



VISIT THE WILDLIFE COLLEGE OF MAASAI MARA (WTC)

 ENCOUNTER MARA, NABOISHO, REKERO

 PARDAMAT CONSERVATION AREA, KENYA

Community donation: US\$30 per person, plus the cost of a private vehicle. Visits can be arranged in camp, but private vehicles must be pre-booked.

Located in the Pardamat Conservation Area in the heart of the Mara ecosystem, the Wildlife Tourism College of Maasai Mara (WTC) builds on the legacy of the Koiyaki Guiding School (KGS), which was established in 2005 in the Naboisho Conservancy. Over 300 trained Maasai safari guides graduated from the KGS, including 60 women – which was ground-breaking in this typically male dominated industry. The WTC will expand on the KGS's great work, with new facilities, in a more accessible and inclusive location. The aim is to produce highly skilled graduates suitable for a broader spectrum of jobs across the Mara and the rest of Kenya, with transferable

skills. By offering more courses, they can help tackle the very high levels of youth unemployment in the Mara region, which currently sits at over 60%.

Visitors staying in the Mara Reserve or conservancies will be able to visit the WTC on weekdays and Saturday mornings to learn more about this pioneering set-up. This is a great way to facilitate opportunities for the students to meet and interact with international guests, practice their languages and enhance their learning experience. For the students, these visitor interactions are extremely valuable and a crucial part of their development and education.

Come prepared to chat to the students about your country, its customs, and your experiences in Kenya! You will also be able to explore the small museum / interpretative centre to learn about the work of the WTC and their future plans.

Note that the WTC is a 40-minute drive from Encounter Mara or Naboisho, so can be slotted into a morning's game drive, but for Rekerro it will be a full morning activity.