



OL LENTILLE

KENYA





EXCLUSIVE, AUTHENTIC & ICONIC

Welcome to Ol Lentille! From your private villa, you will revel in spectacular 360-degree views at one of the highest points in northern Kenya's Laikipia region.

To ensure the experience of a lifetime, you'll enjoy the attention of a personal team that includes a private guide*, host, housekeeper and night askari (security officer). You'll also have your own private game viewing vehicle* and won't see another car for the duration of your stay. Our private and protected 40,000 acre conservation area – almost three times the size of Manhattan – will be yours to enjoy.

As you immerse yourself in the sacred beauty of your surroundings, you'll become intimately acquainted with your hosts, the Maasai and Samburu communities that own the land. Our connection is deeply authentic, making it impossible to pay us a visit without walking as one with its people. Expect to be welcomed into their homes at neighbouring manyattas and perhaps to leave with another invitation – to tag along on market day or celebrate a wedding.

Ultimately, we've joined hands to invite you to discover what it's like to be part of our carefully balanced ecosystem while enjoying all the comforts of your very own private haven in the African wilderness.

*except for Acacia when sold as two separate suites.



SPECTACULAR VIEWS

Due to our incredible location - in the far northern escarpment at one of the highest points of the Laikipia Plateau - many say we have the best views in East Africa. We'd have to agree. Our villas boast breathtaking panoramic views of Mount Kenya, the sacred mountain of Ololokwe, the Matthews Range and the Karisia Hills.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Private game drives allow for up close experiences. The 40,000-acre conservation area has been rewilded over the years and is now home to magnificent creatures like elephant, leopard, hyena and greater kudu including endangered species like the African wild dog, Grevy's zebra and gerenuk. This is a major animal migration corridor that plays a key role in the ecosystem of northern Kenya. While there are no fences, this area is patrolled and protected day and night by our rangers and funded by the Conservation Fee paid by guests. This is just one example of our pioneering community-based conservation and sustainability project, where the local communities have an incentive in supporting conservation.

As guests often combine us with the Maasai Mara where they spend a lot of time in a vehicle, we also offer walks - guided by Samburu and Maasai warriors - right into the heart of their ancient lands so you can appreciate everything from a unique perspective.





MAGNIFICENT PRIVATE VILLAS

Regarded by many as the most unique accommodation in Kenya, each of our four architect-designed villas has its own aesthetic. They're ideal for couples, friends and families alike and, as they're all positioned on the mountain's ridge, you'll enjoy maximum privacy.

There is one 1-bedroom house, two 2-bedroom houses and one 3-bedroom house. They all feature lounge areas, dining areas, stunning terraces with panoramic views and some additionally offer plunge pools. Each villa is serviced by its own host and housekeeper.

- Carissa sleeps two, and its round bed cannot be made into a twin. Secluded on the top of a hill, with an outdoor bath, it features a modern aesthetic, with accents of green..
- Acacia has two large bedrooms, each with a viewing deck and several common areas. The thatched roof house is built against the mountainside, and its luxurious interiors are graced with pops of yellow and gray. Acacia can be booked as two separate suites, Acacia North and Acacia South.
- Aloe is a two-story house with two large bedrooms on the upper floor and common areas on the ground floor, including a large terrace and plunge pool. Its decor, inspired by the Aloe plant features accents of red.
- Boscia is a large 3-bedroom house with a contemporary black and white aesthetic, multiple common areas, a large deck, plunge pool and outdoor "boma".





DELIGHT IN INSPIRED DINING

At Ol Lentille, you're never limited to a dining room. Our guests enjoy delectable private dining experiences that showcase our talented chef's flair for world cuisine in numerous incredible locations. Breakfasts are at times that work for you in your villa, lunches are often served around the pool and dinners can be enjoyed in your villa, the Gallery or in the bush. All meals and expertly curated wines / drinks are included in the rates.





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DO WHAT YOU LIKE WHEN YOU LIKE

Your stay is designed to be restful. Guests aren't woken up at dawn for the first activity (unless they want to be). Instead, you can get a good night's sleep and indulge in a private breakfast – served in your villa at whatever time you wish – before enjoying a morning activity of your choice. Just a few of our activities include:

- Private day and night game drives
- Walking safaris
- Camel safaris
- Birding expeditions
- Quad biking
- Interpretive nature walks
- Experiencing the "singing wells"
- Visiting a habituated baboon colony
- Experiencing Maasai and Samburu culture
- Young Morani camp – a bush camp for children
- Authentic community experiences such as an evening at the manyatta
- Maasai beading workshop
- Visiting local schools, hospitals and markets
- Relaxing by the pool
- Spa treatments
- Boardgames in the lodge Gallery
- Bush meals in magnificent locations

Further afield, we can facilitate unforgettable experiences such as trout fishing on Mount Kenya, a helicopter trip to northern Kenya and Lake Turkana, bird watching in the Matthews Range, fly camping and visits to Ol Pejeta reserve.



“Treat the world well. It was not given to you by your parents. It was willed to you by your children.”
– Kenyan proverb

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

The Ol Lentille Conservation Area sits on the ancestral lands of four Maasai and Samburu communities, who benefit directly from the Conservation Fee paid by guests, and as a result work in partnership with the lodge to protect and preserve the environment. That intimate connection between the lodge and the community gives guests unparalleled access to the local Masai and Samburu culture. This creates opportunities for authentic cultural interactions, seldom experienced in more traditional safari lodges. Meals hosted by community elders, participation in life events, such as weddings or graduations, or simply a game of football at a local school are just a few of the many activities you might be invited to join.

We take our responsibility to the environment very seriously. Guests are given the option to be water-economisers. All our electricity is solar generated and our hot water is solar heated. We also manage the 40,000 acre conservation area for vegetation. Since its creation, the water table has risen and long dead springs have come back to life. We can also demonstrate with a high probability that we have caused a rise in annual rainfall.

Since the lodge opened in 2007, it has raised \$5 million used for the construction of a hospital, multiple schools, water and sanitation projects. Tourism is key in improving the lives of the local communities. While guest donations are very much welcomed, they are not sought. Ol Lentille employs about 60 people from the local Masai and Samburu communities, and enriches the lives of approximately 10 000 people.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

HOW TO GET THERE

With a private airstrip only 15 minutes away and easy access with scheduled daily flights to Loisaba, this remote wilderness is easily accessible. Road transfers from Loisaba are 250 USD each way per vehicle (up to 7 people) and it's a spectacularly scenic 75-minute drive..

WEATHER

We have 340 sunny days each year, and being on the equator, there is almost no seasonal variation. Most days are warm and dry with a temperature of 24°C at 10 am and 28°C at 4 pm. Humidity rarely rises above 25%. Evenings and nights can be cool – as low as 15 and in the rainy seasons 12. Our rainy seasons are typically mid-April to end May and from November to mid-December. Almost all our rain falls at night and rarely interferes with guest activities. The transformation of the landscape from blond to green is a twice yearly marvel, and the crystal clarity of the air is a sight to behold.

WHAT TO BRING

- For daytime wear, light summer clothes are best, although do bring a jumper for the evenings.
- It's best to bring neutral coloured clothes for the game drives.
- Please do bring comfortable walking shoes or boots.
- Swimwear, sunblock, insect repellent, sun hat and sunglasses are recommended.
- Please bring a good camera to capture all these special experiences.

FORMS OF PAYMENT

Payment by online or wire transfer, bankers cheque, or credit cards including American Express.

COMMUNICATION

WiFi available throughout the lodge.
Good mobile phone reception.

