



**ONE HORIZON**  
holidays that change lives

# SPECIAL EVENTS & EXPERIENCES



## Celebrating Rites of Passage with the Maasai

### Highlights

Rites of Passage day tours are experiences about as grass roots as they can ever possibly be and One Horizon are honoured to invite you to special days to celebrate important life events with our Maasai friends. Important occasions could include:

- Maasai weddings
- Coming-of-age events that mark the transition from a young boy to a moran, or warrior
- Naming ceremonies

A unique insight into the traditional Maasai way of life and the rich culture of Kenya's peoples.

#### What's Included

- Air conditioned hotel transfers
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- A handmade Masai wrist band
- One Horizon staff with you every step of the way.

#### What's Excluded

- Gratuities (Optional)

#### Blackout Days

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- Xmas Day  
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**\$132.50** per person  
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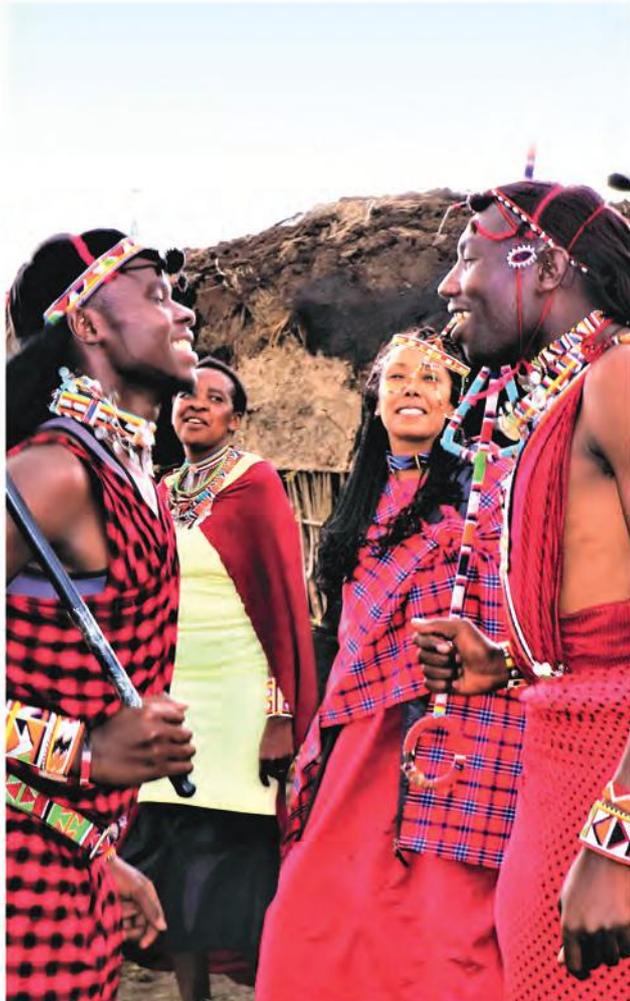
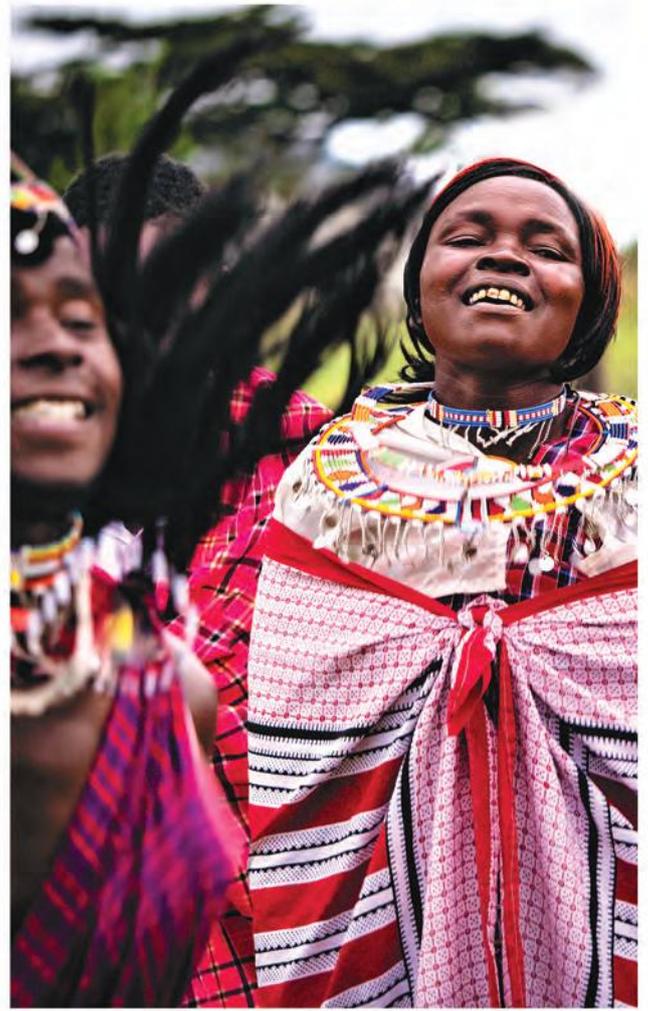
# Tour Itinerary

