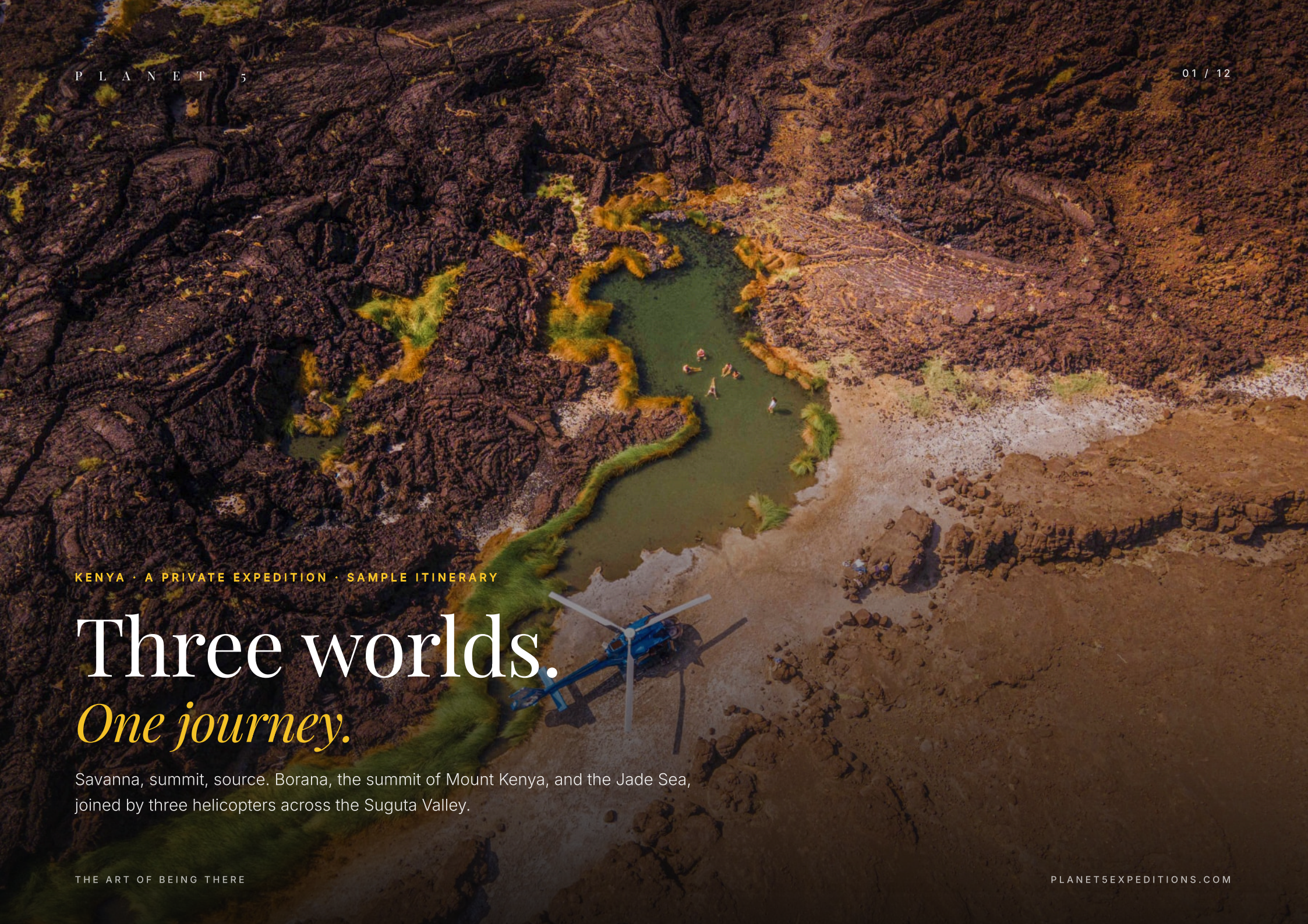


KENYA · A PRIVATE EXPEDITION · SAMPLE ITINERARY

Three worlds.
One journey.

