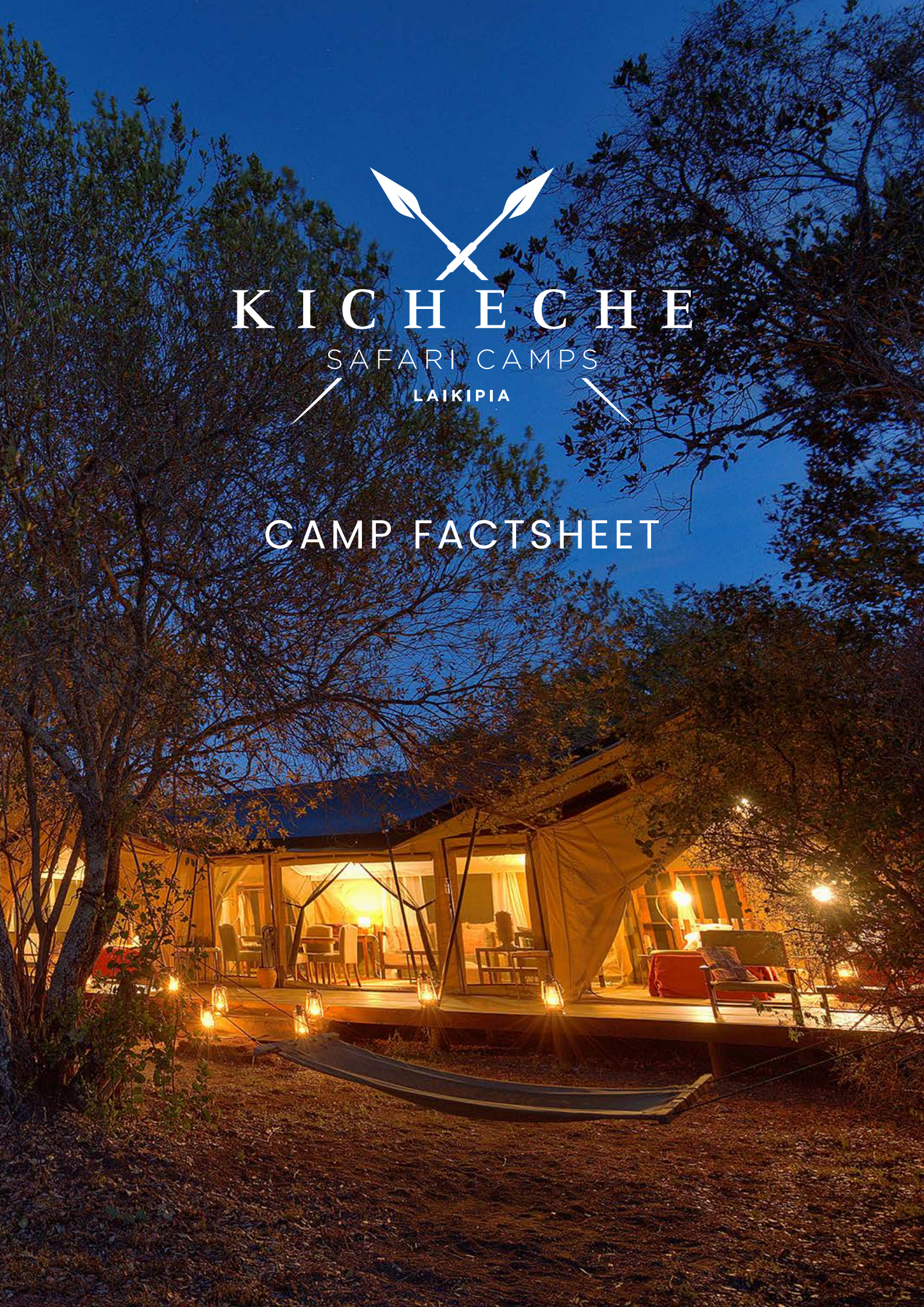

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## KICHECHE LAIKIPIA

beneath the watchful peaks of Mount Kenya, Kicheche Laikipia offers an intimate safari immersed in one of Kenya's most celebrated conservation landscapes.



## LOCATION

Kicheche Laikipia is located in Ol Pejeta Conservancy and the six sumptuous tents are set around a large waterhole attracting wildlife.
**GPS 0°01'29.9"N 36°52'08.8"E**

### OL PEJETA CONSERVANCY

The Ol Pejeta Conservancy lies on the equator at 6,000 feet above sea level with Mt Kenya as a stunning backdrop and is home to Kenya's largest population of Black Rhino, considerable numbers of elephant, cheetah, lion, leopard and plentiful plains game. It also hosts a number of rare Northern species like Grevys Zebra, Jackson's Hartebeest and Beisa Oryx. Kicheche Laikipia Camp is located in the Wilderness zone of the Conservancy and with only one bed per 1,500 acres this offers an incredibly private wildlife experience.

