

# KIVA

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The Voice of Ancestral Communities



ROOTS OF THE EARTH AFRICA

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The KIVA ceremony is a four-day sacred gathering that brings together spiritual manifestations from around the world in one place.



Representing the heart of the Earth, a sacred circle is formed where the prayers of the different peoples and their traditions gather.

Through the sounds of prayers, rituals, narratives and the universal language of the spirit, the Kiva ceremony weaves a bond of comprehension that reminds us that **our differences are our unity as a human family**, deeply linked to the destiny of the planet.



*5 feathers at the entrance of the Kiva, each representing a continent.*

# Who is “Roots of the Earth”?

*We are a global non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and disseminating native knowledge of ancestral traditions through four main legacies and ceremonies:*

1. *The Sweatlodge (inipi - temazcalli)*
2. *The Vision Quest (Harjbléčeyapi)*
3. *The Sun Dance (Wiwányang Wačipi)*
4. *The KIVA Ceremony*



These ceremonies traverse the world, providing spiritual service. They foster our connections and build bridges between native cosmovisions and modern societies, bringing together all peoples, languages, prayers and songs.

Currently we are present in 13 countries, working collectively to preserve diverse ancestral traditions and wisdoms for the future generations.

For more than 40 years, the Kiva has been held in the Americas and has expanded to Europe and Asia, bringing together more than 700 Indigenous community leaders, representatives and wisdom keepers from all around the globe.

Our history begins in the 1960s, with the vision of Raymundo Tigre Pérez.



# The Vision of a Medicine Man

Raymundo Tigre Perez, was a Healer and “Holy man” of the Red Path, raised in Texas. He was involved in the spiritual way of life of different Native American reservations and the great Lakota Nation.

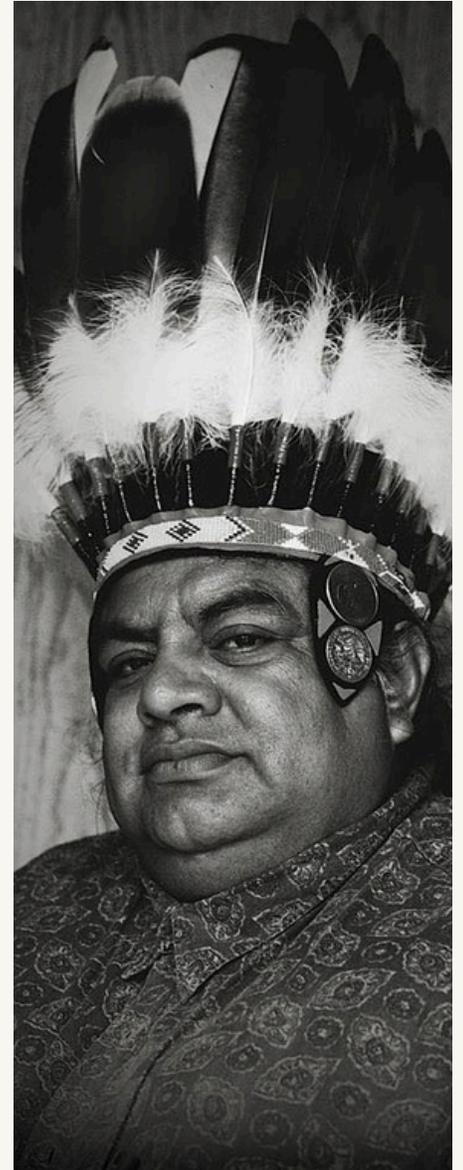
**It was during a ceremony that Raymundo Tigre Perez had a vision:**

Mother Earth was crying because her children had separated from her. They had forgotten the traditions and languages she had given to each people.

The Earth opened in circular form, bearing a fire inside. Beings from different places, of different colours and ethnicities entered, praying in their native languages, placing their offerings into the fire for Mother Earth. She stopped crying and began to sing songs of joy to see her children reunited again, bringing unity, prayer and healing to the entire planet.

