



Saruni

The Supreme Safari & Rhino Tracking Experience

Samburu | Masai Mara

A 7 nights / 8 days journey combining three of Kenya's most exciting and wildlife-rich wildernesses. Experience our hidden-gem property in the Wild North, Saruni Rhino and the elegant, luxurious Saruni Samburu & Saruni Mara.

All inclusive from US\$5,990 per person sharing (low season rate)

Valid from 3rd January-19th December 2020



This is a truly life-enriching journey that perfectly combines serenity and thrill, luxury and adventure, amazing wildlife and unique landscapes, giving you the opportunity to protect an endangered species

Delight in unending views of pristine, untouched wilderness in complete seclusion and exclusivity, in three of the most iconic private wildlife reserves of Kenya, with a hundreds of thousands of hectares at your disposal.

Discover two of Africa's most authentic and fascinating tribes – the Maasai and the Samburu – learning first-hand about their cultures, ancient customs and local knowledge of the wildlife and wilderness as they guide you throughout your safari.

Encounter Africa most unusual wildlife up close in their natural habitat: the 'Samburu Special Five', rare endemic species present only in the arid North, the famously large herds of Samburu elephants and the endangered black rhino, reintroduced to Northern Kenya after 30 years.

HIGH SEASON
US\$7,985 pp
July | August &
September 2020

MID SEASON
US\$6,830 pp
January | February | June | October &
1st–19th December 2020

LOW SEASON
US\$5,990 pp
March | April | May &
November 2020





Included

All-inclusive accommodation (Full board accommodation including soft drinks, beers, house wines and select non-luxury spirits), one complimentary Back & Neck massage (30 min.) per room per stay at our Wellbeing Space (excluding Saruni Rhino), airport assistance, temporary Flying Doctors cover, shared day & night game drives in 4x4 vehicles, guided bush walks, bush meals, sundowner & picnic excursions, limited laundry service, cultural visits transfers, all internal flights and return airstrip transfers (or pick up/drop off at Saruni Samburu), conservation fees and one Rhino Tracking Experience fee per day, VAT & taxes.

Excluded

Additional Wellbeing Space treatments, additional Rhino Tracking Experiences, exclusive use of vehicle, premium drinks (champagne, luxury spirits and special wines - available upon request in advance at Saruni Rhino), any payable extra activities, entry fees to cultural visits, Reteti Elephant Sanctuary visit and transfers, childcare, international flights and visa fees, gratuities to staff & guides, anything of a personal nature, and all statutory increases beyond our control.



Saruni Samburu

Saruni Samburu's six luxury villas are open and spacious, heralding spectacular views over Kenya's Northern Frontier District and Mount Kenya in the distance. The warm and welcoming hospitality makes for an intimate and exceptional experience. The lodge is revered for its innovative, eco-chic architecture and interesting design and décor, as well as its Italian-inspired cuisine. Guests can enjoy the vast panoramas from the dining and lounge area, the infinity pool and the Samburu Wellbeing Space. Saruni Samburu is the only lodge in Kalama Conservancy, which borders Samburu National Reserve, with 200,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness to explore and enjoy exclusively. You are guided from start to finish by Samburu warriors who are passionate about their land and their culture, learning first-hand about their fascinating customs and traditions and gaining ancient, local knowledge about the land and the animals – a truly authentic experience.



Activities and amenities: day and night game drives, photographic hide, bush meals, guided walks, birdwatching, Samburu Wellbeing Space treatments (payable extra), picnics, two swimming pools, helicopter excursions (payable extra), Samburu cultural visits (payable extra), Saruni Shop, Reteti Elephant Sanctuary (bookable in advance & payable extra).



Saruni Rhino

The secluded 3-banda camp of Saruni Rhino, in partnership with Sera Community Conservancy, offers the first rhino tracking experience in East Africa; an amazing walking safari that provides a uniquely thrilling adventure, but also allows guests to actively contribute to the protection of this iconic species. Located in the wild, undiscovered northern frontier of Kenya, the camp is a little under 2 driving hours from our Saruni Samburu lodge in nearby Kalama Conservancy.

