

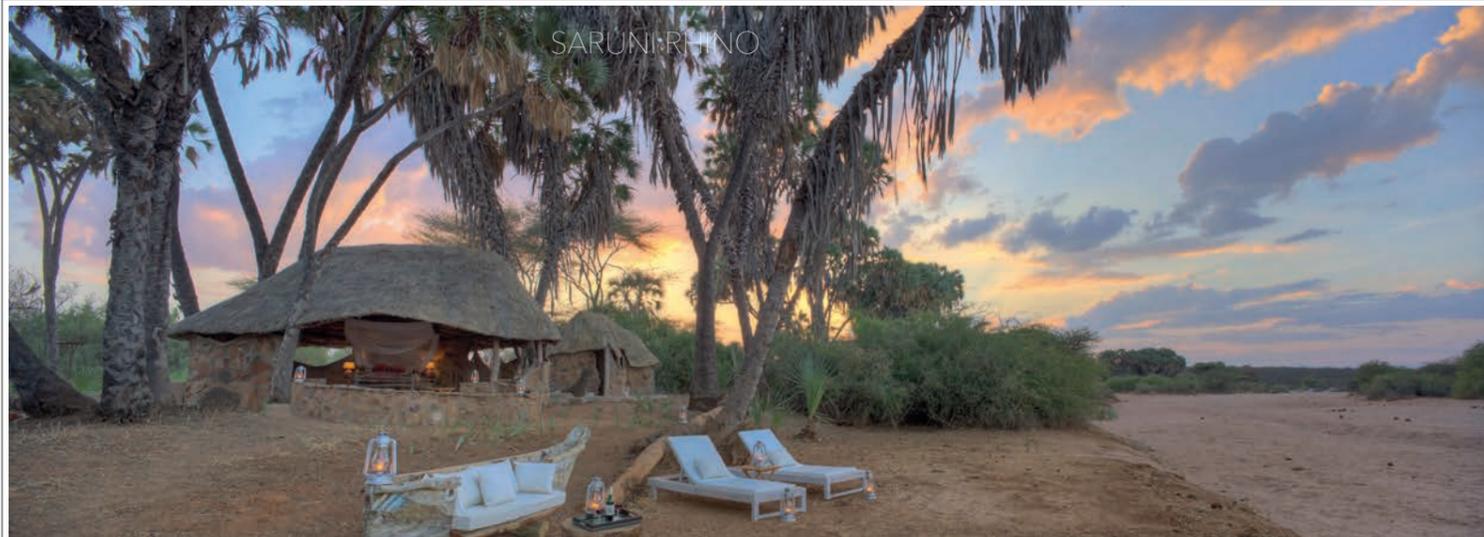


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## Rhino Tracking...On Foot

For the first time ever, Rhino Tracking can be enjoyed by adventurous visitors to East Africa. Kenyan based Saruni Rhino has launched adding to the already impressive Saruni offering in the country, but this offers something a little different. You can head out from the tented camp to track these magnificent beasts on foot - with the help of trained experts of course - and hopefully catch a glimpse up close.

Saruni Rhino, Sera Conservancy, Northern Kenya



# Saruni Rhino

Adding to their impressive portfolio and bringing the first rhino tracking experience in East Africa, Saruni opens Saruni Rhino this month.

Saruni, established in early 2003, now boast five incredible properties across Kenya with the latest development arriving this month. Launching the first ever opportunity in East Africa to track the incredible black rhino on foot, Saruni Rhino is set to be a spectacular addition. Located in the Sera Community Conservancy, a vast wildlife reserve stretching over 350,000 hectares in the Northern Kenya region, Saruni Rhino is joining the front line in the conservation fight. This occasion is much larger than Saruni's achievements however as it marks the return of the endangered black rhinos to the land of the Samburu warriors after an absence of a quarter of a century and marks a historical achievement for conservation in Kenya.

Sera Community Conservancy is the first community conservancy in Africa to own and operate a sanctuary dedicated to the conservation of this iconic species. The relocation of the black rhinos from other parks and reserves in Kenya has been facilitated

by the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) in partnership with Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) and others. NRT is an umbrella organization that since 2004 has been the model of community-based wildlife conservation in the country. After years of hard work, substantial investment, passion and determined commitment by Sera Community members and Northern Rangelands Trust, the creation of the Sera Rhino Sanctuary in May 2015 was achieved. Saruni were chosen by Sera Community to be their partner in opening this pioneering conservancy to tourism and now you have the opportunity to do your part to ensure its success.

Saruni Rhino offers a unique walking safari experience tracking black rhino on-foot, accompanied by an expert Saruni guide and a highly-trained Sera Community Conservancy ranger. Along with using traditional Samburu tracking methods, the rangers are equipped with transmitters that are connected to a microchip inserted in the horns of the 11 rhinos and communicates their

GPS whereabouts throughout the spectacular 54,000-hectares fenced sanctuary, which is surrounded by the Sera Community Conservancy. This will enable you to track within metres of these magnificent creatures and leave you with memories that will never be forgotten. The memorable experience will endeavour to educate and encourage the further protection of the species for future generations as every Saruni Rhino guest will actively contribute to the long-term protection of the black rhinos.

Saruni Rhino is initially comprised of two stylish 'bandas' (open stone cottages) which sleep 4-6 and a main 'mess' cottage just outside the sanctuary. There are already plans for an additional tented camp inside the rhino sanctuary that will be added soon.

Guests will be able to dine and relax at their leisure in the camp surroundings which are true to Saruni-style: elegant but simple in a harmonious blend with the natural environment and in celebration of local craftspeople. Nestled amidst the swaying doum palms dotted along a large dry river bed, the cottages have sweeping views of a nearby waterhole which is a popular stop-off

for a diverse range of wildlife including the indigenous "Samburu Special Five": the endangered Grevy's zebra, the long necked gerenuk, the reticulated giraffe, Beysa oryx and the Somali ostrich, making it great 'bush TV' from the comfort of each cottage's veranda.

Saruni Rhino is located within driving distance of the stunning sister property Saruni Samburu, allowing guests to top or tail their experience in style. Considered to be the "best property in northern Kenya", Saruni Samburu comprises six luxury eco-chic villas subtly located on the top of a stunning rocky kopje overlooking 200,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness. The property has recently launched a unique experience for Kenya: an elephant-proof, open ground level hide based at a waterhole, where both keen photographers and wildlife enthusiasts can quietly enjoy the animals just metres away.

The perfect trip for those who want to engage with the wildlife whilst providing essential support to the conservation of these incredible but sadly endangered animals.

*Saruni Rhino 2017 rates and booking information: From \$630 pppn sharing plus an additional \$175 pp conservation fees (which includes the Rhino Tracking Experience). To allow access to the Sera Black Rhino experience, all bookings require a minimum stay of 2 nights at Saruni Rhino and 2 nights at nearby Saruni Samburu.*

