EXPERIENCE THE KAKAPEL CULTURAL CENTRE: “Gift from Our Ancestors”

INTRODUCTION

Kakapel Cultural Center is located in Teso North Sub County. It is a community based organization which was established in 2007 with members from Teso and Busia County. The main aim of the center is to showcase the Teso heritage. The center offers a number of local attractions which include ceremonies, rituals, worship, pottery making and drama performances.

A picture is worth a thousand words, but the rock art of Kakapel tell a story worth several thousand years. The rock art found in Kakapel in Teso land, Busia is believed to have been the work of the Abita/ Twa hunter gatherers during the historical migration period.

The people of Teso also keep livestock and practice mixed farming. The center hosts an annual festival yearly to showcase Teso culture, dance, music, literature, traditional food and beer. A range of rock art is prominent.

EXCURSION

Hiking to the impressive Kakapel Boulder

This monument is one of Kenya’s premium rock art sites. Several styles of rock art representing different periods can be seen at Kakapel. This Rock rises 270 metres above a lush forest in Busia. Climbing this rock gives you a spectacular panoramic view. They can clearly see Busia, Malaba, Amukura, Adungosi and Angurai towns, parts of Bungoma as well as Tororo town in Uganda. But even better, are the well-preserved rock art paintings and carvings by ancient peoples, said to be around 4,000 years old. The caves at the foot of the rock still have traces of smoke, signifying the presence of people who lived in caves and cooked over firewood.

Points of interest

- Kakapel cultural center
- Kakapel boulder
- Anyuon cultural hotel

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

You will be picked from your hotel in the morning and a briefing of the tour will be conducted by our experienced guide. You will have an opportunity to visit the Kakapel cultural center to experience the unique gift of the Teso ancestors. After this you will begin a short hike to the impressive Kakapel
boulder. You will have the opportunity to see the well preserved rock art paintings and carvings by ancient people which are said to be 4000 years old.

After the hike, you will depart for late lunch at Anyuon Cultural Hotel.  

**End of tour!**

**Accommodation Options:**

1. **Camping** – rates @ 2000/
2. **Homestay** – rates @2500/
3. **Hotels in Amagoro** – 2500/

Guests can decide to either stay in a local hotel or stay with the community as a home stay guest.

✔ **Kindly note that this tour starts and ends in Kakapel**

**More about the Kakapel Cultural Centre:**

Kakapel Cultural Center actively participated in the (SUS-TOUR) – “Enhancing Sustainable Tourism Innovation for Community Empowerment in Kenya”; the project was implemented in Kenya (2015-2018) by Ecotourism Kenya, Federation of Community Tourism Organizations (FECTO) - Kenya and Collaborating Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (CSCP) – Germany. **SUS-TOUR** was a European Commission funded project under the Switch Africa Green programme (SAG) which had the objective of contributing to the sustainable development of tourism in Kenya through the promotion of customer-oriented innovation and marketing of Community-Based Tourism (CBT).

*In 2018* – The center won the Eco Warrior Award for Best Community-Based Tourism Organization in the preservation of culture and heritage.

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