

FORT TERNAN

Fort ternan is located astride the border of Nyanza and rift valley, adjacent to fort Ternan town center.

The site is famous for the study of pre-history, as evidenced by numerous fossil remains. The site is renowned for the discovery of Kenyapithecus wickeri, a fossil ape, by Louis africanus.

SONGOR PRE-HISTORIC SITE:

Gazetted as a national monument in 1982, the site is located in Nyando district and it covers 78 acres. Songhor prehistoric site dates back to 19 million years ago. This Miocene site is famous for the numerous fossils hominoids that have been collected at the site, including that of proconsul africanus.

TOM MBOYA MAUSOLEUM

The mausoleum is located on Rusinga island at grave site of Tom Mboya, a pioneer leading trade unionist and a brilliant politician. He is considered to be the architect of the famous airlifts to the USA of most pioneer Kenyan intellectuals. The mausoleum is built in the shape of the silver bullet that killed him and on display at the mausoleum is the briefcase he was carrying when he was assassinated in 1969 among other collections.

JARAMOGI MEMORIAL MUSEUM

It is located in Bondo, Nyamira Kang'o, some 60km from Kisumu. A gazetted national monument superbly designed, Jaramogi mausoleum is the final resting place of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, Kenya's first, co-founder and chairman of FORD, the nucleus of a pro-democracy movement in Kenya.

Jaramogi museum is a complex of four adjoining buildings that includes: the mausoleum, jaramogi museum that exhibits collection of Jaramogi, Raila Odinga and Oburu Odinga, the hexagonal house that displays various animal dioramas and the Luo heroes' gallery that exhibits various traditional heroes from the four corners of luo land.

RAMOGI ACHIENG' ONEKO MAUSOLEUM

The mausoleum is located in Rarieda district some 90kms from Kisumu. It was constructed in honour of Hon. Achieng' Oneko, a national hero, freedom fighter, journalist and politician. He was one of the Kapenguria six arrested by the British colonial government in Kapenguria in 1952. At the mausoleum are displays of his personal effects including his famous typewriter and detention order notice, among many other valuable collections.



