



Saruni Rhino - Frequently Asked Questions (updated February 2022)

1. What does the word 'Saruni' mean?

In the Samburu (and Maasai) language, 'Saruni' means 'sanctuary'.

2. What is the difference between a private conservancy and a National Reserve – like Samburu National Reserve?

Private conservancies are owned and managed by private Samburu landowners and supported by investors in the tourist industry. The Samburu National Reserve, on the contrary, is owned and managed by a local government authority called the Samburu County Government. In the case of private conservancies, the income coming from tourism goes directly to the landowners, in the case of the National Reserve it goes to the local government. The main difference, though, is that private conservancies allow only a limited number of properties/lodges and vehicles to use them, while this limitation does not exist in the National Reserve. Furthermore, private conservancies allow walking and night driving, even if strictly regulated, while the National Reserve does not.

3. How many other lodges/camps are there in the Sera Conservancy?

None – Saruni Rhino is proud to be the only one, giving you an exclusive run of the land and the on-foot rhino tracking and other unique experiences.

4. What makes Saruni Rhino and the area so special?

Samburu has a very evocative and iconic landscape that reminds each visitor of *"the Africa of my dreams"*: dry and stunningly beautiful, wild and at the same time serene. Samburu also has one of the best concentrations of elephant, but also good numbers of lion, leopard and as well as the plains game. Then, there's the Samburu Special Five: Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, Beisa oryx, Somali ostrich and gerenuk (species that occur only in this part of the country). You will experience no crowds: the fact that we have exclusive use of our own private wilderness of Sera Conservancy, a vast and pristine wilderness of over 350,000 hectares, make your game drives unique and uncrowded.

Saruni Rhino is comprised of three elegant 'bandas' (rustic stone cottages) and a main 'mess' cottage for dining and relaxing, nestled amidst swaying doum palms dotted along a dry river bed with sweeping views of a nearby waterhole and dramatic landscape so typical of the north. There is also a beautiful swimming pool, built in harmony with the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. The dry river bed proves the quintessential torch-lit bush dinner location under the vast African skies.

The opening of this secluded camp in 2017 marked the return of the endangered black rhinos to the beautiful land after an absence of a quarter of a century and marks an historical achievement for conservation and tourism in Kenya. At Saruni we are very proud to have been chosen by Sera Community to be their tourism partners and to be able to offer the first ever opportunity to track the majestic black rhinos, on foot. An amazing experience that provides a uniquely thrilling adventure, but also allows guests to actively contribute to the protection of this iconic species.

5. When is it the best time to visit?

Saruni Rhino is open all year round and a safari is recommended during any month of the year. Black Rhino are the main attraction in Sera Conservancy which can be seen all year round and whose population continue to grow within the 54,000-acre sanctuary. Other wildlife and birdlife within the region are spectacular all year round. The 'Samburu Five' (Beisa oryx, reticulated giraffe, Grevy's zebra, Somali ostrich and gerenuk) are abundant in any season. Elephants are one of the main attractions in Samburu any day of the year. However

keep in mind that January, February and March tend to be the hottest months in what is a hot and semi-arid destination.

The natural environment is arid and semi-arid; open scrub and grasslands with significant environmental variation based on altitude. Highlands of the Leroghi Plateau (Ldonyo) are relatively cool and well-watered. Lowlands (Lpurkel) are quite dry and hot, semi-desert.

6. Do I need a visa?

Online visa applications ahead of travel are now mandatory for all travellers (adults and children) from applicable countries. Visas on arrival are no longer available. Children under the age of 16 years and accompanying their parents are exempted from payment of visa fees and are not expected to make visa application. Only their valid travel documents will be required at the point of entry. Apply for your visa online by visiting www.evisa.go.ke. The website is mobile phone-enabled which means you can complete the application from an internet-enabled mobile phone. The system also accepts photos taken and uploaded from a mobile phone. Please note, the website is currently only offered in English although other language versions are being planned. Your E-Visa will be valid for 90 days from the date of approval and not from the date of arrival in Kenya. You should therefore ensure your visa will still be valid at the time of travel. The online payment of visa fee is in US dollars. Visa fee is non-refundable since the application will be processed for approval or non-approval.

