

"Luke's African Safari"

1. Indigenous People: Known as first peoples, aboriginal peoples, native peoples, the original inhabitants of a given region. They maintain traditions and other aspects of early culture.
2. Maasai Tribe: The most authentic and renowned African tribe. The Maasai reside in Kenya and Tanzania. They still live the way they have for decades, honoring their culture, traditions, and history. The Maasai are well known for their traditional handmade beaded jewelry. The jewelry they create is beautiful and has been an important part of their culture. The colors in their beadwork have important meanings understood by the tribe. The Maasai will wear or give their jewelry as gifts for special occasions.
3. Culture: The sum of attitudes, customs, and beliefs that distinguishes one group of people from another. Culture is transmitted through language, material objects, ritual, institutions, and art, from one generation to another.
4. Reserve/Preserve: A protected area of importance for wildlife, flora, fauna or features of geological or other special interest, which is reserved and managed for conservation.
5. Wildlife Refuge/Wildlife Sanctuary: Can be a naturally occurring sanctuary that provides protection for species from hunting, predation or competition; a protected area, a geographic territory within which wildlife is protected.
6. Habitat: The natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.
7. Environmentalist: A person who advocates for the protection of the biosphere from misuse of human activity through such measures as ecosystem protection, waste reduction, and pollution prevention.
8. Conservationist: A person who maintains natural areas or protects threatened species.
9. Endangered Species: A species of animal or plant that is seriously at risk of extinction.
10. Extinction: The situation that results when an animal or plant no longer exists.

11. Wildlife Corridor: A link of wildlife habitat, generally native vegetation, which joins two or more larger areas of similar wildlife habitats. Corridors are critical to animal populations. African Wildlife Foundation www.awf.org

12. Poacher: A person who catches and kills animals illegally.

13. Faux (Fake) Fur & Leather: Manmade material made of synthetic fibers designed to resemble fur or leather, normally for a piece of clothing. An animal-friendly alternative to traditional fur and leather clothing.

14. Orphaned: A young animal that has been separated from its parents or mother.

15. Gemstone: The name given to a piece of mineral, rock, or organic material that has been cut, polished, and made into a piece of jewelry. Sometimes a gemstone refers to a beautiful crystal. All gemstones come from Mother Earth. They are created from the magma or the Earth's inner core. There is a magical connection between human beings, animals, and gemstones. Gemstones have been used for healing in many cultures for centuries.

16. Sapphire: Natural sapphires are cut and polished into gemstones, typically blue in color but also occur in other colors. It is the birthstone for September.

17. David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust: The most successful orphan-elephant rescue and rehabilitation program in the world and one of the pioneering conservation organizations for wildlife and habitat protection in East Africa. Their orphans' project, exists to offer hope for the future of Kenya's threatened elephant and rhino populations as they struggle against the threat of poaching for their ivory and horn. www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org

18. Dr. Dame Daphne Sheldrick: Founded the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in 1977 in honor of the memory of her late husband, famous naturalist David Sheldrick. Daphne Sheldrick's involvement with hand-rearing and rehabilitating wildlife has spanned a lifetime. Hundreds of elephants, rhinos, and other species are alive today thanks to her commitment. www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org

Lion Country Safari www.lioncountrysafari.com

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) www.worldwildlife.org

The Jane Goodall Institute www.janegoodall.org

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) www.wcs.org

Save The Chimps www.savethechimps.org