



PRE-TOUR SUBMISSION

NAME OF SUPPLIER:

SARUNI BASECAMP

NAME OF TOUR:

KENYA'S HIDDEN GEMS

DATES AVAILABLE / DATE OF TOUR

31st August – 5th September 2025

DESCRIPTION OF TOUR:

Experience Kenya's diverse landscapes through a meticulously designed six-day authentic safari that connects two distinct ecosystems. This journey takes you from the rugged terrain of Samburu to the expansive grasslands of the Maasai Mara, providing exclusive access to private community conservancies where wildlife roams freely and cultural traditions remain authentic. Moving beyond standard safari circuits, this itinerary offers meaningful encounters with both Kenya's remarkable biodiversity and the communities who have safeguarded these lands for generations.

Begin your adventure tracking endangered rhinos on foot in the rugged northern landscapes, where few travelers venture. Observe the Samburu's "singing wells" ritual where warriors create human chains while chanting distinctive, ancestral melodies that their livestock recognize individually. As evening descends, enjoy dinner arranged along a sandy riverbed, illuminated by lanterns as Samburu community members share traditional dances reflecting their nomadic heritage.

Your safari continues to Naboisho Conservancy, a private community conservancy bordering the Maasai Mara that strategically limits visitor numbers while supporting one of Africa's most concentrated big cat populations. Explore the savannah alongside Maasai guides who interpret subtle landscape signals invisible to untrained eyes. When darkness falls, venture out to witness the nocturnal transformation of the ecosystem—observing elusive hunters, smaller mammals, and remarkable adaptations that remain hidden during conventional daytime safaris.

Throughout your stay, enjoy unparalleled accommodations that merge seamlessly with the bush, drawing you into nature's embrace while treading lightly on the earth. This is more than a

safari; it's an immersive experience connecting you with the essence of wild Africa, its people, and its most compelling conservation stories.

Day 1: 31st August 2025 — Saruni Rhino

- On arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport you will be met by our Saruni Basecamp Representative, who will drive you to the Wilson Airport for boarding your safari flight to Samburu. Upon landing at Kalama Airstrip at 11:30, your dedicated Saruni Basecamp guide will welcome you to the rugged semi-arid landscapes of Kenya's frontier wilderness.
- Arrive at the intimate Saruni Rhino in time for a freshly prepared lunch.
- Experience your first rhino tracking expedition on foot at Sera Conservancy, guided by expert local trackers to locate these endangered giants safely. The afternoon culminates with sundowners at a secret lookout point offering breathtaking panoramic views across the conservancy.
- Return to the lodge for a lantern-lit dinner under the vast Samburu starry sky.

Day 2: 1st September 2025 — Saruni Rhino

- Set out at dawn for another rhino tracking adventure when these prehistoric creatures are most active. Accompanied by conservation experts, learn about the remarkable recovery of both black and white rhinos in this protected sanctuary.
- Visit the seasonal "Singing Wells," a symbolic master piece of nature with deep cultural significance, that the Samburu warriors have used for the last 400 years, with the knowledge of how to use, passed down through one generations to the other. The Samburu warriors form human chains, passing water from the wells while singing distinctive melodies that their cattle recognize—a ritual unchanged for centuries and rarely witnessed by outsiders.
- After lunch and relaxation time at camp, depart for an authentic Samburu village as day transitions to night, gaining insight into daily life and traditions beyond the typical cultural visits.
- Experience a magical evening with a candlelit bush dinner within a dry river bed (lugga), accompanied by traditional Samburu dancing beneath the brilliant canopy of stars.

Day 3: 2nd September 2025 — Basecamp Samburu

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before transferring to Kalama Community Conservancy, home to both Saruni Samburu and Basecamp Samburu.
- Savor lunch with sweeping views at Saruni Samburu, followed by your choice of a refreshing infinity pool swim or a rejuvenating massage at our wellness space.
- Embark on an exclusive game drive through the 200,000-acre Kalama Conservancy, searching for the endemic "Samburu Special Five"—Grevy's zebra, reticulated giraffe, Somali ostrich, gerenuk, and Beisa oryx in complete privacy.
- As the sun sets, enjoy a serene sunset sundowner at a scenic viewpoint as the landscapes transform with the changing light.
- As the night settle in, drive on to Basecamp Samburu for diner and overnight.

Day 4: 3rd September 2025 - Saruni Eagle View

- Board your morning flight to the Maasai Mara, where the landscape dramatically shifts from the arid north to the lush plains of Kenya's most renowned wildlife destination.
- Your Maasai guide will meet you at the airstrip for a game-viewing transfer to Saruni Eagle View in the exclusive Naboisho Conservancy, arriving in time for lunch.
- In the afternoon, set out to explore the 50,000-acre Naboisho Conservancy, known for its exceptional wildlife density and significantly fewer vehicles than the main reserve, allowing for intimate wildlife encounters.
- Conclude the day with a strategic sundowner, watching the sun paint the endless Mara plains in twilight hues, before returning to camp for a delightful dinner.

Day 5: 4th September 2025 — Saruni Eagle View

- Experience the Mara from a different perspective with a guided walking safari led by Maasai warriors, whose intimate knowledge of the landscape brings a new dimension to wildlife viewing.
- Enjoy a surprise bush breakfast set up in a scenic location on the open savannah.
- Return to camp for midday relaxation, perhaps enjoying wildlife sightings at the watering hole from the comfort of your private deck or indulging in a massage at our wellness space.
- As darkness falls, embark on a night game drive—an activity not permitted in the national reserve—to witness nocturnal predators on the hunt and other rarely-seen creatures that emerge after sunset.
- The evening culminates with an elegant bush dinner under the African night sky, accompanied by traditional Maasai stories.

Day 6: 5th September 2025 — Departure

- Rise early for a final game drive in the golden morning light, maximizing wildlife viewing opportunities before returning to camp.
- Enjoy a leisurely farewell breakfast on the panoramic deck of Saruni Eagle View before transferring to Naboisho Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Nairobi. +
- Upon arrival in Nairobi, transfer to your hotel. (End of service)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS.

At Saruni Rhino:

- One-of-a-kind rhino tracking on foot
- Witness the rare sandgrouse spectacular at watering holes
- Exclusive access to the traditional Samburu singing wells experience
- Authentic cultural immersion in Samburu villages
- Game drives in pristine wilderness with minimal vehicle presence
- Refreshing swimming pool
- Gourmet bush meals in unexpected locations
- Strategic sundowner experiences
- Guided walks along scenic dry riverbeds

At Basecamp Samburu

- Day and night game drives to encounter the "Samburu Special Five"
- Optional Star bed experience under the night sky

- Optional visit to the community-led Reteti Elephant Sanctuary (at extra cost)
- Young Explorers Club activities for families
- Curated bush dining experiences
- Spectacular sundowner locations with panoramic views

At Saruni Eagle View:

- Game drives in the exclusive Naboisho Conservancy
- Infinity swimming pool overlooking the plains
- One complimentary back & neck massage
- Young Explorers Club activities for families
- Maasai-guided bush walking safaris
- Creative bush dining experiences
- Scenic sundowner locations
- Optional visits to Saruni Basecamp conservation and community projects:
 - Enjoolata Awareness Centre
 - Basecamp Maasai Brand workshop
 - Organic garden tour
 - Tree nursery
- Optional hot air balloon safari (at extra cost)

COSTS

COST for Exhibitors (per person) — USD 3,800

COST for Buyers (per person) — USD 3,800

COST for Media (per person) — USD – 3,800

Note: All rates represent at least a 50% discount on standard seasonal rates.

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