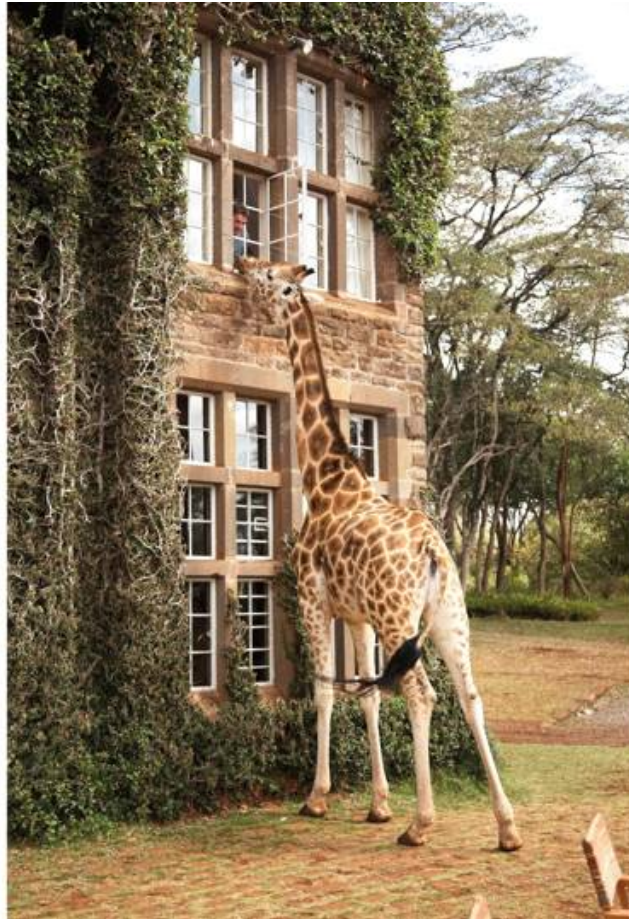


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GIRAFFE MANOR, KENYA

GET UP CLOSE TO GIRAFFES

Kenya's Giraffe Manor, just 45 minutes' drive from Nairobi airport, is a magical start to a family safari trip. Up to 12 resident Rothschild giraffes saunter to the house from around 7am each morning. Lean down from your bedroom window, marvel at their long eyelashes and feed them breakfast in your pyjamas (staff leave buckets of pellets in your room).

At the Giraffe Centre, you can stroke and (if you're feeling brave) kiss the friendly giants, and learn more about this endangered species. One of them, Lynn, will eat out of your hand for hours: she's pregnant, but so greedy no one realised for ages. *Book through African Explorations (www.africanexplorations.com)*

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