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Gatanga Village



Kenya

Gatanga Village will be your new home and will give you the chance to see authentic rural Kenya. Close by is Thika, an industrial town where you will be able to find anything you need. Nairobi is not too far either, and you can head there during the weekend for nights out or sightseeing. Likewise, there are many natural areas in close proximity to Gatanga, a simple example are Fourteen Falls, a set of waterfalls that will leave you awestruck.

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 All meals included	Yes ⁽¹⁾
 Free beverages	Yes ⁽²⁾
 Persons per room	2-4
 Wifi in public areas	Yes
 Laundry facilities	Yes ⁽³⁾
 Safety box	No
 Lockable rooms	Yes
 Hot shower	Yes
 Private bathroom	No
 Bed linen	Yes
 Towels	No

(1) 3 meals on weekdays, 2 on weekends
 (2) Drinking Water is provided

(3) Limited - expect to hand wash or pay for launder services



Accommodation & Food

About the Accommodation

You will be accommodated in our center. All participants are expected to be environmentally aware and use all resources with restraint, especially water, paper and electricity. Sometimes there are power and water cuts during the day, but do not panic. This is life in the village. This is a very simple local accommodation, but you will have all of the necessities while here. You will have meals provided and rooms cleaned on the weekends, but you will also be expected to clean up after yourself and play your part in keeping the accommodation neat and organized. The location is not far from the Police station and a short walk to local market and shops. When interacting with the local community it is important to note that smoking is not accepted in public areas or even within the sight line of children or local officials. Style of dress in the community is fairly conservative. Short shorts, mini skirts and sleeveless tops are not considered appropriate for the culture of the village.

Please be advised that in the event of an excess number of participants, we may use other local accommodation in the area that meets a similar standard as described herein.

Food Arrangements

Food served will mainly be Kenyan food, which consists of vegetables, potatoes, eggs, bread, pancakes (commonly known as "chapati") and fruits such as oranges, bananas and avocados.

Facilities

Thika town is located a thirty minute drive away from our center and is filled with supermarkets, shops, ATMs, local markets and good restaurants. There is local transport available in Thika such as bicycle and motorbike taxis, van taxis and buses. Vehicles called "matatus" very tightly packed minivans can be found near the local market throughout the day which can drop you off in Thika town. Moreover, the bus "station" (central location for minivans and buses) in Thika is your launching spot for trips into other parts of Kenya.

Please expect shops to be closed on Sunday as many people do not work that day.

Mandatory Orientation Day

On the Monday of your first week at this location, you will join our orientation day, to familiarize you with the surroundings as well as local culture. Your program will continue as usual from Tuesday onward throughout the rest of the week.

Schedule

- Introduction meeting, House rules, Setting Expectations, Health and Safety Advice and handling of documents.
- Kenyan Do's and Don'ts, Culture introduction and country history and Swahili Language Lessons.
- Tour around the compound and local area; where to find local shops, and arrange a sim-card if necessary.
- Lunch
- Tour to Coffee Factory
- Hike to local Waterfall

Activities & Events

No scheduled activities outside the program.

Sights & Surroundings

There are many places for you to visit during your free time. For example, you can visit the Fourteen Falls in Thika, go hiking in Kenya Mountain, visit Mombasa and enjoy the beach or head for a weekend of sightseeing in Nakuru or Nairobi, which are filled with national parks. Nairobi is also the nightlife hub of Kenya.