

## EMAKOKO

The next leg of our trip takes us to Kenya, where we elected to skip the traffic and noise of Nairobi to stay at **Emakoko**. This is a family-owned and run lodge built into the side of a valley on the Mbagathi River, a 45-minute transfer from both airports in Nairobi city.

This perfectly appointed 10-room lodge—built by Emma and Anthony Childs—sits on the edge of the **Nairobi National Park**. The nearby metropolis is called “The Green City,” because the park is just 100 square kilometers from a teeming urban area of four million.

The beautiful park is a safe haven for lions, leopards, cape buffalo, white rhino, zebras, giraffes and dozens of other species, most of which are viewable from an armchair on the balcony.

Be sure to visit the **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust**, which is just 30 minutes from the lodge. This non-profit orphanage was founded 37 years ago by David and Dame Daphne Sheldrick for lost or abandoned elephants, who are raised by surrogate human “mothers,” who even sleep with their charges until they can be reintegrated into the wild.

