**Luo People Cultural Exchange in Kenya**

**18-Day Guided Program with Community-driven Project**

**In Partnership Since 2006**

Experience daily life in Odienya and learn about Luo history and culture. In partnership with a community development group, contribute to construction of a health center. Deepen your understanding of Luo culture by meeting community members and learning about local crafts, such as basket-weaving, soapstone carving, and pottery making. At the end of the program, you’ll enjoy a safari in the Maasai Mara National Reserve! You’ll be accompanied by an Xperitas Team Leader, who will take care of logistics and facilitate daily group reflection and journal-writing.

**Features & Inclusions**

- ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS
- IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION
- INSURANCE
- 24/7 EMERGENCY SUPPORT WHILE ABROAD

“**Trip Overview**”

- **18 DAYS**
- **STAFF-GUIDED**
- **WITH COMMUNITY STAY**
- **FROM $5999**

“**The people here are so amazing and welcoming they welcomed us with open arms without knowing a thing about us. I kinda wish people in America were more like them.” — Student**

“**Today was a day of honor, celebration, and a bittersweet end as we said goodbye to our beloved Kenyan family and community. The day started off as any other but for me there was a sort of heaviness in the air as I knew today was the end to this beautiful experience in the village of Odienya.” — Student**

Visit xperitas.org for pricing and more information.
ITINERARY

About the Community
Roughly the size of Texas, Kenya is a country of great diversity. With over 40 ethnic groups, the country is teeming with unique cultures and languages. Known for its many wildlife sanctuaries, Kenya is also home to lions, cheetahs, giraffes, zebras, rhinos, and elephants. Odienya is in southwestern Kenya, off of a paved road leading towards Lake Victoria. The majority of the nearly 2,000 people of Odienya belong to the Luo tribe. The Luo are the third largest tribal group in Kenya after the Kikuyu and Luhya. The Luo derive from related tribes originating in the Sudan and crossed into Kenya between 1500 and 1800. Today’s Luo grow many crops such as maize, millet and groundnuts, herd animals such as goats and cattle, and fish. Xperitas partners with a local development committee focused on improving health care services in the area.

DAY 1 | Departure
Depart for Nairobi.

DAY 2 | Nairobi
Welcome to Kenya! Your Xperitas Team Leader will greet you at the airport in Nairobi. Transfer to your hotel and enjoy your first group dinner and team meeting.

DAYS 4-15 | Community Stay
Under the direction of the local development committee, collaborate on a health center project alongside community members. Connect with community members through school visits and meeting members of the women’s cooperative. Learn about traditional crafts in a hands-on way, such as basket-weaving, soapstone carving, and pottery making. Participate in additional community events by invitation, depending on the timing of your visit, such as local festivals and ceremonies. You’ll also have a chance to visit the famous Lake Victoria, the world’s largest tropical lake! Reflect on your experiences in daily team meetings and journal-writing. On the last day, have a final celebration with community members.

DAY 16 | Safari
Say goodbye to your new friends in Odienya. Spend the day sightseeing in the Maasai Mara National Reserve, a world-renowned wildlife conservation home to lions, leopards, elephants, and cheetahs.

DAY 17 | Nairobi
Transfer to your hotel in Nairobi. Enjoy your final group dinner and team meeting.

DAY 18 | Return
Depart Nairobi for your flight home.

The order of this itinerary is subject to change.

The Community Stay Experience
We believe that spending time within a community, participating in their customs, and working alongside them is the best and most authentic way to experience another culture.

For almost 50 years we have been arranging programs that bring people of different ways of life together in respectful, mutually beneficial ways.

Non-Profit | Since 1972 | 100 Host Communities & Growing
Xperitas is a community of lifelong learners who believe in a world built on deeper understanding between cultures. Our values are reflected in our commitment to inspiring personal connections with diverse individuals, elevating relationships over projects and providing a channel for indigenous voices and perspectives. We are dedicated to promoting global citizenship through authentic immersion experiences.

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