

segera | families

Segera is the perfect base for families with children, thanks to our welcoming staff and local hosts who will enrich your family safari with many magical Kenyan memories and our family-friendly accommodation options (the Family Villa and Segera House).

Located in a non-malarial area and with a year-round moderate climate, Segera is the ideal family safari destination in any season. With chefs who can cater to the needs of children and infants and experienced staff available to babysit any time (including afternoon nap times or evenings), parents can enjoy some time off, knowing that their kids are in the safest of hands - as well as sharing precious moments as a family.

While experiencing day-to-day safari life on Segera, you and your children will also be able to interact with the surrounding local communities. Our activities are designed to offer a holistic, educational and fun experience for children, including playful ways to help children think more about energy (as generated by our solar farm) and to learn about where water comes from and why it's so important, as well as gaining insights into local cultures through creative arts and crafts.

A child-focused "Behind the Scenes Tour" can help foster greater awareness of Nature and the environmental challenges we face both in Laikipia and globally.

All these activities will also allow you as parents to find private time for quiet wellness moments, such as walks, game drives and romantic dinners under the magical African sky.

In keeping with the diverse range of conservation and sustainability projects being undertaken at Segera, we have created a range of themed kids' activities to reflect the many facets of life at the Retreat, with children being able to learn more about sustainability and safeguarding Africa's future in the long run, whilst still having a lot of safari fun.

Our kids' activities include, but are not limited to:

YOUNG CONSERVATIONIST

- Wildlife game drives with interactive wildlife and bird checklists going on safari to learn about the many diverse species found on Segera and how to protect them in the future.
- Wildlife tracking using animal tracks and droppings, mentored by Segera's professional guides.





FARM LIFE

Fun and educational experiences learning about wellness and nutrition, and where our food comes from:

- Children can interact with our team planting seeds in the herb and vegetable gardens, helping to water and harvest fresh vegetables and learning how to prepare a healthy nutritious meal for their parents or friends, assisting the chefs to prepare scrumptious dishes using all the ingredients found on Segera.
- Children can feed our free-range ducks and quails and collect fresh eggs for the Retreat Kitchen, and learn about the traditional techniques that go into the making of Segera honey.
- Of course farm life is not all work, and what better way to take a break than with an al fresco riverside picnic heavenly for kids and families.

CATTLE COWBOY

The "Wild West", Kenyan style!

- Visit a real life cattle dip to watch Segera's professional herders keep the herd together and provide helpful (but safe) support during dipping.
- Learn how to milk a cow or camel!

ARTS & CRAFTS

Inspiration from Nature combined with Kenya's rich cultural heritage

- Budding young artists are able to have their own "kids' tour" of the contemporary art gallery and sculpture garden to learn about Segera's African art collection and be inspired to create their own artworks.
- Children will be given water colour materials to encourage their creative flare, with plenty of flowers and colourful sceneries to paint in the Retreat's botanical garden, or the majestic view of Mount Kenya as seen from the Paddock House.
- Children can learn traditional Kenyan beading techniques from the Samburu, Turkana and Borana women who have come together to form the SATUBO beading workshop (supported by the Zeitz Foundation), and enjoy making their own beaded bracelets to take home.
- They can also learn how to make their very own traditional bow and arrows.

SLEEPING UNDER THE STARS

• A unique opportunity for kids to safely sleep out under the African stars, to get a real "bush" experience and hear the sounds of the wilderness from the sanctuary of their outdoor bed. Young adventurers of course always have the option to climb back into their nearby real beds if they choose!





SPORTS

Because keeping fit and active is an important aspect of wellness!

• More energetic activities such as playing soccer (with the Laikipia Unity Cup Team), visiting the Samuel Eto'o soccer academy, volleyball and supervised swimming in Segera's salt-water pools can easily be arranged.

FISHING

• Segera's professional guides can take children fishing at the Sugeroi River, with simple-to-use fishing rods and nets for catching delicious freshwater crayfish!

COMMUNITY

• Community visits and engaging with pupils of the award-winning Zeitz Foundation Waterbank School and other local schools built by the Zeitz foundation to learn about the community and customs, life in Kenya for local kids, the importance of water conservation, and most importantly to meet Kenyan pupils who are thriving through education.

PHOTO STORY

- Children can capture their safari experience and adventures from their own perspective on camera, enabling them to treasure and relive their memories back home.
- Our dedicated Guest Relations team looks forward to caring for your children throughout your Segera safari, with all activities planned and personalized to suit your preferences and needs.