Savanna, summit, source. Borana, the summit of Mount Kenya, and the Jade Sea, joined by three helicopters across the Suguta Valley.

YOUR EXPEDITION

Kenya, *drawn around you.*

A private expedition sets its own dates and pace.

Three entirely distinct worlds within a single country, each one building on the last. Part air safari, part trekking safari, part driving safari: by private aircraft and helicopter, on foot above 15,000 feet, by 4×4 through the savanna and by boat on the Jade Sea. Landscapes that are each remarkable on their own and, in this sequence, exist nowhere else.

This is a first draft. Lengthen it, soften it, begin a week later, bring whoever you love. We will draw your Kenya around you.

> *The difference between visiting a place and being part of its story.*

NAIROBI
First and last nights

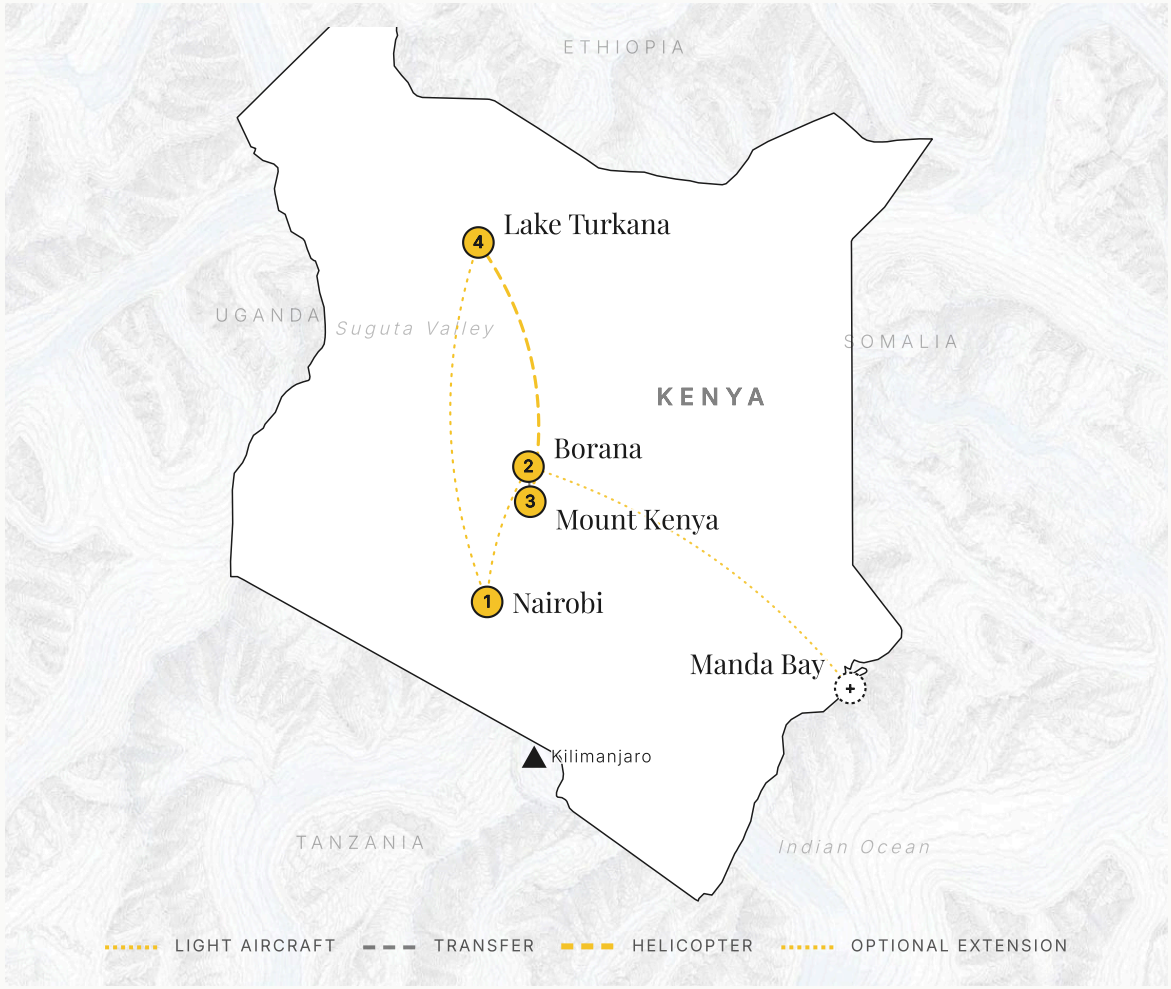
BORANA
Four nights · The highlands

MOUNT KENYA
Four nights · The summit

LAKE TURKANA
One day by air, four nights

THE ROUTE

Kenya, *on the map.*



1 Nairobi **FIRST AND LAST NIGHTS**

Arrival at the Norfolk Hotel and a welcome dinner. The journey ends here, with international departures.

2 Borana **FOUR NIGHTS · THE HIGHLANDS**

Ranger patrols, morning helicopter flights and the water program by e-bike, hosted by a family four generations on the Laikipia Plateau.

3 Mount Kenya **FOUR NIGHTS · THE SUMMIT**

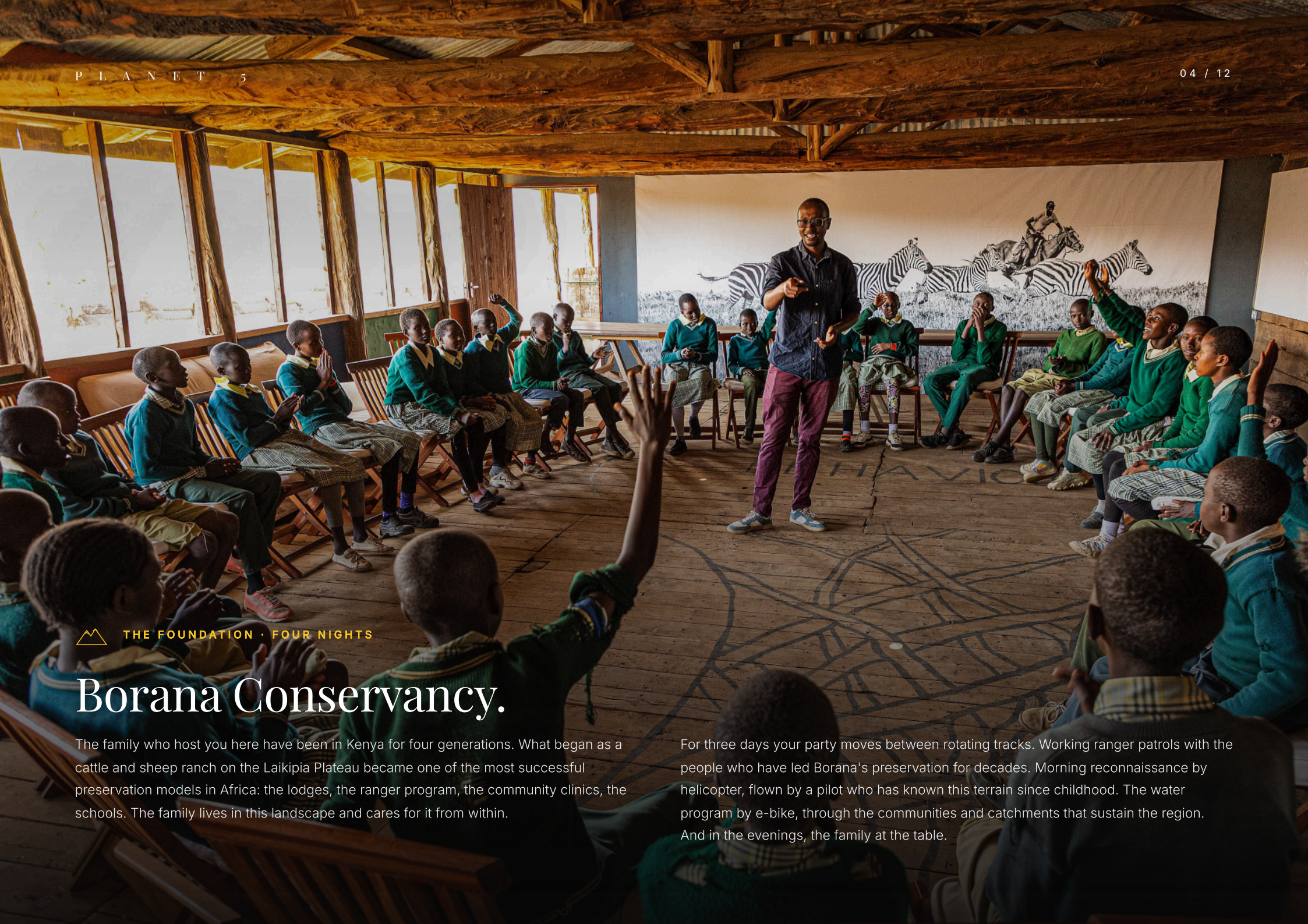
The Timau route to Point Lenana at 16,355 feet, with a travelling heated yurt, an expedition chef and total porterage.

