



GET READY

FOR A GREAT ADVENTURE AT
LUMO CONSERVANCY

AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES

2024

BUSH AND BIRD WALK

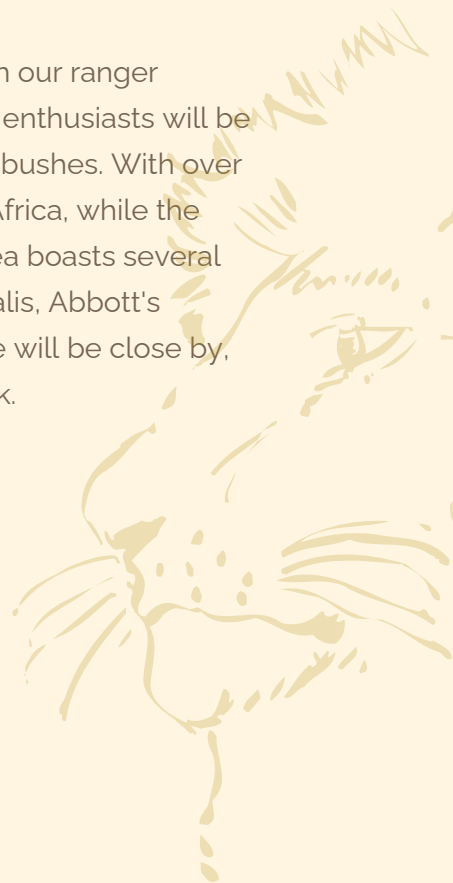


Start your day with a stunning African sunrise. Our 4x4 will take you to a safe area in the wilderness. There, guided by knowledgeable Lumo Conservancy rangers, you'll explore the protected area on foot.

You'll discover fascinating things like animal tracks, plants, and birds, with our ranger sharing their insights into the environment they grew up in. Birdwatching enthusiasts will be delighted as they spot various colorful birds flitting among the trees and bushes. With over 1,070 species of birds, Kenya has the second highest country bird list in Africa, while the area around Tsavo West boasts 600 recorded species. The Lions Bluff area boasts several endemic species, such as the globally threatened Taita Thrush, Taita Apalis, Abbott's starling, and the Southern banded Snake Eagle. Rest assured, our vehicle will be close by, ready to provide a comfortable ride back to the lodge if you need a break.

Min. age 12 years

USD 60.00 PER PERSON - (MIN. OF 2 PERSONS)



PRIVATE BUSH BREAKFAST



After your bush walk or early morning game drive, enjoy the day's best meal in the heart of nature.

Our chef will prepare a fresh breakfast under a tree, offering stunning views of the Sanctuary.

Savor fruits, juices, hot beverages, and your choice of cooked dishes while relaxing in the bush atmosphere you've just explored.

USD 75.00 PER PERSON - (MIN. OF 2 PERSONS) USD 40.00 PER CHILD

MORNING OR AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE



Discover the wild Lumo Conservancy from our custom-built, open-sided safari vehicles. Our expert guides will take you to breathtaking viewpoints, where you might spot elephants, lesser kudu, eland, impala, Grant's gazelle, lions, and cheetahs among others.

Game drives are typically shared and last about two hours, offering unique experiences. The best wildlife viewing often happens in early mornings or late afternoons, allowing you to fully appreciate the wilderness

USD 60.00 PER PERSON PER GAME DRIVE - (MIN. 2 PERSONS)
Use of Guide only - USD 65.00 Per Day

Exclusive use of the vehicle USD 400.00 per day

SUNSET SAFARI & SUNDOWNER



Embark on a Sunset Safari, where the boundaries between day and night blur, and nature's spectacle unfolds before your eyes. From 5 PM to 8 PM, this journey will take you through the wilderness with an expert guide and spotter, allowing you to witness the transition from golden dusk to velvet darkness.

Around 6:30 PM, the Safari pauses at a strategic spot for a Sundowner, inviting you to toast to the breathtaking sunset. As twilight gives way to night, a spotlight reveals the hidden world of nocturnal creatures, from prowling predators to elusive night birds. With each sighting, you're immersed deeper into the magic of the wild.

Selected drinks included.

