

# EXPERIENCES

# Included & Additional Experiences

At Sirikoi, days are as action-packed or as relaxed as desired. The lodge offers a range of activities for all ages to experience the wildlife, explore the wilderness and understand the culture of the local communities.

The additional Activities highlighted herein incur an extra cost and are subject to availability. Costs are quoted from third parties and can change without notice. Helicopter flight time quoted includes the positioning time to the lodge and back.



# **Included Experiences**

- Guided Game Drives day and night
- Guided Bush Walks (subject to availability)
- Bird Watching
- Bush Meals, Picnic Excursions and Sundowners
- Sirikoi's Impact Centre
- Sirikoi Tour
- Lewa Behind-the-Scenes Conservation Tour (subject to availability)
- Pre-Historic Site Visits and Bau Games
- The Organic Garden Visit
- Gym
- Pickleball
- Heated Infinity Swimming Pool
- Children's Activities

# Additional Experiences

- Helicopter Excursions
  - Mount Kenya Scenic Flight
  - Northern Kenya Excursion
  - Reteti Elephant Sanctuary and the Mathews Range
- Ngare Ndare Forest Visits (optional stop at the modern village/market)
- Horse Riding Safaris
- Camel Riding Safaris
- Maasai Cultural Dance
- Maasai Traditional Wedding Blessings and Vow Renewal Ceremony
- Massai Cultural Village Visit
- Massage, manicures and pedicures
- Sauna Sessions
- The Duka at Sirikoi

# INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

# Guided Game Drives – day and night

Sirikoi's waterhole and wetlands are a defining highlight of the Sirikoi experience, cherished by our guests for the exceptional wildlife viewing they offer each day. Elephants, giraffe, zebra, gazelle, birds and many more, all use this natural waterhole to drink, rest and play. Before and after setting out on safari with our guides, the adventure begins right on our doorstep, watching the African wildlife feeling at home at Sirikoi, under the distinctive, yellow-barked acacia trees that dot our lawns. This is armchair game viewing at its finest.

# **Guided Bush Walks** (subject to availability)

Walking in the bush is for many people, the most exhilarating way to experience real Africa. Sometimes you see less wildlife than on game drives, but you always end up appreciating many aspects of the savannah that can elude you when you are in a vehicle, the smells, the birds, the butterflies, the little five and the flowers. Our walks are led by expert guides who teach you how to recognise the wildlife's spoor, which include tracks, scents, or broken foliage. Not to be missed!

# **Bird Watching**

With hundreds of ornithological species around us all year round, Sirikoi is a perfect base for birdwatching. Raptors of many varieties, bee-eaters, rollers, starlings, francolins, hornbills, goaway-birds, oxpeckers, guineafowls and so much more. When you look to the sky or to the trees, what you spot is a source of endless marvel. You don't need to be a "twitcher" to appreciate it. Our guides are all passionate about birds and will inspire you how to become a fan.





# Bush Meals, Picnic Excursions and Sundowners

While on Safari with us, we love for you to experience a special meal in the "wild". A great way to break a morning game drive is to stop at one of the many scenic spots and have a bush breakfast, or a bush lunch at Ngare Ndare forest excursion. Then before the sun sets, it's time for the sundowners: drinks, cocktails and scrumptious "bitings" to salute a wonderful day. Picnic meals are available for those wanting to spend the whole day out – this is often requested by photographers.

# Sirikoi's Impact Centre

Sirikoi's mission is to have a positive impact on wildlife, landscapes, culture, and community. We started the Impact Center; to showcase the meaningful work we do on the ground. This initiative is inspired by the principles of The Long Run's 4Cs: Conservation, Community, Culture and Commerce. The Center also offers activities that inspire awareness and participation.

# Sirikoi Tour

At Sirikoi, we don't just talk about conservation, we live it every day. We welcome our guests to do a special behindsthe-scenes tour, visiting our large organic vegetable garden, re-cycling Center, workshop and see our sustainability practices first hand, this tour is fun and full of surprises, not to be missed. The feedback we receive is that the tour is one of the highlights of the Sirikoi experience. As somebody wrote: "Don't skip the tour of the farm where you will be amazed by the massive agricultural endeavour and have a whole new appreciation for the food you are served at the lodge."





# Lewa Behind-the-Scenes Conservation Tour (subject to availability)

By coming to Sirikoi, you directly support one of the most pioneering wildlife conservancies in the world: Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned for its innovative model of conservation of wildlife and habitats. Lewa is a safe haven for endangered species such as black rhino and Grevy's zebra. A key to this success is engagement with local communities, achieved through development programmes. With the generous help of our guests, Sirikoi contributes significantly towards Lewa's projects. Our guests are encouraged to go behind the scenes at Lewa's headquarters to experience first-hand how conservation and anti-poaching work.



# Pre-Historic Site Visits and Bau Games

Our guides love to share not only nature, but also the cultural traditions and the historical significance of the area. They know some special rocks where you can sit and play the ancient game of Bau, a kind of backgammon that requires strategy, bravery, vision, just like the complex "game' of conservation. Lewa hand axe site may represent one of the largest concentrations of Acheulean hand axes known in the world. The prehistoric tools are part of Kenya's rich cultural heritage, which we are helping to preserve, and it is illegal to remove these artifact from the site.

