



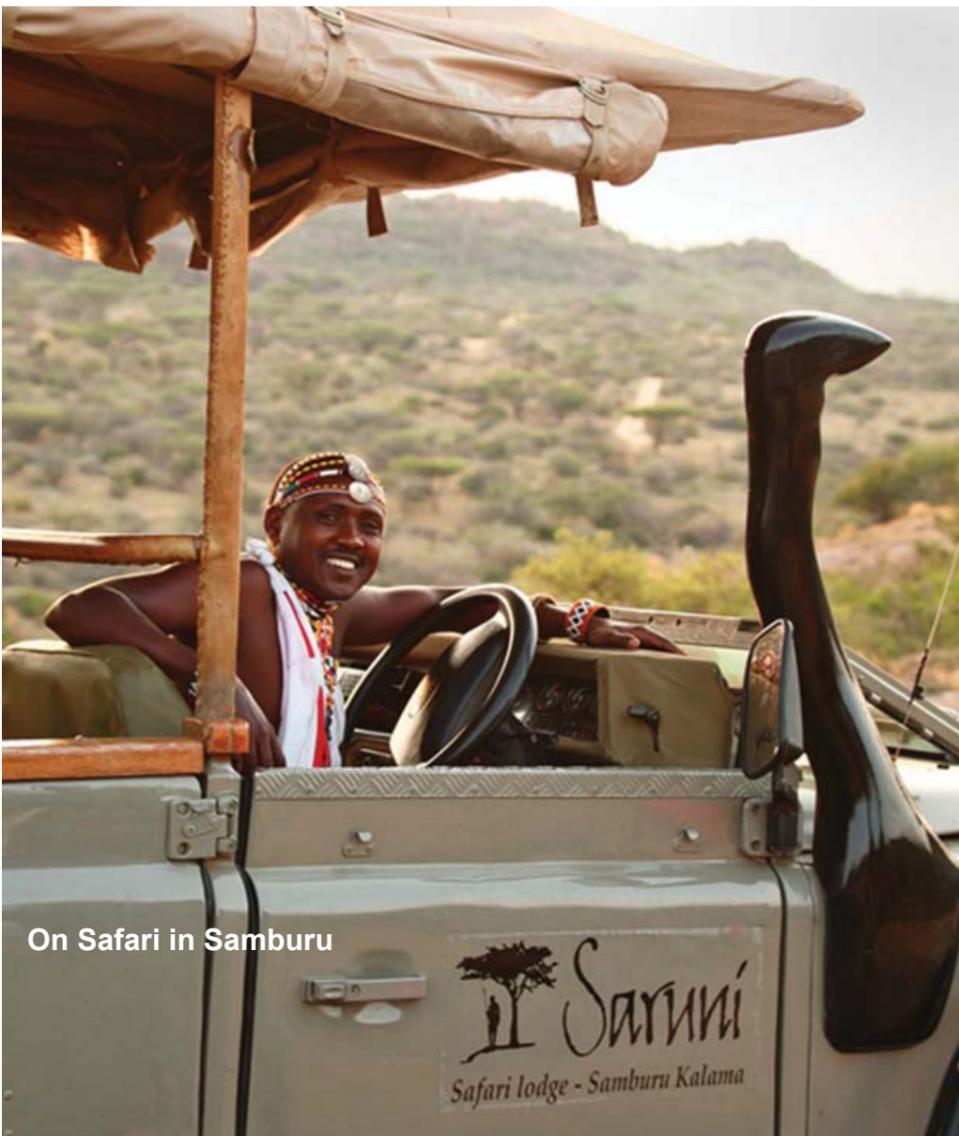
SARUNITY AND BEACH EXPERIENCE

9 nights / 10 days between Samburu and the Maasai Mara, finishing with white sandy beaches on Kenya's south coast.

From US\$ 5,006 per person sharing (with Kinondo Kwetu option)

From US\$ 4,433 per person sharing (with Waterlovers option)

From US\$ 5,243 per person sharing (with Alfajiri option)



On Safari in Samburu

Itinerary Highlights

Samburu is a very scenic part of the country, wild, remote and rugged. One of its attractions is the Samburu Special Five: five species of animals that are found only here.

