

Walking Wild

Laikipiak Maasai-land



Walking and camping safari, 3 to 5 nights. Minimum 2 guests, maximum 8 guests.

Walking Wild in Laikipiak Maasai-land is a walking safari experience through some of Kenya's best wildlife viewing habitats – the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and two Maasai Community Conservation areas, Il Ngwesi and Lekurruki. These three areas provide some of the most stunning landscapes in Africa and are home to a wide variety of game including the “Big Five” (Rhino, Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Buffalo), over 420 species of birds, Reticulated Giraffe, Cheetah, numerous different antelopes, and endangered species such as the Grevy's Zebra and Sitatunga.

Professional guides lead the 5 day walking safaris starting on the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, recognized as one of Africa's top safari destinations. The walking route runs across Lewa through Il Ngwesi and ends at Lekurruki, with all 5 nights spent camping out under the stars. The 3 night safari is from Lewa to Il Ngwesi.

Guests will traverse a variety of ecosystems, enabling them to experience the diversity of flora and fauna that the areas have to offer. The focus of the safari is learning about the ecosystems as well as the local Maasai culture. Guests will be taught tracking techniques and other vital bush skills, as well as how to identify and understand the behavior of the insects, plants, and animals they come across. Local Maasai morani (warriors) will join the guests to give insight into traditional Maasai customs.

Walking is done in the cool hours of the day from 0730 to 1200, usually four to five hours. We rest up during the heat of the day and another walk is done in the evening exploring the areas around camp, for sundowners, etc.

This is a walking safari supported by camels, however camels can be ridden when the terrain or route allows.

Sample 5 Day Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrive at Lewa airstrip, walk through Lewa riverine woodland and savannah, camp in central Lewa

Day 2 – Walk through Lewa savannah and bushveld, camp on northwestern edge of Lewa

Day 3 – Walk to Il Ngwesi lowland bush and river ecosystems, camp by Ngare Ndare River

Day 4 – Meet local Laikipiak Maasai and explore the surrounding area, camp by Ngare Ndare River

Day 5 – Walk from Il Ngwesi to Lekurruki bushveld, camp in the hills

Day 5 – Depart from Lekurruki airstrip to next destination





Accommodation

The fly camp consists of sleeping tents which are dome shade netting tents with PVC floors. Each is 3 meters by 3 meters and 3.5 meters high. They are insect and reptile proof and have a flysheet in case of rain. Bedding is a bedroll on the floor with sheets and blankets.

Ablutions are two loos (short drop type) and two showers (canvas bucket type).

We have no mess tent and eat out in the open, however there is a tarpaulin in case of rain.

Meal Plan

Full board accommodation, house-wines, beers & soft drinks are included. Special dietary requirements can be accommodated with prior notice.

Access

- Daily scheduled flight (via Nanyuki) departing Wilson Airport
- By private charter flight, directly to Lewa Downs airstrip
- By road, five hour drive from Nairobi.

Seasons

Walking Wild will be closed in November