

# SARUNI RHINO





## INTRODUCING SARUNI RHINO

An intimate, exclusive camp that gives unique access to the Sera Community Conservancy – home to the community-owned and managed Sera Rhino Sanctuary. At Saruni Rhino, you can track black rhino on foot – a remarkable adventure and a first for East Africa. With just four bandas (rustic stone cottages), Saruni Rhino offers an authentic northern Kenya experience with waterhole and dry riverbed views and the opportunity to see not just rhinos, but the incredible wildlife of this diverse region, including the 'Samburu Special Five'. Part holiday, part conservation project, your stay at Saruni Rhino will transform the way you see the Kenyan wilderness, its wildlife and its people.

#### **SARUNI RHINO AT A GLANCE**



Sera Community Conservancy, Samburu



Camp



Best for black rhino tracking



Guest bandas (cottages)



Children welcome



Solar power



No annual closure dates

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**



Unique, secluded location



Local Samburu warriors as guides



Wildlife photography

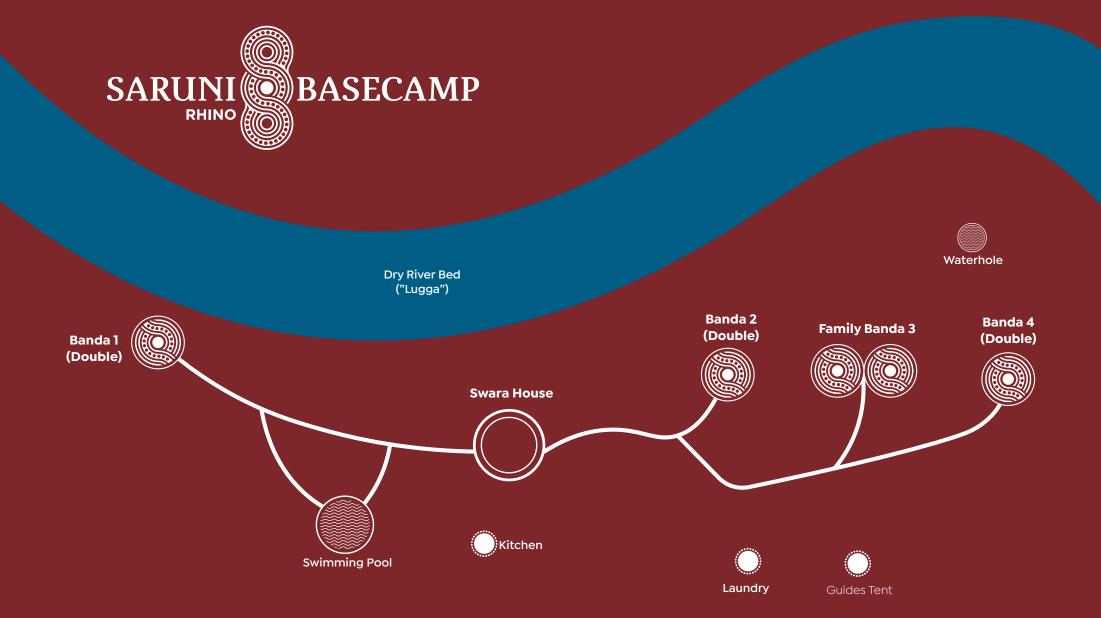


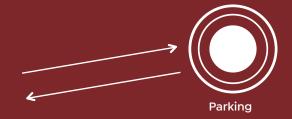
Authentic cultural experiences



Tracking black rhino on foot









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### **SARUNI RHINO DETAILS**

Location	Sera Conservancy, Samburu, Northern Kenya	
Road access	✓	4x4 vehicles only 8-9 hours' drive
Self-drive access	✓	from Nairobi 2 hours' drive from Saruni Samburu
Air access	<b>✓</b>	Samburu Kalama airstrip (1.5 hours from Saruni Rhino) Daily scheduled flights (1 hour) from Nairobi. Alternatively, Kauro airstrip (5 minutes from Saruni Samburu).
Traversing area	839,000 acres	
Views	Dry riverbed with doum palms	

#### **GEOGRAPHY & CLIMATE**

Altitude	2,500ft
Days	Hot
Nights	Warm
Humidity	Low
Annual rainfall	250mm

#### **CAMP AMENITIES**

Architecture	Rustic bandas	
Construction	Stone, thatch, canuas	
Maximum guests	10	
Minimum age requirement	Rhino Trac	cking auailable to ouer 16s only
Can be booked on an exclusive-use basis	✓	
Shared spaces (lounge, dining room, deck) – Swara House	✓	
Electricity - 220V	✓	Solar Power
Back-up generator	✓	
International adaptors	Х	3-point British plugs
Complimentary Wi-Fi	✓	Swara House only
Mobile phone signal	✓	Safaricom – signal strength varies
Pool	✓	One separate open-air pool
Wellbeing Space	Х	



