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2023 Calendar | Places of Hope • Harmony • Healing

From time immemorial, in seasons of both trouble and joy, people have gone to designated sacred places in search of hope, inspiration and peace.

Our 2023 calendar takes us on a journey to some of these natural and manmade places that were used by our ancestors for prayer and thanksgiving.

We believe that the beauty, stories and spirit of these places will inspire the hope of a better future in all of us, triggering our imagination to new possibilities and opportunities.

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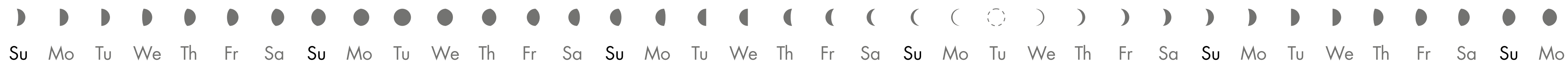




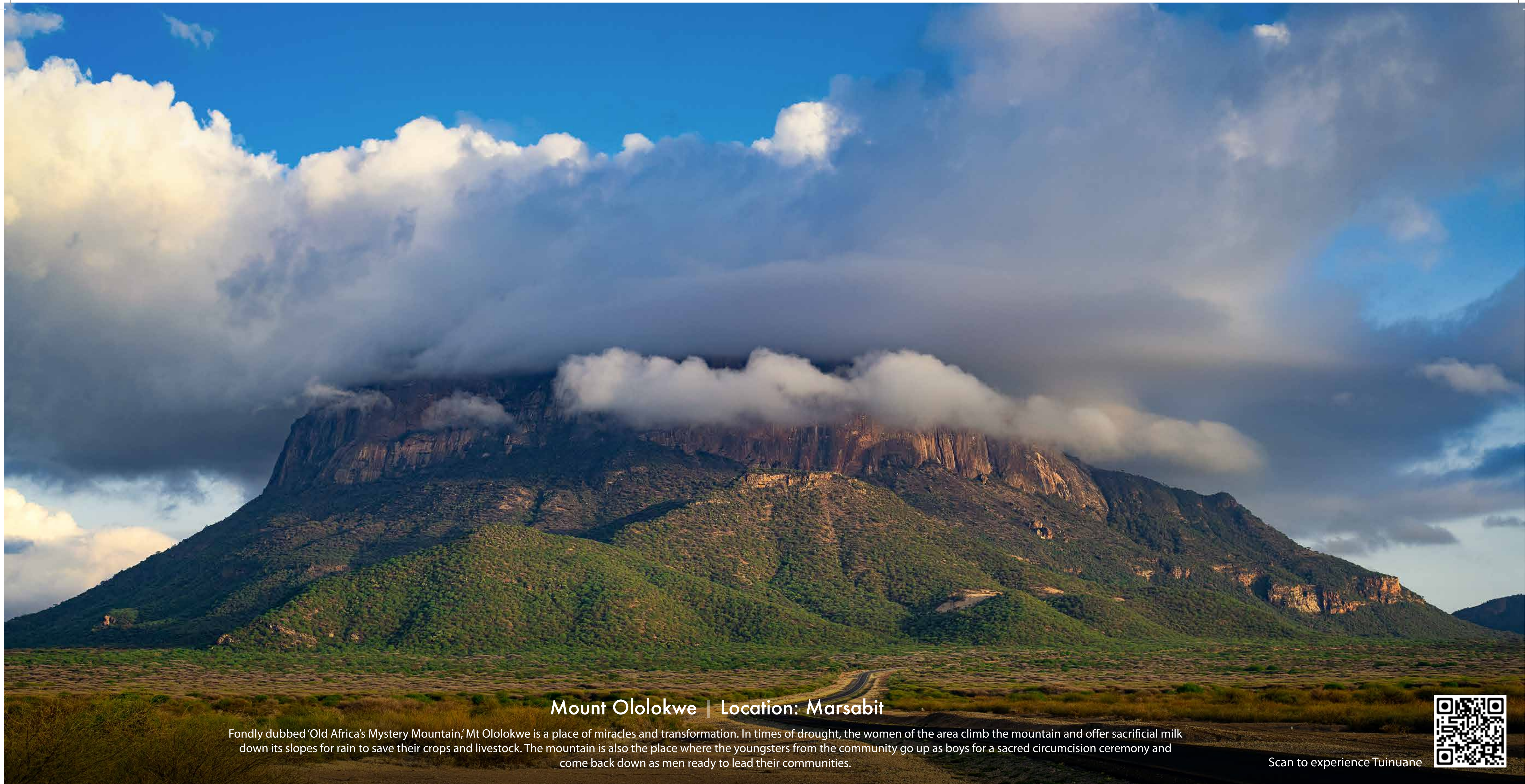
Vigango Shrine of Kaya Kauma Forest | Location: Kilifi

