

Deeper Kenya

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

safari in style



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OVERVIEW: DEEPER KENYA

Our Deeper Kenya safari aims to help our travelers understand that there is more to a safari than ticking big animals off a list. It's about being open to falling under the spell of Kenya's enchanting landscapes and people. Partly, it has to do with silence. At night, you can feel a lion's roar resonate in your chest cavity because the air is not clogged with distracting sound. It is also about distance from the rest of the world – not just a physical distance, but also a deliberate distance. It's about choosing to disconnect, in favor of what these wild spaces have to offer you if you allow them in. Sometimes less is more.

There is also an indescribable purity to being immersed in a wholly natural setting. Clean air – unspoiled and untamed – and animals that are truly wild: it's an unconditional environment that we are lucky to touch, and yet is untainted by our fingerprints. If you immerse yourself in it, osmosis begins to take effect, and the serenity and the beauty quietly infuse your being.

Safaris in Style with Deeper Africa

Safaris in Style are an African original. Camps set in remote and unique ecosystems where the wildlife is spectacular. Lodges where service standards are high, food is elegant, and the décor is unique. No humans for miles, just wilderness and wildlife. Learn by going, seeing, and doing, a bush guide at your elbow. Do it once; do it right. Be in the best camps. Have the best guides. Return transformed, having come face to face with nature.



You'll land today at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya. After you clear customs, a Deeper Africa airport representative will meet you and take charge of getting you out of the airport and into our transport vehicle. You'll be overnighing at the Villa Rosa Kempinski, an elegant five star hotel. One last night for your creature comforts, so you are ready to drink in the bush.

INCLUDED

Swimming Pool

Fitness Center

Wifi

Morning bush flight from Wilson Airport into the wilderness of Samburu and the Northern Rangelands. Samburu is elephant country, offering shelter to roughly 750 permanent elephant residents. Additionally, over 2,000 elephants undertake a seasonal migration from the Laikipia Plains northward into the rangelands of Samburu and its surrounding reserves.

The elephant migration corridors of this area are well mapped thanks to the research efforts of conservationist Iain Douglas Hamilton. Dr. Hamilton, the founder of Save the Elephants, tracks the pathways elephants use to cross between the Laikipia Plains, Samburu, and the Northern Rangelands. Dr. Hamilton's GPS data is used to help resolve human-elephant conflicts and protect the elephants from poachers. When local pastoralists know herd locations they can protect their crops, livestock, and families.

At Saruni the cottages blend into their surrounds. They are designed to afford the most minimal separation between you and the outside – there's no cut and dried division where the wilderness ends. This is a space you can relax and settle in, somewhere to feel at home, in an environment that is the furthest thing from home.

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Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

