



My Life as A Maasai Warrior

Highlights

This experience is part of the My Maasai Life Series. For those wanting to enrich themselves about this noble culture, it's an interactive, personal, and intimate insight into what it's like living in a traditional society.

This experience has you meeting a young *maran*(warrior) whose perspective on his cultural identity will probably amaze you. For a young Maasai man (there have been certain ritualised events that mark his transition from child to young warrior. His role became less of carefree days enjoyed as a child, to someone whose primary responsibility is defending his family and community from all manner of threats.

What's Included

- Full board (including alcoholic beverages)
- All game drives with guide
- All park and other entry fees
- 3 x additional excursions
- Return transfers from JKIA

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- Gratuities (Optional)

Blackout Days

- Easter Friday
(2 Apr 2022 to 5 Apr 2022)
- Xmas Day
(25 Dec 2022 to 31 Dec 2022)

2 Days
Tour

N/A
Passengers

Pick Up
@ 9:00 am
from the hotel

Drop Off
@ 4:30pm
to the hotel

Today, threats to himself, his clan and community are mainly those that come from wild animals that stalk their herds. And whether this is a threat to them personally or to their clan or community, the role of defender is their responsibility.

Tour Itinerary

Day 1

A Spectacular Helicopter Flight

You will begin the day with a spectacular helicopter journey. The flight will take you towards Ngong before flying down to where you host, and her family live. This short flight of 20 – 30 minutes will give you an outstanding view not only of Nairobi but of the amazing landscapes along the way. This flight is exclusively for you and/or your party and will be something you will talk about for years to come.

You Are Met by Your Hosts

The day's events will be conducted in your hosts village and home. It's a short stroll through traditional acacia trees and open savanna. And it is in the village and his home where your day will be spent.

A Song and Dance Welcome

Upon entering the village, you will receive a traditional song and dance welcome. It's a great introduction to Maasai life which is told in song and the rhythm and beat of their music is infectious.

Being Dressed as a Maasai

Being dressed as a Maasai for your day is also part of the experience and you will also be adorned with the gender specific adornments that the Maasai are well known for. And with a traditional Shuka (blanket) around your shoulders it will complete your transformation for this amazing day.

Sitting Down with Your Hosts in Their Manyatta

The day's discussions with the young moran will be conducted in his traditional home (called a manyatta). The discussion will cover:

- The stages of life or rites of passage that every male Maasai child will go through the cultural rituals,
- Customs and practices that are associated with the rights of passages there will be a demonstration of physical tasks required to become a moran, and that they must master before they 'pass the test'.

Your Moran Host Demonstrates His Skills

The young Maasai will show you his skills of defending himself and his herd. He will demonstrate:

- How swiftly he can climb a tree to escape.
- How to defend himself when up the tree with an assortment of different clubs and spears. And he will also demonstrate one of the skills of his initiation into manhood

An Amazing Homestead and Your Own Chef

Your overnight accommodation is 10 minutes from the Maasai village where you have spent the day. This amazing 4 bedroom, all on-suite property has spectacular views over the nearby mountains. It's the perfect place to relax for the evening and to enjoy the views and where you will have dinner. And to make it a memorable day, you have the services of your own chef who will prepare your dinner as you relax. You have the entire property for your exclusive use.





A Twilight Visit

And before you sit down for dinner you have one last treat for the day. You will be visited at twilight by a group of Maasai singers from the local tribe who will give you a 20-minute rendition of melodious songs. These songs capture the essence of the Maasai.

Dine, Wine and Relax Some More

And when all the singing is done, your dinner awaits. Time to kick back and relax with a glass of wine and your time is your own.

Day 2

A Leisurely Breakfast Begins the Day

Your chef is on hand to prepare breakfast to kick off the day to a great start and it's a leisurely and relaxed start to the day.



Breakfast is mostly taken on the outside terrace which has magnificent views of the nearby mountains. It's a great panoramic vista that really captures the essence of the life and environment of the local Maasai tribes.

A Chance to Buy Some Arts and Crafts

As a memento of your visit, you will receive a handmade Maasai wristband that will hold fond memories for you of your time with your Maasai host. And in addition to this, your Maasai host will display a selection of Maasai jewellery and curios which have been made by the villagers.

Leaving the Village enroute to Nairobi

You will depart the village mid morning with your personal guide Nairobi enroute to your next experience.

Day 2 (afternoon) A Community Visit to Entrepreneurial Grandmas

On your way back to your hotel (The Western Hotel) you will visit a project that is turning around the lives of grandmas in a local community. You meet some engaging and entrepreneurial grandmothers who are beating their generational cycle of poverty. Many Kenyan grandmothers play a vital role in raising their grandchildren and extended families, and you'll visit a pig farm, which is a project supported by One Horizon and travellers like yourself to improve the livelihoods of grandmothers by empowering them through small-scale farming. They invite you to assist with farming activities, join in some joyful singing and dancing over a cup of local tea or chai, and by sharing lots of laughter and listening to their inspirational stories, you'll get a real insight into the strength and resilience of these remarkable Kenyan women.

