

SARUNI BASECAMP

PEOPLE  NATURE

PROTECT & CHANGE SAFARI: HOW NATURE WORKS

Samburu, Lewa, Masai Mara

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

9 Nights / 10 Days

SIGNATURE SAFARIS – Samburu, Lewa, Masai Mara



SUGGESTED SAFARI OVERVIEW

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OFFER VALIDITY

03 January 2024 to 02 January 2025

DESTINATION

Lewa, Samburu and Mara, Kenya

LODGES & CAMPS

Lewa Wilderness, Saruni Samburu, Saruni Mara / Saruni Wild

DURATION

9 nights / 10 days

MINIMUM GUESTS

2

ALL-INCLUSIVE COST

FROM **US\$8,520** per adult sharing



Kenya is leading the way in conservation projects that draw on the wisdom of communities and the entrepreneurial flair of ecotourism operators. Collaborations between safari companies and local communities are yielding remarkable results – one more way in which Kenya is leading the world.

On this safari, you'll experience first-hand how different skillsets are working together to achieve meaningful, long-term results. You'll see how iconic species are being saved, and how communities are benefitting from economic upliftment initiatives. In addition, better access to education and healthcare is improving the lives of conservation stakeholders.

As a traveller, you can enjoy immersive, authentic cultural encounters, astonishing wildlife viewing and the sense that not only are you in the heart of an authentic African wilderness, but that you're also making a genuine contribution to the vital work that is being undertaken by passionate, committed people across Kenya.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Three 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
- Skilled, experienced local guides
- Overshadowed by Mount Kenya
- Luxurious, authentic accommodation
- The unique climate and landscapes of Kenya's high country
- Unexpected activities including horse-riding, scenic biplane flights, camelback safaris and excursions to natural springs.
- Visits to community projects

Saruni Samburu x 3 nights

- A small, intimate lodge in a vast landscape, with spectacular mountain views.
- Unique eco-chic architecture
- Exclusive 200 000-acre wilderness area to explore (Kalama Conservancy)
- Access to the Samburu National Reserve
- Opportunities to view the 'Samburu Special Five'

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 Mara 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\$8,520
Mid-Season	03 Jan – 29 Feb 2024 01 – 30 Jun 2024 01 – 31 Oct 2024 01 – 19 Dec 2024	US\$9,270
High Season	01 Jul – 30 Sept 2024 20 Dec 2024 – 02 Jan 2025	US\$10,450

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 morning flight to Lewa Downs.
- Land at Lewa just one hour after departing Nairobi. You'll be met on arrival and transferred to Lewa Wilderness, enjoying an initial game drive en route. Depending on your arrival time, your lodge experience will either begin with lunch followed by an afternoon spent discovering the wonders of Lewa Conservancy, or sundowners at the lodge followed by a candlelit dinner.

Day 2 | Lewa Wilderness

- Lewa Wilderness offers many different activities designed to let you explore and experience various aspects of life in the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. These include everything from conventional game drives to horse riding and camel safaris, as well as guided bush walks with knowledgeable local guides with a flair for storytelling.
- Meals might be served in the lodge, with tables positioned to take advantage of the scenic views, or picnic-style, al fresco in the heart of the Lewa Conservancy.

Day 3 | Lewa Wilderness

- As well as activities that bring you closer to the amazing wildlife of the Lewa Conservancy, you can benefit from an exclusive 'behind-the-scenes' tour of some of the innovative programmes that are preserving and conserving this precious ecosystem.
- For unmatched views of Lewa and the full 'Out of Africa' experience, book a scenic flight in the Waco biplane (payable extra). 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 Samburu

- After breakfast, you'll depart Lewa Wilderness for a two-hour drive which will bring you into the spectacular terrain of Samburu. Accompany your Samburu guide straight to the lodge, or opt to take your first look at the area on an introductory game drive.
- Take in more of the 200,000-acre Kalama Conservancy on an afternoon game drive in a pristine wilderness area that offers both unusual wildlife and breath-taking views. Partake in a scenic sundowner to bookend your day.



Day 5 | Saruni Samburu

- Enjoy close encounters of the herd kind as you spend a morning in the Samburu National Reserve, a noted elephant haven and also home to the endemic 'Samburu Special Five'. Take a break from safari to enjoy a riverside picnic lunch before heading back to the lodge to relax for the afternoon.
- Enjoy a complimentary half hour massage at the Samburu Wellbeing Space, and feel your stress melt away.



Day 6 | Saruni Samburu

- Continue to explore the wonders of Samburu with a morning game drive, followed by lunch at the lodge and an afternoon guided bush walk to caves that contain ancient Samburu rock art.
- Take the time to get to know the Kalama Conservancy in a different mood on an evening game drive, ending at a secret spot in a dry riverbed where you'll find a firelit bush dinner waiting for you.
- In addition to a delicious meal, you can enjoy the rare spectacle of Samburu warriors performing traditional songs and dances.



Day 7 | Saruni Mara / Saruni Wild

- Depart Samburu on your morning* flight to the Masai Mara (90 minutes). Begin to get to know a new region of Kenya with a game drive and picnic lunch by the river, or first head to Saruni Mara or Saruni Wild for some rest and a longer game drive later in the afternoon.
- Explore the exclusive Mara North Conservancy – over 30,000 acres of plentiful, protected land bordering the Masai Mara National Reserve. It's less well-known than its famous neighbour, but just as prolific in terms of wildlife sightings.



Day 8 | Saruni Mara / Saruni Wild

- Embark on an early morning game drive in search of the big cats and other iconic predators of the Mara, returning to the camp after a thrilling morning for lunch and treatments at the Maasai Wellbeing Space.
- In the afternoon, your guide will focus on the animals and birds you most want to see, before dinner at the lodge or camp followed by an optional night game drive to discover the world of the Mara by night.



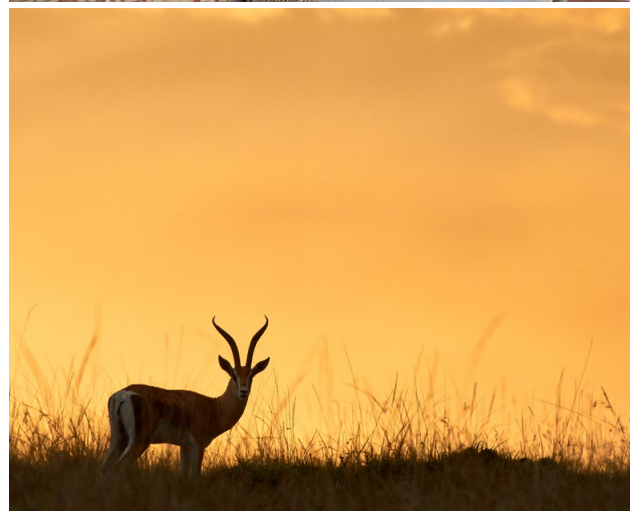
Day 9 | Saruni Mara / Saruni Wild

- Walk through the valleys and plains surrounding Saruni Mara, accompanied by your local Maasai guide, or take a game drive up to the top of Kilileoni, the highest mountain in the Serengeti-Masai Mara ecosystem.
- In the afternoon, discover more of the Mara North Conservancy and neighbouring protected areas and experience first-hand what makes the Mara one of the most exciting wilderness destinations in the world.
- Weather permitting, enjoy a bush dinner under the vast African sky, with Maasai warriors singing and dancing around the fire.



Day 10 | 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 for 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)