

## **LAKE TURKANA CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2018**

**DATES: 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TO 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2018**

Lake Turkana Festival is a conglomerate of 14 communities that forms the bulk of the larger Marsabit County's populace. The festival was proposed by the local communities who reside on the Eastern shores of Lake Turkana in Marsabit County. It was initiated in the year 2008 and has since been an annual event.

The event will feature unique performances and cultural traditions of 14 ethnic communities which live in Marsabit County: El Molo, Rendille, Samburu, Turkana, Dassanatch, Gabra, Borana, Konso, Sakuye, Garee, Waata, Burji and Somali. The presentation of the customs and living conditions of the fourteen tribes, their spectacular traditional costumes, arts and crafts, dances and music is a unique and fascinating experience – in particular in light of the stunning geographical characteristics and the limited general knowledge about the Lake Turkana and Marsabit County





### **DAY1: NAIROBI - MARALAL**

Arrive at the pick-up point at **0600HRS** and attend a pre-departure group briefing from Bunduz safari representative. Departure will be at **0630HRS**. Please make sure you have all of the necessary travel gear with you, comfortable shoes and a camera for your memories.

#### **Maralal**

Maralal is a frontier town, the beginning of the Great Northern wilderness and the staging post for many great adventures. This simple town is a thriving centre for the local Samburu people, and the streets are always busy with camels, passing warriors and traders. Beyond Maralal lies some of Kenya's most beautiful country. Here the broad arid plains give way to the

spectacular Loroghi Hills and the high, wild Matthews ranges. Dry river beds course through this land, and have become the tracks and routes of nomadic camel trains. The wild country between Maralal and Turkana is ideal for the adventure seeker.

**Dinner and overnight in Maralal.**

### **DAY 2: MARALAL - LOIYANGALANI**

On this day after breakfast, we embark on our journey to Loiyangalani where the festival takes place. Loiyangalani is a small town located on the south-eastern coast of Lake Turkana. The name means "a place of many trees" in the native Samburu tongue and is home to the El Molo, an almost extinct community, amongst other communities. Its main industries include fishing, tourism and gold panning. Arrive for check in and thereafter spend your time relaxing and enjoying nature.

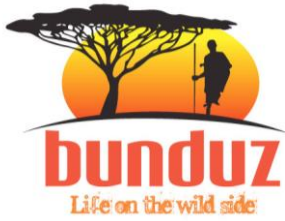
**Dinner and overnight in Loiyangalani.**

### **DAY 3: LOIYANGALANI (FESTIVAL DAY)**

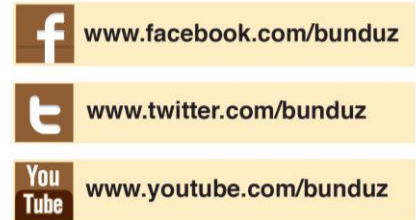
On this day, we rise up early for breakfast and thereafter, we head to the venue where the festival is taking place. Here guys can scatter and spend time with the local communities exhibiting their culture and also, you will get a chance to interact with them as well as learn about their culture.

Lunch will be served at the camp.





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**Optional activities** on offer include the following (organized and payable direct): -

1. Hiring a boat to visit the surrounding areas
2. Visit the desert museum
3. Visit the local lodge for a swim
4. Guided visit to rock art sites
5. Visit Teleki island by boat.

**Dinner and overnight in Loiyangalani.**

#### **DAY 4: LOIYANGALANI – MARALAL**

After an early morning breakfast, we break the camp and embark on our journey back to Maralal town. This will be a long but scenic drive via South Horr. We arrive Maralal late in the evening.

**Dinner and overnight in Maralal.**

#### **DAY 5: MARALAL – NAIROBI**

This being our last day of the five days' adventure, we rise early for breakfast and thereafter depart for Nairobi. Arrival is expected just before dark.

#### **TRIP COST INCLUDES:**

1. Return transport
2. All meals
3. All accommodation (camping)

#### **WHAT TO CARRY:**

- ✓ Identification card.
- ✓ A digital camera, its charger and downloading cable.
- ✓ Personal effects.
- ✓ Pain killers.
- ✓ Pocket money for drinks.
- ✓ Last but not least....an adventurous spirit!!!

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