



# 6 REASONS TO VISIT SARUNI SAMBURU



## 01. ASTONISHING LOCATION

Saruni Samburu is located in tribal lands to the north of Samburu National Reserve. From its clifftop position, the lodge overlooks the vast private wildlife sanctuary of the private Kalama Conservancy, with exclusive access to some 240 000 acres of pristine, protected wilderness.

## 02. INCREDIBLE WILDLIFE

The area around Saruni Samburu is teeming with wildlife – including giant herds of thirsty elephant coming to drink at the waterholes, leopard making their lairs on rocky outcrops and packs of endangered African wild dog crossing the plains below the lodge. The area is also home to the rare, endemic Samburu Special Five: Grévy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, Beisa oryx, Somali ostrich and the outlandish gerenuk antelope.

## 03. FASCINATING CULTURE

The nomadic Samburu are the custodians of this region, and you can enjoy unique opportunities to witness, interact with and learn from the sustainable lifestyle of one of Kenya's most iconic ethnic groups. Our guides are Samburu warriors who combine professional qualifications with authentic inherited local knowledge, and delight in sharing their time-honoured traditions and customs.

## 04. INNOVATIVE ECO-DESIGN

Saruni Samburu is architecturally fascinating in a way that's entirely sympathetic to the local landscape. Built into and around the boulders of a towering volcanic rock face and perched high above a steep valley, the lodge offers unbelievable views.

Open and spacious, the guest rooms and main area blend into and fuse with their surroundings, while the use of stone ensures that interiors are cool during the heat of the day. Just like the Samburu region itself, Saruni Samburu is bold, dramatic, beautiful and truly unique.

## 05. UNIQUE ACTIVITIES

At Saruni Samburu, you can do as much or as little as you choose. From day and night game drives, picnic breakfasts on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River or bush dinners in a dry riverbed with firelit Samburu dances, to guided bush walks and visits to the local village and caves featuring ancient Samburu rock art. Our elephant proof, sunken hide offers remarkable photographic opportunities as elephant, hyena, leopard, birds and other creatures come down to drink at the adjacent waterhole. Of course, there's no need to actually leave the lodge if you prefer a more relaxing experience – you can spend time in and around our pools, enjoy a massage in the Samburu Wellbeing Space, browse the Samburu artefacts in the Saruni boutique or lose yourself in the vastness of the night skies above.

## 06. COMMUNITY-FOCUSED

Saruni Samburu is the only lodge in Kalama Conservancy, and a major source of income for the communities in the area. Since its opening, Saruni Samburu has consistently provided jobs, income and skills transfer opportunities for neighbouring communities. Ecotourism directly supports conservation – by visiting Saruni Samburu, you are directly giving back to the people that protect this beautiful area, improving their quality of life and making conservation a viable, long-term land-use choice.