Open daily

Including weekends & public holidays from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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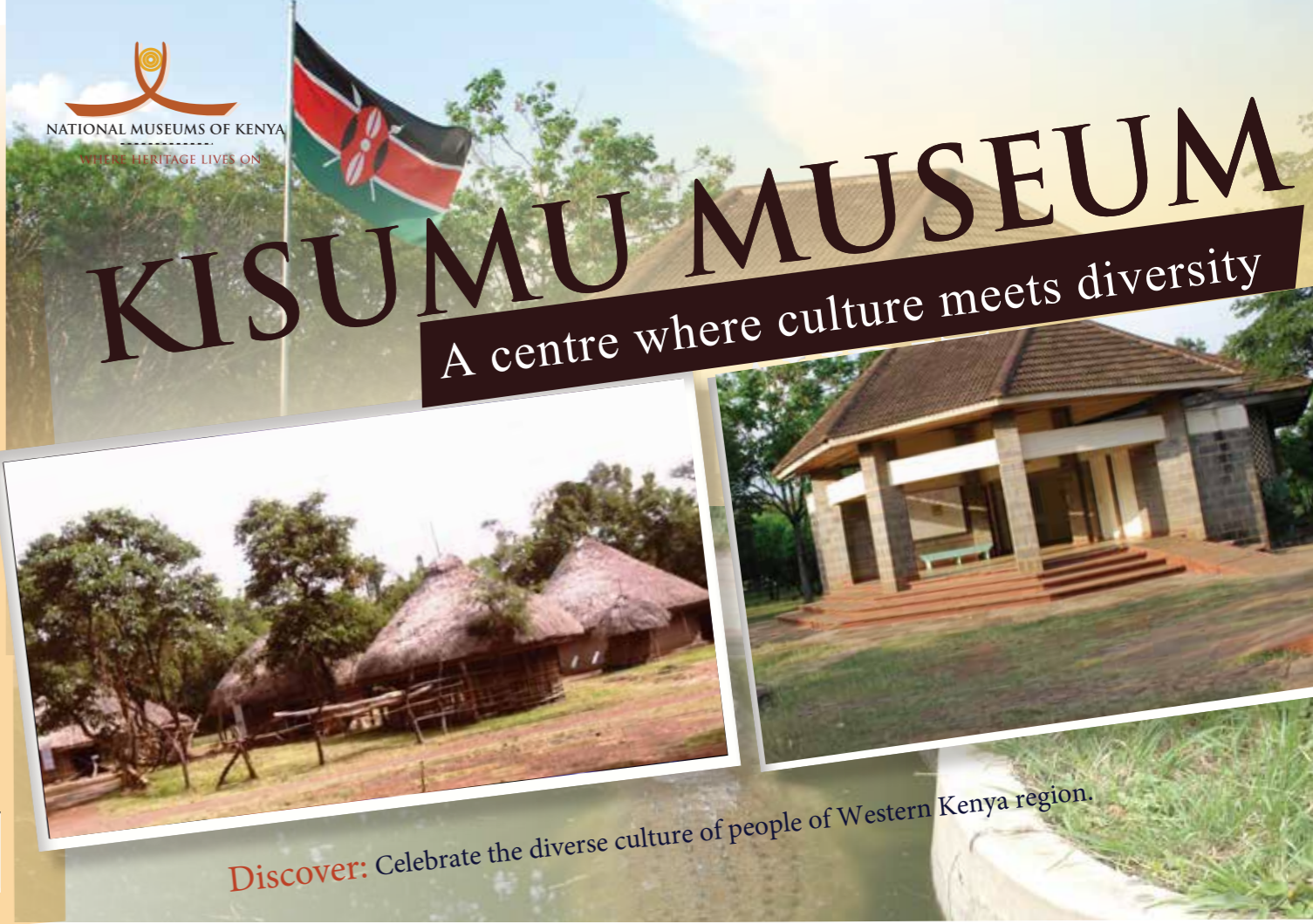
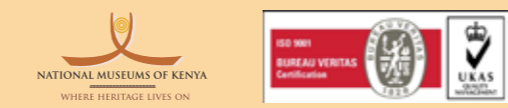
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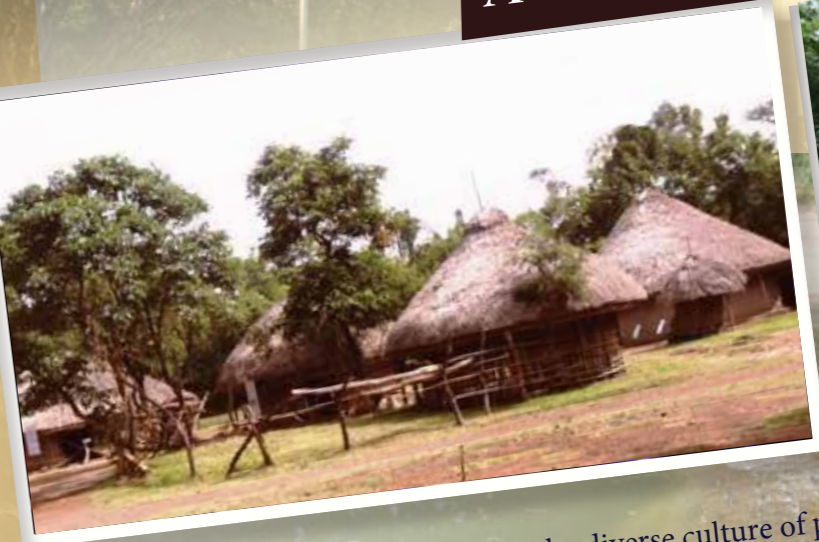
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KISUMU MUSEUM

A centre where culture meets diversity



Discover: Celebrate the diverse culture of people of Western Kenya region.



