

RETETI ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

NAMUNYAK WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY, NORTHERN KENYA

Situated in the remote Mathews Range in the heart of Samburu country.

Reteti is the first community-owned and run Elephant Sanctuary in Kenya. Orphaned and abandoned elephant calves, along with other wildlife, are fostered with the principle aim of releasing them back into the wild when they are ready.

Reteti is indeed a 'sanctuary', not an orphanage. The North is filled with wells, a precious water source for both the wildlife and communities in the area. Many calves fall into these deep holes and struggle to get out. Reluctantly, mothers are forced to abandon their little ones to find food and water with the rest of the herd. A professional team from Reteti step in to rescue the calves and bring them back to the Sanctuary.

Visiting The Reteti Elephant Sanctuary is not only a unique addition to your safari but one of the best things you can do to support the local community and help protect all the animals who are cared for there.

Guests get the chance to witness feeding and playtime at The Sanctuary, as well as an in-depth look behind the scenes.

The Reteti Elephant Sanctuary is open to visitors daily for a small entrance fee of US\$20 per person. This money goes directly back to the project, helping to buy milk formula, bottles for feeding, and various medicines for the animals.



WHY VISIT RETETI?

- **Responsible tourism:** First community-owned/run Sanctuary for abandoned or orphaned elephants and other wildlife.
- **Immersive experience:** In-depth briefing and behind-the-scenes look at what goes into caring for the 'residents'.
- **Exclusive encounters:** Small maximum visitors' size means an intimate, up-close-and-personal visit.
- **Female Empowerment:** Pioneering women elephant keepers in conservation & community-tourism.
- **Direct contribution to conservation:** All entry fees into the Sanctuary go to protecting those that need it most – the animals.
- **Territorial release programme:** Animals released back into the same wilderness from which they were rescued, increasing chances of herd reunion and maintaining wildlife levels in the northern eco-system.

BOOKING RETETI

Information and Rates

There are two feeding times during the day: 9AM and 12PM. We recommend Reteti visits to guests who are staying at Saruni Rhino or Saruni Samburu for three nights or more, or to guests transferring between the two lodges.

A typical excursion includes a two-hour, scenic drive in the comfortable 'Northern Express' to The Sanctuary in time for a briefing by one of the keepers, a tour of the kitchen where they prepare the milk formulas and a chance to talk to the vet on duty. Guests then get a unique opportunity to witness the infants' feeding and play time. On the way back to the lodge, you will stop for a delicious picnic breakfast or lunch.

Bookings must be made in advance or through the Saruni lodge managers during your stay.

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Reteti Excursion

Round trip transfers from Saruni Samburu or Saruni Rhino:

Transfer between lodges via Reteti:

Private Transfers (up to 7 passengers) or exclusive use of vehicle:

Private Visits available:

Price

US \$160.00 pp

US \$160.00 pp

US \$480.00 flat rate

US \$500.00 + entry fee pp

Reteti Elephant Sanctuary Excursions include entrance fees, packed breakfast or lunch & standard drinks – as arranged with lodge management. Minimum 2 x passengers (else per person rate for 2 x passengers OR flat transfer rate payable). Maximum 7 x passengers (excl. driver); exclusive use of vehicle available.

We may, without notice and out of our control, be forced to amend/change our routing or vehicle or schedule of the transfers or excursions.

Should this occur, we will immediately advise you of the relevant changes, while endeavoring to adhere to the original booking as much as possible.