Deep in the Sacred Forest, there are five figures who represent the ancestors and the heads of those who lived and worshiped here. These elders were considered to have reached the highest ranks and their spirits were believed to live within the figures. As time progressed, community members would gather around the figures to dedicate sacrifices and prayers for different reasons and seasons. For example, when women struggled to bring life into the world, the elders would dedicate offerings in front of this shrine.

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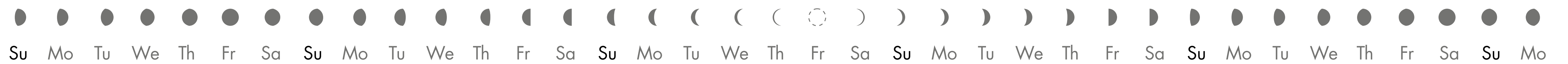


Mount Ololokwe | Location: Marsabit

Fondly dubbed 'Old Africa's Mystery Mountain,' Mt Ololokwe is a place of miracles and transformation. In times of drought, the women of the area climb the mountain and offer sacrificial milk down its slopes for rain to save their crops and livestock. The mountain is also the place where the youngsters from the community go up as boys for a sacred circumcision ceremony and come back down as men ready to lead their communities.



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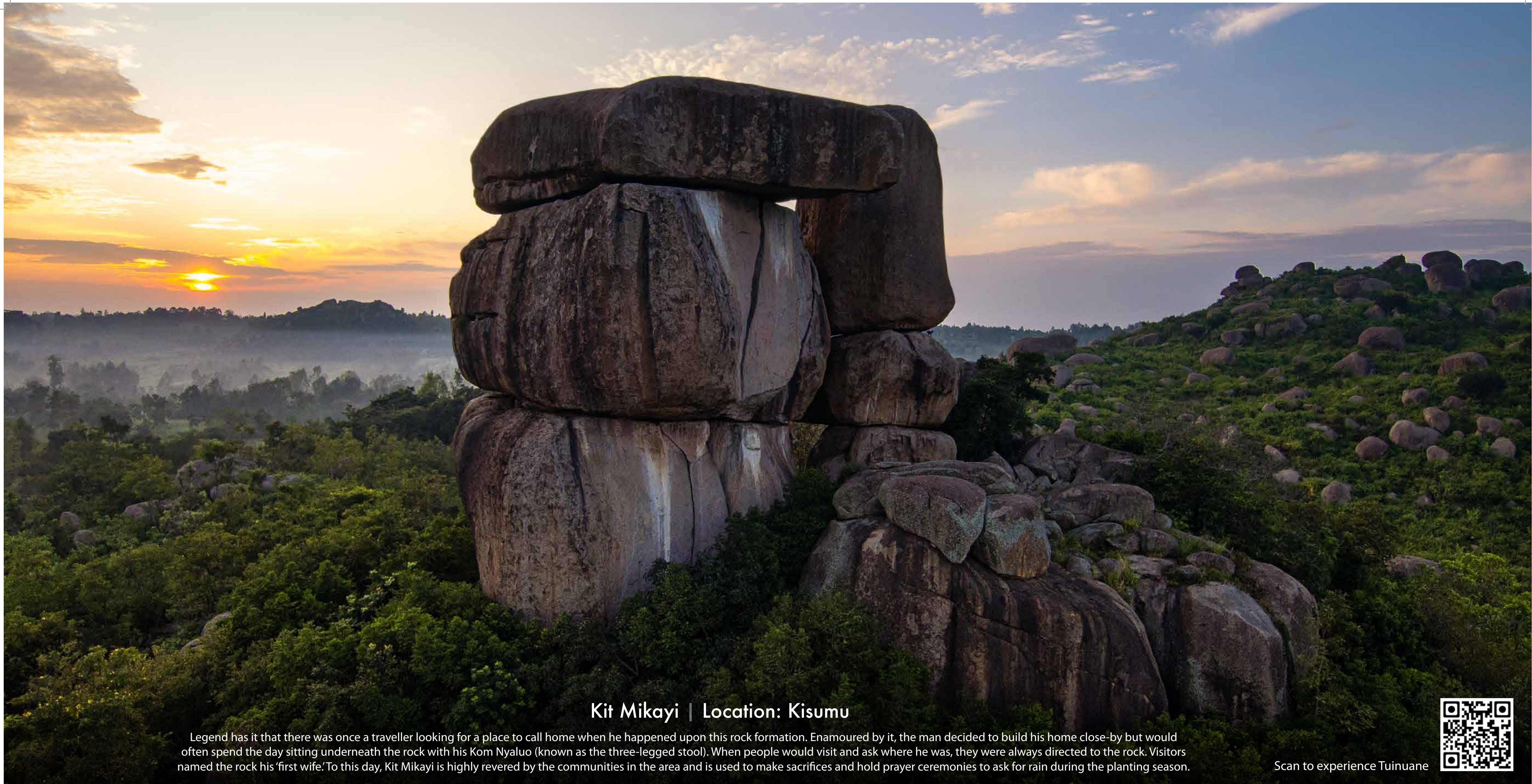