USD 70.00 PER PERSON PER GAME DRIVE (MIN. 2 PERSONS)

NIGHT GAME DRIVE



A uniquely specialized event, not generally permitted within the National Parks and Reserves boundaries, is a night game drive, the ultimate safari luxury experience. Leaving the cottage just before or after dinner and setting off to discover the creatures of the night.

Nights are the exclusive domain of the hunters such as Leopards and Lions. It is the only time you can spot elusive nocturnal creatures such as Aardvark, Aardwolf, Pangolin, and Lumo's melanistic serval cat. The vehicle has a powerful handheld lamp to sweep the bush for sightings. For adults and children above 10 years old.

USD 80.00 PER PERSON (MIN. 2 PERSONS)

HIKE TAITA HILLS



Climb the beautiful Taita Hills. Drive through lush, mountainous Taita, where the climate is perfect and the views stunning over what is known to the locals as 'little Switzerland.' The highest, Vuria (2,300 meters above sea level), is easily identified by the mobile phone mast on top. It is possible to drive to this point. Eyale, on the other hand, is lower and can be climbed on foot.

It takes about 55 minutes of steep walking from where you leave your vehicle to the panoramic view. The vegetation is montane forest, and here you can spot the rare Taita Apalis, the Ross Turacos, the Cabanis Greenbul, and Syke monkeys, among other mammals. We pack a picnic meal on request.

DURATION FULL DAY AND INCLUDES A GUIDE - (MIN. 2 PERSONS)

USD 100.00 PER PERSON

CLIMB KASIGAU



Mt. Kasigau is part of the Eastern Arch Mountains renowned for its endemic Flora and Fauna. A gazetted national forest topped with tropical forest, this 3-hour ascent, 1641 meters above sea level, requires tough training shoes.

Discover a World War 1 British encottagement, with visible trenches and hideouts, identify rare trees and birds and enjoy learning as you ascend more about the culture of the local Taita people. The picturesque 'Are Rock' Python rock, which caved in due to weathering, has a hut which acted as a hide out for the villagers against cattle rustlers and now a good backdrop for a selfie, as you climb. Best start before first light with packed picnic breakfast and lunch.

**DURATION FULL DAY AND INCLUDES A GUIDE. USD 150.00 PER PERSON
(MIN. 2 PERSONS)**

BATTLEFIELD TOUR



Step back in time to the untamed landscapes of East Africa, where echoes of World War 1 still resonate near Lions Bluff. Immerse yourself in history as you explore the strategic battlegrounds that once shaped the fate of nations.

Join us on a journey through the remnants of a fierce campaign, where British Indian Army troops, European settlers, and local askaris clashed amidst daunting challenges. Discover the enduring legacy of their struggle as you witness the remarkable water pipeline, crafted by Indian Army engineers in 1916 and still flowing today.

Walk in the footsteps of soldiers at hilltop forts and Commonwealth War Cemeteries in Maktau and Voi. Hear tales of valor and hardship from our knowledgeable guides, trained by esteemed historians, as you sip a sundowner against the backdrop of a storied battlefield.

This isn't just a tour; it's an unforgettable journey through time, where every step reveals a new chapter in the epic tale of World War 1's East African campaign.

DURATION: ½ DAY - (BASED ON A MIN. OF 2 PERSONS) USD 80.00 PER PERSON

NGANGAU FOREST



Ngangau Forest is one of the few remaining moist forest areas in the Taita Hills, ranking as the second-largest among them.

A trek through Ngangao Forest is a truly enchanting experience, a moment to cherish forever.

Traverse a natural carpet of fallen leaves, fragmented twigs, bark, and decomposing branches as you embark on your journey. Explore iconic landmarks such as the revered Mother Tree, captivating tree caves, and intriguing round rocks scattered along the path. Ascend to the summit of the hill, where you'll be greeted by a spellbinding panorama that will leave you speechless.

DURATION HALF OR FULL DAY AND INCLUDES A GUIDE. USD 120.00 PER PERSON - (MIN. 2 PERSONS)



NATURE WALK

Explore the diverse ecosystem surrounding **Soroi Lions Bluff Lodge** and uncover the traces of wildlife while gaining insights into the flora and fauna inhabiting the vicinity of the lodge. Accompanied by our expert guide/naturalist, you'll unravel the secrets of animal tracks and signs and learn about the plants, insects, and birds that thrive in this vibrant environment.

