



MANYARA'S  
*Secret*

## ACTIVITIES AT MANYARA'S SECRET

At Manyara's Secret we believe it is important to offer guests the full experience. Manyara's Secret is located in a special place, right on Lake Manyara and close to the village of Mto Wa Mbu.

### **We offer the following activities, free of charge, to our guests.**

These activities are at the request of the tour operator or the guest. Please contact Mieke Oxener, managing director of Manyara's Secret: [mieke@manyarasecret.com](mailto:mieke@manyarasecret.com) or +255-710-730-257.

Please note: there are (weather) circumstances that prevent an activity from taking place.

#### **Walk along the lake**

We invite you to take a walk along the lake. Our guard will show you the way and guide you to ensure your safety. Especially at sunrise you will enjoy the awakening of the birds. You may encounter zebras and wildebeest. Fortunately, the hippos are back in the water by sunrise.



View at the lake from the villas.

## Behind the scenes

Our guests often ask how we get our water, where our electricity comes from, how the lodge was built and what challenges we face. We are proud to give you a tour of our solar park, the water tower and the staffquarters. During the tour you might meet our mangoost-family, monkey's or dikdik.



The solar panels of Manyara's Secret

## Open Kitchen

Would you like to see our cook at work? Or do you want to know how local dishes are made? Be sure to walk into our open kitchen and join us! Our cook loves to tell you all about it. We notice that children like to lend a hand.



Our cook John in our kitchen.

## **Campfire at sunset**

At the end of the day we light the campfire to enjoy the special sunset in Lake Manyara.



Relaxing at the campfire of Manyara's Secret.

## **We ask a fee for the activities below. This benefits the community.**

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## **Meet our neighbors**

Next door to Manyara's Secret, you find the boma of Mama Issayia, a boma is the traditional settlement in which Maasai keep their cattle and live together in their self-built huts. Mama Issayia and her family are always willing to show you around, perform some traditional dance and sell maybe some Maasai jewelery. Mama Issayia's boma isn't a set up for tourists, it's the boma in which children are born, goats and calves are raised and families live together in the Maasai tradition. It takes only a 5 minute walk and if it's full moon you hear them sing at night, to worship their Gods. Maybe you even want to try Mama Issayia's tea.....

So let us know if you're interested in this activity and we can make an appointment. Costs: \$20,= p.p.



### **Maasai wedding ceremony**

A unique way to round off your wedding in the most romantic and colorful way. Especially for honeymooners our neighbour Baba Issayia, together with his Maasai villagers, confirms the wedding in a very special Maasai way. Complete with song, dance and a blessing.

Costs: \$150,0 per ceremony

### **Meet the villagers from Mto wa Mbu**

We built Manyara's Secret by supporting the local community, buying all materials locally and use craftsmen from all surrounding villages. In our tour around Manyara's Secret we will explain everything about this process.

We keep on doing that by buying all our groceries, especially fruits and vegetables at the local market in Mto wa Mbu. Because we always work with fresh ingredients we almost visit the local market every day. Especially when we're in PEAK season.

We keep on supporting the local economy in this way and create a win-win situation for all of us. Join us on this activity and we will show you around on the local market. It's also THE place in case you want to buy local souvenirs. We will make sure you don't pay too much by negotiating for you.

So let us know if you're interested in this activity and we can make an appointment. The tour starts in the village.

Costs: \$30,= p.p.



### **Experience local transport**

Of course your own driver can drive you comfortably to the village.

You can opt for a bajaj (tuk-tuk) or, even more adventurous, a pikipiki (on the back of a motorcycle).

For a bajaj you pay 6 USD additional per bajaj (maximum 2 persons). For a pikipiki you pay 4 USD per person. We always book with very reliable and save piki- or bajaj- drivers. In the unlikely event of an accident, we will do everything we can to assist you. However, you are ultimately responsible.

A local (English speaking) guide will accompany you. They know their way around Mto Wa Mbu like no other.