



Maasai Women Collective



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📍 Kenya - Maasai Mara

Maasai Women are doing it for themselves, but they can use your help to continue their goal of educating their daughters and feeding their families.

Join Maasai village mothers and grandmothers as they pave the way, one bead at a time, for the next generation of girls who want to have opportunities besides marriage and motherhood at a young age. Enhance the collective resolution to reduce poverty, hunger and educational disparities for women and girls with your expertise and hard work!

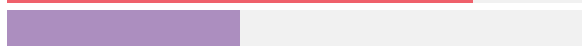
Culture



Learning



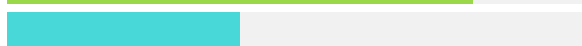
Leisure



Community Engagement



Physical Demand



Program Description

You'll be part of the collective effort to support the educational goals of Maasai girls. These village mothers and grandmothers are using their skills and abilities to create unique and intricate beadwork jewelry and accessories knowing that every piece they make and sell gets them closer to earning enough to cover school fees and to supplement the household income enough to provide nourishing meals to their families.

Your efforts can go towards the creation of a database, building a roadside stand to sell items, teaching the women basic English or math, help complete the concrete floor at a local church where they currently meet underneath a tree, or help to build a proper stand for access to the water tank at the church. The ways in which you can be of service are many. The life lessons and sincere smiles you will receive in return are invaluable. A portion of your program costs goes directly towards reinvestment in the group by providing bead making supplies and other resources to sustain and further expand their collective efforts.

There is also the added bonus of being so close to the Maasai Mara National Park that you can go there on the weekend and have a chance to catch a glimpse of the **Big 5** (Elephants, Leopards, Lions, Buffalo, and Rhinos). Depending on the time of year, you might even get a chance to see the **Migration of the Wildebeest** as they cross the Mara river back and forth between Kenya and Tanzania. **You will of course have to arrange these types of tours on your own, as they are not included in our program, but it is very easy to do, considering your close proximity.**

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 2

Aims & Objectives

- Assist Maasai village women and girls educational prospects and self-sufficiency
- Gain invaluable experience at the grassroots level
- Assist the local community improvement efforts
- Learn more about the Maasai Mara region and the Culture

Schedule

Monday to Friday

Your day will likely be 4-6 hours of assisting at the Maasai Women Collective on achieving a variety of goals including basic communication with tourist customers, basic accounting, building a roadside stand, completing the concrete floor at the local church meeting point, collecting materials and supplies, etc. Some days will be busier than others but there will always be something to do and things to learn along the way.

You will be staying on or near the school grounds in a very basic, no frills-accommodation. There is no flush toilet and you will need to be conscientious about conserving water. You will have very simple homestyle dishes that are typical of this region and there will be limited opportunities to go to the bigger town which is more than an hour away.

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:	-
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Intermediate
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	On Arrival
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

• Please be advised that this is an extremely remote location and there are very minimal amenities available once you arrive. You may want to bring anything you might need with you to the program and plan to have an open heart and mind to fully enjoy this truly amazing experience.

Additional Equipment

There are no further requirements for this program.

Required

- Modest clothing (covering the knees and shoulders) is required while on school grounds and throughout the Maasai community.

Optional

- Ball, jump ropes, frisbees, etc.
- You are more than welcome to bring teaching materials/resources for your class such as:
- Interesting board games
- Books/Comics
- Musical instruments
- Worksheets
- Cultural items of interest
- And anything else you think will help!