KIFARU HOUSE
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An Oasis of Conservation and Calm

Perched on the edge of a grassy hill within the world-renowned Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Kifaru House offers an intimate and exclusive retreat overlooking the vast plains of Northern Kenya.









Set within lush, manicured gardens that contrast beautifully with the rugged African bush, Kifaru House is designed to evoke the warmth of a private home. The main lodge features cosy log fires and expansive verandas, providing a magnificent perspective of the conservancy and the distant peaks of Mount Kenya, blending quiet sophistication with a deep commitment to one of Africa's greatest conservation success stories.

Fast Facts

Location	• Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, Laikipia, Kenya
Global Coordinates	• 0°13'21.9"N 37°27'53.4"E
Access	• Lewa Main Airstrip is a 45 - 60 minute flight from Wilson Airport, and a 15 minute drive from camp • Serviced by scheduled flights offering once-daily departures, flying directly from Nairobi's Wilson Airport to Lewa Main Airstrip
Check-in	• From 14:00 to 18:00
Check-out	• 10:00
Lodge Facilities	• 24hr power • Baby Sitting • Bar • Child Friendly • Children's Menu • Complimentary Wi-Fi • Credit Cards Accepted • In-Room Charging Facilities • In-Room Massage & Spa Services • Laundry Service • Library • Restaurant • Room Service • Secure Parking • Shop • Swimming Pool • Wheelchair Access (Main House)


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MAIN HOUSE
FIRE PIT
LOUNGE
MANAGEMENT
ENTRANCE
1
2
3
FAMILY SUITE
KITCHEN
PARKING
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SHAMBA
STAFF CAMP
POOL HOUSE
GUIDE ROOM
SWIMMING POOL



Key Highlights

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy

A world-renowned wildlife conservancy and an official UNESCO World Heritage Site, Lewa stands as a global leader in community-based conservation. The sanctuary provides a secure haven for endangered species while driving impactful community development and educational initiatives across the region.

Exceptional Game Viewing

Lewa is home to over 10% of Kenya's black rhinos and 15% of its white rhinos, alongside the world's largest single population of the critically endangered Grevy's zebra. The conservancy offers unparalleled game viewing, including frequent encounters with the iconic Big Five.

Diverse Safari Activities

A curated selection of experiences extends far beyond standard day and night game drives. Guests can enjoy guided walking safaris, horse and camel riding, canopy walks in the Ngare Ndare Forest, tracker dog demonstrations, and excursions to local prehistoric archaeological sites.

Low-Density Tourism Model

Strictly controlled vehicle access throughout the conservancy ensures a low-density, highly exclusive safari experience for guests. This careful management eliminates crowding at wildlife sightings, providing a pristine and unhurried wilderness environment.








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Luxurious & Serene

A masterful blend of traditional stone architecture and understated luxury, the residences at Kifaru House are tucked away in an oasis of vibrant lawns filled with birdsong. Designed as an intimate sanctuary over the Lewa plains, each layout features well-appointed bedrooms with four-poster beds and generous en-suite bathrooms - where highland grace meets the refined comfort of a private estate.

- **4 Standard Cottages:** Intimate, standalone en-suite cottages featuring four-poster double or twin beds, spacious bathrooms, and private verandahs.
- **1 Family Cottage:** A generous two-bedroom suite (1 double, 1 twin), both featuring private en-suite bathrooms and individual entrances.
- **Wheelchair Accessibility:** Cottages 1, 2, 3, and 4 offer step-free wheelchair access.

Strategically positioned to capture cooling hill breezes, the private verandas offer a peaceful vantage point to take in the rustle of the gardens and the distant calls of the surrounding wilderness.

Kifaru House is an intimate sanctuary of refined elegance, nestled like a verdant oasis within the pioneering heart of the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. It is a place where the silent majesty of the rhinoceros meets the warmth of a private estate, offering a peaceful vantage point over a landscape defined by hope and transformation.









Watch rhinos congregate from the infinity pool, track the rare Grevy's zebra across the rolling plains, or enjoy a starlit dinner on the veranda as the shadows of Mount Kenya fall across the horizon.

Activities

Select activities and excursions require advance booking and may carry additional charges. Should you have any questions or require further information, our team is available to assist.

Game Drives
Set out on morning or evening drives with expert guides across Lewa's rolling plains, tracking the Big Five and rare Northern Special Five in world-class conservation territory.

Walking Safaris
Discover the intricate details of the bush on foot alongside armed guides, learning to track wildlife, identify indigenous flora, and read the subtle language of the land.
(Minimum age 16 years).

Meet the Tracker Dogs
Go behind the scenes with Lewa's renowned anti-poaching unit to see how highly trained tracker dogs play a vital role in protecting the conservancy's species.