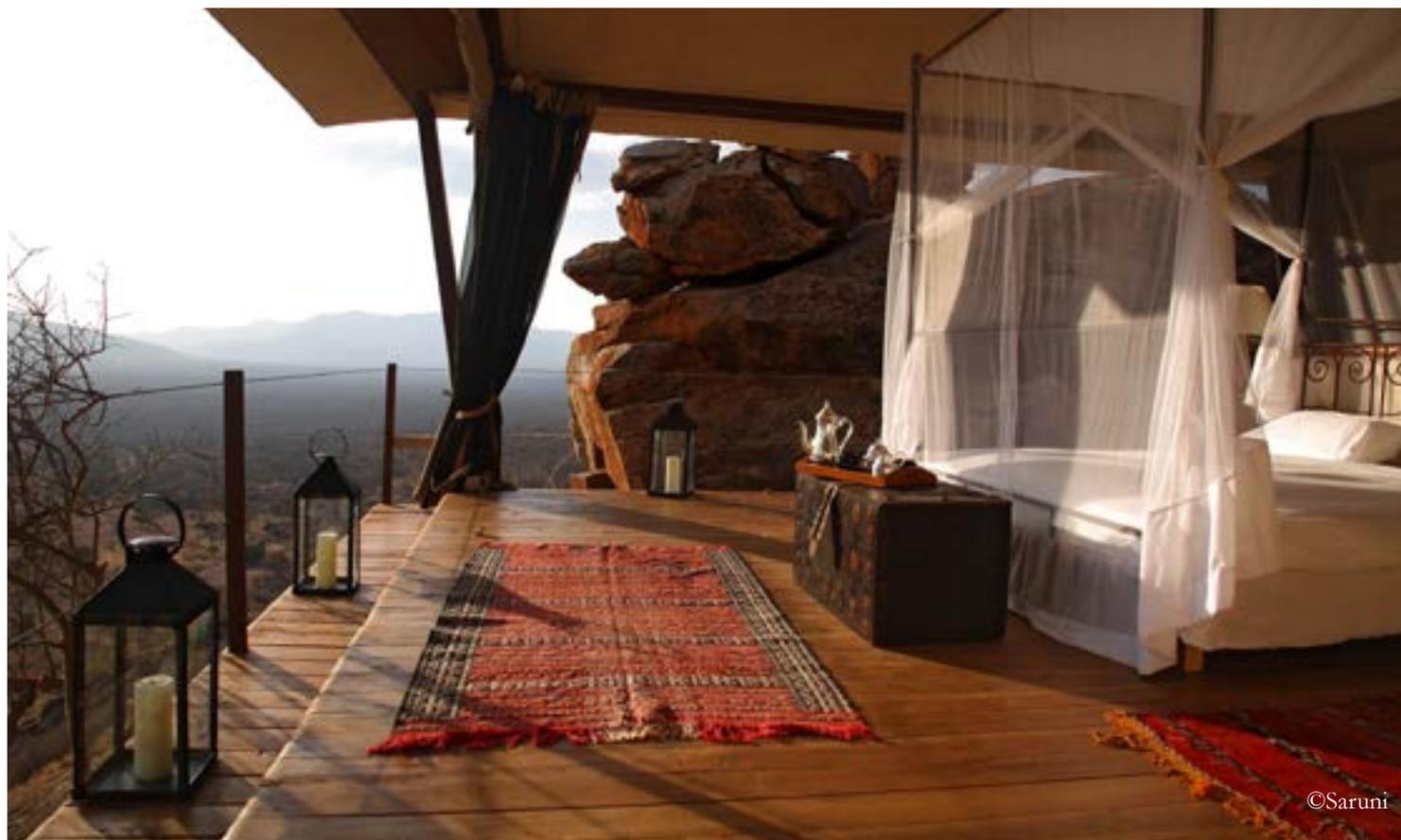
Alcohol & Beverages

Laundry

Swimming Pool

Spa Treatments Available

Wifi





Begin your day with a bush breakfast along the Ewaso Nyiro River, an important watering ground for Samburu's wildlife. Samburu is known for its captivating array of species found only in northern Kenya, known as the "Samburu Five:" the endangered Grevy's zebra, the long necked gerenuk, the reticulated giraffe, Beysa oryx and the Somali ostrich. Carnivores including leopard, civet, lions, hyena, and wild dogs patrol Samburu's grasslands. Beyond that, you'll enjoy giraffes, gazelles, an assortment of different antelope – and of course – elephants.

Your guides and trackers at Saruni are Samburu. The Samburu people own the land upon which Saruni Samburu is situated. They are the ancient custodians of the land, protecting the environment. This is their home, and they will happily share stories, traditions, habits, and the concerns of their people with you. At Saruni, you can watch wildlife from the Land Cruiser with one of their expert guides, walk with them out into the African bush to learn about the plants, animals, and the landscape, and explore ancient rock art in several nearby caves. Hundreds of years ago, the Samburu drew hunting scenes and animals within certain caves within the conservancy. Saruni is a place to revel in the company of someone guided by instinct, as well as training.

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Consider joining the Warriors Academy for the day. It's a fun day that allows you to explore not only the wildlife, but also the authentic lifestyle of the Samburu – one of the most well-known and culturally fascinating tribes left in Africa. Under the tutelage of their “Moran,” or warriors, you get to know, enjoy and understand these unique people and see the Kenyan wilderness from a different perspective.

You can also “meet the neighbors,” visiting in a genuine Samburu village. Because Saruni is a neighbor, their guests are privileged to share moments of their life. Be prepared for the Samburu to ask you questions, as they will be curious about you as well. Consider it an exchange of ideas and information.

