



Active Safari

Day 1 - Nairobi (1 night), The Emakoko

Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Met by your car & driver and transferred to The Emakoko.

The Emakoko is a uniquely-designed lodge that is situated on 15 acres of land bordering Kenya's Nairobi National Park that will be opening in December 2011. The isolated lodge is in an idyllic location just 20 minutes from Nairobi's airport and the city's main attractions. The Emakoko offers travelers a welcome respite from overcrowded Nairobi and gives them a bona fide wilderness safari experience despite its close proximity to the city.

The Emakoko is a twenty-bed luxury lodge that's artfully built into the side of a valley on the Mbagathi River, which borders the park. Nairobi National Park creates a natural barrier between the lodge and the hustle-bustle of the city, with ample opportunities for wildlife viewing and time in nature. All of the rooms overlook the river and the park, and are surrounded by stunning trees, including the majestic Migumo (fig) trees which play an important part in Kenya's traditions. Guests are treated to views of a large variety of wildlife like lions, zebras, hippo, rhino, giraffe, and more, while enjoying the relaxing comfort and natural beauty of the lodge.

Full Board

Day 2 – 5 (3 nights)

Chyulu Hills, ol Donyo Lodge

After breakfast you will be transferred to Wilson airport to catch your scheduled flight to the Chyulus. You will be met by your private guide & driver from ol Donyo Lodge and transferred back to the lodge with time to settle in before lunch.

Located on the slopes below Chyulu National Park midway between Amboseli and Tsavo, ol Donyo Lodge looks up to Kilimanjaro and over the fabulous open savannahs that make Kenya so famous. After 21 years, our small, intimate lodge has undergone a process of re-invention and rejuvenation to meet the challenges of tomorrow. We reflect with pride on our past accomplishments, all initiated with local community support. In 2008 we knocked down the old and re-opened with a brand new lodge that proudly holds its head high in East Africa and is receiving rave reviews from guests. ol Donyo Lodge is forming the core of a new, sustainable model for conservation which ensures protection of the wildlife of the area through an innovative sharing-of-benefits scheme with the local community.

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Twenty one years ago we would get excited if we saw tracks of an elephant passing through camp. Today we have elephants in front of the lodge on most days, including two 90 pounders (their tusks each weigh 90 lbs) who are just about permanent fixtures at our waterholes. Lion and cheetah concentrations are increasing while our black rhino populations are secure. When ol Donyo Lodge reopened in 2008 with its new and exciting design, the guest capacity at the lodge did not change, nor did its character. The bedrooms, bathrooms and furnishings are where the biggest changes occurred. All bedrooms now have separate ensuite bathrooms, each with a spectacular view, including an additional sleep out option “under the stars” and our pool cottages have their own private pools.

ol Donyo Lodge’s guests are treated to probably the widest variety of activities available at any wildlife lodge anywhere in Africa. Many guests have been spending a week at ol Donyo Lodge and wished they stayed longer. All the traditional safari activities are on offer, plus a lot more. Day and night game drives in open 4x4 vehicles enable guests to enjoy the wildlife of the region. Bush walks and wildlife tracking with our Maasai trackers allow guests to experience Africa close up. Bush breakfasts on the plains under an acacia tree, cooked on an open fire are always a delight.

Visits to remote Maasai villages offer our guests an authentic cultural experience. Many of our guests enjoy “siesta” time viewing enormous elephants from the safety of our hide besides the camp’s waterhole. Round that off with half or full-day horse safaris through some of the most spectacular riding country anywhere. The rides are suitable for both novice and advanced riders. As well, we offer mountain biking.

Full Board



Day 5 – 8 (3 nights)

Lewa Conservancy, Lewa Wilderness

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airstrip to catch the scheduled Safarilink flight back to Nairobi connecting on to the Safarilink flight to Lewa Conservancy. You will be met at the airstrip by your private guide and taken back to Lewa Wilderness lodge.

Lewa Wilderness is situated within one of Kenya’s major private conservation successes, Lewa Downs, which is found at the foot of Mt. Kenya. Lewa Downs has been the Craig family home since 1922 when the Craigs came from England and began raising cattle here. “Leave room for the wildlife” has been the Craig ethic since the 1920s. The area is committed to the conservation of wildlife and diverse habitats found on the northern slopes of Mt. Kenya. Endangered species, such as Grevy zebra, rhino and sitatunga, abound in the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy.

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Lewa Wilderness is one of the original family homes and is still home to Will and Emma Craig. Guests can relax by the fire in the cozy sitting room and share meals around a long banquet table in the open-air dining room. Natural springs, home-raised livestock, and a 5-acre organic garden are transformed by skilled chefs into incredible, healthy and delicious food.

Wildlife viewing is one of the best available, guided by people from the local area with extensive wildlife knowledge; they are also well informed on local customs and are happy to share this knowledge. The stables are full of horses for guest to ride, which provides one of the most outstanding ways to spend a morning in Africa. The wildlife is used to the horses which allows you to get very close. Go out walking with one of the expert guides and see the wilderness from a whole new perspective. Visit the furniture and rug workshops which help generate income for the local communities. Spend some time at the refreshing saltwater pool overlooking the ravine. There is even a clay tennis court equipped with balls and racquets.

Full Board



Day 8 – 11(3 nights)

Mathews Mountains, Sarara

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Lewa Airstrip to catch the charter flight to the Namunyak Conservancy. You will be met at the airstrip by your private guide and transferred to Sarara Camp where you will be able to get settled into your tent before lunch.

Sarara is found within the lands of the Namunyak Wildlife Conversation Trust. An area of approximately 850,000 acres which lies folded around the southern corner of the fabled Mathews Mountain Range of northern Kenya. This is home of the proud Samburu tribes people, a group of semi-nomadic pastoralists who have long shown tolerance for the wildlife that co-exists alongside their cattle.

The conservation work carried out by the Namunyak Trust to date has been hugely successful. As a result of the severe ivory poaching crisis of the 70's and early 80's there were no recorded elephants remaining in the Mathews Ranges by 1985. Today, several thousand elephants are living and breeding peacefully in the southern Mathews Range area. Together with a variety of other wildlife species such as buffalo, lion, leopard, cheetah, African wild dog, greater and lesser kudu, gerenuk, reticulated giraffe, impala and dik dik.

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One of the highlights of the Namunyak area must be a visit to the famous “Sarara” Singing Wells. Samburu warriors bring their cattle to these watering holes on a daily basis during the dry season. The warriors descend into the wells which can be up to 10 meters deep, form a human chain and chant traditional Samburu songs as they pass water up by hand for the cattle. This fascinating ritual goes on for several hours a day.

Piers and Hilary Bastard are delightful hosts who are happy to introduce you to the beauty of Sarara and the stylish accommodations at camp. Game drives, bush walks, hikes into the Mathews Mountains or camel treks are all ways to experience the amazing landscape and see the wildlife. Or spend the afternoon relaxing around the stunning rock swimming pool and let the wildlife come to you – their water hole is within easy viewing distance.

Full Board



Day 11 – Nairobi

After breakfast, you will catch the scheduled Safarilink flight to Nairobi . Upon arrival at Wilson Airport you will be met by your car & driver. They will be available to you for the rest of the day until your departure home from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.