lodge, game drive, lodge, fly out. The landscapes change. The structure does not.

What Planet 5 has assembled in Kenya is something categorically different: a 14-day expedition that moves through three entirely distinct worlds within a single country, each one building on the last, connected by a narrative that gives the journey meaning beyond the sum of its remarkable parts.

This expedition is part air safari, part trekking safari, part driving safari. Moving through Kenya by private aircraft, by helicopter, on foot above 15,000 feet, by 4×4 through savanna and by boat on the great Jade Sea, the journey links landscapes and experiences that are individually world-class and collectively unrepeatabe.

The difference between telling a story and being part of one.

THE DISCOVERY

Savanna. Summit. *Source.*

What makes Kenya unlike anywhere else on earth.

Laikipia. A highland wilderness where 250+ black and white rhinos move freely, elephant corridors connect ecosystems severed elsewhere, and the relationship between people, land, and wildlife is not theoretical.

Mount Kenya. Africa's second-highest mountain rises through bamboo forest, montane cedar, and high moorland into glaciers and silence. One of East Africa's most critical water towers.

Lake Turkana. The Jade Sea. 7,560 square kilometres at the edge of the known world. Where Turkana Boy was unearthed. The phrase "cradle of mankind" is not a metaphor here. It is a location.

THE FOUNDATION · JANUARY 24 TO 28 · FOUR NIGHTS

Borana Conservancy.

Four generations. One landscape. *A family that stayed.*

The Dyers have been in Kenya for four generations. What began as a cattle and sheep ranch on the Laikipia Plateau became one of the most successful conservation models in Africa. Michael Dyer, the current steward, grew up here. His brother Fuzz established Kenya's first private rhino sanctuary at Lewa. Their children now fly the helicopters, run the water programs, and walk the land their grandparents cleared.

For three days the group splits into rotating tracks. Sam Taylor, chief conservation officer for two decades, leads working ranger patrols. Harry Dyer flies morning reconnaissance. Charlie Dyer leads the water conservation program by e-bike through the catchment systems. Michael hosts the evenings.

THE ASCENT · JANUARY 28 TO FEBRUARY 1 · FOUR NIGHTS

Mount Kenya. *4,985 metres.*

Africa's second-highest mountain. The Timau route.

The route rises through bamboo forest, montane cedar, high moorland, and alpine desert to a summit world of glaciers and silence. On clear mornings, views south to Kilimanjaro, 200 miles away. Ciaran Brown, Michael Dyer's nephew, leads the trek. The handover at the family farm at Kasima is one chapter of the story passing to the next.

The level of support is unlike anything available commercially on this route: a traveling heated yurt, separate shower and toilet tents, a full expedition chef, total portering. Below the summit, the Lewis Glacier retreats visibly year by year. Each evening, what this mountain means, the ecosystems it sustains, the stories written into its ridgelines.



THE CROSSING · FEBRUARY 1 · ONE DAY

Nanyuki to Koros. *The Suguta Valley flight.*

THREE HELICOPTERS. FIVE HOURS. 400 KILOMETRES.

Tropic Air Kenya provides three A-Star B3 helicopters for a transfer covering nearly 400 kilometres of some of the most dramatic and least visited landscape on the continent. This is not a transit. It is one of the great journeys of the expedition.

Northwest from Nanyuki along the Mount Kenya massif, then toward the Rift Valley. The landscape shifts from highland green to the tawny browns of the northern frontier, then drops into the Suguta Valley: volcanic mud flats, ancient lake beds, thermal springs, and lava flows. Stops are built into the route. Then onward, until the jade expanse of Lake Turkana appears on the horizon.

For many, the single most visually extraordinary experience of a lifetime.

THE CRADLE OF MANKIND · FEBRUARY 1 TO 5 · FOUR NIGHTS

Koros Camp. *Lake Turkana.*

The Jade Sea. A UNESCO World Heritage Site. 700 kilometres from Nairobi.