## Celebration of Maasai Life

Highly-celebrated life event ceremonies are an intricate part of the Maasai culture, and on these special days we drive you to a village in a rural area on the outskirts of Nairobi. The village elder will give you a tour and explain how the Maasai have managed these precious lands for centuries, and you will be dressed in a traditional Maasai shuka cloth or 'African blanket' in preparation for the ceremony that is taking place that day.

## Celebrations - Maasai Males

Several rites of passage relate to males as they go through the stages of being a Maasai moran, or warrior, between 14-30 years-old. These brave and strong young men defend their families, village and cattle, and three of the important ones are: Enkipaata, the induction of boys leading to initiation of being a moran; Eunoto, the shaving of heads of the morani paving the way to adulthood; and Oling'esherr, the meat-eating ceremony that marks the end of being a moran and the beginning of them engaging in the community's decision-making to prepare them as future elders.



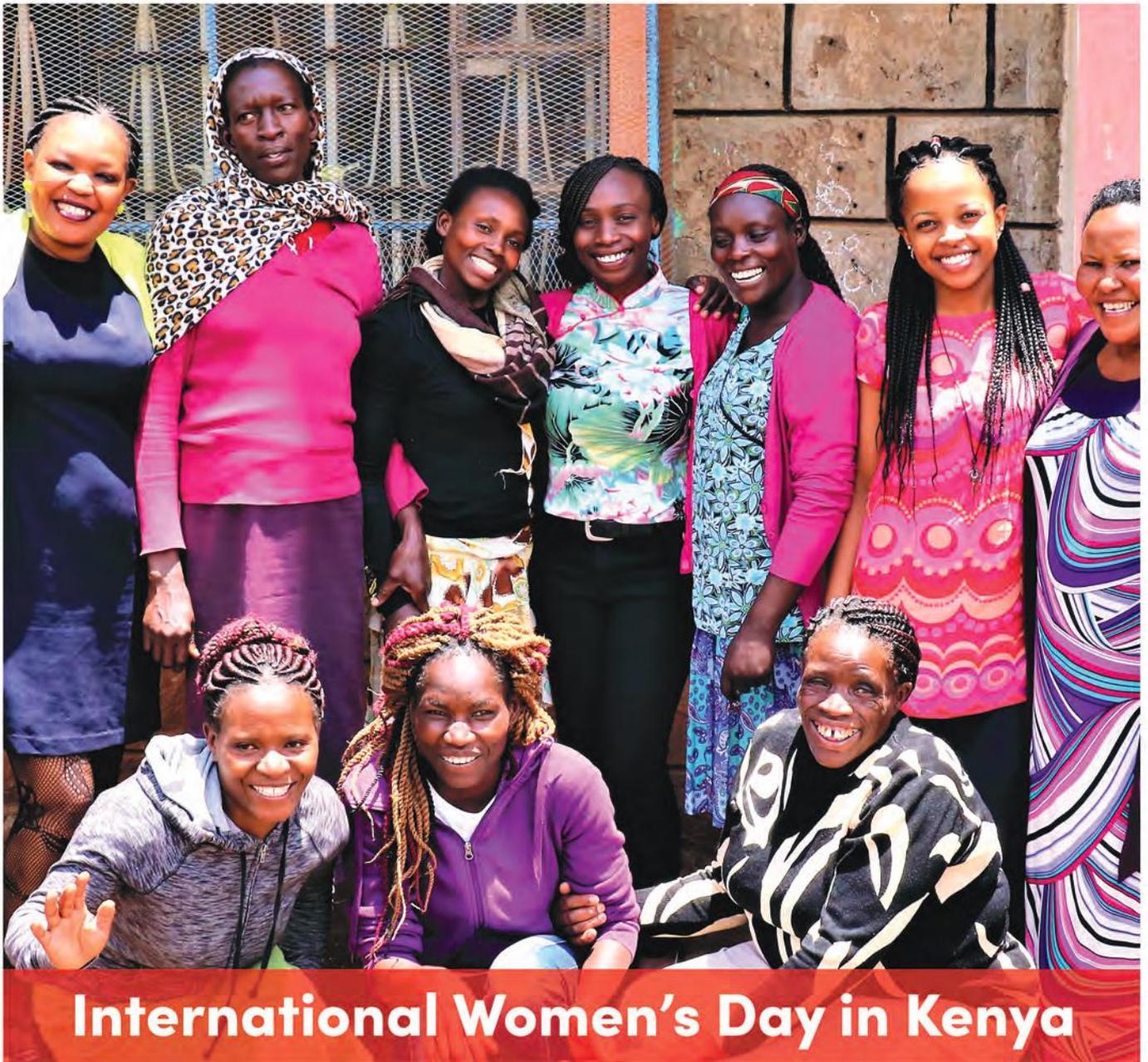
## Celebrations - Naming Ceremonies

Also important is the Maasai baby naming ceremony, known as Enkipukonoto Eaji. When a child is born, he/she is not given an official name and for up to the first three years is called the embolet, meaning 'an opening'. In the ceremony, which bestows a great deal of honour on the mother and child, the new name is based on the baby's personality from birth.