Tigre Perez dedicated his life to teaching the essence and importance of Native American spirituality and was a unifier among the original nations. With passion, he fought for the rights of Native Americans and Latin American immigrants in the United States of America.

His work with the Kivas was recognized by the Native American Council in 1995 by awarding him an intertribal chief's plume (the one in this photo) at the end of the 1995 Kiva ceremony. This occasion marked his farewell from the material realm, as that same night he returned to the stars.



Tigre Perez shared the essence of indigenous spirituality among American peoples, both indigenous and mestizo. His spiritual legacy is to unify diverse worldviews that understand the importance of respecting and living in harmony and peace with nature and all beings.

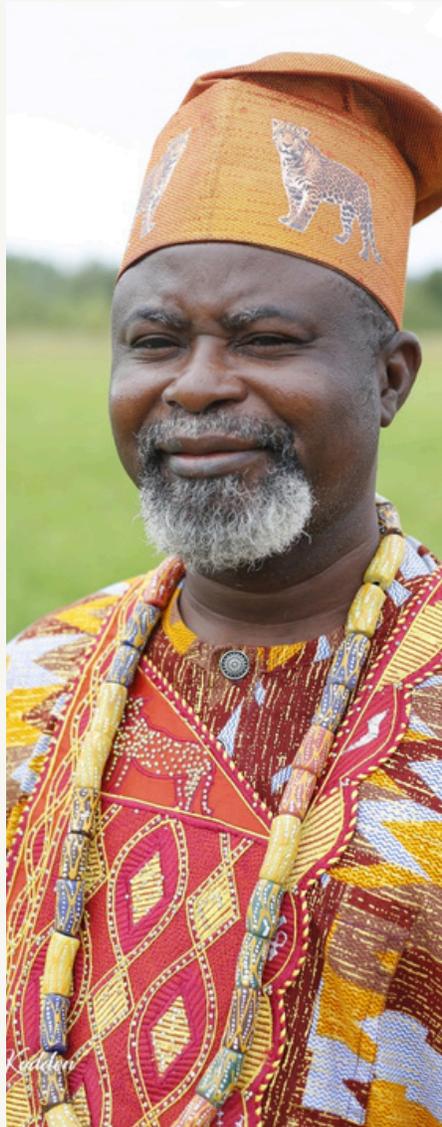


The Kiva in the **Teopantli Kalpulli** community (San Isidro Mazatepec, Jalisco, Mexico) was the first to be held outside the United States, since Raymundo Tigre Perez' vision to recover this ceremony.

Until today, the "Roots of the Earth" family continues with the Kiva ceremonies.

***"A ray of light will radiate from here and cover the whole Earth" said Raymundo Tigre Perez when he arrived in the community of Teopantli Kalpulli in 1989.***

Ever since, pilgrim, cyclical and perpetual Kivas have been activated all over the world. In Mexico we have the "Perpetual Kiva" that embodies 4 cycles of 13 years for each direction. With the 2024 Kiva, we will complete the first 10 years towards the east.



**Roots of the Earth makes indigenous traditions visible and honors ancestral cultures through the KIVA ceremony.**

**Here, the spiritual bridges are created and strengthened that will reconnect into our lives.**

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# In 2025, we will take the Kiva to all continents

**Europe: Italy**  
February 6 - 9

**Asia: India**  
February 16 - 19

**Oceania: Australia**  
March 2 - 5

**Africa: Zimbabwe**  
March 13 - 16

**Americas: Chile**  
March 20 - 23

In February and March 2025, a group of ancestral community representatives will embark on a historic pilgrimage across five continents, with the aim of transmitting a profound message of peace and unity for humanity.

