

SARUNI BASECAMP

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PROTECT & CHANGE EXPRESS SAFARI: HOW NATURE WORKS

Lewa, Masai Mara

Experience how ecotourism and conservation are making a difference in Kenya's wildlife hotspots.

6 Nights / 7 Days

SIGNATURE SAFARIS – Lewa, Masai Mara





SUGGESTED SAFARI OVERVIEW
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OFFER VALIDITY
03 January 2024 to 02 January 2025

DESTINATION
Lewa and Mara, Kenya

LODGES & CAMPS
Lewa Wilderness
Saruni Mara / Saruni Wild

DURATION
6 nights / 7 days

MINIMUM GUESTS
2

ALL-INCLUSIVE COST
FROM US\$6,120 per adult sharing



The scenery of Kenya is wonderfully varied, and includes the grasslands of the Mara and the plains of Lewa – a World Heritage Site. These iconic settings form the backdrop for some of Africa’s most innovative conservation projects.

See how ecotourism companies and local communities are working hand in hand to preserve ecosystems and conserve iconic species such as rhinos.

You’ll be amazed by the sheer diversity of experiences on offer, and the incredible array of wildlife. Enjoy meaningful, respectful community visits, and discover how ecotourism is providing new opportunities for local people to derive income from their traditional skills and knowledge.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Two remarkable wilderness areas on one itinerary
- Astonishing variety of people, places, creatures and experiences
- Authentic Kenyan safari accommodation
- Incredible wildlife sightings
- Knowledgeable local guides
- Authentic encounters with neighbouring communities
- Access to little-known or off-limits locations

THE SARUNI BASECAMP DIFFERENCE

- Safaris created by passionate travel experts
- Flexibility and options to customise your safari holiday
- Remarkable locations
- Remote, secluded and intimate lodges & camps
- Warm, welcoming Kenyan staff
- Expert local guides
- Insights into traditional, sustainable lifestyles
- People and planet before profit

Lodges & Camps

Lewa Wilderness x 3 nights

- Kenya's most important private conservation success story
- Family-owned wildlife conservancy
- 62,000-acre wilderness traversing area
- Overshadowed by Mount Kenya
- Skilled, experienced local guides
- Luxurious, authentic conservation
- The unique climate and landscapes of Kenya's high country
- Unexpected activities including horse-riding, scenic biplane flights, camelback safaris and visits to natural springs.
- Visits to community projects

Saruni Mara x 3 nights

- Access to the exclusive Mara North Conservancy
- In the path of the Great Wildebeest Migration
- Intimate luxury lodge
- Maasai Wellbeing Space and Italian-inspired dining
- Optional extra hot air balloon flights

AND/OR

Saruni Wild x 3 nights

- Elegant, classically styled tented camp
- Access to two private conservancies
- Iconic Mara plains setting
- Prolific wildlife
- Boundless savannah views
- Al fresco dining
- Optional extra hot air balloon flights

PRICING

PUBLISHED RATE | Per adult sharing

Low Season	01 Mar – 31 May 2024 01 – 30 Nov 2024	US\$6,120
Mid-Season	02 Jan – 29 Feb 2024 01 – 30 Jun 2024 01 – 31 Oct 2024 01 – 19 Dec 2024	US\$6,720
High Season	01 Jul – 30 Sept 2024 20 Dec 2024 – 02 Jan 2025	US\$7,800

Season dates above are based on those of Saruni Basecamp lodges and camps.

Season dates above for Lewa Wilderness vary slightly, and upon enquiry, pricing will be adjusted accordingly to match Lewa Wilderness' season dates.

Lewa Wilderness will be closed from 06 April 2024 to 23 May 2024. During this planned closure, an alternative accommodation option will be provided, and pricing will be adjusted accordingly.

SUGGESTED SAFARI

(MAY VARY DEPENDING ON LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES, WEATHER, AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF YOUR GUIDES)

Day 1 | Lewa Wilderness

- Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, where a Saruni Basecamp vehicle will transfer you to Wilson Airport for your flight to Lewa Downs.
- Depart Nairobi's Wilson airport for your one-hour morning* flight to Lewa. You'll be met on arrival and transferred to Lewa Wilderness, enjoying an initial game drive en route. Depending on your arrival time, you can either enjoy lunch and an afternoon of discovering Lewa Conservancy, or sundowners followed by a candlelit dinner.



Day 2 | Lewa Wilderness

- Choose how you'd like to experience Lewa Wilderness, with a huge variety of activities on offer. These include everything from traditional game drives to horse riding and camel safaris, as well as guided bush walks with skilled local guides.
- Meals are served in the lodge to take advantage of the picturesque views, or as picnics enjoyed out in the Lewa Conservancy.