#### ACCOMMODATION & ROOM AMENITIES

En suite	✓	
Double banda (sleeps 2 - 4)	2	1 or 2 singles can be added
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Family banda (sleeps 4)	1	2 double bedrooms – can be configured as 2 x double or 1 x double and 2 x single. Third single bed can be added on request.
Connected shower	✓	
Private verandah or terrace	✓	
Private pool	×	
Yoga/exercise mat	X	

#### FOOD & DRINK

Full-board accommodation (breakfast, lunch, dinner)	<b>✓</b>	
Cuisine	Italian-inspired	
Dietary requests and allergies accommodated	✓	
Shared dining area	✓	
In-room dining (optional)	✓	Family banda only
Bush meals, picnics & sundowners	✓	
Complimentary bottled mineral water	✓	
Complimentary refillable water bottle	✓	
Complimentary local drinks	✓	
Premium/imported drinks	✓	Limited selection, payable extra
Languages spoken	English, Kiswahili	

#### VEHICLE ACTIVITIES IN OPEN-SIDED GAME VIEWERS

Shared game drives	✓	
Exclusive use of vehicle	✓	Payable extra – daily cost

















#### ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES – INCLUDED

Local Samburu guides	✓	
Re-wilding Rhino Calf Visit - Loijipu	✓	
Guided day game drives	✓	
Guided night game drives	✓	
Guided bush / dry river walks	✓	
Sundowners	✓	
Waterhole sightings	✓	
Birdwatching	<b>✓</b>	Includes sand grouse 'spectacular' - seasonal
Mountain Hiking – Lontopi Hike	✓	Depending on fitness level
Visit to the Singing Wells	✓	Seasonal
Tribal storytelling through song and dance	<b>✓</b>	On occasion only

#### ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES - OPTIONAL (PAYABLE EXTRA)

Black rhino tracking on foot, in the Rhino Sanctuary	✓	1 x daily tracking session included in the nightly rate
Reteti Elephant Sanctuary visit	✓	Bookable in aduance
Helicopter scenic flights	✓	Bookable in advance



#### ACCEPTED PAYMENTS IN CAMP

Cash – KSH	×	
Cash – USD	X	Cash payments can be made at Saruni Samburu or Saruni head
Cash – EUR	×	office before arriving, if necessary
Cash – GBP	×	
Credit cards – Visa	✓	Surcharge applies if settling accommodation costs
Credit cards – Mastercard	<b>√</b>	Surcharge applies if settling accommodation costs
Debit cards	✓	

#### GRATUITIES (DISCRETIONARY) CAN ONLY BE PAID IN CASH

Recommended per day - guide	US\$10	Can only be paid in cash, only in
Recommended per day - staff	US\$5-10	notes newer than 2013

#### **HEALTH PRECAUTIONS**

Malaria risk	Low
Sun protection	Recommended

#### **RESPONSIBLE TOURISM**

Saruni Basecamp believes fully and invests significantly in community development and conservation.

- Saruni Rhino works together with the Northern Rangelands Trust to improve the living conditions for the local Samburu people who are members of the two group ranches that collectively make up the Sera Community Conservancy, and is providing them with income generated by tourism.
- Saruni Rhino is committed to employing most of our staff from this small community. At least 90% of the team members at Saruni Rhino are local Samburu men and women and are trained by the camp.
- The camp has been designed and built in an ecofriendly way so as to have the minimum possible impact on the environment.

















#### **SARUNI RHINO - IN A NUTSHELL**

Exceptional wildlife & diverse landscapes	Life transforming experiences	Positive impacts for the land and its people
Endemic species – 'Samburu Special Five'	The Black Rhino Tracking Experience – an exhilarating adventure	First community-owned and managed Rhino Sanctuary
Waterhole sightings in Camp	Singing Wells visit	Return of the black rhino to the region after 30 years, with multiple births since translocation
Large herds of elephant, predators, endangered species	The 'Sandgrouse Spectacular'	Camp management – Samburu, 90% + local staff
Nestled along a dry riverbed in remote Northern Kenya	Immersive and transformative cultural experiences	Tourism revenue is the main source of commercial income for the community. Guests contribute to conservation through their stay e.g., through conservancy fees
The only camp in the private Sera Community Conservancy	Remote 'Real North'	Protection of 839,000 acres of unspoiled, protected wilderness

## Book your Saruni Rhino adventure today!



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