



KENYAN COMMUNITY CHALLENGE



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This challenge will take you on a journey through the heart of Kenya's stunning Rift Valley encompassing some of Africa's most stark, yet beautiful natural scenery. Immersed in the Maasai Mara Nature Reserve we delve deep into the vibrant culture of this region and work along side the Maasai widows to help build much needed toilets for them and their children. We will learn about the traditional tribes people and view some of the best wildlife in the world.

DAY 1 DEPART

DAY 2 ARRIVE NAIROBI

On arrival into Nairobi, we drive out West, stopping for a breath-taking view over the Great Rift Valley, and into Maasai land and a village known as Olengenyayo in the Loita Plains. Here we get a brief insight into the fascinating Maasai way of life, before heading out on a late afternoon hike along a small river course and through the savannah for wildlife viewing with the Maasai as guides and interpreters of their lands. Giraffes, impalas, zebras and wildebeests are often spotted here. As evening approaches we arrive at a local homestead (Boma) just as the goats, sheep and cows are getting home for milking and overnight. We dine round a campfire and overnight in dome tents under the acacia trees and starlit skies, and sleep to the sounds of the African night - often lions roaring in the distance. Don't worry! Our camp is well guarded by the Maasai all night.

DAY 3 TREKKING

After breakfast, we have a short hike to Olengenyayo primary school for a song and dance session with the young students and then it's on to a natural hot spring at Maji Moto. Here, we will engage in cultural activities with the Maasai and then trek for 4-5 hours across the Loita Plains, seeing first-hand how the local Maasai herd their cattle. The evening will be spend at the Papesua Maasai cultural village (started by a group of Maasai widows), where we will sleep in comfortable large tents with beds and 'en-suites,' with the luxury of a hot shower.

DAY 4,5,6 & 7 PROJECT WORK

At this cultural village, the Maasai widows preoccupy themselves with making beadwork souvenirs for sale to visitors, as well as performing Maasai tradition folk dances in order to raise money for their livelihood and enable them to educate their children. With the little money they have made thus far they have managed to open a simple campsite and a small nursery school for their very young children to avoid them walking long distances to school each day.

The biggest necessity they have currently is for two bathroom units. They are in dire need of a toilet at the new nursery school and also for another toilet/bathroom in the widow's village.

We spend the next few days camping at the village and working with the villages on the construction of the project, rotating tasks so that each member gets to work on different elements of the construction and with different members of the group. There will also be the opportunity to work with the widows on making handicrafts.

We transfer to a comfortable lodge just outside of Nairobi on the last day of the project, where we celebrate its completion and toast our achievement with a gala dinner at our accommodation or local restaurant.

DAY 8 FREE DAY NAIROBI

Today is a free day - we can choose to spend it relaxing by the pool at our hotel or in its lush gardens adorned with exotic and indigenous flowers. Or for those feeling energetic, there is the option to venture into the city centre to pick up some souvenirs. This evening we will transfer to the airport for our overnight flight home.

DAY 9 ARRIVE HOME

LOGISTICS

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COST

From £2195 per person
For groups less than 15, please get in touch

INCLUDED

Pre-trip briefing by Action Challenge staff
International flights
Action Challenge Doctor and Leader
English-speaking local guides
All accommodation
All meals, apart from during 'free time'
All transfers
All National Park fees
Luggage transfer
Project build materials

NOT INCLUDED

Alcoholic drinks
Meals during "free time"
Travel insurance
Items of a personal nature
Single supplement
Visa costs
Local departure tax
Safari
Fuel supplement

ABOUT ACTION CHALLENGE

As our name suggests, Action Challenge specialises in the creation of challenging, travel-based activities the world over. Since 1999, we have worked with many blue chip companies, over 600 national and regional charities, schools, sports clubs, groups of friends and individuals on both UK and overseas events. With over 160 itineraries in some of the most unexplored places on the globe, we are proud of lengths we go to, to bring our clients experiences they would be unable to find elsewhere.

EQUIPMENT

An equipment list will be forwarded at a later stage.

RATING

Moderate trekking.

FITNESS

This challenge requires a basic level of fitness to complete the route and take part in the project.

ACCOMMODATION

6 night camping with fixed facilities, All accommodation on single sex twin share basis.

FOOD

Breakfasts each morning will be at the accommodation, lunch en-route and evening meals will be freshly prepared at our camp.

WEATHER

Kenya's diverse geography means that temperature, rainfall and humidity patterns vary widely. January, February and June to October are great months to visit. Thus we avoid the long rains and the heat isn't too oppressive. Rain can, however, fall at any time of year.