

SARUNI BASECAMP

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BASECAMP SAMBURU



INTRODUCING BASECAMP SAMBURU

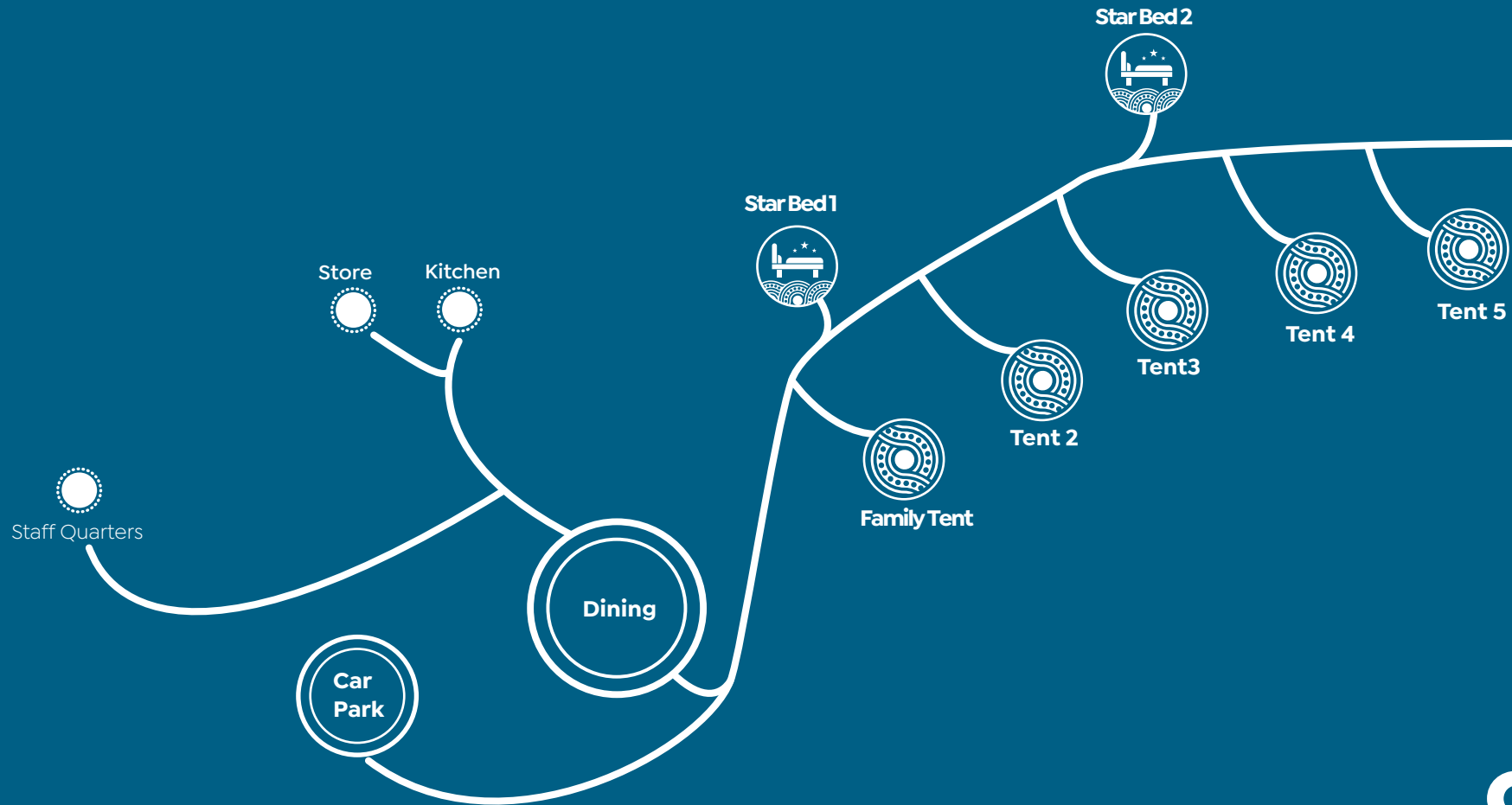
Basecamp Samburu, nestled within the vast 200,000-acre Kalama Conservancy, is our second property in this breathtaking landscape, perfectly positioned to offer an unparalleled Samburu experience. This under-canvas tented camp seamlessly blends the spirit of early explorers with modern comforts, providing guests with private terraces that open up to sweeping views of Mt. Ololokwe and the surrounding wilderness. Here, the magic of Samburu comes to life—from the thrill of encountering the Samburu Special Five to immersing yourself in the rich culture of the Samburu people. As the day winds down, the true enchantment of Basecamp Samburu reveals itself through our star beds, where guests can lose themselves in the vast, unpolluted skies, creating an unforgettable stargazing experience that connects them deeply with the essence of Samburu.