Travelling in & out of Kenya on the same trip?

Should you need to enter Kenya twice during the same trip, i.e. arrive in Kenya, depart to another destination within East Africa, return to Kenya for homeward travel, you can apply for a 'double entry' visa on the E-Visa website.

Our Reservations team would be delighted to answer any further visa-related questions you may have - email reservationsteam@saruni.com.

7. What should I wear?

When visiting Saruni Rhino the focus and highlight of your trip will be participating in the rhino tracking sessions which can last anywhere between 2-4 hours, with varying walking distances depending on each track. Terrain is harsh and arid, bushy with thorns and grass burrs/stickers, with thorny Commiphora branches underfoot. The African sun can be unforgiving at any time of the day – maximum protection is strongly advised! More importantly on a safety note, the black rhino don't have such sharp vision but very sensitive hearing. We are not joking when we say, "Tread carefully". The ability to move silently is vital – so have in mind how 'lightly' your shoes or clothing allow you to walk. Smell is also a factor – your guides will keep you down-wind from the rhino but avoiding perfumes and strong-smelling lotions is advised. Wear colours that allow you to blend into the environment as much as possible, so choose natural shades of green, brown, yellow or earth red that characterise the African soil and vegetation. Bring a water-proof jacket, a hat and sunglasses.

Days can be extremely hot while nights can be cool. The annual mean temperatures range between 18° C - 30°C, while the mean annual rainfall is 345 mm with peaks in the months of November and April. You will want to bring a couple of pullovers/sweaters for the mornings, both long and short trousers, good and solid walking shoes (the same you'd wear on a mountain trek).

8. What equipment should I bring?

The most important things to remember are your sun protection cream, your binoculars and your camera or video equipment. In addition, bring your own flashlight or torch: but if you don't have one, we can provide you with one. Equally, Birds' or Mammals' Field Guides are incredibly useful during your safaris if you are interested in these areas, as there will be plenty of occasions to consult them.

Whilst we appreciate everyone welcomes a freshen up after long day's game drive, we ask you kindly to respect the eco-status of our lodges, and keep your hair dryer and other electrical hair/beauty appliance use to a minimum, as we operate on solar power and back-up generators. Electronics with high wattage disrupt our system and can often leave us with no power. We would prefer to provide you with a suitable hair-dryer on your arrival at the lodge should you require one. We use 3-point British plugs. Each room has a multi-socket extension cord compatible with a variety of plugs from different countries.

9. Do you have telephone network and Wi-Fi at the lodge?

Safaricom network covers part of Saruni Rhino and guests are generally able to make and receive phone calls without issue. Weather conditions and location will determine the strength of the signal for this matter. The coverage will also depend on your mobile provider back at home. We kindly ask that you respect other guest's space when doing so. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in the Swara main area for guests to use. Please inform management should you encounter any problems gaining access. A computer is also available for guest's use.

10. Can children come on safari?

Yes, and we don't have age limits. For parents, to go on safari with your children can be a most exhilarating experience. Children immediately connect with nature and animals, show great curiosity and ability to learn. They normally find the unusual circumstances exciting and absorbing. Obviously, children might need special arrangements and we are ready to cater for them. We always say, it's not how the children behave on safari, it's how the parents interact with them and ensure the safari experience is an encompassing one for all involved.

Rhino Tracking is only available to guests over 16 years of age. Children under the age of 16 should remain in camp and childcare can be arranged. A babysitting ('ayah') service is available upon request for US\$10 per hour payable directly. Should you require a babysitter, please let us know in advance and this can be arranged.

Food can be tailored to suit children's requirements and earlier meal times can be arranged where necessary. Please contact us to make a plan ahead of time. Some options include but are not limited to the usual 'treats': pizza, plain pasta or pasta with tomato sauce, chicken and chips etc. Babysitting can be arranged for those who require it.