Comprised of three elegant 'bandas' (rustic stone cottages) sleeping 8 guests in two double bandas & one larger family banda, and a main 'mess' cottage for dining and relaxing, Saruni Rhino is nestled amidst swaying doum palms dotted along a dry river bed (the Kauro 'lugga', in the heart of the conservancy). The camp has sweeping views of a nearby waterhole and dramatic landscape so typical of the north. There is also a beautiful infinity swimming pool, built in harmony with the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. The waterhole is a popular watering stop-off for a diverse range of wildlife: elephant, impala, birdlife, hyena, oryx, Grevy's zebra and much more, making it great 'bush TV' from the comfort of your banda's sandy verandah at any time. The dry river bed proves the quintessential torch-lit bush dinner location under the vast African skies.

Activities and amenities: rhino tracking on foot, game drives, waterhole sightings, birdwatching, guided bush walks, sand grouse spectacular, bush dinners and picnics, sundowners, Warriors Academy, the Fifty Wells, the Singing Wells, sunset lugga walks, Reteti Elephant Sanctuary (bookable in advance & payable extra).



Saruni Mara & Saruni Wild

Saruni Mara has one family villa, one private villa and five elegant cottages, and is the only small boutique lodge in the Mara, making it very intimate and exclusive. The beautifully decorated themed rooms have a luxurious and classic safari feel. The lodge is tucked away in a secluded valley in the private Mara North Conservancy, a prime and private game viewing area, which borders the Masai Mara National Reserve – the most renowned wildlife park in Africa. Enjoy the Italian-inspired cuisine and being immersed in nature from your private verandah, the Maasai Wellbeing Space and the open lounge and dining area. Maasai warriors will guide you throughout your stay, sharing their ancient wisdom and local knowledge of the area and the animals, their way of life and their secret corners of the most loved wildlife reserve in Kenya.

Saruni Wild is a tented camp elegantly and comfortably furnished with all the necessary luxuries of a wild yet classic safari. The camp is located in the heart of the Masai Mara plains, on the border between Lemek Conservancy and Mara North Conservancy. Surrounded by tens of thousands of acres of pristine, untouched wilderness, the camp has the most classic Masai Mara setting. The wildlife thrive right next to its tents. Enjoy endless views, fire-lit meals under the vast African sky, guided game drives led by Maasai warriors.

Activities and amenities: day and night game drives, bush meals, guided walks, birdwatching, Maasai Wellbeing Space treatments (payable extra), picnics, library, balloon safaris (payable extra), Saruni Shop.



Sample itinerary

Day 1 – Saruni Samburu

- Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, where a Saruni vehicle will transfer you to Wilson Airport for your flight to Samburu.
- Depart Nairobi in the morning*, arriving at Samburu an hour later, where your Saruni Samburu guide will meet you and transfer you to the lodge, or take you on a game drive.
- Afternoon game drive on Kalama Conservancy exploring over 200,000 acres of pristine wilderness in total privacy and sundowners with a breathtaking view.

Day 2 – Saruni Samburu

- Early morning game drive into Samburu National Reserve to seek out the 'Samburu Special Five': the reticulated giraffe, the Grevy zebra, the beisa oryx, the Somali ostrich and the gerenuk, all rare species that occur only in this part of the country, and look for its well-known larger wildlife including elephants, lion and leopard. Enjoy a picnic lunch before heading back to the lodge to relax for the afternoon.
- Enjoy a complimentary half hour Back & Neck massage upon arriving back at the lodge at the Samburu Wellbeing Space.
- Evening game drive in Kalama Conservancy ending with a bush dinner under the stars in the middle of the wilderness, and a night drive back to the lodge. The Samburu warriors dancing, candles and fire under the vast African skies, make this a truly magical experience, and one of the highlights of your stay.

Day 3 – Saruni Rhino

- Following a lie-in and a hearty breakfast, depart Saruni Samburu accompanied by our Samburu guides, driving two hours north west to visit the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary in nearby Namunyak Conservancy (visit payable & bookable in advance).
- Arrive in time for the noon time feeding session of the elephants and other animals in residence. Learn all about their special milk formulas, ask the elephant keepers your questions and watch with joy as the hungry ellies come racing out for their bottles!
- After some further observation time as the ellies play, bathe and go about their day, head towards Saruni Rhino, a 2-hour's drive away in Sera Conservancy, stopping in a picturesque spot for a picnic lunch on the way.

