

About Us

Twala Cultural Manyatta is a community project initiated by local women to preserve the rich cultural and historic heritage of the local Maasai people. This ecotourism facility is constructed using local and traditional materials.

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a unique and authentic experience for visitors while fostering respect and understanding of the local environment and culture.

Our Location

The Cultural Manyatta is near Il Polei, a small village 80 km northwest of Nanyuki, 100 km from Mt. Kenya, and 250 km from Nairobi. The area has beautiful views of Mt. Kenya and the Laikipia plains. The neighboring community-owned Wildlife Conservancy is home to a variety of wildlife.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY, REASONABLE PRICES

Visit for a day or stay in a traditional Maasai hut in the Manyatta. Individuals or groups of up to 20 can be accommodated. Huts are self-catering. Water, bedding, lamps and firewood are provided.

Basic Prices	
Admittance Rate	1,500 KSH / Person
Accommodation Rate	500 KSH / Night / Person
Local guide rate	500 KSH / Day

To make reservations or for more information, please send inquiries to twalamanyatta@hotmail.com or call 0724.943.948

TWALA CULTURAL MANYATTA



Guided ecotours, Maasai cultural experiences, and accommodation

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES



The Manyatta activities bring together research, experience, lives and knowledge of Maasai communities living within a dynamic and challenging landscape.

All proceeds go directly to the community and will be utilised for the benefit of sustainable development and poverty reduction. All guides have been recruited from the local area.

We hope you will come experience what we have to offer here at Twala. You can enjoy yourself while also helping to benefit our community and improve our natural environment.

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MANYATTA ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

The Manyatta offers many activities, including the opportunity to watch traditional Maasai dances and ceremonies, listen to Maasai songs, visit the breath-taking nearby Mukogodo Forest, or embark on a bird-watching tour led by a local guide. Below are some additional unique opportunities offered to Manyatta visitors.

WALKING WITH CATTLE

The Maasai way of life revolves around their cattle. Livestock pastoralism has been an important adaptation to the savanna environment. "Walking with Cattle" allows visitors to learn about Maasai cows, traditional herding techniques, and Maasai cultural. This is a hands-on experience, and you'll have the opportunity to apply the techniques you learn and control the herd! This is an experience of a lifetime, and one of the highlights of the Manyatta trip.



WALKING WITH BABOONS

Take a guided walk among a troop of local baboons and learn about these amazing primates. Gorillas are big and impressive but mostly sit around. By contrast, a baboon troop is filled with active and smart monkeys who practice sophisticated politics in their daily lives. What happens when smart baboons meet their smart human cousins? Truly a unique and exciting experience. Walks can be arranged to start as early as dawn (6:30am) or as late as 4pm. The length of time spent with the animals is flexible, although tours will normally last



TOURING THE LANDSCAPE

The Landscape tells the story of how cattle, people and wildlife have interacted in the past trying to use the same savannah resources. Putting on "landscape glasses" allows you to see the ways in which each member of the human/wildlife community shapes the world for the others, sometimes helping and sometimes hindering the success of other species. Tours can start in the early morning or the late afternoon to avoid the midday heat. Tours generally last 1 hour.