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1st - Labour Day



Kit Mikayi | Location: Kisumu

Legend has it that there was once a traveller looking for a place to call home when he happened upon this rock formation. Enamoured by it, the man decided to build his home close-by but would often spend the day sitting underneath the rock with his Kom Nyaluo (known as the three-legged stool). When people would visit and ask where he was, they were always directed to the rock. Visitors named the rock his 'first wife.' To this day, Kit Mikayi is highly revered by the communities in the area and is used to make sacrifices and hold prayer ceremonies to ask for rain during the planting season.

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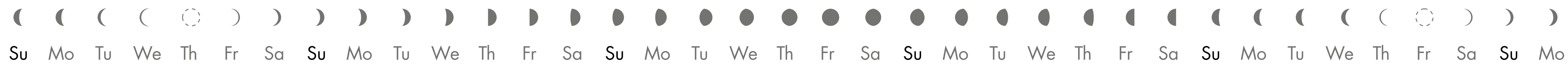
1st - Madaraka Day | 28th - Eid al-Adha



Sacred Caves of Mfangano Island | Location: Homa Bay

The Mfangano Island is surrounded by Lake Victoria and is home to many sacred sites, including these caves that were used for a multitude of purposes. From ceremonies, events, coming-of-age classes, to a site many sought protection and shelter from over the generations. These caves represented the will and wishes of the people who lived along the lake. The caves were regarded highly in the minds and hearts of the community, making it the perfect communal ground to meet, pray for one's needs and pass-on cultural wisdom from elders to their descendants.

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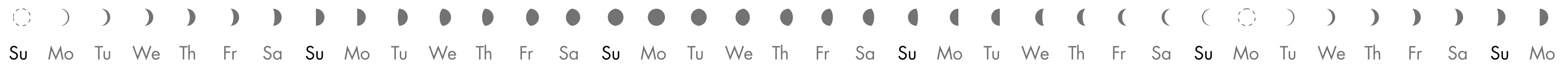


Nyari (Hell's Kitchen) | Location: Marafa Settlement

This naturally occurring rock crater holds many stories about how it was formed but the outcome, even after hundreds of years, remains the same – It is a place of worship and thanksgiving. It is believed that special prayers were made for the people and villages that surrounded it. When the people needed rain for instance, they asked their elders to offer their prayers and beg for rain on their behalf. When their prayers were answered and the harvest fruitful, the same elders would visit the crater once more to offer animal sacrifices giving thanks and praise to the one who listened to them.



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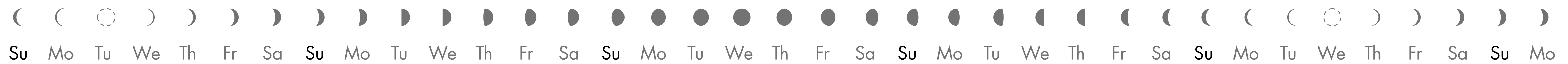
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Lwayo Lwa Mulungu (God's Footprint) | Location: Kwale

Long before the people of this land domesticated animals and became pastoralists, they were hunters. Because the men who took on this role tended to live very far from each other, they picked a central location to meet during the hunting season. It is during this time that some believed God came to walk among them, leaving behind his giant footprint. From then on, it was considered a spiritual place where many would pray for rain during drought, for protection from enemies during times of conflict and for wisdom from their forefathers.

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12th - Jamhuri Day | 25th - Christmas Day | 26th - Huduma Day