

**CULTURAL TOUR TO THE CRADLE OF HUMANITY  
INCLUDES VISITS TO LAKE TURKANA,  
LOIYANGALANI,  
ALLIA BAY, ILLERET, CHALBI DESERT (North Horr,  
El Gade, Kalacha), MARSABIT**

**12 DAY TOUR**

**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. Picnic under an Acacia. By now the road is tarmac up to Maralal, the unofficial capital of the Samburu people, where we arrive late afternoon. Accommodation at 4-star Ngari Hill Ecolodge. Dinner at the lodge. Be prepared for a rather cool night.

**DAY 2**



**MARALAL – SOUTH HORR**

Leave Maralal after a short walk through this very traditional little town. Follow bumpy 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 local Dashalama Hotel we spend the night in new, 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 group, living a challenging life between tradition and modernity. Dinner prepared by cook Dan.

**DAY 3**



**SOUTH HORR – LOIYANGALANI**

After breakfast visit to the local Primary School. Afterwards follow the fairly good road between various dramatic mountain ridges and plateaus. Pass the largest Wind Mill Project South of the Sahara.

Take fantastic pictures of the Jade Lake appearing behind a mountain like a mirage. Picnic at the shores of the lake. Arrival at 3-star Malabo Lodge early afternoon (self-contained rooms). Relax before paying a visit to the Desert Museum on a cliff overlooking the lake. Sundowner while enjoying the sunset. Barbecue at the lodge prepared by Dan.

#### DAY 4



#### LOIYANGALANI

Optional early morning visit to the Marti Rock paintings. After breakfast visit to a Rendille village. Proceed to one of the three El Molo villages left. Pay a visit to their holy shrines situated on a nearby island. Enjoy the impressive views of the lake. Get familiar with traditions and problems of this unique ethnic group fighting successfully extinction. Good curio shopping opportunities. In the afternoon walk through Loiyangalani and late afternoon visit to an oasis up in the mountains for a sundowner.

Lunch and dinner at the lodge prepared by Dan.

#### DAY 5



#### LOIYANGALANI – ALLIA BAY

Leave after breakfast (8.00 am), follow the rough road through an impressive stone desert towards North Horr, soon branch off North towards Hurran Hurra. Stop at the waterhole of Gajos. Follow the road to the remote entrance to Sibiloi National Park. Picnic lunch en route.

Spend the night in Allia Bay in the Bandas of KWS. Visit the Petrified Forest (20 Mio years old), as well as a fossilized elephant, crocodile and tortoise, ancestors of our present species (2 Mio). Supper prepared by our cook.

#### DAY 6



#### ILLERET

After breakfast proceed to Illeret, 10 km from the Ethiopian border, a long but fascinating drive on very rough tracks. Picnic lunch in no-where's-land. Arrival late afternoon. Accommodation organized by Dr. Martin from TBI (Turkana Basin Institute). Supper prepared by our cook.

#### DAY 7



#### ILERET

Introduction to the development of humankind in general and information about finds made in Northern Kenya. Visit to TBI under guidance of Dr. Martin. Visit to the latest foot print excavations and - if possible – to an excavation site.

If time allows, we go to a Dassanach village, otherwise next day.

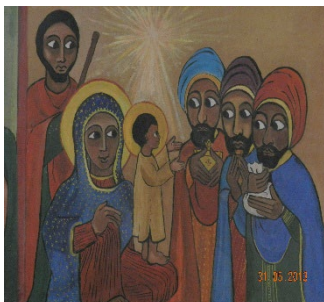
#### DAY 8



#### ILERET

Informal Border crossing to Ethiopia. Visit of an Omo village. Lunch at an Ethiopian restaurant (Injera). Walk along the lake and drive back to Kenya. Walk through Illeret and and sundowner in the local bar.

#### DAY 9



#### ILERET – NORTH HERR – EL GADE

Leave Ileret after breakfast (7.30) heading for North Horr, another oasis in the midst of nowhere, inhabited mainly by Gabbra people. Stop for shopping of cold drinks, veggies, bread and lunch, visit to the Catholic church for its wall paintings. Later we proceed to El Gade at the border of the Chalbi desert. Accommodation in Adano Godana's new "Umoja Comfort Lodge". Some of the bandas are self-contained, and there is a small pool! Dinner prepared by Adano's wife Sororo.

#### DAY 10



#### 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.

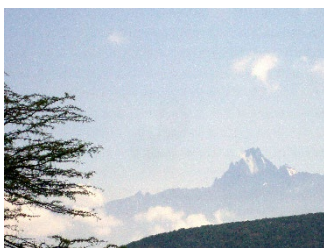
#### DAY 11



#### SAMBURU

Optional Early Morning Game-Drive offered. After breakfast Gamedrive in Buffalo Springs Reserve. Back to the lodge for lunch. Afternoon game drive along the Ewaso Nyiro. Dinner at the lodge.

#### DAY 12



#### SAMBURU – NAIROBI

Departure after breakfast (8.00 am). Game drive on way out. 6 to 7 hours' drive to Nairobi via Isiolo, Nanyuki, Karatina, Thika on good roads. With some luck you will see Mount Kenya. Lunch package en route. Arrival in Nairobi at around 16.00.



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