*Let's make it happen! How to join?*

**VISIT [KIVA.FAMILY](https://www.kiva.family)**



*In the Kiva we thank and pray for our personal and collective dreams.*

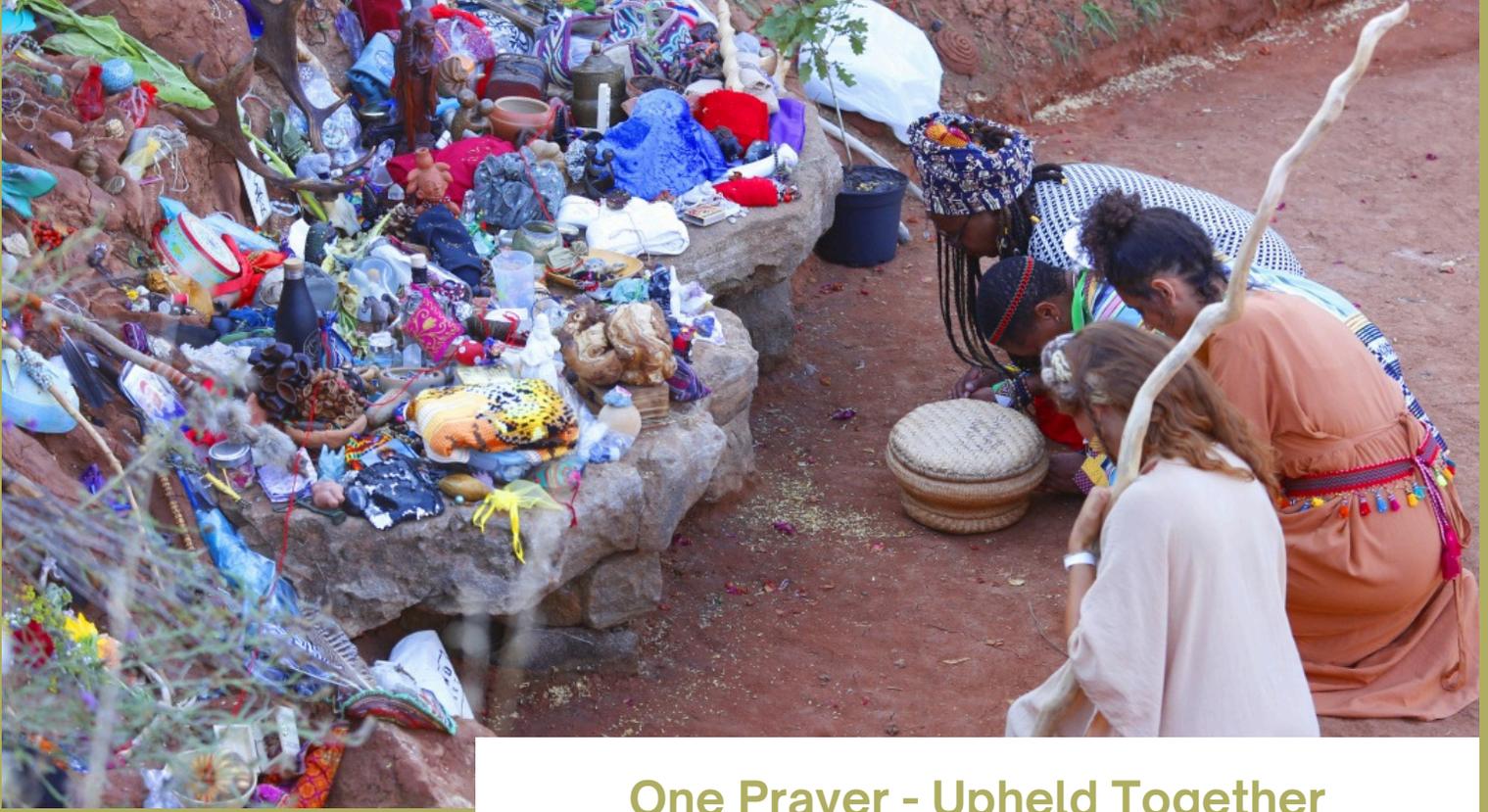
Activated with prayer in the sacred Native languages of the elders and wisdom keepers, the Kiva is a spiritual instance where our prayer is also part of it.

The most important thing during the 4 days is this joint prayer. While the heart of the Kiva beats, we leave the parallel activities.

