



THE SINGING WELLS

Sera Community Conservancy, Northern Kenya



'The Singing Wells', locally known as 'Kisima Hamsini' (Fifty Wells), are a vital part of the Samburu culture and tradition. Going back generations, semi-nomadic pastoralists have led their livestock, in times of drought, to the natural and excavated wells dotted around the 350,000-hectare Sera Community Conservancy.

Witnessing The Singing Wells is an almost biblical experience. The throng of cattle, camels and goats crowding around the wells looks very chaotic, but it is far from this. The warriors pull water out of the well while singing a traditional song, unique to their family. Despite the noise and disorder, the warrior's song draws the family herd to their well. The experience is truly astonishing.

The Singing Wells are about 21km from Saruni Rhino. The best time to visit is during the dry season; February - March and June - October. During the rains, the pastoralist herders return to their villages to graze.

Visits to the Singing Wells are a complimentary activity from Saruni Rhino. Bookable at the camp and availability is subject to seasonality.

In order to preserve the authenticity of these ancient traditions, photography and filming is NOT permitted at any of the well sites. *Please respect the local culture by not taking photos or videos.

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