- Arrive in camp, or, head straight to the Rhino Sanctuary to start your exhilarating on-foot tracking adventure taking place late afternoon as the temperature lowers. Drive to within a short distance of the endangered black rhino, leaving the vehicle on foot to track the rhino in the safety of a guide and a ranger. Communication between rangers allow you to track as many rhinos as possible in the allotted time.
- After an exhilarating, 'up close and personal' experience, game drive back to camp where a lantern-lit bush dinner awaits you in the idyllic setting of the dry river bed, as the night sounds reverberate around you.

Day 4 – Saruni Rhino

- Leave early morning with a picnic breakfast on a game drive to the nearby Fifty Wells (Kisima Hamsini) or the Singing Wells, where you will witness Samburu pastoralists watering and singing their uniquely recognised songs to their livestock at a series of natural wells, bringing water up from the depths as they have done for centuries. (Wells are seasonal).
- Birders and non-birders alike will delight in the incredible spectacle that is thousands upon thousands of sand grouse dipping to take water in the natural wells and waterholes throughout Sera Conservancy, a truly astounding sight and sound show.
- Return to camp and enjoy a refreshing dip in the cooling waters of the natural rock infinity pool overlooking the dry river bed surrounded by swaying doum palms as monkeys chirrup and play along.
- Enjoy lunch in the shade of Swara House, with breathtaking views of a waterhole frequently visited by herds of elephants and other wildlife and birdlife.
- Relax after lunch in the cool of your stone cottage ('banda') reclining on your very own beach club-style, sandy verandah watching the waterhole. For the adventurous thrill-seekers embark on a 2nd round of rhino tracking by returning to the Sanctuary to re-live the experience.
- Bush 'lugga' dinner under the star-lit African skies before heading to bed for your last night in the remote wilderness of Kenya's northern frontier.

Day 5 – Saruni Mara/Saruni Wild

- Following breakfast in camp, or equipped with a picnic breakfast, leave early morning** from Saruni Rhino for your departing onward flight to the Mara, arriving in the Masai

Mara an hour and a half after take-off.

- Game drive with a picnic lunch to enjoy under an acacia tree or by the river next to a pod of hippos. Or head to Saruni Mara or Saruni Wild for some rest and an exclusive game drive later in the afternoon in Mara North Conservancy – over 30,000 acres of plentiful, protected land bordering the Masai Mara National Reserve. Enjoy a completely different and less-explored corner of the Mara ecosystem in total privacy, brimming with wildlife.

**Exact time dependent on time of departing flight from Kalama or Oryx airstrip.

Day 6 – Saruni Mara/Saruni Wild

- Early morning game drive to look for the big cats and other predators of the Mara, returning to the camp or lodge for lunch and treatments at the Maasai Wellbeing Space.
- In the afternoon, a game drive will take you to a special area where the largest tower of giraffe can be seen, followed by dinner at the lodge or camp and an optional night game drive.

Day 7 – Saruni Mara/Saruni Wild

- Walk through the valleys and plains surrounding Saruni Mara, accompanied by a vehicle, or a game drive up to the top of Kilileoni, the highest mountain in the Serengeti- Masai Mara ecosystem - led by your skilful and knowledgeable Maasai guides.
- In the afternoon you will discover more of Mara North and its neighbouring conservancies and experience first-hand what makes the Mara one of the most exciting wildernesses in the world.
- Weather permitting, experience a bush dinner in the middle of nature under the vast African sky, with Maasai warriors singing and dancing around the fire.

Day 8 – Departure

- Visit the rhino sanctuary on the way to the airstrip and once again admire the hippos and the crocodiles of the Mara River.
- The flight back to Nairobi leaves the Mara at 11:00 AM and arrives in Nairobi at 12:20 PM.
- Transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport with Saruni driver and vehicle. Depending on the time of your international flight, stop at the Talisman or Carnivore restaurant for dinner.

Note: The Saruni Tours team can modify and tailor this itinerary to suit your personal preference. Baggage allowance on internal flights is 15kg per person, preferably in small, soft bags without wheels. Seats on the schedule flights are subject to availability at confirmation. Rates with children or single occupancy are available upon request.

*Flight times and durations may vary depending on airline and routing, and are subject to change.