# KIVA

## THE HEART OF COMMUNITY





## One Prayer - Upheld Together

- We invite you to discover the medicine of the heart by providing service for you and all your relations. To be in harmony above and below (sky and earth), means to value how we are all members of one big spiritual family.
- We respect one another and acknowledge that our family is diverse. Coming from different generations, countries and cultures, we make sure to make each other feel comfortable by our appearance and actions.
- We all contribute: We have community tasks and work teams (kitchen, bathrooms, activities, logistics, firewood, security, etc.). Ask how to volunteer in various activities in the territory.

# Our Principles





**The original mestizo family has a very big mission:**

**To Serve.**

**Anywhere;  
wherever it comes to you;  
wherever you choose.**

Upon arrival to the village it is necessary to register and locate camping areas. You will receive your wristband to be entitled to food, sweatlodges and camping spaces.



## Important

 It is necessary to arrive at Isaac Khumalo Village on **Wednesday, April 22nd** from 3/4pm to set up your tent (remember to bring your own food for that day or 2USD traditional sadza meals are available) and get ready for the ceremony that begins on Thursday. The sacred Kiva fire is lit on April 23rd around 6:00am Zimbabwe time, with the sun rise.

 We ask you to respect the sacred spaces-moments and **to not take pictures, especially during the Kiva and, even more importantly, of the sacred fire.** We invite you to reduce the use of cell phones during the entire ceremony.

 Any available electricity is for staff use only. We suggest you bring your portable batteries to charge cell phones or other devices. We suggest you leave phones in your tent to be fully present during all the ceremonies.

 Packing up your camping gear will take place on the 26th after breakfast and the morning Kiva. Remember that **if you require transport back to Victoria Falls or the airport, please let us know in advance.**

 Children are welcome. Please note that the camp has very basic amenities so we suggest that you come prepared if you require anything special.

 The food is the same for everyone, a vegetarian menu is prepared for all 4 days.

# During the 4-Day Ceremony

- The consumption of alcohol and drugs, sexual activities and manifestations that depart from our family's principles, are not allowed.
- It is forbidden to light bonfires in the territory. The only ones are those of sweatlodes, kitchen and the social fire.
- We ask for your commitment to respecte the land and to refrain from throwing garbage or cigarette butts on the grounds. We have a waste separation and composting area.

We are always available for children and elders, because they are the foundation of our community. If we see a child alone, we help them find a parent or safe adult. If we see a grandparent in need of help, we are attentive to make things easier for them. Roots of the Earth is by and for our families.



**THE ROOTS OF THE EARTH FAMILY RESERVES THE RIGHT OF ADMISSION TO THE KIVA. IF YOU ARE NOT IN HARMONY WITH THE CEREMONY, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SPACE.**





# Moon Time

**By recognizing our blood, we honor this path and our prayer.**

The time of the moon or menstrual period is sacred for many traditions and is an invitation from nature to enter into a unique and special rhythm.

A woman in lunar time is always welcome in the ceremony as she is at her highest prayer power and can intensify the blessings for her family and community.

During the days of Kiva we honour the women who are in their moon time with special spaces that they guard from their self-care, rest and practice of menstrual offerings in a special altar.

## **Special Spaces:**

- *The Altar of Moon offerings.*
- *Special Sweat lodges guidance for menstruating women.*

# FEMALE SPACES AND ACTIVITIES

## SPACE FOR CONVERSATION

Both for women in their Moon time, as well as for all those who wish to participate, there will be space to share on various topics related to women's knowledge and cycles, most like Nubia Rodriguez will guide these spaces.

## SPACE OF DELIGHT AND DREAMS

It is beneficial to create space for yourself when you are on your Moon time to connect with yourself through rest and dreams.

## SWEAT LODGE

**There will be a sweat lodge dedicated to menstruating women, and open to all women who want to participate. It is very important to know that if you are in your Moon there will be a designated sacred container that will receive your tobacco offerings before and after leaving the sweat. Please do not enter the other, mixed, sweat lodge and do not offer your tobacco to the fire while menstruating.**

## OTHER CAMP ACTIVITIES

During your lunar time, it is suggested that women seek safeness and comfort. It is not necessary for you to participate in cooking or fire service. You can support in other activities that also help to sustain the camp, such as service with children, bathrooms, showers and waste, remembering that you are doing personal work during your menstruation and that the designated rest and dreaming space is available to you if you wish.