11. Can my food requirements be accommodated?

Saruni Rhino's cuisine is Italian-inspired focusing on fresh local ingredients, blended with specially-imported products. We can cater for most special dietary requirements and allergies, and our first-class chefs can accommodate bespoke menus when informed prior to arrival.

12. Is Kenya safe?

Absolutely. The African bush is safe, quiet and far away from any danger. Throughout the night, your security is assured by our Samburu watchmen (the 'Askari'), who patrol the camp and grounds after dark and escort you to and from your banda after dinner. During the day, our professional guides will instruct you on how to approach the wildlife in the safest way, either on your game drive or your walking safari. Historically, the number of accidents involving humans and wild animals has always been very low: Homo-sapiens are the most feared predator of all.... In the past, like in many other countries, Kenya has been the target of terrorist actions and some governments have issued travel warnings, but they have now been lifted. Kenya is a fast-growing and very successful economy and is one of the commercial hubs of the continent.

13. I love animals and wildlife, but I am keen to learn about the local people too. How can you accommodate it?

Our guides and trackers, who are themselves Samburu and from our local communities, are more than happy to share with you stories, traditions, habits, concerns of the people who own the land upon which Saruni Rhino is situated. The ongoing protection of this impressive ecosystem is embraced by the Samburu because of their own culture and values, not because they have 'adopted' it from any experts.

14. How do the Maasai and Samburu tribes differ?

Both tribes belong to the Nilotic family (as opposed to the Bantu family) and are originally pastoralists and semi-nomadic. They speak two languages that are very close to each other and have similar traditions, but they also live in very different regions (the Samburu in the arid North, the Maasai mostly in the fertile South of Kenya) and this has modified their lifestyles. In a way, the Samburu are the old-fashioned version of the Maasai, even more traditional and more community-oriented.

15. What makes Saruni Rhino eco-friendly?

Many things. We have invested in technology that allows us to minimise our environmental impact. Electricity (220 volts), for instance, comes from solar panels even if we have a silent generator as a back-up. All our toilets are eco-toilets that provide both short and long flush cycles. We dispose of our rubbish in a responsible way, taking glass and metal back to Nairobi for recycling. We also collect and recycle rainwater. We strive to reduce single use plastic by providing each guest with their own Saruni aluminum water bottle, which they can refill at various water dispensers in the main area and in their Bandas. We no longer provide plastic straws but a biodegradable option upon request. The burning of firewood is limited only to our main fire pit and to fire the Kuni boosters. Water is heated using solar panels. We support many community projects and work closely with the local community of landowners and especially with the Samburu women. Saruni Rhino's simplicity ensures a very minimal footprint within the environment it lies.

16. How do I get to Saruni Rhino?

Once you arrive in Nairobi (several airlines have daily flights to Kenya's capital, check with your travel agent), there are three ways: by car, by scheduled flight and by chartered flight. Saruni Rhino does not allow for self-drive therefore should you be coming by road we request you drive to Kalama Gate whereby you may park your vehicle and a Saruni Rhino guide and vehicle will collect you for your transfer. The journey between Nairobi and Kalama Gate is approximately 300km, taking about six hours. Please contact our Reservations team on reservationsteam@saruni.com for driving directions. The internal flight takes approximately one hour and we will be waiting for you at the airstrip, ready to begin your adventure. Air Kenya and Safarilink airlines fly to Samburu, landing at our nearest airstrip, 'Kalama' and occasionally at another airstrip called 'Oryx'. It takes a little under two hours from Kalama Airstrip to the camp, enjoying a game drive amongst roaming wildlife and through incredible scenery – so you get to start your safari as soon as you disembark from the plane! You can also charter your own plane. Your booking agent can arrange this for you.