Ngare Ndare Forest Walk
Explore ancient indigenous canopy walks, suspended bridges, and hidden waterfalls in Ngare Ndare Forest, with opportunities to swim in crystal-clear pools and enjoy forest picnics.

Sundowners
Relax with chilled cocktails and gourmet bites at a scenic vantage point as Mount Kenya's shadow stretches across the horizon during a classic safari tradition.

Night Game Drives
Spot elusive nocturnal species on a spot-lit evening drive, watching the conservancy transform into a world of bustling activity under starlit skies.

Horse & Camel Riding
Traverse the plains on horseback to quietly blend in with plains game herds, or enjoy a charming, traditional camel ride across golden grasslands for a unique view.
(Minimum age 12 years).

Wellness & Relaxation
Unwind in the swimming pool overlooking a private waterhole, or indulge in soothing massage treatments framed by the peaceful sounds of our manicured gardens.

Organic Garden Tours
Tour our flourishing organic vegetable gardens supplying the lodge kitchen, learning how our culinary team harvests ultra-fresh herbs and seasonal produce daily for farm-to-table meals.

School & Community Visits
Visit a local school supported by the Land & Life Foundation, seeing firsthand how high-end tourism directly funds community development, healthcare, and local education initiatives.









Children's Activities

- **Garden to Table**
  Harvest fresh vegetables and herbs from the shamba to incorporate into the evening menu.
- **Warrior & Bush Training**
  Learn essential survival skills, animal tracking, and natural navigation alongside local guides.
- **Traditional Bow & Arrow Skills**
  Master traditional archery techniques and target skills under the guidance of resident askaris.
- **Animal Track Moulding**
  Find fresh wildlife prints and pour plaster casts for a unique keepsake to take home.
- **Cookie Decorating**
  Unleash your inner baker during a fun culinary workshop decorating sweet treats.
- **Mini Twitcher Bird Walk**
  Learn to spot, track, and identify colourful local bird species.
- **Stargazing & African Folklore**
  Discover southern constellations while listening to captivating night-sky legends.
- **Scorpion & Bug Search**
  Safely spot glowing nocturnal insects and learn their ecological role.
- **Indigenous Tree Planting**
  Plant native seed balls across the lodge grounds to contribute directly to habitat reforestation.
- **Shamba Herb Planting**
  Sow fresh herb seeds into the lodge garden using the Wildlife Warrior kit.
- **S'mores & Bush Tales**
  Roast marshmallows over the campfire while listening to engaging traditional African folklore.
- **Lawn Croquet**
  Enjoy a friendly, relaxed garden game on the lodge's lush green lawns.
- **Giant Lawn Jenga**
  Test your balance with an oversized game where each block reveals a fun wildlife fact.













The Culinary Experience

Seasonal, farm-to-table and unmistakably homely, dining at Kifaru House begins in the shamba. Much of what reaches the kitchen is grown just steps away, allowing the harvest to shape the menu and keeping ingredients exceptionally fresh.

Lunch is served family-style, bringing guests together around one table to share generous seasonal dishes, whether at the house, beside the pool or as a hamper enjoyed in the forest. Dinner moves into an à la carte format while retaining the same warmth and simplicity of a beautifully cooked meal in a private home.

It is an intimate approach to dining where seasonality leads, the garden provides and the atmosphere remains relaxed and deeply personal.

Sustainability & Conservation

A low-impact retreat anchored by solar energy, circular waste management, and deep community partnerships within the world-renowned Lewa Wildlife Conservancy.

Environmental Stewardship

- **Accreditations:** Certified with a Gold Eco-Rating by Ecotourism Kenya and signatory of the Glasgow Declaration, anchored by solar energy with carbon tracking and regular Land & Life Foundation audits.
- **Resource & Circular Waste Management:** Zero-tolerance single-use plastic policy, off-site solid waste recycling via TakaTaka Solutions, and on-site composting to fertilise our organic culinary gardens.
- **Wilderness Protection:** Partnering with the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy to protect endangered black and white rhinos, supporting anti-poaching security units and low-impact safari tourism.

Community & Local Legacy

- **Healthcare & Clean Water:** Collaborating with local partners to fund rural healthcare access, clean water infrastructure, and women's micro-enterprise programs across surrounding communities.
- **Lewa Safari Marathon & School Support:** Sponsoring the annual Lewa Safari Marathon while donating native tree seedlings, learning materials, and supplies to local schools and health clinics.
- **Youth & Conservation Mentorship:** Conducting career mentorship, environmental education, and safari excursions for local school students to inspire future conservation leaders.





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