*If you have any questions before or during the ceremony, please do not hesitate to contact us on [africa@kiva.family](mailto:africa@kiva.family) or ask any of the women on the local team.*

# PARTICIPATION IN THE LUNAR CIRCLE

*You can bring and/or share some of these materials for yourself and others.  
You do not necessarily need to be menstruating.  
Women with menopause are always welcome.*



# CAMPING CHECKLIST



- Plate, cup and cutlery made of non-polluting materials. Kitchen towel to dry after washing up. **We remind you that the equipment we have in the kitchen is only for the staff.**
- A re-fillable water/thermos or large bottle that will keep you hydrated over the day. Drinkable bore hole water will be provide. You may choose bring a water filter also.
- Camping gear: tent, mat, sleeping bag, flashlight (to leave your cell phone behind), batteries, drinking water for your tent area, something to sit on. Note: There will be no electricity on site.
- Personal hygiene kit: biodegradable wet wipes, shampoo/soap, sun block and hat, toilet paper, mosquito repellent, anti-histamine tablets, basic first aid kit, etc. **Note: there will be no showers on site.**
- Ceremony-appropriate clothes for all weather conditions (It will be hot during the day 25-30 degrees and colder 20 degrees at night) and clothes and closed shoes to work in.
- Please bring two packages of tobacco for offering
- Bags for your waste, ensuring we leave the area better than we found it. If you see garbage in the territory, we ask you to pick it up and take it to the waste separation area.
- Cover for rain and sunshine (sarong/umbrella). The land has very little shade and be prepared for sudden rain showers :)

## TO ENTER THE SWEATLODGE

Head bandana, (red) belt/cloth/scarf, towel and sandals for the exit (optional).

**Women:** Long skirt or long dress. Shoulders and knees to be covered.

**Men:** Shorts or swimming pants, no underwear only.

**During the Kiva and sweat lodges we focus on the prayer with minimal distractions. We invite you to come in ceremony-appropriate clothes that bring us closer to ourselves in prayer.** Embracing our respect for the sacred fire, elders and our big, diverse community from different generations, countries and cultures, please refrain from coming in bikini, underwear or just a towel. Reach out to us, if you are unsure.

# Arrival

The Kiva takes place in Isaac Khumalo Village, located about 20 min from the world famous Victoria Falls.

- Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nHMYbmwqaDS15spN8>
- Coordinates 18°01'45.0"S 25°51'19.0"E



## Practical travel tips:

- Ensure you have checked whether or not you need a visa: <https://www.evisa.gov.zw/> (e-visas and visa upon arrival are available)
- Ensure you bring enough USD (especially 1, 2 and 5 dollar notes) from abroad as ATMs can be empty at times
- If you arrive in your own vehicle and want to park it, please ask for the designated area upon check-in.



**ADDRESS:** Isaac Khumalo Village, Sizinda, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (near Lesedi school)

A group of people are gathered around the back of a dark-colored pickup truck in a wooded area. They appear to be loading or unloading gear, including bags and boxes. The scene is outdoors with trees in the background. A large yellow oval with the word "Transportation" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# Transportation

## **Victoria Falls Airport is about 12 km from the Kiva site**

By plane you will arrive at Victoria Falls International Airport (VFA). Transportation from the airport to the Kiva grounds is approximately 12km from Victoria falls airport, duration 15 – 20 min. There is no public transport such as trains/buses to the site. The available options are taxis or pre-arranged private hire with drivers. The fare will range between USD 20-30 per person (perhaps less if sharing with more passengers).

Transport needs to be arranged with Ms. Chenai (+263-782707747), she will be your main point of contact.



# What is Included?



- Access to camping area with drinking water and dry toilet amenities (**no showers**)
- Community kitchen: 3 daily vegetarian meals per day (**only breakfast on the day 4**).
- Major Kiva ceremony with elders, family and sweat lodge ceremonies at sunrise and sunset.
- Talking circles and teachings with invited elders.
- Spontaneous activities for children and youth.
- Music and social circles.