### ACCESS

**BY AIR:**
A scheduled 40-minute flight from Nairobi's Wilson Airport to KAMOK airstrip. Flights depart at 0800, 0915, and 1020. Flights are available to Samburu, Lewa, and the Masai Mara.

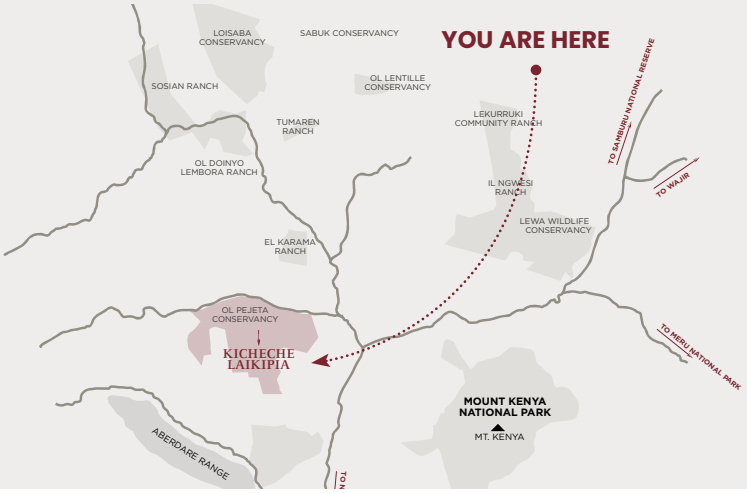
Tropic Air charters are also based in Nanyuki and cover airstrips all over the country. The nearby Ol Pejeta Airstrip (Kamok) can be used for arrivals or departures.

The camp is a 60-minute game drive from Nanyuki airstrip.

Note: Luggage allowance 15kg per person only, in soft luggage bags. Excess luggage is charged at approx $5 per kilo.

**BY ROAD:**
4 hour drive from Nairobi.











# FACILITIES

**GUEST TENTS**
The camp consists of five standard luxurious tents and one family suite nestled on the edge of indigenous woodland overlooking a waterhole. The Camp ensure guests have a wonderful stay at our bush hideaway. Along with our experienced guides, we will co-ordinate your game viewing activities during your stay. Water is supplied from a borehole and is therefore plentiful. Each guest tent has hot and cold running water and a wonderful shower to stand and luxuriate under either morning or evening.

**LOUNGE TENT**
The camp communal area consists of a large interconnected lounge/dining tent which has a fireplace in the cosy lounge section. A roomy tent with wonderful large stone fireplace in both the dining and lounge sections for those cold winter evenings. It provides a warm evening environment but also opens up in the front to overlook the waterhole and surrounding bush. The relaxing lounge area has comfortable chairs with a selection of reference books and a small curio shop.

**MEALS AND DRINKS**
Where possible we source all our vegetables and meat locally from the surrounding farms, in an area known worldwide for its fertility. Breakfast and lunch are usually taken under the shade of spreading trees overlooking the waterhole and evening meals within the dining tent. Drinks are included and we have a fully stocked bar with a good range of wines and spirits. Picnic breakfasts and lunches are available on game-driving excursions.

**LAUNDRY**
Included in the rate is a daily laundry service. Please note this is a bush laundry that cannot cope with delicate items of clothing.

**POWER & LIGHTING**
There is no mains power however we do supply 24-hour low wattage power for lighting through an inverter system. Camera and Video batteries can also be charged on this system. The inverter system is backed up with a generator.

**SAFETY**
Safety is of paramount importance and therefore askaris (night watchmen) patrol the camp at regular intervals after dark. Guests are advised to remain in their tent after dark and will be escorted between their tent and the lounge/dining areas by a staff member. Each tent is equipped with a walkie-talkie to call for assistance at night in case of an emergency. Each vehicle is equipped with a radio for communications with the camp and the camp is in contact with the Nairobi office on a daily basis. Flying Doctors' medical evacuation planes can be called in the event of an emergency.

**CHILDREN**
We accept children but adults must be aware that our camp is not fenced and no additional facilities are available to occupy them outside our normal excursions. No baby equipment is provided.