USD 30.00 PER PERSON (APROX 1 HR WALK)

PAINT IN THE WILD



Select your preferred painting spot, whether it's on the cottage deck, in the comfort of your room, or during a mesmerizing sundowner experience. Let the beauty of the wilderness inspire your creativity as you capture its essence on canvas. Feel the tranquil ambiance as you brush strokes onto your masterpiece, drawing inspiration from the colors of the sunset, the textures of the landscape, and the wildlife around you.

For all the tools you need to turn your memories into art, simply inquire at the reception. Whether you're an experienced artist or a beginner, this immersive activity promises to ignite your imagination and create lasting memories.

FREE OF CHARGE FOR GUESTS ON GROUND PACKAGE
USD 15 FOR GUESTS ON FULL BOARD

UNDERGROUND PHOTOGRAPHERS HIDE



Whether you're an amateur photographer or a seasoned professional, Enjoy a unique experience that caters to all skill levels, allowing you to hone your craft and create stunning images in a truly remarkable setting. The hide is free to use during the wet season.

**USD 150.00 PER PERSON
(MIN. OF 4 PERSONS)**

HIGHLIGHTS

Season: Year-round availability

Seating: Comfortable and stable swivel chairs

Beds: Max 4 on the arrangement

Booking: Our Photographic Hides can be booked on a shared or exclusive use basis and is subject to availability



DRUM IT!!

Experience the essence of Taita culture through our interactive drumming session. Uncover the significance of drumming in Taita life, where rhythms narrate tales of the land and its people. Acquire ancient drumming techniques directly from a Taita drummer, delving into the rich traditions passed down through generations.

Lessons are subject to availability and need to be booked in advance at the reception.

**USD 30.00 PER PERSON
(APROX 90 MINUTES LESSON)**

SHETANI LAVA FLOW & MZIMA SPRINGS



Mzima Springs is a series of four natural springs in Tsavo National Park that produces an incredible 250 million liters of fresh water daily. The source of the spring rises in the Chyulu Hills and provides the bulk of Mombasa's fresh water. The springs are home to hippos, crocodiles, and various bird species. There's an underwater viewing chamber where you can see the fish in the clear waters.

'Shetani' means 'devil' in Kiswahili. The local people believe it was the devil himself emerging from the earth. This vast expanse of folded black lava spreads 50 kilometers across the savannah near the Chyulu Hills. The last significant eruption here is believed to have occurred around 200 years ago. Nearby are the Shetani Caves, which are also the result of volcanic activity.

A picnic lunch is included. Park fees are payable directly and not included.

DURATION FULL DAY USD 150.00 PER PERSON (MIN. 2 PERSONS)

VISIT LAKE JIPE



About one and half hours from **Soroi Lions Bluff Lodge** in Tsavo West, lies this freshwater lake bordering Tanzania and hosting hippos, crocodiles, and unique birds. Lake Jipe is shared by two countries, each with different economic values.

Since the Kenyan side of the lake lies in Tsavo West National Park, no fishing is allowed. Tanzania allows controlled fishing. Boat rides are available at an additional cost by KWS of USD 15.00 per person for 1.5 hrs. A packed picnic meal is provided for your lunch.

DURATION FULL DAY AND INCLUDES A GUIDE. USD 150.00 PER PERSON (MIN. 2 PERSONS)

A DAY WITH THE TAITA



Travel to the nearby Bura town, where local Taita people will host you for an authentic day-long cultural experience.

The morning starts by milking a cow and learning about traditional meal preparation. A guided walk takes you through scenic landscapes, discovering medicinal plants and traditional practices. Here, you will taste local fruits, and while the food cooks, gain insights into Taita traditions.

Try out basket weaving, transforming Sisal leaves into twine, and a work of art. The day ends with the captivating "Mwazindika" dance, dedicated to gods and celebrating life.

This immersive day offers an authentic taste of Taita customs, cuisine, agriculture, and hospitality, fostering personal connections with the local tribe.

In the movement towards eco-cultural sustainability, engaging in cultural activities plays a vital role in ensuring that the communities of East Africa directly benefit from the income generated by tourism. This approach also helps safeguard Africa's rich cultural history for future generations.