# Contribution



This ceremony has changed our way of seeing life and we want to share it with whoever feels the call and respect. **As a social organization we do this with a spiritual purpose and on a voluntary basis.** The payment of the collaboration funds the invited Elders' travel, food, accommodation, camp infrastructure and everything necessary to carry out this ceremony in Zimbabwe.

## Contribution for 4 days

**International Adults and Teenagers over 12 years**

**400 USD  
480/560 USD (solidarity options)**

**African Adults and Teenagers over 12 years**

**Low tier 80 USD  
High tier 130 USD**

**Camping spot**

**40 USD**

Children under 11 do not pay. Everyone older than 12 contributes the amount described above.

\*Sliding scale available for people from African continent, contact us on [africa@kiva.family](mailto:africa@kiva.family)

# Registration

Click on the following link to buy your ticket:  
<https://africa.kiva.family/tickets>

Different payment options available: Wise or cash on arrival.

If you are bringing kids, please add a note to the online order. Thank you!

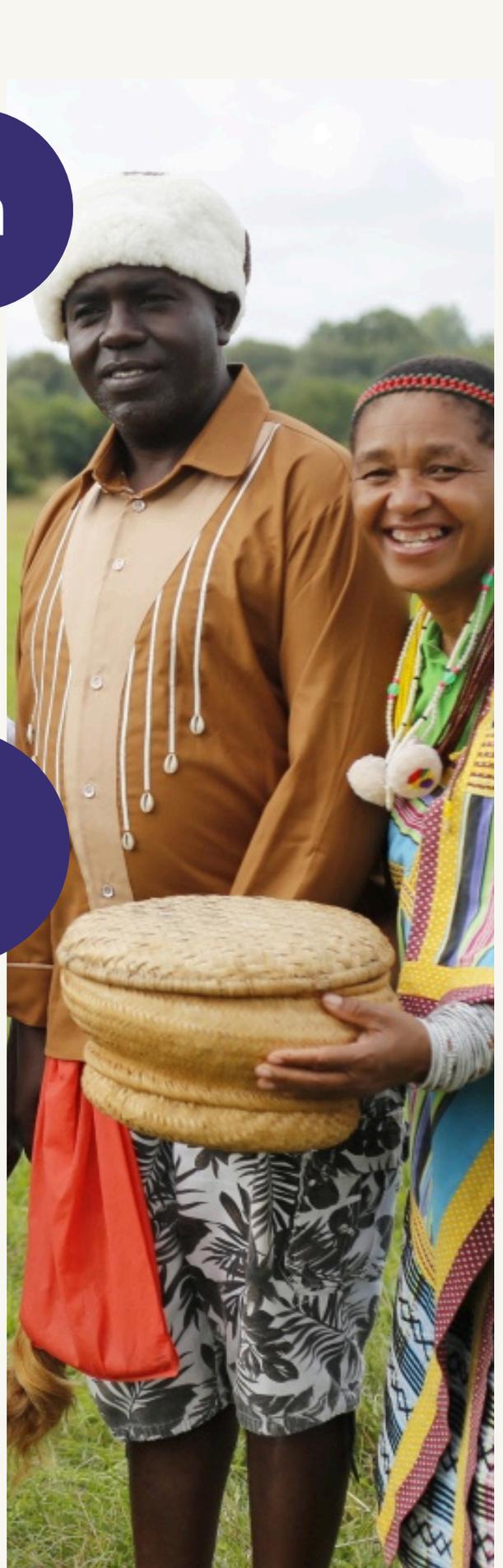
# Bank Details

Details to pay for your ticket by direct bank transfer (South African bank account):

**Name:** MIDZI YE NYIKA AFRICA  
**Bank:** First National Bank (FNB)  
**Branch Code:** Bayside Mall Branch 255355  
**Account Type:** Business Account  
**Account No:** 63183532598  
**SWIFT Code:** FIRNZAJJ

To complete your registration, send your proof of payment + full name via email.

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See you at  
the KIVA!

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