



Experience the Soul of Acholi

ACHOLI RED DIRT TRAIL

4 days / 3 nights

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Our Acholi experience has earned the FTT engaged Award, by choosing to travel with Loremi Tours, you empower Acholi communities, support ethical, community centered tourism and help preserve centuries-old indigenous traditions for future generations

Highlights:

This 4-day biking journey takes you through the heart and soul of Northern Uganda, giving you more time to sink into the life, stories, history, and spirit of the land.



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On this day after breakfast, you'll set off from Gulu early in the morning heading north towards Lukodi pedaling past traditional circular Acholi homesteads and past the towering Borassus palms that define this ancient, rugged landscape. About 20km in, arrive at the Lukodi Massacre Memory Centre where you'll walk the War Trail with community guides who will share the community's history of resilience before we have a lunch break. After Lunch, finish the ride to Patalira and check into our homestay accommodation. You'll spend the evening having dinner around the Wang-Oo, listening to the stories and later a well deserved rest.



Today is all about staying put and learning the daily flow of a traditional Gaang (homestead). After breakfast, you will enjoy a guided walk through traditional Acholi homesteads and learn about local customs and daily life. You'll then join in harvesting vegetables like "boo", an Acholi delicacy before indulging in a hands-on culinary experience. After a well-deserved lunch, you'll spend the afternoon with local potters, learning how to mold raw clay into functional pieces of art, and try your hand at the intricate patterns of basket weaving. Later in the evening, enjoy a meal around a Wang-Oo before retiring for an overnight sleep to prepare for the next day's adventure.



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After Breakfast, you'll ride to Patiko where We'll start the day with a visit to the historic rock structures of Fort Patiko, learning about its role in the slave trade and Sir Samuel Baker's time here. After the visit, lunch will be waiting for you and In the afternoon, you'll head for the massive granite shoulders of Ajulu Hill. you'll hike to the summit, This gentle climb rewards you with stunning views of the surrounding landscape, dotted with Patiko villages, fields, and rolling greenery. For a bit of adrenaline, you'll gear up for a 20-minute rappel down the rock face before we set up our camp right on top of the hill. It's a powerful place to watch the sun dip below the horizon, followed by a final night of stories and songs around a wang oo.



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Waking up on the summit, you'll see the sunrise stretch across the entire Patiko plain. After a hilltop breakfast, you'll engage in one final activity, A calabash painting experience. you will decorate dried gourds and turn them into beautiful art, adding your own stories, symbols, and memories to create something unique by hand. At midmorning, we'll make our descent and ride back to Patalira where an Acholi Lunch will be waiting for you. After Lunch, we begin the final 30km ride back to Gulu following The red dirt roads. We'll aim to be back in the city by early evening, giving you plenty of time to wash off the dust. You're leaving with tired legs, but you're carrying a true piece of the Acholi spirit back with you.