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AMBOSELI

From Hello to Goodbye

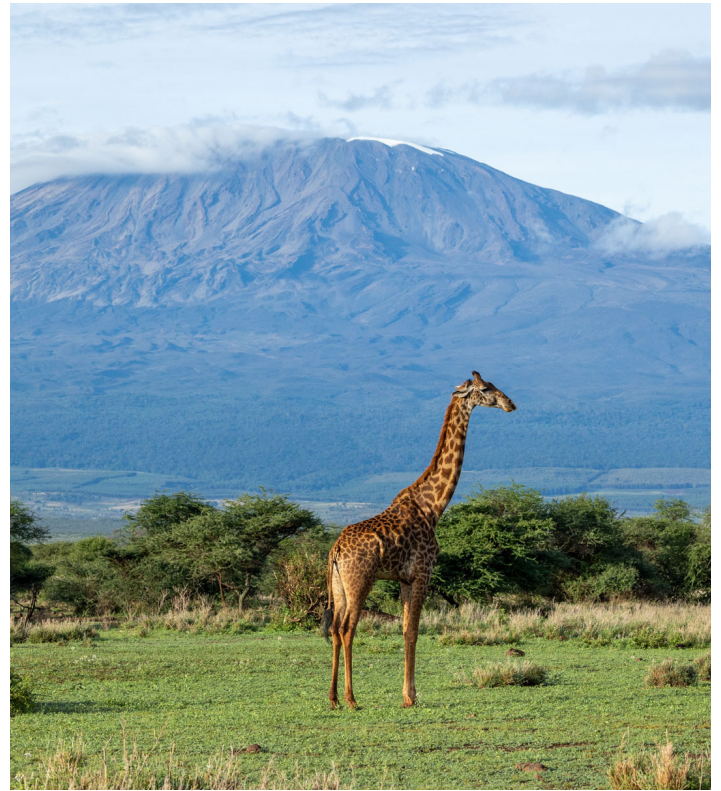
WE ARE OFTEN ASKED THE QUESTION,
'WHAT DOES A PERFECT STAY LOOK LIKE?'



There's no simple answer because, just like at Angama Mara and Angama Safari Camp, guests will wake up each day and decide what they would like to do and the team will make it happen. There will be a gentle rhythm, quietly guided, to each stay and perhaps three nights in this lovely lodge could look something like this:

ARRIVAL DAY

- Guests will land in the morning on a Safarilink flight (approx. 8:30am) at Kimana's private airfield inside the Sanctuary. Their first glimpse is of sweeping canvas fly sheets tucked into a verdant Fever Tree forest in the shadow of Africa's largest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro
- Waiting at the vehicle is their guide, ready to whisk them to the lodge — just a short 5-minute drive away — where the lodge team is waiting at the turning circle with a warm Angama welcome
- The General Manager welcomes the guests into the Guest Area, introducing them to their hospitality team: Camp Host, Butler and Tent-Steward, while offering them a personalised drink



- After introductions have been made, the Camp Host will offer the guests a lazy breakfast with a view of Mount Kilimanjaro while their Guest Suite is being readied. Check-in is at 11:00am, however, the team will do their utmost to have it ready sooner for guests arriving on the early flight
- While guests wait for their breakfast with a view, they will be requested to sign indemnity forms, as well as meet the Chef and their Butler to confirm that we have all the correct dietary information in place
- After breakfast, the guests will be shown the property: The Studios (Photographic Studio, Safari Shop, Weaving Studio, Games Room and Gallery), the Swimming Pool and outdoor dining garden. They will also receive more information about what is on offer at Angama Amboseli based on their interests (types of safaris, in-tent massages, etc.)
- As soon as possible, it is straight to their Guest Suite – where the view will surely take their breath away – to settle in, unpack and enjoy a nap or an outdoor shower
- Lunch is served back on the deck of the Guest Area; during the course of lunch, the guests will chat with their Guide who will suggest an afternoon bumble through Kimana Sanctuary with the hopes of coming across one of Amboseli's Super Tusker elephants
- Mid-afternoon, the guests will reconvene with their Guide at The Studios where, over a lovely setup of afternoon bitings, they will be given a brief orientation of the Greater Amboseli ecosystem – with the aid of various maps and an explanation of the elephant families in the area and their migratory patterns
- A gentle drive through Kimana Sanctuary brings the opportunity to spot the wildlife, perhaps even the charming breeding herds of elephants with little ones
- A beautiful sundowner will be set up by the Guide for guests, somewhere in the Sanctuary, to toast to their first day with Mount Kilimanjaro, with a slow return back to the lodge for dinner at dusk and perhaps some nocturnal animal sightings
- Dinner is an elegant affair in the Guest Area – soft lighting, pressed linens, gentle service and delicious food
- Before heading back to the Guest Suite, perhaps they will take a night-cap at the Baraza under the stars
- Back at their suite, guests will enjoy the Amboseli lullaby... the night's chorus is not to be missed through the mesh doors