The night skies above Saruni Samburu are among some of the brightest and most beautiful in the world. Unpolluted and unobscured, every evening the night sky provides you with the opportunity to gaze into heaven.

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©Saruni



Today you will be moving to Saruni Rhino Camp in the Sera Community Conservancy in the Northern Rangelands of Samburu. This vast, untouched wildlife reserve is the first community conservancy in Africa to own and operate a sanctuary dedicated to the conservation of the black rhino. Ten rhino were relocated into the conservancy, returning an endangered species to an area where it has been absent for over a quarter of a century.

Saruni offers a unique walking experience, allowing its guests to track black rhino on foot, accompanied by an expert Saruni guide and a highly-trained Sera Community Conservancy ranger. Along with using traditional Samburu tracking methods, the rangers are equipped with transmitters that pick up signals sent from the microchips in each rhino's horn. This allows them to determine the location of every rhino within the more than 133,000 acre (54,000 hectare) fenced sanctuary, and will enable you to track within feet of the rhinos. The conservancy fees paid to Sera by Saruni will be split 60/40 – with 60 percent going towards annual operating costs of the rhino sanctuary, and 40 percent going towards community projects.

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In March of 2016, a female black rhino in the Sera Conservancy gave birth to a healthy calf, and made history. This is the first black rhino to be born on community conservancy land in northern Kenya for over 25 years. The calf also represents the community's hope that the Sanctuary can nurture a viable breeding population of black rhino, which could eventually help repopulate other community conservation areas.

The Sera Community Conservancy is a member of the Northern Rangelands Trust, an umbrella organization that supports 33 community conservancies across northern and coastal Kenya. Sera is governed by a democratically elected board and run by local people. It works to transform local livelihoods through conservation and sustainable enterprises. Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, one of the largest black rhino sanctuaries in East Africa, provides logistical and technical support to these rangers, as well as supporting the overall security and monitoring in Sera.

At the Saruni Rhino Camp you'll search for rhino both in the Land Cruiser and on foot with community rangers to assist you.

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Populations of the Eastern black rhino plummeted by 98 percent between 1960 and 1995, primarily as a result of poaching and hunting. Since then, Kenya has been very involved with a rhino breeding program, increasing its population from 381 since 1987 to a current estimate of 640. It is projected to rise significantly in the near future, especially with growing partnerships between government, communities, and conservation organizations.

The Sera Rhino Sanctuary is jointly supported by Samburu County Government, USAID, the Lundin Foundation, the Nature Conservancy, the San Diego Zoo, the St. Louis Zoo, FFI, Tusk Trust, The US Fish and Wildlife Service, Zurich Zoo, Zoos South Australia and several private philanthropists.

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Board a bush flight to the greater Maasai Mara of the Serengeti, the Mara North Conservancy, and Serian Camp. Serian means “peaceful, calm, serene” in the Maasai language. Mara is the Maasai word for “dotted,” and indeed this rich zone is littered with wildlife wherever you look. The Mara River is the place where millions of wildebeest explode across the water in their legendary migratory crossings. Serian is mere minutes from the action. During the migration season, the herds double as a sort of movable buffet that attracts fantastic predator action, all on the backdrop of an endless golden savanna. It is the quintessential Africa of our imagination.

Serian Camp lies in the private Mara North Conservancy, a beautiful private wilderness area of more than 74,000 acres (30,000 hectares). It is a vital part of the Maasai Mara ecosystem, as it forms the northwestern zone. The conservancy is a partnership between eleven member camps and over 800 Maasai landowners. It was formed in 2009 with the aim to create a best practice, world-class conservancy with long-term commitments to the environment, wildlife, and local communities. This marks the first time that these Maasai landowners have received substantial and direct income from wildlife. Together, the Mara North Conservancy and the Maasai community are implementing sound land management policies including controlled grazing, holistic management practices, and low volume/low impact tourism.

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© Fraser Kennedy - Alex Walker's Serian



At Serian Camp you'll be exploring the wilderness accompanied by Kenya's best female guides, Gladys Leuolo, Judy Koa, and Grace Sandera. They are affectionately known as the Serian Ladybugs. Ladybugs are celebrated in nature not only for their beauty, but also as key indicators of a healthy, balanced ecosystem. Serian believes that by choosing to celebrate and empower their female guides, they contribute to a better balance in what has traditionally been a male-dominated profession.

