



## Tour Name

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Building Manyattas with the Maasai

## Tour City

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Nairobi

## Tour Snapshot

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Meet members of one of the most well-known surviving tribes in the world, the Maasai, and learn a quirky new skill in the process. Ever built a hut before?! Well, you will find out how to do just that on this very special tour, picking up tips from the Maasai masters themselves. You will spend the day in the beautiful Kenyan countryside, getting to know some of the friendly members of the tribe as they teach you how to build manyattas. The building of these huts is important to the continued survival of the tribe, providing homes for families and, as most are built by female members, a vital source of income for local women. A traditional lunch is included, which will offer another chance to chat to your hosts and compare life stories. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get up close and personal with a modern day tribe and should not be missed while you're in Nairobi.

### Highlights

- Learn how to build a manyatta (a type of hut), using traditional weaving techniques and mud
- Stand side-by-side with the women of the Maasai and gain insight into how a modern tribe lives as you learn about their deep-rooted culture and traditions
- Enjoy a typical, local lunch of ugali and vegetables and spend time getting to know your hosts

- Get out of the city for a day and spend time soaking up the views and vibe of the beautiful Kenyan countryside
- Support local women to earn a living, with 100% of your tour fees going directly to the purchase of building materials for the manyattas

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, transport, unlimited bottled water, tea and coffee, lunch of ugali and vegetables (plus sandwiches and fruit), photograph mementos of each participant and a group shot taken by One Horizon (3-4 images for each person and group).

Exclusions: Tips and gratuities for your guide.

### **Schedule details**

- Duration: 7.5 hours
- Pickup location:  
Pick up at your hotel
- {label-what3words-location}
- Pickup time: 9.00 AM
- Drop off location:  
At your hotel

### **Full Itinerary**

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One Horizon is a non-profit organisation that aims to arm local women with the education and life skills they need to make a sustainable income and support their families. Urban Adventures is working in partnership with One Horizon to bring you this very special tour, offering you the unique opportunity to spend a day with the Maasai community. Your entire tour fee is donated to One Horizon, who will use it to purchase building materials for the tribe. A fascinating day out that also supports the locals? Sign us up please!

Your local guide will pick you up from your hotel bright and early for a scenic, hour-long journey to our destination outside the city. Along the way, we'll see traditional tribesmen, herding their cattle through the streets of Nairobi and in the hills around the city and we'll pass by Nairobi National Park, which is home to a who's who of African animals — lions, giraffes, zebras and

rhinos to name a few.

We will arrive in the Maasai homelands in the hills around Kiserian, a settlement in the Rift Valley Province. Your guide will make introductions between yourself and the elder Maasai women, who will be supervising the day's events. You will also get to meet the women whose home you will be helping to build. Over a cup of delicious Kenyan tea they will share with you the story of their life and talk about what it's like to live in a modern day tribe.

Once we're all acquainted, it's time to get stuck into your project for the day: building a manyatta! Firstly, you will be shown how to replicate the intricate weave that is required. Then you will be shown how to build the walls and ceiling of a mud hut. These instructions are very special as you will bear witness to the transfer of traditional home-making skills and wisdom, imparted by the elder Maasai to a younger generation of Maasai homemakers.

After a couple of hours, we're sure you will have built up quite an appetite, so we'll stop for a hearty lunch of local *ugali*, which is like a cornmeal porridge, served with fresh vegetables, water and fruit. And best of all, you will eat with your hosts, giving you more time to get to know them and find out more about their way of life and how it might compare to your own.

The afternoon continues with the building of the manyattas, punctuated with traditional songs and dances performed by the community. You will have the unique opportunity of watching some of the dances that are often only performed at special Maasai events such as births and marriages.

It is worth noting that a home like this can take up to 3 weeks to build, due to the need to wait for the materials to properly dry out but with your help this time can be reduced significantly. So you may not finish the job while you are here but you can pat yourself on the back for helping to fast track homes that help to keep Maasai families together.

You will leave your new Maasai friends behind mid-afternoon after a productive and rewarding day. Along with your guide, you'll make the journey back to your accommodation. Before you go, don't forget to ask him or her for tips on what else to see, do and eat during your stay in Nairobi.

### **Additional information**

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Dress standard: Please wear casual, light clothing.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at your hotel for pick-up. Please check your hotel details are correct on the voucher. If your details are not correct, it is very important to please email us to confirm your correct pick-up hotel using the contact details on the voucher. If you prefer you may also phone the change through to us during business hours.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page

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