



LAKES OF THE GREAT RIFT VALLEY

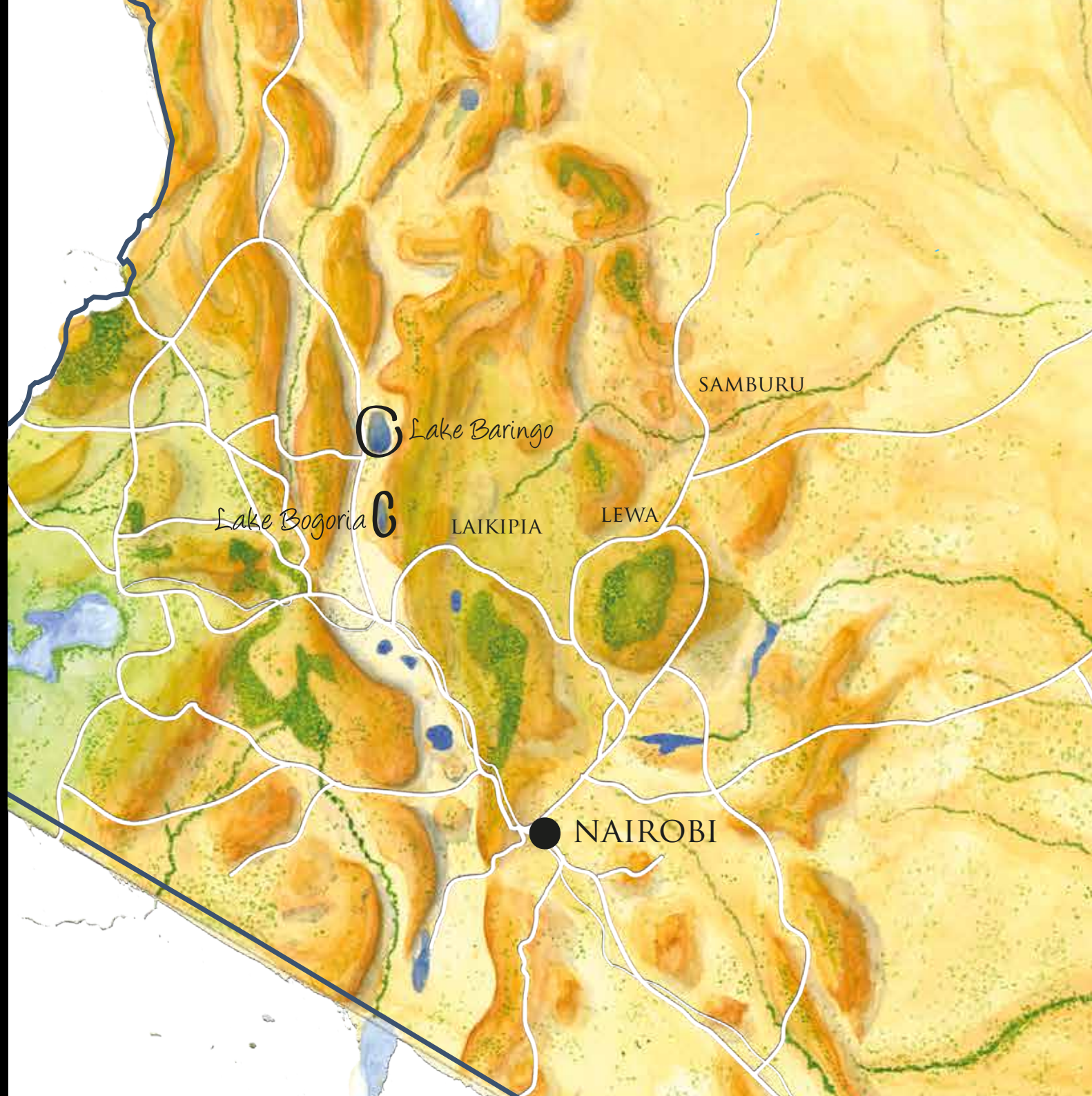
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About 40 million years ago the Great Rift Valley was formed. In the hollows some of the oldest, largest and deepest lakes in the world now lie.

Kenya's lakes - both fresh water and alkaline - sustain an astonishing diversity of life.

On the western side of Kenya, located just 30km apart, lie Baringo and Bogoria – both scenically spectacular, but each so different to one another!



Morning flight over the expansive Laikipia plains where elephant and buffalo are often seen in large numbers.

The landscape drops dramatically over the eastern wall of the Rift Valley, as we approach Lake Bogoria.



Lake Bogoria - a shallow alkaline lake most famous for its flamingo that line the white salty shores.

With its unique features, stunning views all around, and amazing birdlife, Lake Bogoria was gazetted as a National Park in 1973.

The lakes shores are also home to the rare Greater Kudu, buffalo, zebra and some smaller plains game.



With their bright feathers and up-side down bills, flamingos are among the most easily recognised water birds.

Blue-green algae and crustaceans on which they feed gives them their gorgeous pink colour.

Migratory by nature, tens of thousands can live together in a single colony, and they often put on graceful displays of formation flying.



*200 geysers & hot springs are
dotted along the shoreline of
Lake Bogoria*

This is a geologists paradise, with
its simmering geothermal activity,
and thrilling geyser-like eruptions
that occur now and then.



Lake Baringo - spectacular sunsets, dazzling array of bird life, and the Njemps fishermen continuing a lifestyle little changed over 200 years

Enormous basalt cliffs and extensive volcanic ranges are testimony to Baringo's volcanic origins.

The reward is this truly beautiful fresh water lake - critical habitat for nearly 500 bird species, and home to hippo and crocodile.

The lakes waters are muddy and gold in colour.



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