Lake Turkana is the world's largest permanent desert lake: 7,560 square kilometres of alkaline water in a volcanic basin sustained entirely by inflow from the Omo River. The Koobi Fora fossil beds along its eastern shore trace the human lineage further back than anywhere else on earth. Koros Camp is owned by Amory and Karina Macleod. Four nights at a genuine expedition base at the edge of the world.

Three rotating tracks: Lake Turkana by boat with Amory, quad bikes to the tribes, day flights to the Turkana Basin Institute, where the fossil beds trace the human lineage further back than anywhere else on earth. One evening, approximately 50 Samburu people arrive for a traditional dinner and dance in the firelight at the edge of the Jade Sea. Another features Dr. Dino Martins, one of the world's pre-eminent ecologists, at the dinner table.

THE EXPEDITION

14 Days in Kenya. *January 23 to February 5, 2027.*

DAY 1

Nairobi Arrival

Transfer to the Norfolk Hotel.
Welcome dinner.

DAYS 2-5 · THE FOUNDATION

Borana Conservancy

Charter flight to Borana. Three rotating tracks: ranger patrols, helicopter flights, e-bike water conservation. Kasima farm.

DAYS 6-9 · THE ASCENT

Mount Kenya Summit

Timau route. Heated yurt, expedition chef, total portorage. Summit Point Lenana at 4,985 metres. Descend to Nanyuki.

THE CROSSING

Suguta Valley by Helicopter

Three helicopters. Five hours. Nearly 400 kilometres across volcanic desert to Lake Turkana.

DAYS 10-13 · THE CRADLE

Koros Camp, Lake Turkana

Three rotating tracks: boat with Amory Macleod, quad bikes to the tribes, day flights to Turkana Basin Institute. Samburu evening. Dr. Dino Martins at dinner.

INCLUDES

- All internal charter flights and helicopter transfers
- All accommodation including Nairobi hotels
- All meals, activities, guiding, park fees
- Ground transfers throughout
- Flying Doctors emergency evacuation
- Professional photography and video documentation

EXCLUDES

- International airfare to and from Nairobi
- Premium wine and spirits beyond standard package
- Global Rescue medical evacuation membership
- International medical insurance
- Trip travel insurance

Hosted throughout by Dirk Collins.

WHO JOINS

Four Kinds of Travelers.

This expedition serves people looking for something beyond the standard Africa trip.

BEYOND THE SAFARI

You have done the lodges, the game drives, the Mara. You are ready for something with depth and consequence.

THE PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTOR

See where the work comes from. Walk the landscapes that become the art on your wall.

THE MULTIGENERATIONAL JOURNEY

A family experience that crosses decades and continents. The Dyers built theirs. You begin yours.

THE ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME SEEKER

Some combinations cannot be assembled twice. The people, the access, and the timing are singular.

The kind of journey that requires an invitation, not a booking.

THE ACCESS

Why this expedition *cannot be replicated.*

THE COMBINATION

Borana, Mount Kenya, and Lake Turkana each exist as standalone destinations. No operator has ever combined all three into a single 14-day narrative arc with purpose-built programming and aerial infrastructure. The combination itself has no precedent.

THE HELICOPTER CROSSING

No commercial equivalent. Most expeditions to Turkana arrive by road over two to three days. Three aircraft across 400 kilometres of volcanic desert, with stops on the valley floor, does not exist as a purchasable experience anywhere in the luxury Africa market.

THE RELATIONSHIPS

Three days at the Turkana Basin Institute, walking excavation sites where Turkana Boy was unearthed. The Samburu dinner dance. Dr. Dino Martins at the table. Four nights with the Macleods. Insider access built across four generations of the Dyer family. Not items. Relationships.

THE IMPACT

Preservation through *participation*.

This expedition does not simply pass through these landscapes. It contributes directly to the people and programs protecting them, at every phase of the journey.

PHASE 1 · BORANA

Ranger infrastructure and community education.

Supporting the ranger infrastructure and community education programs that sustain a 92,000-acre conservancy with over 250 rhinos.

PHASE 2 · MOUNT KENYA

Glacial systems and water tower preservation.