**SOUVENIRS**
There is a camp souvenir shop where one can purchase traditional souvenirs and there is also a small selection of clothing, maps, and miscellaneous items.

**TIPPING**
It is customary in East Africa to tip your lodge/camp staff. As a guideline allow approx. $20 - $40 per person per day, to be split between your guide and camp staff. However, it is not compulsory and tips should only be given if you are satisfied with the service provided. We also accept tips through credit cards.

**PAYMENTS AT CAMP**
Kicheche Camps is cashless and accepts VISA, MASTER CARD, AMEX at all camps. There is a safety deposit box at camp where all valuables can be kept.





# PREPARATION

**COMMUNICATIONS**
There is a variable mobile signal at camp however usage is restricted in the camp's public areas and on game drives. There is an unreliable e-mail connection at camp laikipiacamp@kicheche.com therefore all communications should be copied to the Nairobi office **sales@kicheche.com**.

In the event of an emergency, the camp number is +254 727 250 212 but is not a reliable connection; therefore we recommend you contact the Nairobi Duty mobile phones: +254 736 888 055 / +254 700 888 055.

Kenya is GMT +3 hours and does not have summertime/daylight savings.

There is Wi-Fi available in the guest tents only (20mbps).







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# ACTIVITIES

## DAILY ROUTINE

Guests are woken up in the morning with tea, coffee or hot chocolate & homemade biscuits brought to their tent. An early morning game drive sets off at sunrise and returns to camp late morning. Breakfast is a leisurely affair usually taken outside around the lounge area or as a picnic on the game drive. After lunch, sit under the shade of the evergreen Euclea trees in front of the dining tent or relax on your tent veranda (or hammock) and enjoy the silence, only punctuated by birdcalls. Alternatively, utilize our reference books in the lounge area. An afternoon game drive departs after tea, i.e. around 4 p.m. and returns as darkness falls after enjoying sundowners on the plains. Freshen up and then join the other guests around the campfire for pre-dinner drinks. Dinner is served by candlelight either under the stars or in the dining tent. End the evening with a nightcap by the fire before retiring.

## GAME DRIVES

Early morning and late afternoon are the most productive hours for game drives and our safari customised 4WD vehicles give everyone a perfect view. Watching wildlife at close range, but without encroaching on their space, is endlessly fascinating and our guides' instincts and experience provide superb photo opportunities of wild animals.

## GAME DRIVING

Available throughout the area and your program is arranged daily with your guide. Game viewing drives are conducted in open-roofed customised 4WD Land Cruiser vehicles. They have large windows that can be opened for good viewing and photographic access or closed to keep out the cold and dust. Game drives are shared with other guests though exclusive use of a vehicle is available at an extra charge. Our vehicles are superbly designed for photographers, all our fleet is open-sided with open roofs. Cameras can be rested on the roof, with supplied beanbags, or on the armrests lower down, to which we can mount simple platforms for larger lenses. For complete flexibility, it is recommended that you take a vehicle on an exclusive use basis (with supplement). Night Game Drives which focus on nocturnal species not seen on regular day drives are also available.

## ANTI-POACHING DOG DISPLAY

Interact with the dog keepers and learn about what it takes to look after the specially trained canine team. Guests are encouraged to try and evade the sniffer dogs, not only is this great fun, but it helps to offer genuine training for the dogs.

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

It is a very different mode of safari on a bicycle, an experience you will remember! Includes a short game drive en-route to the designated riding area and we adapt our ride to your fitness.

## WALKING

A different perspective is gained through escorted walks on the savannah. Our interpretive guides will point out the spoor of a leopard, the nest of a rare bird or signs of recent migration activity that would pass unnoticed by the eyes of strangers. Walks are included in our tariff.











**MORANI EDUCATIONAL CENTRE**
The Morani Information Centre is named in honour of the tame black rhino that used to live next to it. Over the years, Morani was an icon at Ol Pejeta, an ambassador for his species. The Morani Information Centre offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the different wildlife species that live on Ol Pejeta; from anatomy to behaviour to habitat. It also offers an insight into how Ol Pejeta Conservancy works – what they do on a daily basis to safeguard wildlife and preserve wilderness.

**CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY**
Offers a home to orphaned chimps and is an excellent venue to observe the two families and learn about the perils facing chimpanzees in the wild. No extra charge.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES**
The enclosure is open to visitors at an extra cost where you can meet the Northern Whites and learn more about their history, what it takes to protect them, and what Ol Pejeta is doing to try and save this subspecies.





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