17. Do you have a private airstrip?

If you plan to arrive to Saruni Rhino using a private plane, you will land at Kauro Airstrip, and this is our nearest landing site being a 5 mins' game drive from the lodge. Its GPS coordinates are N 1°03'51", 37°43'09" E

18. What health precautions should I take?

Malaria Prevention: Saruni Rhino is a low-risk area due to low population density. Mosquito nets are still provided in each banda as a precaution. You should still eliminate any risk by keeping your arms, legs and feet covered as much as possible after dusk (long, light-coloured sleeves and trousers are best) and cover exposed skin with a strong repellent. Mosquito repellent spray is provided in your banda. However, it is always better to consult your doctor and be given personalised advice.

Yellow fever vaccination is not compulsory in order to enter Kenya and yellow fever in itself is not a major threat, but we advise that you ask a doctor about the need for a yellow fever vaccination. If guests are travelling on to a destination or returning home following a visit to Kenya, they may be asked to present a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate on arrival, having declared they have just visited or travelled from Kenya.

When travelling, hepatitis is always a concern and we advise the guest to ask his/her doctor about the need for an A-type vaccination, it lasts for ten years and will give peace of mind.

Sun Protection: do not underestimate the power of the equatorial sun. The sun can quickly burn and may even cause sunstroke. A hat and sunglasses will protect you from the bright light. A high-factor sunblock applied liberally to exposed skin is essential. Avoid dehydration by drinking plenty of bottled water whilst in the sun.

19. What if there is an emergency and I need to be evacuated for health reasons?

All guests travelling to Saruni must have comprehensive travel insurance, medical insurance and emergency evacuation coverage. On all bookings we organise temporary emergency medical evacuation cover valid for 1 month. Please contact us at reservationsteam@saruni.com or ask your travel agent about the Flying Doctors' cover on offer in Kenya.

20. What should I expect when tracking Black Rhino on foot?

This is 'thrill-of-a-lifetime' experience, which is a walking safari tracking the black rhino on foot, accompanied by an expert Samburu guide and a highly-trained Sera Conservancy ranger. Departing from the camp, you are transferred to the Sanctuary and driven to the last known location of the nearest rhino (as located and communicated by rhino monitors & rangers) and disembark the vehicle for a full Safety Briefing by a Saruni guide & Sera Rangers who will accompany the walking safari. You will be led to the locations of some of the 19 rhinos throughout the 54,000 hectares-large sanctuary that can last anything from 30 mins to 3 hours – depending on location of the rhino and if multiple sightings take place. On foot, depart in single file in the direction of the rhino, observing tracks and other traditional Samburu tracking methods approaching to a safe but visible distance from the rhino and observe the rhino's activity for as long as it allows. After tracking you are transferred back to Saruni Rhino camp or on to other activities available in the area. The Rhino Tracking Experience is only available to guests over 16 years of age. Children under the age of 16 years can stay at Saruni Rhino but due to safety reasons will not be permitted to participate in the Rhino Tracking Experience.

21. What else can I do at Saruni Rhino in addition to on-foot black rhino tracking and game driving amongst the wildlife?

At Saruni Rhino you can participate in a wide range of diverse activities appealing to all tastes and all ages. The activities have been developed in celebration of the great wilderness right on our doorstep and the unique people who call it their home.

GUIDED GAME DRIVES – DAY & NIGHT. You can enjoy morning, afternoon and all-day game drives through Sera Conservancy, in the wild, undiscovered Northern frontier of Kenya. We also highly recommend night game drives when nocturnal species can be encountered. This is a unique activity not permitted in the National Reserve.

SWIMMING POOL

Built in harmony with the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape, guests can enjoy a few laps in the curved pool, whilst admiring the beach-club feel of the sandy, dry river bed and swaying palms, along-side.

PICNICS, BUSH MEALS & SUNDOWNERS

The dry river bed along which Saruni Rhino is located is our 'playground' – the backdrop for drinks, meals and chilling around the fire (weather permitting). Exploring further afield, we have a range of scenic spots within the 350,000 hectares-large Sera Conservancy that form the perfect setting for picnic breakfasts and refreshments during a game drive and pre/post rhino tracking. The sundowner is a well-deserved drink at the end of a long day to 'salute' the African sun as it is setting. We can stay in camp enjoying the dry river bed or we drive you to a panoramic viewpoint and serve you your favourite drink along with a selection of scrumptious 'bitings'; snacks ahead of the delicious dinner which awaits back in camp.

