

MAASAI EMANYATA OOLORIKAN CEREMONY

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Once again I have had the honour and privilege to attend a very important traditional ceremony here in Kenya.



I was invited by the Loita Clan Chief Letiyia ole Maine to participate in a very unique event, one that only takes place every 30 years or so. This was the Emanyata Oolorikan ceremony of the Maasai people of the Loita clan in the Masai Mara. This ceremony is the bringing together of the juniors (the left side) and seniors (the right side) in the present generation.

Over a thousand Maasais came together and danced and manoeuvred in a choreography of high pitched sounds and bright reds, culminating in the blessing of the ladies' heads by the clan elders. Pictures speak louder than words, so I will tell my story in a pictorial version below













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