BASECAMP SAMBURU AT A GLANCE

-  Private Kalama Conservancy, Samburu
-  Camp
-  Best for stargazing, Samburu Wildlife and culture
-  2 Starbeds
-  5 Guest tents
-  Children welcome
-  Solar power
-  No annual closure dates

HIGHLIGHTS

-  Starbeds
-  Exclusivity & diversity
-  Adventure activities
-  Sustainability
-  Cultural immersion





BASECAMP SAMBURU DETAILS

Location	Kalama Conservancy, Samburu, Northern Kenya	
Road access	✓	4x4 vehicles only
Self-drive access	✓	5 – 6 hours' drive from Nairobi
Air access	✓	Samburu Kalama airstrip. Daily scheduled flights (1 hour) from Nairobi
Traversing area	240,000 acres	
Views	Mount Ololokwe	

GEOGRAPHY & CLIMATE

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

LODGE AMENITIES

Architecture	Luxury tents	
Construction	Canvas, wood	
Maximum guests	12	
Minimum age requirement	x	
Can be booked on an exclusive-use basis	✓	
Shared spaces (lounge, dining room, deck) – Topi Tent	✓	
Electricity – 220V	✓	Solar Power
Back-up generator	✓	
International adaptors	x	3-point British plugs
Complimentary Wi-Fi	✓	Guest tents only
Mobile phone signal	✓	Safaricom – signal strength varies
Pool	x	
Wellbeing Space	x	

ACCOMMODATION & ROOM AMENITIES

En suite	✓	
Double tent (sleeps 2)	4	One extra bed can be added to each tent to accommodate a child under 16
Family tent (sleeps 4)	1	
Indoor shower	✓	
Private pool	X	

FOOD & DRINK

Full-board accommodation (breakfast, lunch, dinner)	✓	
Dietary requests and allergies accommodated	✓	
Shared dining area	✓	
In-villa dining (optional)	✓	
Bush meals, picnics & sundowners	✓	
Complimentary bottled mineral water	✓	
Complimentary refillable water bottle	✓	
Complimentary local drinks	✓	
Premium/imported drinks	✓	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	✓	
Guided day game drives	✓	
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Guided walking safaris	✓	
Scorpion night walk	✓	
Entrance into Samburu National Reserve	✓	
Birdwatching	✓	
Stargazing	✓	
Warriors Academy	✓	Special bush skills and animal tracking programme, bookable in advance
Cultural visit to local market	✓	
Tribal storytelling through song and dance	✓	On occasion only

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES – OPTIONAL (PAYABLE EXTRA)

Gift shop (artisanal crafts)	x	
Mount Ololokwe hike (Samburu sacred mountain)	✓	Bookable in advance
Cultural visits to local community	✓	
Reteti Elephant Sanctuary visit	✓	Bookable in advance
Traditional ceremonies and blessings	✓	Bookable in advance

ACCEPTED PAYMENTS IN CAMP

Cash – KSH	✓	
Cash – USD	✓	Only notes newer than 2013
Cash – EUR	✓	
Cash – GBP	✓	
Credit cards – Visa	✓	Surcharge applies if settling accommodation costs
Credit cards – Mastercard	✓	Surcharge applies if settling accommodation costs
Debit cards	✓	

GRATUITIES (DISCRETIONARY) CAN ONLY BE PAID IN CASH

Recommended per day – guide	US\$10	
Recommended per day – staff	US\$5–10	

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

Malaria risk	Low
Sun protection	Recommended

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

Basecamp Samburu embodies our deep commitment to responsible travel, building on over 15 years of experience in the Samburu region. The camp is designed with eco-friendly materials, ensuring minimal impact on the environment while blending seamlessly into the stunning Kalama Conservancy. Beyond sustainable construction, Basecamp Samburu is dedicated to uplifting the lives of the over 2,000 members of the local community who own the Kalama Conservation Area. By generating income through tourism, the camp is directly supporting this community's future. At least 90% of our staff are local Samburu men and women, to ensure that our operations benefit the community. Through this, Basecamp Samburu expands our impact, fostering positive change while offering guests an authentic and responsible travel experience.





BASECAMP SAMBURU – IN A NUTSHELL

Exceptional wildlife & diverse landscapes	Life transforming experiences	Positive impacts for the land and its people
Large herds of elephant, predators, endangered species.	Remote 'Real North'.	Samburu custodians of community land
Endemic species – Samburu Special Five	Escape and off-the-beat-en-track adventure	Local Samburu & Maasai camp management & staff
Hundreds of species of resident & migrant birds	Diverse activities – something for all.	Tourism revenue main source of commercial income for community
Breath-taking, uninterrupted panoramas	Cultural experiences that are immersive and transformative	Guests contribute to conservation through their stay – daily Conservancy fees
Star beds offer a unique star-gazing experience under Samburu's clear, magical skies		Protection of 240,000 acres of un-spoilt, protected wilderness

Book your Basecamp Samburu adventure today!



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