## Celebrations - Weddings

And then there are the weddings, and marriage in Maasai culture is a very important and elaborate affair that incorporates many traditional customs. The female family members of the bride dress and adorn her in beautiful beadwork, there's a procession from the girl's home to the husband's enkang (enclosure), the bride and groom are blessed and washed with milk, and the families share ceremonial honey beer. There are also pre-wedding celebrations roughly equivalent to bachelors' or hens' informal get-togethers.

Which ever ceremony you attend, you can expect a fun-filled day, try some delicious Kenyan food, listen to the Maasai's stories, beliefs and ideas, and join in the lively and infectious singing and dancing, which includes the extraordinary jumping dance or adumuas the morani demonstrate their prowess. You will learn so much from participating in these events, and enjoy the party as the Maasai respectfully honour their strong, wise and highly revered members of their community at these life-affirming rites of passage.



# International Women's Day in Kenya

## Highlights

International Women's Day is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.

Each year on March 8th, One Horizon celebrates this special day by holding parties for the wonderful Kenyan women at the projects we support and you are invited. This is a rare opportunity to visit remarkable groups of women who are instrumental in building new, bright and sustainable futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

These experiences will give you deep insight into the customs and structures of rural Kenyan family life, and the highlight is the genuine interaction with these amazing women as we applaud their achievements at our events on International Women's Day.

