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KARIBU!

You are welcome home.

There is a moment, quiet, unscripted, when a drummer calls your name at the edge of a homestead, and an elder looks at you and says, "We have been waiting for you." You are not a tourist that day. You are not a visitor. You are someone returning.

This is what AA Ujamaa holds space for.

We are a small circle of elders, artisans, cultural guides, and storytellers walking alongside Alkebulan's Abode, a Pan-Afrikan sanctuary of memory rooted in Ubuntu. We do not run tours. We open doors, into living homesteads, sacred forests, artisan workshops, and fireside conversations where the real Afrikan story is still being told, the way it has always been told: person to person, elder to younger, **heart to heart**.

Our work is simple, we walk with communities, the Kikuyu of the central highlands, the Maa of Kajiado, the Mijikenda of the sacred coastal forests, the Baganda and Basoga of Uganda's ancient kingdoms, and we invite you to walk with them too. Not as a spectator. As a guest. As someone who belongs.

THE PROMISE WE MAKE

And The One We Ask of You

Every shilling you invest is **shared openly**:

70% to the host communities (elders, artisans, guides, families hosting you).

5% to local social responsibility (youth programmes, cultural preservation, site maintenance).

25% to the partners who keep this work alive.

Where the ground cost is small, a free forest, a quiet gallery, your price goes almost entirely to the hands that welcome you.

This is the ethical backbone of everything we do.



HOW IT WORKS

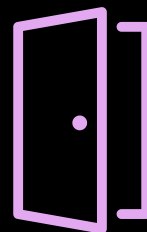
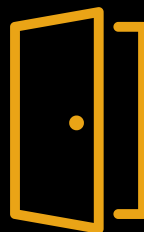
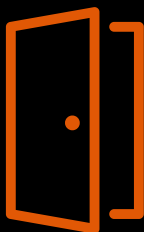
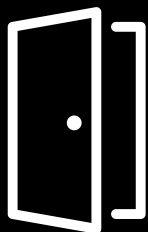
One Welcome, Four Doors

Every AA Ujamaa journey, no matter the chapter or destination, begins the same way: the Karibu Ceremony.

A drum call. A blessing from an elder. And a name, chosen for you after a quiet conversation, a name you will carry for the rest of your time with us. Spoken everywhere.

Printed nowhere.

From that moment of welcome, you walk through whichever of our Four Doors call to your spirit. These Doors are the thematic pathways we use across all our chapters to weave a complete, meaningful homecoming:



FOUR WAYS TO WALK WITH US



These Four Doors are the building blocks of our journeys. Depending on how much time you have and how deep you wish to go, we weave these Doors into four distinct pathways. All prices below cover the cultural experience, the elders, the artisans, the meals shared, the coordination. Transport and lodging we can help you arrange through our trusted partners, or you are welcome to bring your own.

1

KUJUA - "To Know"

One Day • The Introduction

A single day, deeply felt. The Karibu Ceremony, one or two curated Door experiences, and a meal with a community. For the traveller with a short window who still wants something real. Individual from KES 15,000 (~\$120 USD)

2

KUGUSA - "To Touch"

Three Days • The Taster

Enough to feel the soil, not enough to tire the spirit. The Karibu Ceremony, one experience from each of the Four Doors, a shared cultural guide, and meals with host families. Individual from KES 40,000 (~\$400 USD)

3

KUUNGANA - "To Connect"

Six Days • The Deepening

Two experiences per Door, one night sleeping in a community home, a private cultural liaison walking beside you, and tailored curated events. Individual from KES 85,000 (~\$750 USD)

4

KURUDI NYUMBANI - "To Return Home"

Seven Days • The Flagship

The full homecoming. An elder assigned to you personally. Lineage research. A private naming ceremony. A short film of your week, delivered to you weeks after you return. The Return Ledger, where the community tells you, face to face, what your presence funded. Individual from KES 115,000 (~\$1,000 USD)



GO DEEPER

Community Cultural Packages

If you wish to anchor your journey in a specific place, we offer curated, multi-hour or full-day immersions with specific communities. These are never staged performances; they are living, breathing encounters with families and custodians who open their doors to you.

Living Maa — Kajiado County, Kenya

Step into a Maasai homestead as a guest, not a spectator.

The Story: The Maa of Kajiado carry a living history rooted in cattle, color, and community. Descended from Nilotic migrations, they built a pastoral way of life where cows are wealth, beadwork encodes identity, and age sets guide society. Spirituality centers on Enkai, the giver of rain, while oral traditions preserve memory through song.

The Experience: A warm welcome into the boma, time with an elder, storytelling, pastoralist knowledge, a shared traditional meal of mbuzi (roast goat), beadwork, and open conversation about contemporary Maa life. Optional add-ons include a Maasai-guided sunrise hike across the Ngong Hills or an artisan-linked visit to the Maasai Market.