4 Lake Turkana **ONE DAY BY AIR, FOUR NIGHTS**

Three helicopters and five hours across the Suguta Valley to the Jade Sea. Then the lake by boat, the Turkana Basin Institute, and a Samburu evening in the firelight.

+ Manda Bay **OPTION · FOUR NIGHTS · THE COAST**

Our coast itinerary trades the summit for the sea: a private beach in the Lamu Archipelago, sailing, snorkelling and fishing, and a guided day in Lamu Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



THE FOUNDATION · FOUR NIGHTS

Borana Conservancy.

The family who host you here 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 preservation models in Africa: the lodges, the ranger program, the community clinics, the schools. The family lives in this landscape and cares for it from within.

For three days your party moves between rotating tracks. Working ranger patrols with the people who have led Borana's preservation for decades. Morning reconnaissance by helicopter, flown by a pilot who has known this terrain since childhood. The water program by e-bike, through the communities and catchments that sustain the region. And in the evenings, the family at the table.



THE ASCENT · FOUR NIGHTS

Mount Kenya.

Africa's second-highest mountain. The Timau route rises through bamboo forest, montane cedar, high moorland and alpine desert to a summit world of glaciers and silence at 16,355 feet. On clear mornings, Kilimanjaro, 200 miles away.

A member of the family leads the trek, with a level of support that sets the standard on this route: a travelling heated yurt, separate shower and toilet tents, a full expedition chef, and total porterage.



THE CROSSING · ONE DAY

Nanyuki to Koros. *The Suguta Valley flight.*

Three A-Star helicopters. Five hours. Nearly 250 miles across some of the least visited landscape on the continent: volcanic mud flats, ancient lake beds, thermal springs and lava flows, with landings on the valley floor and on outcroppings where you step into silence and heat.

Then onward, until the jade expanse of Lake Turkana appears on the horizon. For many, this is the day they talk about longest.



THE CRADLE OF MANKIND · FOUR NIGHTS

Koros Camp, *Lake Turkana.*

The world's largest permanent desert lake, 2,900 square miles of alkaline water in a volcanic basin. The Jade Sea. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most important paleoanthropological regions on the planet.

Your hosts at Koros Camp have made the lake their life. Three rotating tracks: the lake by boat, quad bikes to the tribes, and day flights to the Turkana Basin Institute, where the fossil beds trace the human lineage further back than anywhere else on earth. One evening, around fifty Samburu arrive for a traditional dinner and dance in the firelight. Another, one of the world's pre-eminent ecologists at the table.

THE EXPEDITION

Kenya, *day by day.*

A private expedition sets its own dates and pace. The days below follow the summit itinerary. The coast itinerary trades Mount Kenya for four nights at Manda Bay, on the Indian Ocean.