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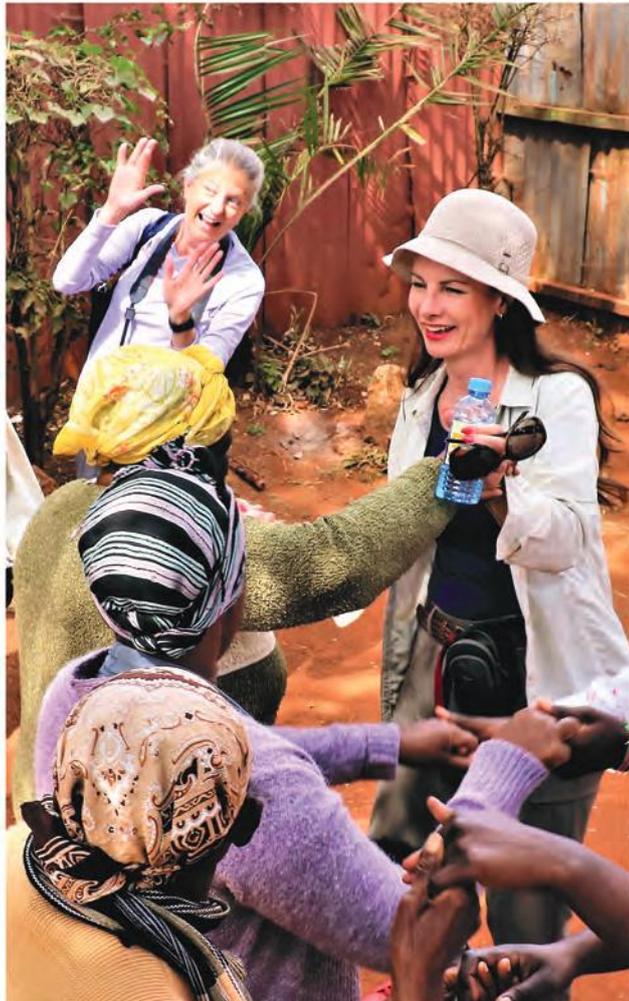
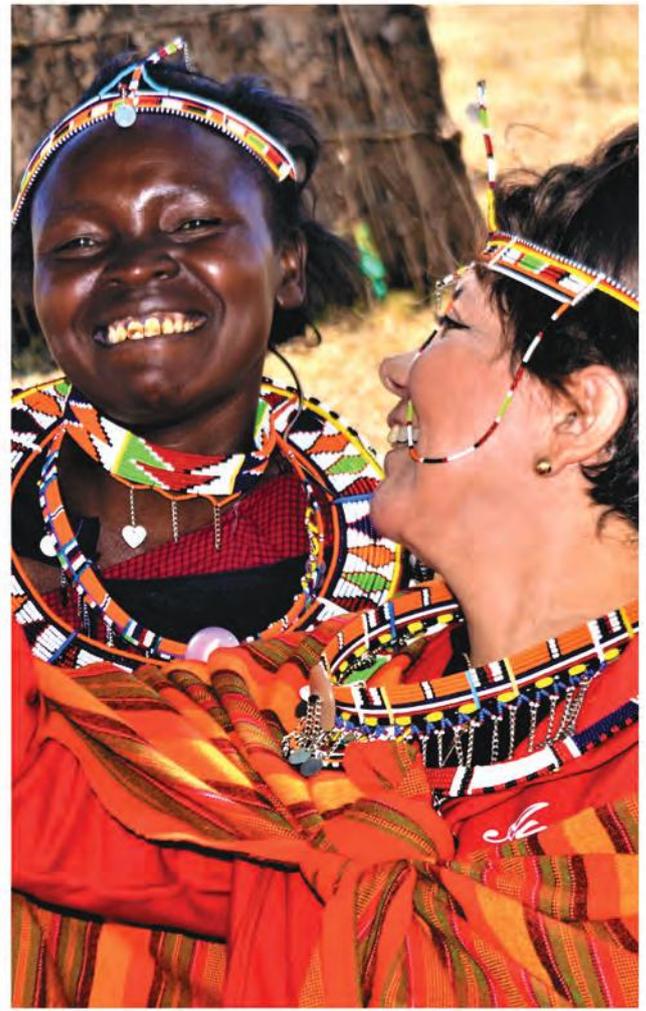
## Tour Itinerary-Opt1

### Marvellous Maasai Women

Connect with Kenya's proud Maasai women on International Women's Day in an authentic and interactive way by becoming part of the hustle and bustle of their village.

It is Maasai women who make many important family decisions and shoulder a great deal of responsibility in day-to-day life, and they build the manyatta, or family homestead, and are responsible for livestock cultivation, meal preparation, and educating their children for roles in the community.

This is a fun-filled day with singing and dancing and you will dress in a traditional Maasai shuka cloth or 'African blanket' and help cook our traditional Kenyan lunch. Our International Women's Day party celebrates the strength, courage and wisdom of Maasai women and you'll gain an understanding of how important they are in Maasai society.



## Tour Itinerary-Opt2

### Celebrating Kikuyu Grandmothers

Celebrate International Women's Day by meeting a Kikuyu community of endearing and entrepreneurial grandmothers at a project supported by One Horizon, which has significantly improved their livelihoods by empowering them through small-scale farming.