Contributing to the monitoring and preservation of the glacial systems that supply freshwater to millions downstream.

PHASE 3 · LAKE TURKANA

Communities and paleoanthropological research.

Supporting the communities and research institutions working to protect the most important paleoanthropological site on earth.

*This is not charity. It is a business model where commerce and preservation are structurally inseparable. **Your participation funds what it depicts.***

WHAT YOU GAIN

The experience *and* the content.

You become part of a story through genuine involvement. A professional crew documents the expedition throughout. You return with more than memories.

The Experience

Two weeks embedded with the crew. Rangers, scientists, pilots, and the families who have shaped these landscapes. Not a spectator. A participant.

Professional Photography

World-class images from the expedition featuring you across three extraordinary landscapes. Delivered in high resolution.

The Story

Three helicopters across the Suguta Valley. The Jade Sea. A summit at dawn. When you return, the story you tell is yours because you lived it.

Shoot Alongside Us

Bring your camera. Capture alongside professionals who have documented Everest, Patagonia, and the most remote landscapes on earth. Your images are yours.

The Association

Be present for an expedition that has no commercial equivalent. Documented by an Emmy-nominated filmmaker.

Video and Content

Edited footage and photo assets ready to share. Memories captured at a professional level, delivered for personal and social use.

The places you dream about. The access you could never find on your own.

HOW TO JOIN

Two ways to join the expedition.

Every seat is by invitation only. The structure is built around how you want to experience the journey.

INDIVIDUAL EXPEDITION

One or two seats. *The full experience.*

- Full 14-day expedition: Borana, Mount Kenya, Lake Turkana
- All charter flights and helicopter transfers
- Professional photography and video documentation throughout
- Curated content package delivered post-expedition
- All accommodation, meals, and ground logistics
- Flying Doctors emergency evacuation coverage
- Option to reserve a second seat for a companion

For individuals, couples, or close friends seeking depth, meaning, and access beyond the ordinary.

CUSTOM PRIVATE EXPEDITION

Your group. Your dates. *Your story.*

- Up to twelve participants from your family or group
- Exclusive expedition dates with no other participants
- Custom documentary content featuring your group
- Full content library with personal usage rights
- Bespoke itinerary built around your group's interests
- First right of refusal for future expeditions

For multi-generational families, milestone celebrations, and groups who want the journey entirely their own.

Limited availability. Twelve seats total per expedition. Pricing provided upon request. International airfare not included.

THE TEAM

Your team *in the field.*



What makes this expedition possible is not one person. It is the network.

The Dyer family at Borana. Ciaran Brown on Mount Kenya. Tropic Air Kenya in the helicopters. Amory and Karina Macleod at Koros. Dr. Dino Martins at the Turkana Basin Institute. Sam Taylor and his rangers. These are the same people Dirk calls when producing films and television for the world's most iconic brands.

Every guide, every pilot, every host on this expedition is someone who has been tested on real productions in real conditions. They grant access, provide safety, and move twelve people through environments that few others can reach.

Dirk Collins

HOST & PRODUCER

Emmy-nominated filmmaker, co-founder of Teton Gravity Research, expedition producer for National Geographic and Disney. Thirty years working in the most remote landscapes on earth.

TRUSTED BY



THE TIMELINE

From commitment to *expedition*.

APRIL 2026

Seat Confirmed

Onboarding begins.

MAY – OCT 2026

Preparation

Pre-expedition preparation and background.

NOVEMBER 2026

Final Logistics

Final logistics and gear recommendations.

JAN 23 – FEB 5, 2027

The Expedition

Two weeks in Kenya.

MARCH 2027

Content Delivered

Ready to share.

The window is brief. The story lasts.

THE FIELD

Selected frames.



NEXT STEP

The conversation starts here.

Planet 5 runs only a handful of expeditions each year. Each one is built around the people who join it. This invitation is personal. For details, availability, and reservations, speak with your travel advisor. Your advisor will arrange everything, including holding places for your party.

"Some journeys change how you see everything after."