



## ABOUT MAKAO VILLAGE & OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Mwiba Lodge and Mila Tented Camp are situated on community-owned land, leased to Mwiba Holdings Ltd in partnership with the Makao Village. Each and every guest contributes towards the surrounding community when staying at Mwiba Lodge or Mila Tented Camp.

A visit to Mwiba Wildlife Reserve, Makao WMA and Maswa Kimali Reserve affords guests the unique opportunity to spend time with two of our four neighbouring tribes as they go about their daily lives. These cultural interactions are done within mutually beneficial and agreed upon partnerships with the communities to benefit the guests and people of the area.

We work alongside the community which comprises of four tribes, Hadza, Datoga, Maasai and Sukuma, who welcome guests to the region, creating an honest and humbling experience within these wilderness regions that is often eye-opening for guests.



## ABOUT THE TRIBES

As with all cultures, various external influences play a role over the years.

HADZA	One of the last hunter-gatherer tribes in Tanzania, the Hadza number under 1000. They live a life almost free of possessions and are able to move by carrying what they have on their backs. They wear pieces of cloth wrapped around them and don't speak any English. One with nature and the wild surrounds, the Hadza Tribe only consumes what they need such as honey from the trees, leaves for its medicinal properties and small animals on occasions. The Hadza gain access to hunt small animals and gather on Mwiba Wildlife Reserve as they are increasingly marginalised in terms of access to wilderness areas.
DATOGA	The Datoga are nomadic herders, depending largely on cow and goat meat and milk for their diet. In contrast to the Hadza, the Datoga woman wear beautiful jewellery that they make themselves and colourful traditional wear. The bracelets around their wrists and ankles create a percussive beat for their singing, dancing and jumping, which can go on for days and even years!
MAASAI	The Maasai inhabit the south of Kenya and the north of Tanzania and have a long preserved culture. Believing that all cattle on earth once belonged to them, they still occasionally go on raids to retrieve their stolen herds. Their diet consists largely of beef, milk, blood, honey, fat and tree bark. Maasai are seen as defying modern culture to protect their customs and traditional way of life, however many initiations and rituals are slowly eroding due to outside influences.
SUKUMA	The Sukuma are a Bantu speaking people and are the largest of Tanzania's ethnic groups. The word "Sukuma" refers to the people of the north. The increased access to education and healthcare has seen a drastic change in the traditional life of the Sukuma in recent years, with many people moving from the rural areas to the cities to find jobs as doctors, miners, teachers, nurses or wage-based labourers.

EXPERIENCES	
<p><b>HADZA</b></p> <p>MWIBA WILDLIFE RESERVE</p> <p>2-3 hour duration</p>	<p>The Maasai and Sukuma Tribes also habituate the reserves, but we focus on interactions with the Hadza and Datoga tribes in Mwiba Wildlife Reserve and Maswa.</p> <p>If guests would like to witness the Hadza way of life, their guide and tracker will take them in search of the nomadic Hadza hunters who are moving through the wilderness. Upon finding them, guests may have the opportunity to accompany them as they forage for their vital food sources. They will show you how to prod the rich African soil for tubers and stalk small mammals and hunt birds. Listen as the Hadza re-tell tales of their ancestors.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p><b>HIGHLIGHT</b> Bush nutrition and medicine secrets revealed - learn how to forage in the wild, shoot with an arrow and make a fire from scratch.</p> <p><b>ACCESS FROM</b> Mwiba Lodge &amp; Mila Tented Camp (Mwiba Wildlife Reserve)</p> <p><b>WALKING</b> Yes, morning or afternoon      <b>JOIN IN</b> Bow &amp; arrow or fire building</p>
<p><b>DATOGA</b></p> <p>MWIBA WILDLIFE RESERVE &amp; MASWA KIMALI GAME RESERVE</p> <p>1.5-2 hour duration</p>	<p>Arrive late afternoon at a Datoga boma which becomes a hive of activity just before sundown as the livestock and young Morani herders return from the pastures after a day of grazing. As the beating of hooves kick up dust and the sunlight softens, this time of day presents exquisite photographic opportunities. The coolness of dusk is a relief after the heat of the day and you can feel the energy of homestead life as the people gather together and sing words of welcome in their mother tongue. A Nilotic tribe, the Datoga woman are beautifully adorned with intricate beaded necklaces and copper bangles while the men stand proud and tall. Join them as they leap into the air, an ancient ritual or perhaps be invited to see inside their homes.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">    </div> <p><b>HIGHLIGHT</b> Open your mind to a new way of living - jump to the rhythm of song, let the endorphins rage and embrace the human connection.</p> <p><b>ACCESS FROM</b> Mwiba Lodge &amp; Mila Tented Camp (Mwiba Wildlife Reserve); Legendary Serengeti Camp (South – Maswa only)</p> <p><b>WALKING</b> No, later afternoon village visit      <b>JOIN IN</b> Dance to the beat of the drums</p>

For low impact on the community, groups of guests will go together, and larger groups will have a private experience. The experiences are included in the guest rate.

## IMPORTANT NOTE ON TRIBAL HUNTING & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITH GUESTS:

No commercial hunting has or will ever take place on Mwiba Wildlife Reserve. Most of the time that guests are with the Hadza, they are gathering fruit and honey. From time-to-time they may seize an opportunity to hunt a small animal. They only hunt what they eat and there is no wastage. We fully support the local tribes in within Mwiba Wildlife Reserve.

All of these tribes are encouraged to continue to live their lives how they see fit. We do not ask them to keep tradition for commercial tourism gain, but rather support whatever way they would like to interact and celebrate their culture. These ancient tribes live in total harmony with their surroundings and only take what they need - no more, and often far less.