Many Kenyan grandmothers play a vital role in raising their extended families when parents are unable to do so, and the financial constraints are extremely challenging. But thanks to our small business program, the grandmas earn a sustainable income from pig-farming to feed their families.

On this day of fun, you'll get to know the delightful grandmas, help cook our traditional and delicious Kenyan lunch, and share much laughter and singing and dancing. On our special International Women's Day party you will get a real insight of the strength and resilience of these remarkable Kenyan grandmothers..



## Mother's Day in Kenya

### Highlights

Mother's Day is a tour in the Celebration Tours Collection, curated, unique, authentic and an exceptional once-in-a-lifetime Kenyan travel experience.

Mother's Day each year in May is a big event in Kenya because mothers are highly revered in Kenyan society and they are considered as the heroes in their local communities. One Horizon holds village parties to celebrate Mother's Day and you are invited. It's a private event at the projects we support, so the party guests are you and your friends and a crowd of assorted mothers, grandmothers and their families.

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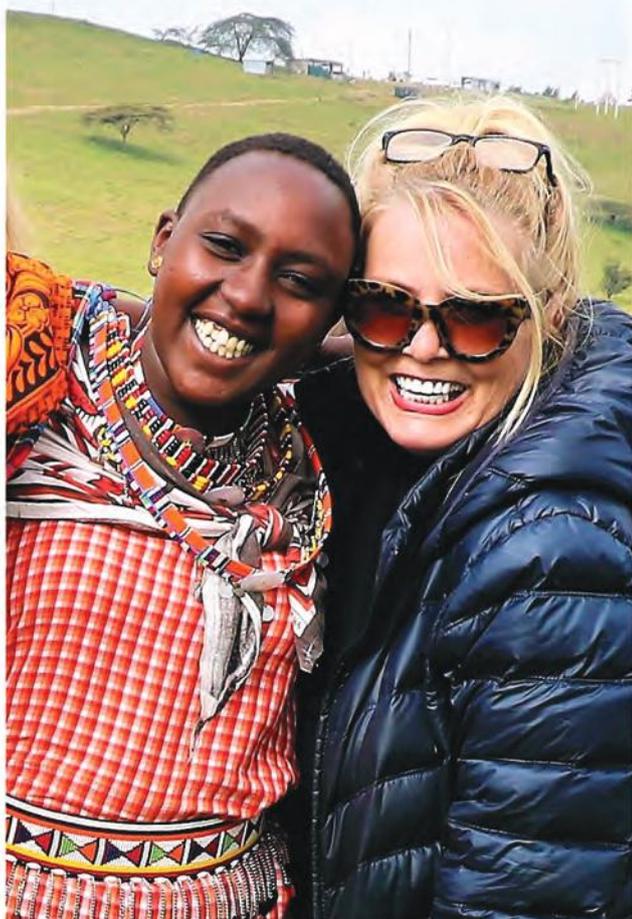
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## Tour Itinerary-Opt1

### Kikuyu Grandmothers

One Horizon holds a special Mother's Day party at a community of warm and welcoming Kikuyu grandmothers to celebrate their resilience in the face of great challenges and for being role models for younger Kenyans. Grandmothers become the primary caregivers when parents are unable to do so, and there are many grandmother-headed households in Kenya that care for a number of generations. But thanks to a pig-farming small business program supported by One Horizon, the grandmas earn a sustainable income to feed and keep their families together.

On this insightful day, you will be shown around the farm and help cook our delicious traditional Kenyan lunch. The grandmothers narrate their powerful stories and you join in the party with joyful singing and dancing to celebrate Mother's Day and all that they have achieved.



## Tour Itinerary-Opt2

### Maasai Mothers

We celebrate Mother's Day with the Maasai by hosting a party in a traditional village. The Maasai are proud semi-nomadic people who have age-old traditional cultural practices, and Maasai mothers hold a vital position as they shoulder a great deal of responsibility in day-to-day life. They also develop intense bonds with their children and nurture and develop their sons to become future warriors, or morans.

This is a fun-filled day and you will be dressed in a traditional Maasai shuka cloth or 'African blanket', make your own piece of beautifully-crafted beaded Maasai jewellery, and you help cook our delicious Kenyan lunch. Listen to their stories and ideas, join in the singing and dancing, and enjoy this Mother's Day party when the Maasai respectfully honour their strong, wise and highly-revered mothers.