The Grevy zebra, the reticulated giraffe, the Somali ostrich, the Beisa oryx and the gerenuk are unusual and rare animals that will surprise you. Dry and hot, Samburu has in the Masai Mara its opposite: green, lush, known for its open grassland where the "plains game" abound (but its iconic landscape is made of different sub-ecosystems!), the Mara is the home of the big cats and the place in Africa with the highest density of wildlife.

From there, after only two hours, you land on a white sand beach, fringed by palm trees, for some relaxing days in front of an Indian Ocean whose colors and endless shades of blue and green change every moment.

Day 1: Nairobi and Samburu

We arrange for our vehicle to take you from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Wilson airport for a 1.20 hour flight to Samburu.

Your adventure begins as soon as you arrive and are welcomed by your Samburu guide and tracker, who will take you back to the lodge for lunch or for a day-long game drive with a picnic lunch. When you arrive at the lodge you marvel at the view and landscape, one of the most iconic of Africa! A massage and a sundowner are offered.

Day 2: Samburu

Early morning game drive into Samburu National Reserve and Buffalo Springs National Reserve, with picnic lunch, discovering the Special Five of Samburu: the reticulated giraffe, the Grevy zebra, the oryx, the Somali ostrich and the gerenuk, all rare species that occur only in this part of the country. In the evening game drive in Kalama Conservancy, the 200,000 acres private game reserve where we are located, ending with bush dinner in the middle of a "nowhere full of everything".



Picnic breakfast by the Ewaso Ngiro River

Saruni Samburu

A design lodge located on Kalama Conservancy, a large private conservancy bordering with Samburu National Reserve, in Kenya's wild North.

There are six villas: four of them are large family villas with two separate bedrooms each, a living and dining area and two spectacular bathrooms; two are single villas, with a bedroom, a bathroom, indoors and outdoors shower and a living/dining area.

The lodge has two large swimming pools with dramatic view over Samburu-land, a waterhole that attract elephant, reticulated giraffe, zebra, oryx and all the species that make Kalama so special.

Surrounded by a 95,000 hectares private reserve and perched on top of a spectacular viewpoint, its villas and its swimming pool overlook the dramatic landscape of Samburu country. The vastness and the purity of this African landscape, combined with the untouched local culture, will make your wildlife safari a different experience.

Day 3: Samburu

Morning walk, learning how to recognize the tracks left by the animals during the night and the famous raptors of Samburu; during the walk we'll discover the Samburu rock art in some nearby caves; return to the lodge for breakfast; in the afternoon, evening game drive in remote areas where the semi-nomadic Samburu people live and visit to one of their traditional settlements; back to the lodge to admire the stars, exceptionally bright in Samburu.