Note – bush dinners are usually part of a group, unless we can accommodate otherwise.

WATERHOLE

Situated right in front of the camp in the dry 'lugga' river bed is a rocky formation – the 'Waterhole'. During dry spells, the waterhole is visited daily by herds of elephants, impala, monkeys, birdlife, Kudu, even giraffe, and much, much more. Sit back and enjoy what comes!

GUIDED 'LUGGA' DRY-RIVER BED WALKS.

Walking safaris along the vast dry river beds (known as 'the luggas') of Sera are set in a breath-taking landscape. Explore the wilderness from a different perspective. Sturdy walking shoes and a hat advised.

RARE LICHTENSTEIN'S SANDGROUSE SPECTACULAR

Each day, before dawn and after dusk at various waterholes throughout the Conservancy, you can watch with delight, thousands upon thousands, swarms upon swarms of the nomadic and mostly nocturnal Lichtenstein's sandgrouse swoop in to take water and refresh themselves.

RE-WILDING RHINO CALF VISIT – 'LOIJIPU'

At just a few days old, 'Loijipu', a male rhino calf had to be cared for at nearby Reteti Elephant Sanctuary for the first 18 months of this life. He was returned to the Rhino Sanctuary under 24/7 surveillance in an attempt to 're-wild him'. Three years on from his release into Sera's wilderness, he is taking his time to carve out his territory and in developing the skills he needs to survive in the wild. To date, he is still visitable by Saruni's guests

who can observe him going about his day, and if he allows, to get up close (this will change as he becomes 'wilder'). Photographs and filming are permitted.

BIRDWATCHING.

If you have an interest in birds or just enjoy seeing the colourful ones, our passionate and knowledgeable guides would love to show you what Samburuland has to offer. With over 400 species of resident and migrant birds perching amidst the arid bush scrubs of Sera, the plush doum palms along the dry river beds, or the indigenous verdant acacia, you will not be disappointed. We carry field guides in the vehicles and would recommend a pair of good binoculars.

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

Sit back, relax and enjoy a mesmerising cultural performance of traditional song and dance. Usually performed during sundowners (as arranged by camp management at their discretion), guests can lose themselves in an authentic display of the Samburu culture through stories, songs and movement. Guests can participate in the dancing or they can simply enjoy the colourful spectacle. Photographs and filming are permitted.

CULTURAL VISIT TO LOCAL VILLAGE & COMMUNITY. Our safaris are not only focused on wildlife but also on culture and people. Some call it 'cultural tourism'. We call it 'meet the neighbours'. We visit genuine Samburu villages - our neighbours and friends, we are privileged to share moments of their life. They are the ancient custodians of this land and we feel it is an integral part of the Saruni Samburu experience for you to see how they live, how they protect the environment and in what way they differ from other African tribes. Be prepared for the Samburu to ask you questions too as they will be curious about you! Consider it an exchange of ideas and information. *Please note, this visit incurs an additional charge of US\$20 per person that goes to the community directly.

THE SINGING WELLS

Sera Community Conservancy is home to a series of natural and excavated wells dotted around its 350,000 hectares-large landscape. A chance-in-a-lifetime experience for guests staying at Saruni Rhino to bear witness to a daily occurrence from the ancient past – local pastoralists bringing their livestock to drink, digging up water from the wells to fill up holders and troughs, singing as they go which is recognisable only by their own livestock to encourage them to come to the wells to drink. Note the Wells are operational during the dry seasons. Photography and videography are not permitted to respect and preserve the ancient customs of these semi-nomadic pastoralists.