INTRODUCTION

The National Museums of Kenya (NMK) is a state corporate with a role of collecting, preserving, studying documenting and presenting and Kenya's past and present cultural and natural heritage. This enhances knowledge, appreciation, respect and sustainable utilization of these resources for the benefit of Kenya and the world, for now and posterity. Our drive for success stems from the mutual concern for the welfare of mankind and the conservation of the biological diversity of the East Africa region and that of the entire planet.

NMK manages museums across Kenya as well as gazette sites and monuments of national and international importance alongside priceless collections of Kenya's living cultural and natural heritage. As an institution that must respond to the growing needs of the society, NMK strives to contribute in unique way to the task of national development.

VISION

To be a global leader in heritage research and management.

MISSION

To promote conservation and sustainable utilization of national heritage through generation, documentation and dissemination of research and collection management knowledge, information and innovations.

CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF KENYA

Heritage promotion, collection and documentation: NMK houses one of most unique and diverse collections in the world. The collections are categorized into two major areas that include natural heritage and culture heritage.

Research: NMK undertakes research based on cultural and natural heritage in various fields and collaboration with other research institutions.

Preserve and conservation: NMK has the mandate to preserve / conserve all its collections which range from the tangible to intangible, movable and immovable, in – situ and ex-situ

Information dissemination: NMK synthesizes the information generated from research and collections and presents same to the public for the purpose of raising awareness and learning amongst the general population through exhibition education programmes and other multimedia channels.



KISUMU MUSEUM

Kisumu museum is a regional museum under the management of the national museums of Kenya. It is located on Nairobi road approximately 2km from Kisumu city center. Built around the concept of traditional Luo homesteads, the support from UNESCO and was officially opened to the public in 1980.

Kisumu museum has exhibits presenting the cultural and natural heritage of the Western Region. This region comprises of Nyanza and Western provinces and parts of the rift valley province. Attached to Kisumu museum are a number of sites and monuments of historical and pre-historical significance.

OUR ATTRACTIONS

GALLERY: the gallery has different exhibits on cultural and natural heritage. There are displays of material culture of the people from the region, rocks, materials and casting of animals.

Ber gi dala exhibition: this is an outdoor exhibition that interprets the intangible heritage of the Luo exploring their ways of life their artistic and social practices

Music and legends exhibition: this is an exciting exhibition that seeks to communicate to the world on the rich heritage of the communities living in the expansive Lake Victoria basin, in the western part of Kenya, through their music and legends.

Freshwater aquarium: the aquarium houses a collection of freshwater fish species from Lake Victoria and the surrounding wetlands. Notable species include the endangered haplochromines.

Tortoise pen: the pen houses three species of tortoise including the huge Aldabra Giant Tortoise. Within the pen is a pond with Terrapins.

Crocodile pen: the pen has two ponds each with a species of the Nile crocodile. You may see the crocodiles feeding every Monday at around 4:30 pm. Birds lovers can also watch birds at this site especially in the morning hours.

Snake pit and house: these house a collection of snakes, both poisonous and non-poisonous. Notable species are the big pythons, the beautifully – looking Gabon viper and Africa's most feared black mamba.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Kisumu museum offers a variety of educational programmes and services to different target groups. The programmes include: guided tours, video shows, special programmes and lectures / illustrated talks on a variety of topics.

HIRE FACILITIES

Kisumu museum's indoor and outdoor spaces are available for hire for wedding receptions, meetings, workshops, luncheons, product launches and outdoor entertainment.



OUR SITES

THIMLICH OHINGA

Located some 181 km south of Kisumu in Migori district, Thimlich Ohinga, a gazetted national monument and is characterized by several magnificent dry stone structures dating back to over 500 years ago. It was most likely built and actually used by bantus before the Luo occupied the region three centuries ago.

These includible stone enclosures sit on a 52 –acre area and are remains of a rare early example of defensive architecture, unrivalled in East Africa.