DAY 1

Nairobi

Arrival. Transfer to the Norfolk Hotel. Welcome dinner with your hosts.

DAYS 2 TO 5

Borana Conservancy

Charter flight to Borana. Three rotating tracks: ranger patrols, helicopter flights, and the water program by e-bike. Kasima farm. Transfer to Mount Kenya.

DAYS 6 TO 9

Mount Kenya

The Timau route. Heated yurt, expedition chef, total porterage. Summit Point Lenana at 16,355 feet. Descend to Nanyuki.

DAY 10

The Suguta Valley by helicopter

Three helicopters. Five hours. Nearly 250 miles across volcanic desert to Lake Turkana, with landings along the way.

DAYS 10 TO 13

Koros Camp, Lake Turkana

The lake by boat, quad bikes to the tribes, day flights to the Turkana Basin Institute. The Samburu evening. An eminent ecologist at dinner.

DAY 14

Depart Nairobi

Return to Nairobi for international departures.

INCLUDED

All internal charter flights and helicopter transfers

All accommodation including Nairobi hotels

All meals including arrival and departure dinners

All activities, guiding and park fees

Ground transfers throughout

Flying Doctors emergency evacuation within Kenya

Global Rescue emergency evacuation membership

Professional photography and edited footage featuring you

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare to and from Nairobi

Premium wine and spirits beyond the standard package

International medical insurance

Trip cancellation insurance

Sustained trekking above 13,000 feet, with a summit day at 16,355 feet. Prior hiking experience is strongly recommended for the mountain phase; a private expedition can be built without it. Global Rescue membership is included. Run privately, the pace and the physical ask can be set around your party.

THE TEAM

Your team *in the field.*

For thirty years our team has produced expeditions and films for National Geographic, Disney, HBO, Rolex and Red Bull, from Everest to the Southern Ocean. The same planning, the same people and the same standard of care now travel with you.

BORANA

The Dyer family
Four generations at Borana
Sam Taylor
Leads the ranger patrols
Ciaran Brown
Leads the Mount Kenya trek

THE AIR

Tropic Air Kenya
Three A-Star B3 helicopters
Harry Dyer
Morning reconnaissance flights

TURKANA

Amory and Karina Macleod
Koros Camp
Dr. Dino Martins
Ecologist, Turkana Basin Institute

“Dirk is always my first call for the world’s most complex and remote expeditions.”

JIMMY CHIN, ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER

ON EXPEDITION FOR

National Geographic · Disney · HBO · Rolex · David Yurman · Apple · Red Bull · DJI · The North Face · Land Rover · NBC · Discovery · Airbus · Ford · Toyota

HOW IT WORKS

Request *your expedition.*

Your own dates

A PRIVATE EXPEDITION

Around your party, your dates and the shape of the journey.

Five with Dirk

PRIVATE EXPEDITIONS IN 2027

Only five private expeditions in 2027, each led by Dirk.

01 **A conversation**
Tell us who is travelling and what you dream of seeing. A member of our team replies personally within 24 hours.

02 **Your itinerary, drawn by hand**
A proposal shaped from a signature itinerary or a blank map: the days, the flights, the lodges and the people you will meet.

03 **Your dates held**
A deposit holds your dates and applies in full to the expedition.

04 **Welcomed in**
Your field team introduced by name, every detail of preparation handled with you, and then the first morning.

THE TIMELINE

From conversation *to expedition.*



TODAY

A conversation

Tell us who is travelling and what you dream of seeing. We reply personally within 24 hours.

NEXT

Your itinerary, drawn by hand

A proposal shaped around your party: the days, the flights, the lodges and the people you will meet.

YOUR DATES

The expedition

Kenya, at your pace.

ALWAYS

Preservation

A portion of the proceeds goes to the Mountain Preservation Foundation.

Drawn by hand, around you.



NEXT STEP

Kenya, *drawn around you.*

Tell us who is travelling and when. A member of our team replies personally within 24 hours.

REQUEST A PRIVATE EXPEDITION

"Some journeys change how you see everything after."