RETETI ELEPHANT SANCTUARY. Located in Namunyak Wildlife Conservancy in Samburu County of Northern Kenya, Reteti Elephant Sanctuary is the first community-owned and managed elephant sanctuary in Africa. The Reteti Elephant Sanctuary is situated in the remote Mathews Range, among Kenya's second largest elephant population. Similar to the world-famous Sheldrick Orphanage in Nairobi, it takes in orphaned and abandoned elephant calves with the aim to release them back into the wild herds adjoining the Sanctuary. This excursion needs to be arranged in advance with the Reservations team at the time of booking or lodge management and is payable extra.

SEEDBALL THROWING

Buy a box of seedballs from the camp manager and join the re-greening movement happening in Kenya! The seedballs consist of an indigenous tree seedling protected by a thick charcoal crust. On your game drives or on your guided walks, your guides will let you know the most suitable places to throw the seeds so they stand the best chance of germinating. Let's help re-green Kenya together!

HELICOPTER EXCURSIONS. These are available upon request and payable extra, with excursions to Mount Kenya, Turkana and everything in between. Ask lodge management for further information.

22. What about snakes, insects, bugs etc.?

It's unlikely that you are going to be disturbed or scared by snakes, insects and bugs. Yes, the African savanna is home to all kinds of snakes and insects, but you rarely see them and if that happens, you most likely see from a safe distance. They are more scared of you. The camp manager on arrival can instruct you further. In a very dry, cool, sunny area like ours, bugs and insects are not likely to play a major role in your safari... and you'll certainly see more elephants and lions than you will snakes! For your own comfort, as lights attract insects (and to save electricity!), please turn off the lights in your banda when you are out or when not required.

23. How long should a safari be?

It really depends on how much time you have at your disposal. In general, if you are travelling from Europe or from the United States, you should plan to have at least a week in Africa. A period of ten days-two weeks would allow you to have an even better experience. There are two ways to enjoy a safari: one is to focus on one area and location and spend all your time there. The other is to tour several lodges, camps and locations, spending two or three nights at each of them. In the first instance, you get to discover much more of the area that you choose, you establish friendships and personal relationships with your hosts and with many of the guides and people who work at the lodge. You will get to know the area from all its different perspectives: early morning safaris, night safaris, bush breakfasts and bush dinners, dawn and sunset, the wildlife but also the people and their customs, photography and pure contemplation, the walking and the driving... The second type of safari allows you to taste the incredible variety of landscapes that Kenya and East Africa can offer. From the very hot deserts to the snows of its highest mountains. The choice is yours!

24. What cars do you have? Am I safe in the car? Can we have exclusive use?

At Saruni Rhino, we have a fleet of 4x4 Land Rovers for all game drives and transfers. The vehicles are open-sided for the best game viewing and have a canvas roof for shade. The animals do not see you – they only see the outline of the car as an object, and not as prey so you can game drive safe in this knowledge. However, it is still advisable to keep your legs and arms inside the vehicle when you are near to the wildlife. Guests share our vehicles, unless exclusive use of a vehicle has been arranged at US\$350 per day.

25. What forms of payment does the camp accept?

At Saruni Rhino, we accept the following forms of payment: Travellers cheques, Visa and MasterCard credit cards and debit cards. Please note: there is no applicable surcharge when paying for stay incidentals. However, a surcharge applies if using a credit card to settle any outstanding accommodation/travel costs that are due to us prior to your arrival. Please note that we do not accept cash payments.

Any staff tips/gratuities may be paid in cash.

26. What are conservation fees – and why do I need to pay them?

This is the daily amount of US\$175 per person, payable as part of your holiday costs, due to the communities which own the private land upon which Saruni Rhino is situated. In paying this, you are directly contributing to the ongoing protection of wildlife and land conservation, supporting the communities and preventing unnecessary development that would endanger fauna and flora. For more information relating to conservancy fees, please email our Reservations team on reservations@saruni.com

27. How much does a safari cost?

Back in the 'golden days' of safari, a high-quality safari in Africa used to be a very expensive holiday, affordable only by the famous and wealthy. The glamour of those days is still part of any well-organised safari, but times change and so does accessibility. Naturally, the cost of a safari varies according to some variable factors such as internal transfers required, flights on scheduled or chartered planes, or, driving, number of people travelling together, extra activities required. In general, you should budget an all-inclusive cost is between US\$700-1,000 per day per person (flights and transfers not included).

