

# OL DONYO LODGE | HORSE SAFARI

CHYULU HILLS, KEYA



With 111,000 hectares of open plains and the dramatic, ancient volcanic soil Chyulu Hills to explore at Ol Donyo Lodge this vast region provides a truly unique riding experience. Riding is available all year round at no additional cost.

## RIDE OPTIONS

### Intermediate and Above

For Intermediate riders and above we offer 2 to 4 hour rides exploring the concession. Enjoy exhilarating medium to fast paced canters and encounters with our famous big Tuskers.

For this riding option, you need to be riding fit, confident and competent, ride with an independent seat and be able to control an easy horse at all paces over uneven terrain.

### Plains Ride

Novice riders can enjoy a gentle 60/90 minute ride exploring the open plains.

All riders will need to have a short assessment in our arena prior to setting out to ensure all guests riding out can control their horse and are comfortable at a short trot. If riders do not have the required experience they will be offered a lesson in the arena instead. Plains riders will be given some instruction, a minimum requirement is a short trot.

## RIDING TIMES

Rides take place at 7:15am and 4:00pm subject to availability of guides and horses.

## THE HORSES

We have a herd of 23 horses from 15.1hh to 17.1hh

Our horses are well schooled and used to the environment we share with the wildlife.



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The Ol Donyo stables boast an impressive range of breeds, including Friesian and Shire crosses, Arabian breeds and the South African Boerperd. Our horses are chosen for their laid-back temperament, endurance and versatility, hand picking the perfect safari horses for your adventures in the Chyulu Hills.

## THE TACK

- Our horses are ridden with English bridles and bits;
- We offer a choice of English or Trail saddles.

## GROUP SIZE

- All our rides will be a Maximum of 6 guests accompanied by 2 experienced guides;
- However, the number of riders will be dependent on the groups ability and riders weight;
- We will therefore only confirm a booking on receipt of our riding questionnaire which is available on request from your guide or lodge manager.

## RIDING EQUIPMENT

A selection of riding hats, riding boots, breeches and half chaps are available for guests with no additional charge.



## WEIGHT LIMIT

- We respectfully request no riders over 95Kg/209lb;
- We do have several big advanced level horses and are happy to advise if we can accommodate experienced riders over our weight limit on receipt of the riding questionnaire.

## AGE LIMIT

- We have an age limit of 12. Guests below the age of 12 may be permitted to partake in the ride should they have the required experience, subject to them wearing a body protector;
- All children must be accompanied by a riding parent or guardian;
- All kids are welcome to come and see the horses and feed them treats.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES AT OL DONYO LODGE

- Guided bush walks;
- Mountain biking;
- Wildlife viewing drives;
- Night wildlife viewing drives;
- Cultural villages visits (additional charge);
- Amboseli day trip (additional charge);
- Scenic Helicopter excursions.



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## DUMA



<b>BORN</b>	15 November 2004
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.2 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Dark Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Boerperd
<b>SIRE</b>	Lang Carel Rommel
<b>DAM</b>	Keeversfontein 43

Duma is a registered Boerperd from South Africa. He flaunts the classical Boerperd colouring, movements and temperament, making him a popular choice at Ol Donyo.

His registered name is Keeversfontein Cheetah, so we called him Duma which means Cheetah in Swahili.

He is a solid, very gentle horse, making him suitable for any riding ability, but he is prized for taking such good care of novice riders.

## EMPAKAI



<b>BORN</b>	3 December 2003
<b>SEX</b>	Stallion
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.3 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Black
<b>BREED</b>	Boerperd
<b>SIRE</b>	Cloeteggo Klinker 2nd
<b>DAM</b>	Lang Karel Ouma

Empakai is a registered Boerperd from South Africa.

His looks and conformation meant he was used for Stud Work in South Africa, but he has taken Safari Life comfortably in his stride. He is named after the astonishing Empakai crater, near the active volcano Ol Donyo Lengai.

He has a willing attitude to his work, and is a comfortable intermediate ride.

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## KIMBIA



<b>BORN</b>	2004
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.3 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Dark Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Boerperd / Friesian Cross
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Kimbia is a Boerperd/Friesian cross. His breeding gives him the size and elegance of a Friesian and the durability of a Boerperd; the perfect Safari Horse.

He was previously used as a trail and cattle horse in South Africa, so knows all about other animals.

Kimbia is a true gentleman. He knows and loves his job and a very reliable novice ride.

## KERIMASI



<b>BORN</b>	8 November 2002
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	16 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Boerperd / Arab cross
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Kerimasi is a Boerperd/Arabian horse from South Africa.

He is a steady horse who enjoys longer rides through the bush. Even though he has recently lost his sight in one eye, Kerimasi remains a brave lead horse, and popular intermediate ride.