DAY TWO

- As guests won't want to miss the sun softly illuminating the slopes of Kilimanjaro from the foot of their bed, there is a gentle wakeup call with coffee served to the butler's pantry of their Guest Suite at sunrise
- Breakfast is served at a leisurely time in the Guest Area before departing on a full-day safari to Amboseli National Park with a picnic lunch, departing at around 9:00am
- Upon leaving Kimana Sanctuary, the Angama Guide will pause at the Pinch Point – a 250ft wide migratory path that is the only avenue left for elephants and other wildlife to traverse freely between Amboseli National Park and Tsavo West. From this vantage point, guests can see conservation in action and learn about the important work the Big Life Foundation is doing in the area
- The day in Amboseli National Park will be spent exploring the marshlands, the dry lake bed (perfect for those iconic Amboseli photographs), looking for big cats, but most importantly celebrating the abundant aquatic life: hippos, elephants, flamingos, and the incredible birdlife endemic to the Amboseli ecosystem
- At lunchtime, the Guide will arrive at Angama Amboseli's private picnic spot and guests will enjoy a famous Angama picnic looking out across the National Park

- Returning to the lodge mid-afternoon, there is just enough time for our guests to catch up with a great book at the pool or on their rocking chairs on the decks of their Guest Suite. Perhaps they want to work out in the privacy of their Guest Suite from their personal gym-in-a-bag or wander through the Studios trying their hand at weaving, a local craft. Guests could also enjoy a game of *cheza* in the Games Room, or peruse the Safari Shop
- Of course, there is always time for a wonderful in-suite massage as the ‘shy mountain’ reveals her face again just as the sun dips below the horizon
- At sunset, no matter where the guests are on the property, they will hear the beautiful sound of gentle Maasai chanting as young men perform a nightly routine of readying the lodge for the night ahead by flaming torchlight. Guests might even catch a glimpse of this routine as they enjoy an ice-cold Kenyan beer or Dawa for sundowners at the Baraza
- Dinner this evening is joyfully served under the stars in the outdoor dining garden by the stream – guests will be drawn in by the smell of wood-fired pizzas or famous Kenyan beef on the grill



DAY THREE

- This morning calls for some gentle exercise, so a guided walking safari through Kimana Sanctuary is on the cards. Guests will experience the Sanctuary on foot while learning more about the fauna and flora endemic to this part of Kenya
- On rounding a corner, guests will come across a surprise picnic breakfast set up just for them, with their vehicle waiting to drive them slowly back to the lodge once they have enjoyed their al-fresco meal
- On return to the lodge, guests may once again slow down and choose to enjoy any of the in-camp experiences: The Studios, a massage, or perhaps try their hand at water colour painting with the art set found in each suite

- Lunch today will be served by the Swimming Pool in anticipation that some of the local elephants who love this area of camp will join the guests for a drink from the elephant trough just below
- A little siesta is likely on the programme after lunch with an afternoon departure around 4:00pm on a slow safari to The Mnara
- Here, guests will enjoy a semi-private sundowner from The Mnara, Angama Amboseli's viewing tower, in the hopes that the Sanctuary's wildlife are enjoying the marshland as the sun sets
- Dinner this evening is an intimate private dining setup in the Gallery, located in The Studios, where guests can take in the work of local artists, some of which has been inspired by the very location they find themselves in
- For those feeling adventurous, a night drive departing at 9:00pm will highlight the nocturnal creatures of the Sanctuary as well a little lesson in stargazing



GOODBYE DAY

- It is up early, with a roll out of bed and onto Angama Amboseli's signature Pyjama Safari. A member of Angama's Photographic Studio team is on standby to capture this fun morning's salutation to Africa's most famous and beautiful mountain by standing (or dancing) in their vehicle in their PJs with Mount Kilimanjaro as the backdrop
- After a quick freshen-up and packing, breakfast is served on the Guest Area deck
- Finally, last touch and farewell to the Angama Amboseli family before a gentle drive back to the airfield and an onward flight

NOTES:

- The above 3-day programme is based on guests arriving and departing on the early flight directly to Kimana Airstrip from and to Nairobi on Safarilink. For guests with differing logistics, the programme will be adjusted accordingly
- The above programme has not taken into consideration small children travelling in the party; the one edit to the programme might be on the night of Day Three, the children may have a picnic dinner at The Mnara with a night safari drive back to the lodge for bedtime, after which the adults in the party can enjoy a late-ish Gallery dinner at around 8:00pm
- Should we have a honeymoon couple or guests who would want additional privacy, we will be sure to shower them with private delights
- Should guests want to stay longer – Angama offers a 4 For 3 in Standard Season. We would recommend the ‘fourth day’ to slot in between Day Two and Day Three, with the following programme:
 - Gently woken by their Butler, guests will enjoy steaming coffee, orange juice and something deliciously freshly baked for a very early departure – a sunrise hot-air balloon flight journeying past Mount Kilimanjaro, followed by a champagne breakfast
 - A gentle drive back to the lodge followed by a pre-lunch siesta or an in-room massage on the deck of their Guest Suite
 - Lunch will be served in the Guest Area
 - After lunch, guests may spend a half day with our conservation partner, Big Life Foundation, with demonstrations from ranger patrols and/or tracker dogs, a visit to the school, camera-trap monitoring, finishing with a talk from a member of the Big Life team over a sundowner in the Sanctuary
 - Dinner will be served in the privacy of their Guest Suite to the sounds of the Maasai preparing the lodge for the night and watching the moon slowly rise over Mount Kilimanjaro

