



CULTURAL TOUR TO THE CRADLE OF HUMANITY, NORTH-EASTERN KENYA

**INCLUDES VISITS TO LAKE TURKANA, LOIYANGALANI, CHALBI DESERT
(North Horr, El Gade, Kalacha), MARSABIT TOWN, NAIROBI.**

8 DAYS TOUR (2026)

DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1



NAIROBI - MARALAL

Depart Nairobi at 7.30 am. Proceed towards Naivasha along the escarpment of the Great Rift Valley. Enjoy breathtaking views and learn about the origins of this natural phenomenon. Follow the Rift Valley to Gilgil, branch off North towards Nya-hururu. Brief stop to admire the famous waterfall. Leaving behind the green and fertile highlands we enter semi-arid territory while proceeding towards Rumuruti. We enjoy the tarmac of the brand new road up to Maralal. Picnic en route. Arrival at Maralal, the unofficial capital of the Samburu people, late afternoon. Accommodation at Ngari Hill Eco- lodge. Dinner at the lodge. Be prepared for a cool night.

DAY 2



MARALAL – SOUTH HERR

Leave the lodge at 7.30 am. Short walk through the town, before following the rocky roads through the beautiful Samburu mountains. Enjoy the dramatic views into the Suguta valley, pass various Samburu hamlets and reach South Horr mid-afternoon. Picnic lunch under some acacia trees. At the Dashalama Guest House we spend the night in simple but self-contained rooms. An afternoon walk through this lively Samburu village will bring you in touch with the local Samburu people, one of the most important Nilotic groups, living a challenging life between tradition and modernity. Dan, our chef, will spoil us with one of his three- course dinners.

DAY 3



SOUTH HORR – LOIYANGALANI

After breakfast and before leaving South Horr (at around 10 am) we pay a visit to the local Primary School, where Mr. Paul, the headmaster, and his staff do a most amazing job under most difficult circumstances. We follow the fairly good road between various dramatic mountain ridges and plateaus until we reach the largest Wind Project South of the Sahara. Later you can take fantastic pictures of the Jade Lake appearing behind a mountain like a mirage. Picnic at the shores of the lake. Arrival at Malabo Lodge mid-afternoon. Relax before paying a visit to the Desert Museum. Sundowner at the lake, dinner at the lodge prepared by our chef.

DAY 4



LOIYANGALANI

After breakfast visit to one of the three El Molo villages left. Get familiar with traditions and problems of this unique ethnic group fighting extinction. Good curio shopping opportunities. Afterwards short boat ride to a nearby island. Climb up to the top of the hills and enjoy the impressive views of the lake. Pass their 4 traditional shrines before getting back to the village and our lodge for lunch. In the afternoon visit to a group of Rendille women who will be happy to introduce us to their songs and dances. Afterwards walk through Loiyangalani and short drive to an oasis up in the mountains for a sundowner. Dinner at the lodge.

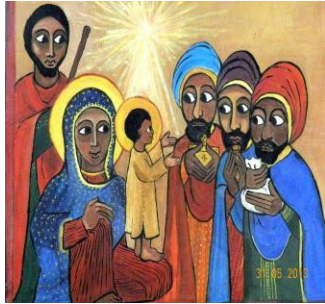
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LOIYANGALANI - EL GADE

Leave Loiyangalani after breakfast (8.00 am). Follow the rocky and later sandy tracks to North Horr, another oasis in the midst of nowhere, inhabited mainly by Gabbra people. After a stop for shopping cold drinks and getting an impression of this neat and unique place we proceed to a sand dune for an early sundowner. Picnic lunch en route. After a short drive we reach El Gade, yet another Gabbra oasis, where we stay in a new resort set up by the local chief, whose wife will cook for us. Communal showers and toilets.

DAY 6



EL GADE - SAMBURU

After breakfast the truck climbs up towards Marsabit until we reach the East African Highway. Back on tarmac! Ride on the new highway down to Archer's Post. Slowly we get out of the arid and rocky terrain of the North into friendlier surroundings where agriculture is practiced by settled down pastoralists. Reach Archer's Post at about noon and proceed to your lodge for lunch. Enjoy the luxury and the comfort of Ashnil Lodge. Afternoon game drive in Buffalo Spring's Reserve and optional swim in the natural swimming pool. Dinner at the lodge.

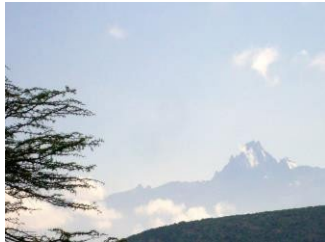
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Samburu

An optional early morning game drive will be offered. Other wise relax at the lodge and digest the many unforgettable impressions and experiences you have gained during this tour. Lunch at the lodge. Afternoon game drive to Samburu Reserve; good chances to see oryx, gerenuk, Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, elephant, lion and with a bit of luck a leo pard. Farewell sundowner at the shores of the Ewaso Nyiro. Dinner at the lodge.

DAY 8



SAMBURU - NAIROBI

Departure after breakfast (7.30 am)). Drive down to Isiolo. Lunch in Nanyuki. With some luck you might see Mount Kenya. Via Karatina - Sagana – Thika we reach Nairobi late afternoon.



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