At night, from the stables you can hear all sorts of wildlife; lions roaring, elephants moving through the bush... but loudest of all is Kerimasi sound asleep and snoring!



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## KOROYA



<b>BORN</b>	2004
<b>SEX</b>	Stallion
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.3 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Black with white markings
<b>BREED</b>	Shire / Boerperd cross
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Koroya is our beautiful Shire/Boerperd stallion, who also came from South Africa.

He is bold and is always keen to be at the front of the ride! He carries himself very well, and his beauty makes him real favourite with our riders who enjoy their photography! Koroya is as brave as they come, so makes to be a very valued lead horse at ol Donyo.

## MAHALE



<b>BORN</b>	20 January 2010
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.2 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Boerperd
<b>SIRE</b>	Mahashi Bastiaan
<b>DAM</b>	Uitblinker Adel

Mahale is a Boerperd from South Africa.

He has a stunning canter, making him popular with adrenaline seeking riders, but he can sometimes be a little skittish of sudden movements in the bush!

He has a big goofy character and the kindest heart; he is a real favourite at ol Donyo!

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## MANCHIRA



<b>BORN</b>	23 September 2005
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	16.3 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Chestnut
<b>BREED</b>	Thoroughbred
<b>SIRE</b>	Portrush (USA)
<b>DAM</b>	Joyous Dancer

Manchira is a big, sensible thoroughbred.

He came up from South Africa, where he was somewhat of a celebrity! He has a Hunting and Eventing background, and has been used in several movies, where he was used as a stunt horse because of his calm nature.

This, combined with his endurance, makes him a valuable safari horse.

His experience in the bush has earned him an impressive scar, from where he was gored by a buffalo in 2018!

## NAROK



<b>BORN</b>	16 November 2003
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.2 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Chestnut
<b>BREED</b>	Boerperd
<b>SIRE</b>	Paardekop Lekker
<b>DAM</b>	Frederick Gina

Narok is a Boerperd from South Africa

Before he came to Kenya, Narok was used in many movies and advertisements! See if you can spot him in the movie 'The Salvation'!

When he wasn't on film shoots, he was a trail horse, which set him up perfectly for life in the bush.

He is kind and reliable, making him a wonderful choice for all abilities.



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## ROKARE



<b>BORN</b>	1 October 2010
<b>SEX</b>	Stallion
<b>HEIGHT</b>	16 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Black
<b>BREED</b>	Thoroughbred cross Shire
<b>SIRE</b>	Greystoke
<b>DAM</b>	Grace the Turf

Rokare is a striking Shire/Thoroughbred cross from South Africa.

For a stallion he is remarkably laid back, taking everything in his stride and really suits Safari life. He is fairly bomb-proof and takes excellent care of his riders in the bush.

He is a powerful horse and a popular experienced ride.

## SAMANCHE



<b>BORN</b>	12 June 2001
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.1 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Grey
<b>BREED</b>	Crabbet Arabian
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Samanche is a Crabbet Arabian from South Africa.

His breed is the perfect endurance horse, and indeed this was the life he led before he arrived in the Chyulus. He competed in endurance races across South Africa and Namibia, in distances up to 160km!

As a result he is quite a fast horse that is always gunning to be at the front – despite his age! Because of this he is more suited to lightweight intermediate riders.

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## ZULU



<b>BORN</b>	2002
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.1 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	White
<b>BREED</b>	Boerperd
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Zulu is a Boerperd from South Africa.

Zulu arrived in the Chyulu Hills in 2006, where he quickly became a yard favourite. He loves people, has exquisite manners and the right brain for Safari. He has a very soft mouth, so goes the best when ridden in a loose contact. His energetic trot means he is a good fit for young and fit riders with suitable experience.

## KALAHARI



<b>BORN</b>	2006
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	17 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Thoroughbred cross Shire
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Kalahari is a Thoroughbred/Shire horse from South Africa.

His size and stature mean he is ideal for our taller and heavier guests! He has a big, powerful stride so covers the plains effortlessly, not batting an eyelid at the Chyulu Hills Wildlife.

He is such a sweet boy and a real favourite with Intermediate riders.



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## SABRE



<b>BORN</b>	2006
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	17.1 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Grey
<b>BREED</b>	Thoroughbred cross Percheron cross Shire
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Sabre has Thoroughbred, Shire and Percheron in his breeding.

Sabre is our weight carrier, and is mostly used for novice rides because of his gentle personality.

Whilst he isn't particularly athletic, he is happiest when he gets to go out with an experienced rider and have a canter on the plains.

## KALACHA



<b>BORN</b>	2011
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.3 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Thoroughbred
<b>SIRE</b>	Sound whisper
<b>DAM</b>	Sarafina by Rana Pratap

Kalacha is one of our only Kenyan bred horses! He is an ex-racehorse, so needs a light and experienced rider. He is very forward going and not a lot phases him, so he is often leading the herd out on rides!