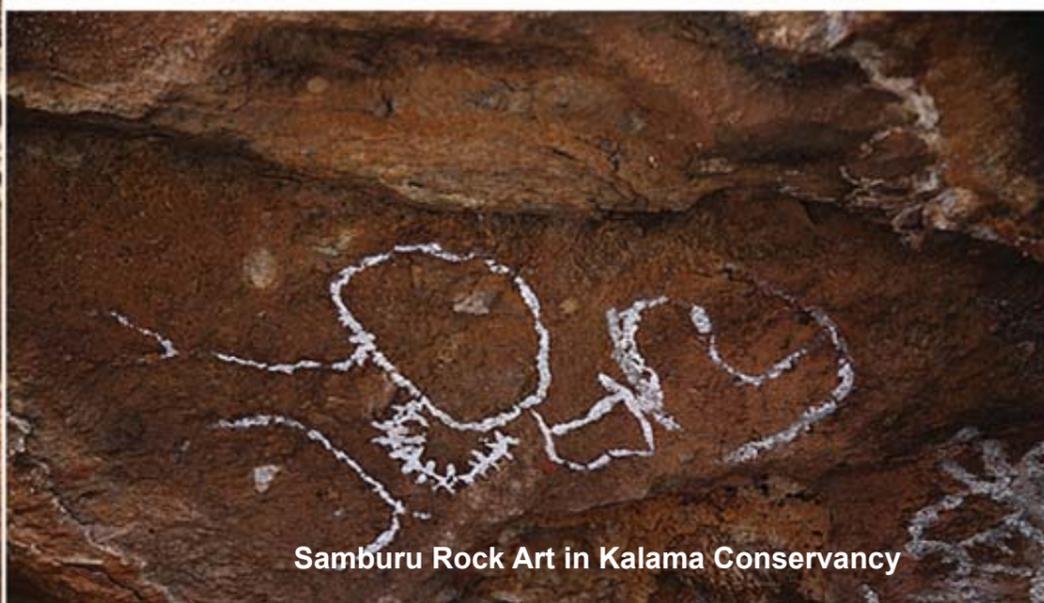
Day 4: Samburu and Maasai Mara

We game drive to Kalama airstrip for direct flight to the Maasai Mara: it is one more chance to admire the harsh beauty of the Samburu landscape and to spot kudu and Grevy zebra, reticulated giraffe and ostrich on the way to the airstrip; after one hour and half, we land in the Mara, normally green, lush and full of herbivores.

We can go on a game drive with a picnic lunch to taste under an acacia tree, or go to the lodge for some rest, ready for an afternoon game drive in the heart of Maasai territory; at the evening, a roaring dire awaits in the cool climate of the hills where Saruni Mara is located.

Day 5: Maasai Mara

An early morning looking for the predators of the Mara; back to camp for lunch (and treatments at the Maasai Wellbeing Space; afternoon game drive in a special area where the biggest herd of giraffe can be seen; dinner at the lodge and the possibility of a night game drive.



Samburu Rock Art in Kalama Conservancy





Day 6: Maasai Mara

We offer a walk in the forests that surround Saruni or a game drive up the top of Kilileoni, the highest mountain in the Serengeti-Maasai Mara ecosystem: both exhilarating experiences when we feel nature through the eyes and the skills and the knowledge of our Maasai guides; in the afternoon we go on a game drive to look for the lions and other predators that make the Maasai Mara one of the most exciting wildernesses in the world; we are back home for a gourmet dinner and stories around the fire.

Saruni Mara

Saruni is deluxe, intimate lodge set in a private conservation area bordering with the Maasai Mara National Reserve, the most famous game park in Africa.

Designed and built by Kenyan architect Mark Glen, Saruni has five large cottages (each with a different theme, from literature to photography, from natural history to geography) and one sensational family villa. In our accommodation one can experience both the elegance and safety of a permanent accommodation with the thrill of sleeping in close contact with nature.

Kuro House is the common dining area, a mixture of old-fashioned Africa and modern design, where guests can savour the exceptional cuisine that is served around our long table and uses fresh, locally grown and organic produce in inventive ways.

Day 7: Maasai Mara and Diani

After breakfast you will be taken to Ngerende or Mara North airstrip and catch a 2.5 hour flight to Ukanda, Diani beach where we have arranged for a car to pick you up and take you to the beach property of your choice. Before dinner there is time for a swim in the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, walking on its incredibly white sand beaches!

Day 8 – 9: Kinondo Kwetu

Kinondo Kwetu is situated on one of the most beautiful beaches of the Indian Ocean, the only hotel on a stretch of private white beach on Galu, south of Diani. The reefs along Galu beach boast a generous variety of marine life and the bird life around Kinondo Kwetu is exceptionally rich.

Every room and cottage has its own personalized character, as it is furnished and decorated with Swahili culture handicraft and antiques. Although Kinondo Kwetu is the ideal place for simply doing nothing at all, it offers exciting possibilities for all adventurers big and small. Some activities are better in some seasons, depending on winds and tides.

One can see a range of exotic species - from angel fish and parrot fish to dolphins, turtles, and even whale sharks. (Whale shark season is from Oct to March) In addition to this, deep sea fishing is also available with catches such as tuna, wahoo, barracuda and marlin.



Life at the Kenyan Coast

Day 8 – 9: Alfajiri

Alfajiri is located on the pristine sands of Diani beach. Considered by many as the finest villas on the East African coast, they overlook the Indian Ocean and their elevated positions ensure privacy and stunning views. All the villas are bright and airy and beautifully decorated with artifacts from Africa and the Far East. Large verandahs with huge carved sofas with cushions dominate the front of the villas where a stretch swimming pool sits on the edge of a small cliff merging into the sea and horizon. Alfajiri offers a range of activities such as kite surfing, deep sea fishing, golf and many more. For those looking to relax the spa offers treatments and massages.

