



Kalama Conservancy, Samburu, Kenya



Saruni Samburu is a deluxe, design lodge located in Kenya's wild north. It is the only lodge in Kalama Conservancy, which borders Samburu National Reserve, with 200,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness to explore and enjoy exclusively. Perched on a spectacular viewpoint, its six luxury villas are open and spacious, heralding spectacular views over Kenya's Northern Frontier District and Mount Kenya in the distance.

Guests can enjoy the vast panoramas from the dining and lounge area, the two infinity pools and the Well-being Space, which overlook several waterholes where the famous Samburu elephant, leopard, Reticulated giraffe, Beisa oryx and Grevy's zebra gather to drink. The lodge is admired for its innovative, eco-chic architecture and interesting design and décor, as well as its Italian style cuisine.

You are guided from start to finish by Samburu warriors who are passionate about their land and their culture, learning first-hand about their fascinating customs and traditions and their ancient, local knowledge about the land and the animals – a truly authentic experience.

The vastness and purity of this landscape, combined with the untouched local culture, elegant comfort and welcoming hospitality makes for an intimate, exceptional and life changing experience.



ACCOMMODATION

2 Single Villas

1 double and 1 twin (that can become double), both with ensuite bathrooms and dressing rooms, private seating and dining area and outdoor verandah.

2 Family Villas

Each containing 2 ensuite bedrooms with individual dressing rooms and a large shared lounge and dining area, as well as several verandahs.

2 Family Villas (can become 4 Single Villas)

These villas can be booked exclusively as a unit, or each villa can be booked individually. Each villa consists of 2 ensuite bedrooms with individual dressing rooms and a large shared lounge and dining area, as well as several verandahs.

All rooms can fit one extra bed to accommodate children under the age of 16yrs only.



EXPERIENCES

- Day and night game drives
- Guided bush walks
- Bush meals, Sundowners
- Star-gazing
- Cultural village visits
- Birding
- Two large infinity pools
- Visits to local caves featuring historic Rock Art
- Samburu Wellbeing Space (massage and spa treatments)
- Warriors Academy programme (special courses in bush skills and animal tracking)
- Trekking excursions up Mount Ololokwe (the Samburu tribe's sacred mountain)
- Helicopter excursions (upon request)
- Saruni gift shop with special local artifacts

A Saruni Samburu safari is all-inclusive: full board accommodation, drinks and activities.

6 REASONS TO VISIT SARUNI SAMBURU

1 WOW! Location

Saruni Samburu is located in tribal lands to the north of Samburu National Reserve. The lodge overlooks a vast private wildlife sanctuary called Kalama Conservancy, and has exclusive access to the surrounding 200,000 acres of pristine, protected wilderness.



2 Incredible Wildlife

The area around Saruni Samburu is teeming with wildlife - from the giant herds of Samburu elephant coming to drink at the waterholes, to leopard making their lairs on rocky outcrops nearby, to endangered packs of African wild dog seen traversing the plains below the lodge. The area is also home to rare endemic species, including the Samburu Five: the Grevy's zebra, Reticulate giraffe, Beisa Oryx, Somali ostrich and gerenuk.



3 Fascinating Culture

The Samburu are the indigenous nomadic tribe and custodians of the area where the lodge is found. Guests have the unique opportunity to witness, interact with and learn from one of the oldest remaining tribes in Africa. Our guides are Samburu warriors who are professionally qualified, but more importantly, who share their authentic local knowledge, ancient traditions and customs with guests.



4 Innovative Eco-Design

Saruni Samburu is the first and most exclusive design lodge of its kind in Kenya. It uses eco-design in an architecturally fascinating and innovative way, where it is built into and around a giant volcanic rock face, high up with unbelievable views. It is open and spacious, blending in to and becoming a part of the natural surrounding environment. It is bold, dramatic, beautiful and truly unique.