Indicative Investment:

Partial Immersion (2–4 hrs): From \$115 USD pp

Full Immersion (6–8 hrs): From \$172.50 USD pp

Group (up to 6 people, full day): From \$437 USD total



Roots of the Gikuyu — Central Kenya

A journey into land, lineage, food, and creativity.

The Story: The Agikuyu are Kenya's largest ethnic group, Bantu-speaking farmers who settled the fertile highlands around Mount Kenya (Kirinyaga), the resting place of Ngai, their creator. Tradition holds that Ngai gave the land to Gikuyu and Mumbi, whose nine daughters became the ancestral mothers of the clans. In the 20th century, this community formed the backbone of the Mau Mau uprising, and today, many rural families still hold closely to the oral traditions of their elders.

The Experience: A cultural welcome at Tũrĩ A Mũmbi (a living Gĩkũyũ homestead in Tigoni), a traditional meal at Karuma Restaurant, fireside storytelling with an elder, a visit to the Gikuyu Cultural Museum, and a guided walk and tea tasting at the historic Kiambethu Tea Farm.

Indicative Investment:

Partial Immersion (2–4 hrs): From \$115 USD pp

Full Immersion (6–8 hrs): From \$172.50 USD pp

Group (up to 6 people, full day): From \$437 USD total



Kaya Mijikenda — Sacred Forests of the Kenyan Coast (Kilifi County)

Walk where ancestral memory still stands in the trees.

The Story: In Kilifi and Kaloleni, heritage and nature meet. The Kaya sacred forests are living heritage, entered with respect, humility, and permission. History echoes at Mekatilili Garden and Gede Ruins, while legend and landscape converge at Hell's Kitchen.

The Experience: A guided walk into the Kaya Giriama sacred forest at Fungo (pace set by community custodians), cultural heritage sessions with the Mijikenda Cultural Institute, living-culture encounters (storytelling, dance, traditional food) with MADCA and Elite Stories, and visits to the Mekatilili Garden, Arabuko-Sokoke Forest, Mida Creek, and the sacred Gede Ruins

Indicative Investment: *(Working estimates pending final community permissions)* ·

Partial Immersion (2–4 hrs): From \$115 USD pp

Full Immersion (6–8 hrs): From \$172.50 USD pp

Group (up to 6 people, full day): From \$437 USD total.



Buganda — The Kingdom at Mengo (Uganda)

Meet the Baganda at the seat of the Kabaka.

The Story: Buganda is one of the oldest traditional kingdoms in the African Great Lakes region, tracing its royal line to Kato Kintu in the 14th century. Restored in 1993, it remains one of the most visible living monarchies in East Africa, where oral histories, clans, and royal symbols are still very much part of daily life.

The Experience: A cultural memory and youth dialogue session near the Kabaka's palace, community immersion at a village farm (cooking, farm work, learning Luganda), elder storytelling (the stories of Kintu, Nambi, and Walumbe), visits to Ssezibwa Falls and the hand-dug Kabaka's Lake, a local market visit, and an evening of live music at the Ndere Cultural Centre.

Indicative Investment: (Pricing TBC pending local partner confirmation, following the standard baseline above)



Basoga - Living Culture of Busoga (Uganda)

Meet the Basoga at Igenge Hill and in the grass-thatched homesteads

The Story: A culture shaped by the Nile, farming life, and folklore still told the way it always has been: by an elder, in person.

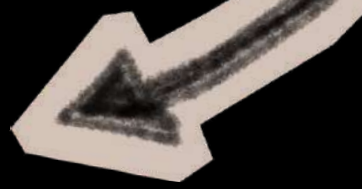
The Experience: A visit to the Kyabazinga's palace at Igenge Hill (the sacred hill where the king is crowned), a homestay in a grass-thatched house in Luuka, Namutumba, or Kaliro, oral storytelling from community elders (the founding legend of Wangobi, the creation story of Mukama), and deep immersion in traditional food, farming life, craft, and music.

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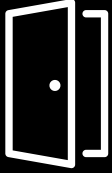
Mix, Match, and Build Your Own Day

Nairobi is its own doorway - a city where colonial-era history, a thriving contemporary arts scene, and the land itself sit within an hour of each other. Choose a single half-day thread or combine several into a full Nairobi week.



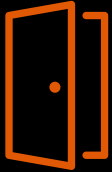


(Nairobi Guest prices below are per person for a small group of 2–4. A private 4x4 and driver-guide for the day runs KES 15,000–20,500 and is recommended if combining two or more stops.)



