



From Gray to Green

Highlights

Tree planting and reforestation is the focus of the day. The loss of land and damage to ecosystems by overgrazing is nothing new.

Because landscapes, even within a small area are highly varied, the solutions are inevitably local and relevant to that area. In the hills and grasslands around Nairobi the consequence of generations of overgrazing are severe. Carrying capacities are lower, the quantity and quality of grasslands have **declined** significantly and consequently the Maasai roam further in search of adequate pastures. There are solutions but all of us have a part to play in being part of that.

What's Included

- Air conditioned hotel transfers
- Unlimited fruit, tea, coffee and water.
- A handmade Masai wrist band
- Upto 50 images and videos
- Modern toilet facilities

What's Excluded

- Gratuities (Optional)

Blackout Days

- Easter Friday
- Xmas Day

1 Day
Tour

9 Max
Passengers

Pick Up
@ 9:00 am
from the hotel

Drop Off
@ 4:30pm
to the hotel

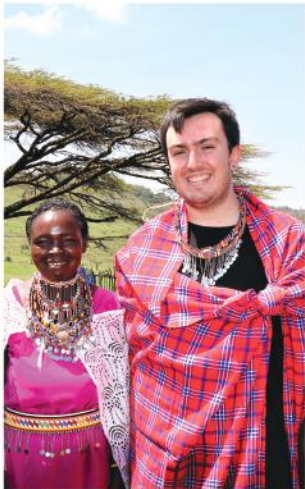
This 1-day cultural tour and eco saving experience enables all of us to play a part to reverse, over time, the impact of overgrazing and loss of grazing land and habitats for wildlife that erosion causes.

Tour Itinerary

A project that aims to plant 10,000 trees

Tree planting is the major activity of the day. In coordination with local Maasai villagers our guests will be helping to plant up to 25 trees per person to help achieve stabilisation of the land from severe erosion. And this is stage 1, where it has been anticipated that 10,000 trees will occupy the site prior to the planting of native *Acacia* trees found on the African savanna.

The area where the planting takes place is in a valley where, when it rains, massive amounts of water have scoured the land and left huge furrows. The herding Maasai have lost a significant amount of their land. Drainage works by the government is addressing the flow of uncontrolled water, but now it's the community's effort which is required. Planting trees will help stabilise and mitigate the loss of further lands to erosion.



The species of trees which are required has already been identified and the project will progress in stages. On a holiday experience it is unlikely that many people have the opportunity to provide support in such a practical way to an indigenous community such as the Maasai.

Helping in this endeavour will be young Maasai men and women who One Horizon has employed to dig the holes and to ensure that there is enough water to water the trees. Getting the young Maasai involved also helps build their ownership of the project at the same time as providing an income. And whilst the planting goes on, our Maasai helpers will no doubt be singing and dancing their way through the day. And when we take a break, we will retreat to the village for refreshments and some fun. And that involves demonstrations of some of the skills that the Maasai that helps them navigate their lives.