5 Unique activities

At Saruni Samburu, guests can enjoy exciting, relaxing and unusual activities. Game drives and night drives, guided bush walks and visits to the local caves, lounging at the infinity pools or having a massage at the Wellbeing Space, picnic breakfasts by the Ewaso Nyiro River or a bush dinners in a dry river bed with firelight and Samburu dancers, star-gazing, visiting the local village or browsing around the Saruni shop...days spent at Saruni Samburu are as peaceful or adventurous as you desire.



6 Community Focused

Saruni Samburu is the only lodge in Kalama Conservancy, and the sole source of income for the communities found in the area. Since its opening, Saruni Samburu has provided jobs, income, training and guidance for the local Samburu people in the area. Tourism directly supports conservation - by visiting Saruni Samburu, you are directly giving back to the community who protects this beautiful land, improving their quality of life, while at the same time encouraging the purpose for conservation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

How to get there

You can drive or fly to and from Saruni Samburu. Driving from Nairobi approximately 5 to 6 hours. Numerous flights land at the two nearest airstrips daily on Safarilink, Air Kenya and private charters. Kalama Airstrip is just 20 minutes away from the lodge, and Oryx airstrip is 1 hour drive away. Email us for more information.

Forms of payment

Saruni Samburu accepts:

- Cash (US\$ newer than 2006, Euro, Sterling, CHF, KSH)
- Travellers cheques
- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express
- Debit cards

Please note:

- There is a 4% surcharge for using a credit card to cover bank service fees.
- Please bring cash for tipping.

Malaria prevention

Saruni Samburu is a low risk area due to low population density and all of the beds have mosquito nets. It is each guest's personal decision whether to take preventative medication or not, and one should consult their personal GP if uncertain.

Tipping guideline

Staff tips are entirely at the guests' discretion, and are collected by the manager and placed in the main tip box, then distributed evenly to all staff members. Guides are tipped separately.

Electricity at the Lodge

Saruni Samburu runs on solar power, which provides electricity (220V) 24 hours a day. A generator is on stand-by for back up. Guest electronics can be charged in the villas and in the main areas. The power at Saruni Samburu can support hairdryers.

We have 3-point British plugs, and recommended guests bring converters and universal plug adaptors.

Communication services

WIFI Internet connection is free and available in all rooms. There is a computer available for guest use.

Mobile phone signal is available at all times (Safaricom is best)

Samburu Climate

Altitude: 2500 ft

Rainfall: Approx 250 mm per year.

Temperature: Hot days (sometimes very hot), warm nights, low humidity.

Meals and cuisine

We cater for all dietary requirements and allergies as informed prior to arrival. The cuisine at Saruni is Italian-inspired and we use fresh and local ingredients, as well as special imported products. We offer communal dining hosted by our guides and managers, however we also encourage private dining in the rooms.

Meals will be organized to suit clients' needs, so there are no set times.

The lodge has a daily set three courses menu. Bottled drinking water is provided in all rooms, at all meals and in all game drive vehicles.

Saruni Samburu vehicles

At Saruni Samburu we have a fleet of four 4x4 Land Rovers for all game drives and transfers, which are open sided for the best game viewing, each with a canvas roof for shade. When necessary, guests share vehicles, unless **exclusive use** of a vehicle has been paid for, (**\$350 per day**).



Languages spoken at Saruni

English, Kiswahili and Italian.

Responsible tourism

Saruni believes fully and invests significantly in community development and conservation.

- Saruni Samburu works together with the Northern Rangeland Trust to improve the living conditions for the 2,000 local Samburu people who own the Kalama Conservation Area, and is providing them with income generated by tourism for the first time in their history.
- Saruni Samburu is committed to employing most of our staff from this small community. At least 90% of the employees are local Samburu men and women and are trained by the lodge.
- The lodge has been designed and built in an eco-friendly way to achieve minimum impact on the environment.
- Saruni Samburu has provided the Kiltimany Primary School with a new water-tank and we are sponsoring one of their best students for further studies. In several other areas there is a strong bond between the lodge and Kiltimany.
- Saruni Samburu pays the salaries of 2 Kalama rangers to help the community.