He has beautiful paces and a lovely big canter to take riders across the plains.

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## XANGO



<b>BORN</b>	2010
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.2 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Anglo Arab
<b>SIRE</b>	Congo
<b>DAM</b>	Zelda by a Zim polo mare

Xango is an Anglo Arab from Zimbabwe.

He has a big personality and loves cantering, but can be a bit of a wimp! Whilst he is happy to stare down an elephant, he is easily frightened by stones and butterflies.

He makes for a very enjoyable intermediate ride for a jockey with lots of confidence.

## CHUI



<b>BORN</b>	2012
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.1 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Skewbald
<b>BREED</b>	Thoroughbred cross
<b>SIRE</b>	Crazy Horse
<b>DAM</b>	Kesho Kutwa

Chui is one of our Kenyan-bred superstars.

His good looks make him a very popular horse at Ol Donyo, and his personality is the cherry on top! He is small but compact, and great fun to ride on the plains.

Chui only arrived with us in 2022, but has already won the hearts of a number of intermediate riders



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## KIBO



<b>BORN</b>	2018
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Dark Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Boerperd x Thoroughbred
<b>SIRE</b>	Mount Magic's Charlie
<b>DAM</b>	Mount Magic's Midnight

Kibo is a Boerperd cross and is one of our 2023 arrivals! He came from Mount Magic Stud in Cape Town.

He is a lovely quiet boy with fantastic uphill paces and a very genuine character.

He took to the safari life straight away; not only is he the perfect choice for young riders or small adults, he also is a fantastic and very sensible lead horse!

## LEBOMBO



<b>BORN</b>	2018
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	16 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Dapple Grey
<b>BREED</b>	Percheron x Boerperd
<b>SIRE</b>	Percheron Stallion
<b>DAM</b>	Boerperd Mare

Lebombo is a very striking Percheron all the way from Mount Magic Stud in Cape Town. His appetite is almost as big as his bottom and he loves hanging out around the yard, making sure we are all doing our jobs!

Shortly after he arrived at Ol Donyo, it was obvious this horse was born to be on safari – he is brave and relaxed about life, and whilst his true passion is sunbathing, his build and breeding mean he is the ultimate Safari Horse, able to carry weight over longer distances.

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## ZORRO



<b>BORN</b>	2014
<b>SEX</b>	Stallion
<b>HEIGHT</b>	16 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Thoroughbred
<b>SIRE</b>	Naadiz
<b>DAM</b>	Tamarind

Zorro is one of our precious rescue horses from Nairobi. He arrived with us extremely underweight, but even after his difficult start in life, his gentle and trusting nature shone through. Zorro has a soft introverted character, although, whilst he never had a racing career, out on the plains his speed is true to his breeding! He is a brave and thoughtful lead horse, but also an exciting ride for our speed demon intermediate riders.

## AMARI



<b>BORN</b>	2012
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.3 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Thoroughbred x Somali Pony
<b>SIRE</b>	Mohican
<b>DAM</b>	Moonstone

Amari joined us with Zorro in 2024. The two of them were rescued from a pineapple plantation and arrived with us in a dire state. After some TLC, Amari soon became the big, cheeky character we know today. His Somali bloodlines allow him to thrive on safari, and, combined with the athleticism of a thoroughbred, he has become a wonderful little safari horse – a great choice for our younger and lighter riders.



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## RHONDI



<b>BORN</b>	2018
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.2 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Dark Bay
<b>BREED</b>	Friesian x TB
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Rhondi was raised on a big ranch in South Africa, but took to Safari life quickly after his arrival in 2024. He has a big personality and the most loving nature - he prefers cuddles and carrots, but with a gentle rider he proves why horseback is the best way to see the bush!

## LUKAI



<b>BORN</b>	2018
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.2 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Grey
<b>BREED</b>	Nooitegedacht x Boerperd
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Once a farm horse, Lukai now offers his riders the most wonderful horse safari experience. He is a gentle, sensible ride who enjoys a good controlled gallop across the plains, and always the first to greet guests when they visit the yard!

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## DALISO



<b>BORN</b>	2018
<b>SEX</b>	Gelding
<b>HEIGHT</b>	15.2 hands high
<b>COLOUR</b>	Grey
<b>BREED</b>	Percheron x Boerperd
<b>SIRE</b>	Unknown
<b>DAM</b>	Unknown

Daliso's chilled out demeanor makes him very popular with intermediate riders who want to enjoy the bush more intimately. He has three lovely uphill paces, and his stamina is a tribute to his origins. Once a farm horse in South Africa, Daliso now carries his riders boldly across the lava and into the Chyulu Hills.



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