Karibu Nyumbani – Welcome Home

Getting There

Getting to Lake Turkana on land is no small feat. While it is possible to fly to the Lake in a chartered or scheduled aircraft, it must be said that flying to destinations somewhat takes away from the adventure.

The journey is as stunning and the destination. The long road leads you further away from the noise and you can enjoy the quietness that comes along with it.

However, the flight across the wonder filled vistas of the Suguta Valley that provide a bird’s eye view of the lake is just as breathtakingly beautiful.
WELCOME TO HUMANKIND'S ORIGIN

Kenya's North is desert country - hot, parched and broken by evidence of past volcanic activity, where ancient blackened lava flowed and endless thorn trees stretch from horizon to horizon with harsh and stunning beauty.

Commonly referred to by anthropologists as the 'Cradle of Mankind', Northern Kenya is endowed with a rich pre-historic fossil heritage dating over 100 million years, back into the dinosaur age. In addition to fossil records, the existence of a long record of technological evolution with tools as old as 2.3 million years old also exists. Among the route, expect to see minority communities such as the El Molo and the rich cultural heritage of the Samburu, Pokot, Rendile, Gabra, Dassanach, Turkana and Watta, some of whom are distant cousins of the more popular Maasai community.

PLACES TO SEE AND THINGS TO DO AT LAKE TURKANA - THE JADE SEA

Lake Turkana is the world’s largest permanent desert lake and the world’s largest alkaline lake. This single body of water is over 250 kilometers long and is widely known as the Jade Sea, because of the remarkable, almost incandescent color of its waters.

LAKE TURKANA NATIONAL PARK - A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Lake Turkana National Parks constituting of Sibiloi, South Island and Central Island National Parks are protected UNESCO World Heritage Sites, serving as a stopover for migrant waterfowl and are a major breeding ground for the Nile crocodile, hippopotamus and a variety of birds and insects.

THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

Make your pilgrimage trip to the Cradle of Mankind and discover the land where our ancestors once trod. With its spectacular scenery, wildlife, remarkable cultures and archaeological treasures, Northern Kenya is a favorite destination with adventure travelers.

KOOBI FORA

Koobi Fora, a paleoanthropological site and Museum situated in Sibiloi National Park on the Eastern shores of Lake Turkana, is popularly celebrated as the Cradle of Mankind. Koobi Fora is a very important site for Hominid Fossils, famous internationally since Richard Leakey’s discovery of ‘1470’ a 2 million year old skull of Homo habilis.

THE HOME OF THE TURKANA BOY

A visit to the Turkana Basin Institute offers thrilling insights into archeology. Set up by Dr. Richard Leakey, the institute provides permanent infrastructure to enable year-round research on the fields of archeology and natural sciences. Visitors to the institute have the chance to visit nearby finding sites including the iconic Turkana Boy Monument.

CAMP AT LOIYANGALANI

Built on top of a hill, with a backdrop of the Jade Sea, the Desert Museum in Loiyangalani mirrors the cultures and lifestyles of the communities that live around the Jade Sea. Loiyangalani comes alive during this festival as communities showcase their music, dance, food and lifestyles to hundreds of visitors, both local and international.

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EL MOLO VILLAGE VISIT

El Molo Bay is home to Kenya’s smallest tribe. The El Molo, whose numbers have dwindled through intermarriage, linguistic and cultural absorption into the Turkana and Samburu communities, are one of the last true hunter-gatherer communities.