Day 3 | Lewa Wilderness

- As well as activities bringing you closer to the wildlife, be sure to take part in a 'behind-the-scenes' visit of the Lewa Conservancy's conservation activities. This will give you incredible insights into how this precious ecosystem.
- Alternatively, you can add a dash of Hollywood to your safari with a memorable scenic flight in the 'Out of Africa' Waco biplane (payable extra).



Day 4 | Saruni Mara / Saruni Wild

- Depart Lewa Downs on your morning* flight, arriving in the Masai Mara just 90 minutes later.
- Set off on a game drive with a pause for a picnic lunch under an iconic acacia tree or by the river next to a pod of hippos, or head to Saruni Mara or Saruni Wild to relax before an afternoon game drive in the exclusive Mara North Conservancy – over 30,000 acres of prolific, protected land bordering the Masai Mara National Reserve. This part of the Mara ecosystem offers remarkable game viewing and a rewarding sense of seclusion.



Day 5 | Saruni Mara / Saruni Wild

- Start your day with a game drive focused on looking for the big cats and other well-known predators of the Mara, returning to the camp or lodge for lunch and treatments at the Maasai Wellbeing Space.
- In the afternoon, explore different areas of the conservancy and add new species to your Mara checklist before dinner at the lodge or camp and then an optional night drive.



Day 6 | Saruni Mara / Saruni Wild

- Take a guided walk through the valleys and plains surrounding Saruni Mara, accompanied by a vehicle, or head to the summit of Kilileoni, the highest mountain in the Serengeti-Masai Mara ecosystem.
- In the afternoon, discover more of Mara North and its neighbouring conservancies and experience first-hand what makes the Mara one of the most exciting conservation destinations in the world.
- Weather permitting, experience a bush dinner in the middle of nature under the vast African sky, accompanied by traditional Maasai singing and dancing around the fire.



Day 7 | Departure

- Breakfast in camp, before a last opportunity to visit the rhino sanctuary on the way to the airstrip for your 11:00 return flight to Nairobi from the Mara.
- Saruni Basecamp transfer* to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, with the option of dinner at either Talisman or Carnivore. Bookings will be dependent on your flight times, with dinner on your own account.





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SARUNI BASECAMP LODGES & CAMPS

Included

- All-inclusive accommodation (full-board accommodation including soft drinks, beers, house wines and select non-luxury spirits)
- Shared day and night game drives in 4x4 vehicles
- Guided bush walks
- Bush meals, sundowner and picnic excursions
- One complimentary back & neck massage (30 mins.) per room per stay at our Wellbeing Space
- Limited laundry service
- Warriors Academy (where available; must be requested in advance)
- Local cultural visits
- Transfers, all internal flights and return airstrip transfers, airport assistance
- Temporary Flying Doctors cover
- Daily conservation fees
- VAT & taxes

Excluded

- Exclusive use of vehicle
- Premium drinks (champagne, luxury spirits and special wines)
- Additional Wellbeing Space treatments
- Any payable extra activities
- Entry fees to local cultural visits
- Childcare
- Transport and entry fees to Reteti Elephant Sanctuary in Samburu (bookable in advance)
- Transport and entry fees to the Masai Mara National Reserve
- Guide and staff gratuities
- External private guides and drivers
- Any payable extra services
- anything of a personal nature
- international flights and visa fees
- Late departure fees
- Any statutory increases beyond our control

LEWA WILDERNESS

Included

- Full-board accommodation
- Soft drinks, beer, spirits and non-premium wines
- Shared game drives (day and night)
- Guided walks,
- Laundry service
- Local airstrip transfers
- Horse riding and camel walks
- Prehistoric site visits
- Community crafts and visits to selected villages and schools
- Visit to the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy HQ (including educational talks and school or project visits)

Excluded

- Champagne, premium spirits and cellar wines,
- Fly camping (horse ride/walk/drive)- \$170 per person (in addition to accommodation fees)
- Shamba lunches - \$50 per person
- Flying packages with Air Wilderness- costs available on request.
- Exclusive use of vehicle - US\$ 360 per day (Subject to availability)
 - A single booking of 5 guests will be guaranteed exclusive use of a vehicle at no surcharge
- Visits to Il'Ngwesi cultural boma - entrance fees \$40 per person (payable direct)
- Visit to aerial walkway in the Ngare Ndare Forest - entrance fees \$55 for adults and \$35 for children (payable direct)



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Please note

Rates

- Rates with children or for single occupancy are available upon request.

Internal flights

- *Flight times and durations may vary depending on airline, weather and routing, and are subject to change. Road transfer times and durations also subject to change, and will be coordinated with your flights.
- Seats on scheduled flights are subject to availability at confirmation.
- Baggage allowance on internal flights is 15kg per person, preferably in small, soft-sided bags without wheels.

Check-out at Lewa Wilderness

- Late departures are subject to availability
- Guests departing in the afternoon are required to vacate their room by 10:00, and will be charged \$25 per person for lunch
- Day room bookings – 25% of the pppn accommodation cost (subject to availability)