The partnership with Bura village is a prime example of this, where contributions from **Soroi Lions Bluff Lodge** support fundamental needs such as access to clean water, health education, and job opportunities. Known for their natural warmth and hospitality, the Taita community welcomes visitors, fostering meaningful exchanges with people from across the globe.



**USD 90.00 PER PERSON (MIN. 2 PERSONS)
INCLUDES PICNIC LUNCH**

COMMUNITY WILDLIFE & CONSERVATION



CONTRIBUTE TO LUMO'S REFORESTATION EFFORTS



We share packets with seed balls to each guest that can be launched into the conservancy using a slingshot. A seed ball is essentially a seed encased in a mixture of clay and compost, which is then dried. This technique dates back to ancient times, reportedly utilized by the Ancient Egyptians sowed seeds along the retreating banks of the Nile after annual floods. This method is widely employed in Asia and other regions, particularly in arid areas, due to its effectiveness in safeguarding seeds until conditions are favorable for germination, as well as its ease of distribution.

Ask our receptionists for your seed balls and slingshot!

DE-SNARING

A snare is a simple yet effective trap designed to capture or restrain animals. Typically consisting of a noose, wire, or other flexible material, snares are set to tighten around the prey when triggered, securing it in place. Poachers commonly use snares for hunting or trapping purposes. De-snaring involves removing snares set by poachers, which severely threaten the local wildlife.

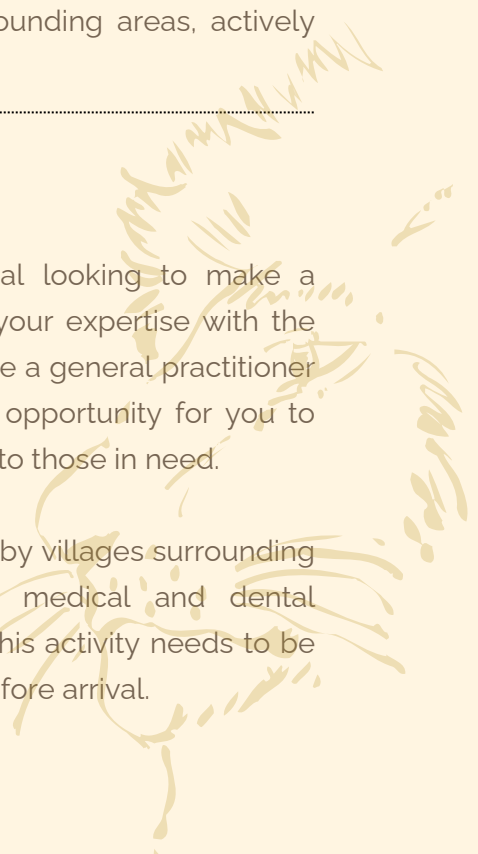
You can join our rangers on guided excursions through the surrounding areas, actively searching for and disarming snares.

ARE YOU A DOCTOR?



If you're a healthcare professional looking to make a positive impact, consider sharing your expertise with the villagers in our area. Whether you're a general practitioner or a dentist, we have the perfect opportunity for you to extend your skills and compassion to those in need.

We can organize clinics in the nearby villages surrounding our cottage, providing essential medical and dental services to the local community. This activity needs to be arranged a minimum of 2 weeks before arrival.





SKILL SHARE PROGRAM

Our Skill Share Program is an opportunity for people passionate about sharing their knowledge to make a lasting impact on the lives of children in our community.

Suppose you have expertise in music, dance, arts and crafts, macramé, hand sewing, cross-stitch, informatics, jewelry making, or farming. In that case, we invite you to spend a day at our supported schools.

Embrace the opportunity to be a part of something meaningful – where your knowledge becomes a source of inspiration and empowerment.

KENYA UKULELE PROJECT

Music provides children with numerous benefits, fostering creativity, enhancing cognitive skills, and promoting emotional expression. It instills discipline and teamwork, boosts self-esteem, and offers a positive outlet for self-discovery.

Please help us bring the joy of music to the community by bringing ukuleles or music lessons to the two schools we already support, Mwashoti and Latika Primary School.