Explore in one of Serian's safari vehicles or take a walk on the wild side and head out on foot – both will bring different levels and layers to your experience. On foot, you will feel the enhancement of your senses, sharpening in response to the immediacy of the wilderness. Vision, sound, and smell all respond to the challenge of perceiving and reading the primordial signals of the bush. Your guide will teach you to see the landscape through her eyes and enrich your experience in it.

Top the day off with a nocturnal adventure: take a bush dinner and red-filter spotlights with you and discover what the wilderness has to offer by way of nightlife.

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The Maasai Mara has been a hit among documentary filmmakers and serious photographers for years – *Out of Africa* and the BBC’s *Big Cat Diaries* were both filmed here. There’s a reason the Mara been called “Hollywood Africa” – the loveliness of the landscape and the fortuitous accessibility of the animals almost seems too surreal to be true.

After a day out in the silence, solitude, and indescribable immensity of the bush, the ancestral ritual of coming together to enjoy fire and food caters to our innate appreciation for sharing. Humans are social animals, and part of what makes things vivid and real to us is the capacity to share: the pleasure of dissecting your day, raking over the delicious details, and unwrapping the delights over again as you enjoy a meal. This is what renders the evening perfect for digesting and processing the day.

Camps tend to be a manifestation of the personalities behind them, and Alex Walker’s Serian Camp is no exception. When you are a part of these spaces for long enough, they seep into your pores, and a slow, gentle osmosis attunes your rhythm to the cadence of sunrises and seasons – this permeates the atmosphere at Serian Camp.

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Experience one last Mara sunrise before departing from this peaceful abode. You will take a bush flight back to Wilson Airport in Nairobi. We'll meet you at the airport and transfer you to Kempinski. You'll have some time to relax, get packed for your international flight, and enjoy a dinner before heading to the international airport for your flight home.

Flight #1

- Departs: Nairobi, Kenya
- Arrives: TBD

INCLUDED

Breakfast
Dinner

Flight #2

- Depart: TBD
- Arrives: TBD

ADDITIONAL SAFARI INFORMATION

INCLUDED IN YOUR SAFARI

- Full board accommodations in all lodges and tented camps
- All meals
- Game drives in private 4x4 safari Land Cruisers
- All park and entrance fees
- Experienced and professional safari naturalist guides
- Enrollment with Flying Doctors Evacuation Service
- All in-country transportation
- Laundry
- Alcohol and Beverages
- Bottled water available at all times
- Extensive pre-departure briefing and materials including health information, reading list, and map

EXCLUDED IN YOUR SAFARI

- Gratuities
- Certain brands of alcoholic beverages

We plan your wildlife adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you are traveling. Still, animals in the areas you are viewing are not in a zoo. They run freely, and we cannot always anticipate their movements.

Also, Deeper Africa uses best efforts to provide the lodging set out in this itinerary, but occasionally there are circumstances that occur in Africa that require lodging substitutions. We reserve the right to make comparable lodging substitutions whenever necessary.

All pricing is in US dollars. Arrivals and departures through Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya. Prices do not include international airfare. All itineraries and prices are subject to change.


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2018 pricing
\$7,499 - \$10,999

2018 CUSTOM DEPARTURE DATES

January - February

- 6 persons: \$7,999 USD per person
- 4 persons: \$8,899 USD per person
- 2 persons \$9,899 USD each
- Single Supplement: \$1,199 USD

March

- 6 persons: \$7,499 USD per person ★ Best Value
- 4 persons: \$8,399 USD per person
- 2 persons \$9,399 USD each
- Single Supplement: \$1,299 USD

April - May

- 6 persons: \$7,499 USD per person
- 4 persons: \$8,399 USD per person
- 2 persons \$9,399 USD each
- Single Supplement: \$1,199 USD

June, October - December 19

- 6 persons: \$7,999 USD per person
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- Single Supplement: \$1,199 USD

July - September, December 20-31

- 6 persons: \$8,999 USD per person
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- Single Supplement: \$1,499 USD

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