WODAABE MEN MUST LOOK BEAUTIFUL TO ATTRACT THE LADIES

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The Wodaabe are cattle-herding nomads in Niger, West Africa. Their Gerewol festival features Yaake dances by the men to impress marriageable ladies with how ideally handsome they are. Those ideals include being tall and athletic, having white eyes and white teeth, decorating themselves colorfully, and having a winning smile.

The Wodaabe are a fun-loving, friendly, and hospitable people. You'll meet them on our Trans-Sahara Expedition when we're next able to operate one. (*Glimpses of Our Breathtaking World #57*Photo ©Jack Wheeler)

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