

WHV – The Eighth Wonder of the World Maasai Mara Game Reserve & the Maasai Three Rites of Passage Project

The African Great Rift Valley - The Maasai Mara, Kenya

Site on a Tentative List since 2010

07/06/2022 – 17/06/2022



The National Reserve is Kenya's most-visited protected area, world famous for its high density of herbivores and predators, and the annual migration of the Wildebeest, *Connochaetes taurinus*.

Project objectives:

The project intends to support the wildlife protection efforts at the Maasai Mara Game reserve, through the participation of the volunteers, and the collaboration of the Maasai community; and also raise the awareness of the volunteers on the safeguarding of the Maasai culture.

Project activities:

The volunteers will partake in the construction of Manyattas (Maasai houses), during which they will learn the traditional building methods and discuss with the local communities on wildlife preservation and protection. Other immersive cultural experiences will include beading, Isukuti dance, and participating in the three rites of passage of the Maasai community. In addition, the volunteers will join an educational nature walk and bio-diversity monitoring activity to discover animal paths, breeding points and wildlife behaviour. and facilitate awareness-raising programmes on heritage preservation and promotion at schools.

Partners:

Maasai Youth group, Kenya National Commission for UNESCO, Kenya Wildlife Service, Oloisukut Wildlife Conservancy Local authorities, UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa, local chiefs

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