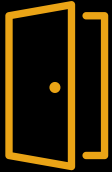
Door 1: Ancestry & Heritage

- **Nairobi National Museum** (historian-guided): KES 4,500
- **Uhuru Gardens** (paired with Museum): KES 2,000
- **Nairobi Railway Museum**: KES 1,500
- **Kenya National Archives** — Murumbi Gallery: KES 1,200
- **Nairobi War Cemetery**: KES 2,000
- **Mau Mau Caves** (via Karura Forest): KES 1,500
- **Bomas of Kenya** (private interpreter session): KES 4,000



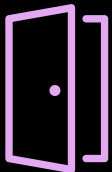
Door 2: Living Culture

- **Tũrĩ A Mũmbi** (Gĩkũyũ homestead, Tigoni/Limuru): KES 2,000
- **Gikuyu Cultural Museum** (Kiambu): KES 2,000
- **Kiambethu Tea Farm excursion** (incl. meal + tour): KES 11,500–15,500
- **African Heritage House** (tour + tea): KES 11,500–17,000
- **African Heritage House** (tour + dinner): KES 5,800–7,800
- **Akamba Cultural Center** (Makueni/Wote, day trip): KES 15,500–20,500



Door 3: Arts, Craft & Artisans

- **Kazuri Beads** (factory tour + artisan honorarium): KES 3,000
- **Kitengela Glass Studio** (+ glassblowing session): KES 2,000
- **Kuona Trust Arts Collective** (guide honorarium): KES 2,600–3,900
- **GoDown Arts Centre** (guide honorarium): KES 2,600–3,900
- **MatBronze Art Gallery** (+ lunch): KES 4,500–6,500
- **Utamaduni Craft Centre** (guided, guide honorarium): KES 3,200–4,500



Door 4: Land & Spirit

- **Wangari Maathai Corner** (tree planting, incl. GPS-tagged tree): KES 4,000
- **Ngong Hills sunrise hike** (Maasai guide): KES 3,500
- **Nairobi City Walk** (private heritage guide): KES 5,200–7,800
- **Nairobi National Park** (half-day, incl. vehicle): KES 20,000–26,000
- **Nairobi Mamba Village** (family-tier option): KES 1,900–3,200

Any of these threads can also be folded into our Kujua, Kugusa, Kuungana, or Kurudi Nyumbani tiered packages rather than booked à la carte.

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL...

Let's Sit Together First

We don't believe in sending anyone into a community they haven't been prepared for, or into a journey that doesn't fit their spirit. So before you book, we invite you to a quiet conversation with us, online, unhurried, no pressure.

We'll talk about: What you're hoping to find, and what you're hoping to leave behind, which doors call to you, and how we might build your journey around them, the practical things; transport, lodging, timing and the partners we trust to handle them with you, what to expect from the communities, and what the communities expect from you.

There is no sales pitch in this conversation. Just two sides of a table (or a screen), figuring out if this is the right walk for you.





THINGS WE'LL SHARE WITH YOU BEFORE YOU GO

Because respect travels both ways, we'll send you a few gentle guides once you're booked:

The Community Etiquette Guide - what to wear, how to greet, when to remove your shoes, how to accept a meal, the weather you'll walk in, and a few words of the local language that will open doors.

The Environmental Stewardship Guide - how to walk gently through sacred forests, rivers, and lands that are not scenery, they are someone's grandmother's home.

The Non-Extractive Travel Pledge - a short, honest agreement between you and the community. You are not here to consume a culture. You are here to be received by one. We ask you to sign it, not because we don't trust you, but because the communities deserve to know you understand.



THE PEOPLE WHO WALK WITH YOU

Every cultural guide you meet is from the community they represent. They speak English, Swahili, and the language of their people. Every elder you sit with has been vetted by their own community. Every photographer who documents your journey has signed a strict consent and privacy agreement, your image, your lineage, your ancestral name stays yours unless you say otherwise.

We take safeguarding seriously, especially for children and vulnerable community members. We take your data seriously. We take the trust the communities place in us seriously. This is not a line in a brochure. This is how we sleep at night.

THE THINGS YOU'LL REMEMBER

Not the itinerary. The small, unrepeatable things:

- The drum call that announced you as family, not tourist.
- The tree you planted in a sacred Forest, GPS-tagged to your name, we'll send you a photo of it every year.
- The letter you wrote to an ancestor, sealed and held by us, a bridge across time.
- The kitenge whose pattern was chosen to reflect something the community saw in you that week.
- The film five to eight minutes, arriving in your inbox weeks after you return.

The drum call. The elder's voice. The tree. You, coming home. The Return Ledger, a community representative, looking you in the eye, telling you exactly what your presence funded.



JOIN A COMMUNITY OF RETURNEES

When you walk with AA Ujamaa, you don't just take a trip.

You join The Constellation, a growing circle of guests across all our chapters (Nairobi, the Coast, Uganda, and beyond) who have returned home carrying a name, a tree, an elder's blessing, and a story only they can tell.

We gather occasionally. We share updates on your tree, your elder, your village. We remember each other.

Because that is what Ubuntu means, I am, because we are.





BEGIN YOUR HOMECOMING

We'd love to hear from you.

Tell us a little about yourself, where your roots pull you, and what kind of journey you're imagining. We'll write back, personally, not with a form letter.

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**We walk with many cultures. We return through many doors.
We are all Afrika, manifested in human form.**