



NGARI HILL | ECOLODGE

GRAND SAMBURU TRIBAL TREK

At Ngari Hill we are passionate about hiking and Samburu tradition and lifestyle. We put together a multiday journey of epic proportions. Together with two Samburu guides visit the special singing wells, experience manyatta life, explore our private conservancy and play your part in the reforestation of Kirisia Forest. Visit our activities page on the website for more information. (www.ngarihill.com)

If you wish to participate please contact our manager Daniel Parisa (0719362916). Or send us an email (info@ngarihill.com)

Conditions apply. Transportation to starting point can be arranged at a surcharge.



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PORO CONSERVANCY

Ngari Hill offers guided hikes into “one of the seven wonders of Kenya”: The Great Rift Valley. The valley runs all the way from Syria in the north to Mozambique in the south, but some of the best views can be found only 40 minutes away on our own private conservancy.

Our Samburu guides will take you to our forest in Poro. Here you will descent into Suguta Valley and pass through various ecosystems on your way down. A delicious lunch will be waiting upon your return to the starting point.

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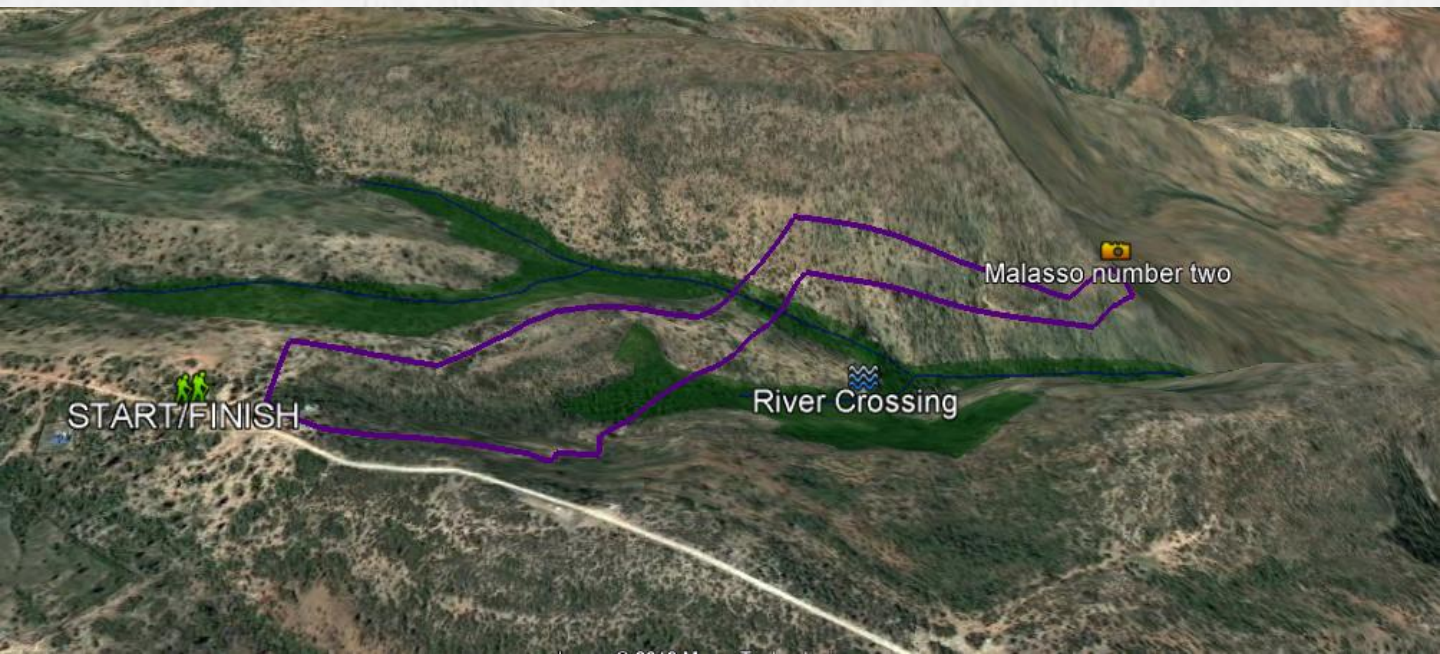
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MALASSO #2 ROUTE

Route 1 takes you from our cottage in the mountains to the barely witnessed beauty of “Malasso number two” (as the locals call it). On your way down you’ll be greeted with Samburu tribesmen herding their cattle, pass through a patch of preserved rain forest and look down the waterfall that shaped this part of the valley.

Duration: 2 – 3 hours
Length: 3.8 km (2.36 miles)
Difficulty: Easy-Moderate
Elevation total: 288 m





GORGE ROUTE

We have called this slightly longer hike the "Gorge Route". After about a 30 minute hike you will emerge from the shrub trees on an abandoned manyatta. This must have been the homestead with the best view in Kenya. After enjoying the viewpoint you will traverse the Gorge with a continuous view over the rainforest that we do our best to conserve every day.

Duration: 4 – 5 hours
Length: 6 km (3.7 miles)
Difficulty: Moderate
Elevation total: 375 m





CROSSING BORDERS ROUTE

This hike is not for the faint of heart. Until the homesteaded viewpoint you will follow the same pastoralist footpath that has been used for centuries. After enjoying the view, the path leads you all the way down into the valley. This is the country of the Phokot Tribe, which you will undoubtedly meet. After enjoying a packed-lunch on the banks of the river, the route then ascents the escarpment, past “Malasso number two”. Cold drinks will await upon your return to the mountain cottage.

Duration: 6 hours – 8 hours
Length: 7-8 km (4.4 – 5 miles)
Difficulty: Experienced hikers
Elevation total: 500 m





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KIRISIA FOREST

Ngari Hill offers guided hikes into Kirisa Forest. Since centuries pastoralists, wildlife and scenic beauty meet in this forest. Kirisia forest is well-known for its concentration of wild elephant.

We have selected a number of english speaking Samburu morans to safely guide you to the most scenic places in this forest. You can choose between set out routes or discuss a different route with our guides.

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RAINFOREST ROUTE

Kirisia forest is under threat by illegal logging, charcoal production and honey hunters. The route will take you along an old footpath from our lodge to the forest. En route to the forest you will see traditional Samburu herding their cattle and see several Samburu Manyattas. You will visit the unique singing wells and come across untouched forest. The route however also leads through a patch of forest under threat. Here you will contribute to reforestation, by spreading indigenous “red cedar” seedballs (received by Ngari Hill at start of the hike).

Duration: 7 hours – 8 hours

Length: 20 km (12 miles)

Difficulty: moderate

Elevation total: 550 m

Bring: long trousers





SINGING WELLS ROUTE

Kirisia forest is a large water catchment area with great importance for local Samburu. In times of drought the forest is the most single important source of water for cattle. In order to attract cattle to the wells the Samburu will sing, every family has its own song which cattle will recognize. This route will take you past your average manyatta visit and show you a very special human-animal interactment.

Duration: 6-7 hours
Length: 18 km (11 miles)
Difficulty: Easy-moderate
Elevation total: 500 m

