



# GIRAFFE 05

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(plural: giraffes | juh-rahf | dʒəˈrɑf)

The Giraffe (*Giraffa*) is a herbivorous mammal and a member of the Giraffidae family. Giraffes are the tallest living animal on land on earth and ruminant. This mammal which gets its nutrients from plant-based foods by fermenting, typically over 35 kilos of food each day. Giraffes are native to Africa and inhabit the savannahs and woodlands. Giraffes are social animals that live in herds of ten to twenty, known as towers. Male giraffes known as boars live in bachelor herds, with the more dominant males gaining mating access to females, known as cows. Once a female gives birth to her calf, she is responsible for raising it on her own.

**Interesting Fact:** Giraffes are known to engage in same-sex relationships and behaviours, typically male-male. There are high levels and frequencies of same-sex behaviours, higher than heterosexual relationships, typically starting with aggressive necking and caressing one another.

