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## Top 50 Adventures

THE BUCKET LIST TO END ALL  
BUCKET LISTS: THE MOST  
EXHILARATING, LIFE-AFFIRMING  
EXPERIENCES ON EARTH





## Family and Single Villa Six

**SARUNI SAMBURU, SAMBURU, KENYA**

With only six eco-villas on the property, Saruni Samburu is a private oasis with exclusive access to over 200,000 acres of Kenyan wilderness (in fact, you won't find another property for miles). It's located just north of the Samburu National Reserve and has spectacular views of Mount Kenya and the private wildlife sanctuary, Kalama Community Conservancy. The newest villa, Family and Single Villa Six, is located furthest from the main Kudu House (making it closest to the new infinity pool) and built into and around a volcanic rock face. At first glance, you hardly even notice the house, as its eco-design and unique architecture blend in perfectly with the natural surrounding. The two-bedroom villa is awash in natural, rustic hues; decorated with handmade rugs, linens and pillows; and adorned with African art sculptures on the walls. The living space opens directly onto the terrace (there are no doors, just a screen you can pull down come nighttime), which boasts seemingly never-ending views of the looming mountains and wildlife conservancy. Hilltop views are great, but get a closer look from the Photographic Hide, a hideaway at a waterhole where novice and professional photographers can snap away when the animals gather. You can also book an in-suite massage treatment (or head to the Samburu Wellbeing Spaces) and enjoy stargazing on your terrace (we promise — there's nothing like it). If it's an excursion you desire, guides will organize local cave visits, bush walks, dinners in a dry riverbed by firelight or a trip to the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary. Tourism directly supports conservation and helps give back to the Samburu tribe, who have worked to protect their land for hundreds of years.

### Off grid

Game drives are led by the local Samburu tribe, one of the most well-known semi-nomadic tribes in Kenya. Guides will take you on a journey through the Kenyan wilderness and their village to teach you about their traditions. When you're not partaking in day or night game drives, hike Ololokwe (the Sacred Mountain), just a 30-minute drive from the lodge. At the summit, you'll be rewarded with jaw-dropping views over Samburu land.

**Rate** from \$706 per person per night

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