28. Are you allowed to hunt animals in Kenya?

No, absolutely not. Hunting has been abolished and forbidden in Kenya since 1977. The only shooting we do of wild animals and the beauty of Africa is with our cameras and with our eyes.

29. How do you support the local community?

Saruni believes fully and invests significantly in community development and conservation. Saruni Rhino works together with the Northern Rangeland Trust (NRT) to improve the living conditions for the 16,000 local Samburu people who own the Sera Conservation Area, and is providing them with income generated by the tourism for the first time in their history. Saruni Rhino is committed to employing most of our staff from this small community. 100% of the employees are local Samburu men and women and are trained by the camp. Saruni

Rhino has been designed and built in an eco-friendly way to achieve minimum impact on the environment. The camp also generates revenue for the operating of the Sera Rhino Sanctuary, an area of 54,000 hectares which is fenced and protected by highly trained Sera Community Conservancy Rangers, fully dedicated to the protection of 19 black rhino.

30. What other properties does Saruni have in Kenya?

We are proud to be able to offer the ultimate safari 'circuit' with guests staying at our camps and lodges across Kenya, as introduced below:

Saruni Wild is a tented camp elegantly and comfortably furnished with all the necessary luxuries of a wild yet classic safari – hot water showers, flushing loos, open safari vehicles, Italian-inspired cuisine and exceptional service. The camp is located right in the heart of the Mara plains in a forest populated by abundant 'plains game' and right in front of the migration hotspots. Enjoy uninterrupted views from your private veranda, fire-lit meals under the vast African sky, guided game drives in complete seclusion led by Maasai warriors. Saruni Wild's prime location is ideal for game-viewing, bird-watching, star-gazing and for being immersed in nature - a truly unique and life-enriching safari experience of the remarkable Masai Mara, off the beaten tracks. For more information, please visit www.saruni.com/saruni-wild/ (opened 2015).

Saruni Mara is the only small, boutique lodge in the Mara, with five elegant cottages, one family cottage and one private house. The beautiful rooms are each decorated to a unique theme with a luxurious, classic safari feel. The lodge is nestled in a secluded valley in the heart of the most exciting wilderness in Africa: Mara North Conservancy – an exclusive, private wildlife concession bordering the world-renowned Masai Mara National Reserve. Encounter Africa's Big Five and the most remarkable natural spectacle on Earth, the Great Migration. Enjoy the Italian-inspired cuisine, exceptional service and being immersed in nature from your private veranda, the Maasai Wellbeing Space and the open lounge and dining area. Maasai warriors guide you throughout, sharing their ancient wisdom of the area and animals and their fascinating way of life - a truly life-enriching safari experience. For more information, please visit www.saruni.com/saruni-mara/ (opened 2003).

Saruni Samburu's six luxury villas are open and spacious, heralding spectacular views over Kenya's Northern Frontier District and Mount Kenya. The lodge is celebrated for its innovative, eco-chic design as well as its Italian-inspired cuisine. Guests can enjoy the vast panoramas from the dining and lounge area, the two infinity pools and spa. The warm hospitality makes for an intimate and exceptional experience. Saruni Samburu is the only lodge in Kalama Conservancy, bordering Samburu National Reserve, with over 200,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness teeming with wildlife to explore exclusively. Guided by Samburu warriors passionate about their land and culture, you learn first-hand about their fascinating customs and gain ancient, local knowledge about the land and animals – a truly authentic safari experience. For more information, please visit www.saruni.com/saruni-samburu/ (opened 2008).

You can see maps and locations for all our lodges, [here](#).

31. Can I ask you a question that is not listed here?

Please do. Email Saruni's Marketing Manager at marketing@saruni.com or the Saruni Rhino Manager at rhinomanager@saruni.com We look forward to hearing from you!