Day 8 – 9: Waterlovers

Waterlovers is located on the pristine sands of Diani beach overlooking the bright blue Indian Ocean. Diani's long white sandy beach stretches along a breathtakingly beautiful stretch of 25 kilometres that are framed by crystal waters and coconut palm groves. The coral reef is home to sea turtles, dolphins, and numerous tropical fish. Each Waterlovers suite has a spacious private veranda overlooking the ocean and the style of the interior design is a blend of Swahili culture and Mediterranean style. The interior blends cultural elements of Africa and Arabia with the East and the West - the result is a truly breathtaking cultural fusion, which can be felt in every nook and cranny of Waterlovers's.

Waterlovers can be your base for numerous recreational and sports activities like kite surfing, windsurfing, diving, snorkeling by the coral reef, big game fishing, tennis or big game safaris. Waterlovers can also arrange a selection of massage therapies and skin and body care treatments or yoga lessons.



The view from waterlovers



THE WILDERNESS

The Maasai Mara

The Maasai Mara is a 5,000 square km ecosystem made of a national reserve and several private conservancies. The national reserve covers 1,672 square kilometres (more than 400,000 acres) and is situated between 1,500 and 2,100 meters above sea level. It is part of the Serengeti ecosystem that extends from northern Tanzania into southern Kenya. Of the conservancies,ain one (where Saruni is located) is the Mara North Conservancy, 74,000 acres of amazing wilderness, where the most of the wildlife is concentrated most of the year.

The Maasai Mara region is considered the jewel of African wildlife and nowhere on the continent can you find the same abundance and variety of wild animals. Millions of wildebeest, gazelle, zebra, buffalo, impala, topi, hartebeest, giraffe, eland, elephant, dik-dik, hippo and warthog live their natural lifecycle alongside the largest population of lions in Kenya.

For our safaris we use comfortable, fully-open Land Rovers, specially designed to give you maximum visibility over the landscape and the animals. On our foot safaris we walk, on the plains and in the mountains that surround Saruni.

The Samburu Ecosystem

Is one of the most exciting in East Africa and is made of several national reserves, private ranches and communally-owned group ranches that are more and more interconnected. Famous for its large population of elephants, Samburu stands out for the abundance of northern species that cannot be found in other areas of Kenya.

Kalama Conservation area, the wildlife sanctuary bordering with Samburu National Reserve where we are located, has an abundance of other rare species, like the leopard, the striped hyena, the civet.

We'd love to take you to our secret spots, especially for bush dinner, or to the river for a picnic lunch that allows us to be with elephants, waterbuck, lion, impala, giraffe and all the Samburu species that go and drink water. If you are passionate about birds, Samburu is your preferred park: not only the species are abundant, but the birds are very tame and can be easily spotted and photographed.

Diani Beach

Diani's long white sandy beach stretches along a breathtakingly beautiful stretch of 25 kilometres that are framed by crystal waters and coconut palm groves. The coral reef is home to sea turtles, dolphins, and numerous tropical fish.

The beach is bordered by lush green rainforest full of colourful birds and the rare breed of Colobus, an almost extinct black and white monkey, unique to this area. The sprawling dimensions of the Shimba Hills natural reserve, a sanctuary for elephants, buffalos, antelopes and other wildlife, is located a little further inland and just a short drive from Diani.

Diani is an excellent destination for kite surfing, good snorkeling and diving, and has a relaxed coastal atmosphere. Still relatively unspoilt, Diani boasts many facilities alongside traditional life which means you will see fishermen on the beach bringing their catch home. Vegetation is abundant along the coast, and the sheer length and bright white colour of the beach makes Diani one of the best beaches on the Swahili coast. Diani has a great gastronomic tradition based on fresh produce and fish.

Included: Accommodation, soft drinks, beer and house wine, conservation / park fees, game drives in 4x4 vehicles and scheduled flights, airport / airstrip transfers and/or road transfers, all domestic flight departure taxes, limited laundry, one massage of 30 minutes at Saruni Samburu and Saruni Mara per room. **Excluded:** Additional massages and spa treatments, champagne, spirits and luxury wines at all properties, optional activities (visit to traditional Samburu village: US\$10 per person), all statutory increases beyond our control, international flights and visa fees, gratuities to camp staff.

Please note that baggage allowance on internal flights is 15kg per person, preferably in small, soft bags without wheels. Rates with children or single occupancy are available on request.

Note: Seats on the schedule flights are subject to availability at confirmation

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