# The Organic Garden Visit

The jewel in our farm-to-table crown is the Organic Garden; a hidden gem found just behind the main lodge. With our unique climate we can grow most fruit and vegetables all year round. Fed by a mountain spring, naturally rich soil and equatorial sunshine, the garden produces over 80 fruits, vegetables and herbs, which supplies the lodge with as much fresh produce as possible. Not to forget the beautiful flowers that guests find in the rooms and in the common areas.

# Wellness

At Sirikoi, it is more than just a place, it's a state of being. It symbolises balance, restoration, and the quiet luxury of looking after oneself while immersed in the wild. Whether you're seeking an energising workout or a moment of stillness between adventures, Sirikoi invites you to reconnect, both body and mind.

Our gym, set against the backdrop of unspoilt nature, offers the perfect blend of serenity and strength. Outfitted with sleek, top-of of-the-range equipment, including rowing machines and multi-gym stations, it has become a favourite amongst our guests.

Pickle ball is considered one of the fastest-growing sports in the world, and is loved by many. It's a great way to unwind on your safari and is fun for all the family.

Our 18 meter long infinity pool is discreetly located at the heart of our grounds, surrounded by succulents and lawns, not far from the main deck. Refreshing in the hot midday sun, great for a swim in the morning or afternoon. Equipped with sunbeds and towels, it is heated to allow use even during the fresher days. Sirikoi House has its own private pool.

# Children's Activities

Family fun is important to keep everybody involved in the safari experience. Children thrive in discovering a new place and exploring freely around the Sirikoi grounds.

Our guides are expert at teaching children how to make fire, bows and arrows, searching for wildlife tracks and signs and learning about plants that are used, for example, sandpaper plant and the toothbrush tree.

They can get delightfully lost in our organic vegetable garden and overdosing on berries! picking flowers and vegetables, collecting eggs from the hens (who love to be carried around too!), stroking our rabbits and meeting our horses in their stables.







# ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

These activities incur an additional cost and are subject to availability.

# Helicopter Excursions

Sirikoi offers exciting activities by helicopter, where you are taken through incredible scenery for an immersive wilderness experience like no other.

The helicopter excursions are subject to availability and best booked in advance. They take a maximum of 5 passengers per helicopter.



# Mount Kenya Scenic Flight

This early morning adventure takes you around the snowy peaks, across the moorlands and down through the undulating forested valleys of the mighty Mount Kenya – the second highest mountain in Africa (17,057 feet/5,199 meters). You will stop for a picnic breakfast near a beautiful mountain lake and can walk or fly-fish.

#### Notes/Tips

- Maximum 4 people in landing, 5 people for a scenic flight without landing.
- Pack a jersey or windbreaker, and a hat and sunscreen, as the air is cold, and the sun is fierce at altitude.
- Be sure to drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration.
- This excursion is not advised for people who struggle with altitude.

Time: Departure is at 7am. 3-4 hours (2 hours' flying time)

2025/2026 cost: \$6,332 per helicopter

Mount Kenya National Park and fishing fees are at an extra cost of \$70 per person



### Northern Kenya Excursion

This adventure is truly astounding, taking you through some of the last remaining untouched wilderness. Exploring Lake Turkana (the Jade Sea), flamingo lakes, the painted valley, ancient forests and desert sand dunes.

You have the option of a unique cultural encounter with the Pokot tribal community – nomadic pastoralists rarely visited by outsiders.

We depart from Sirikoi at 7am before it gets too hot. You can either have breakfast at the Lodge or take a picnic with you. Refreshments and snacks are packed to take along. We fly and explore for approximately 5 hours before returning to Sirikoi for a late lunch.



#### Notes/Tips

- The climate becomes hotter and drier the further north you go. Wear light clothing and pack a hat, sunscreen and swimming costume.
- Be sure to drink plenty of water.
- If you don't want to fly all the way to Lake Turkana, but would like to explore the North, you can bring down the flying time which will lower the cost of the excursion.

Time: 6-7 hours (5-6 hours' flying time) 2025/2026 cost: \$ 18,650 per helicopter Namunyak Conservancy fee: \$35 per person Optional visit with the Pokot: \$1,000 visit total



# Reteti Elephant Sanctuary and the Mathews Range

The elephant sanctuary is in the arid northern Samburu region, near the beautiful Matthews range of mountains. The orphanage rescues abandoned elephant calves with the aim to raise and release them back to the wild.. Guests fly for approx. 30 minutes to an hour, usually departing Sirikoi after an early breakfast at 7:30am. At the orphanage the feeding time for the baby elephants is at 9 am. Then we continue flying among breathtaking landscapes, stopping for refreshments in the scenic Mathews mountains.



#### Notes/Tips

• Wear light clothing and pack a hat and sunscreen, as the climate is much hotter in Samburu.

Time: 4 hours (3 hours' flying time) 2025/2026 cost: \$9,050 per helicopter Reteti Elephant Sanctuary: \$35 per person, \$500 private visit Mathews Range Conservation fee: \$35 per person



# **Ngare Ndare Forest Visits** (optional stop at the modern village/market) **Horse Riding Safaris**

The Ngare Ndare forest on the boundary of Lewa offers a complete contrast to the wide-open plains of the conservancy. Walk through the forest canopy of enormous indigenous trees on the elevated walkway, which is 10m high and 400m long, ending at a beautiful lookout deck. You can swim in the blue glacial pools and waterfalls.

After breakfast, we drive for 40 minutes through rural communities, where we can also stop at the nearby Ngare Ndare modern village and market, a blend of traditional and contemporary living.

#### Notes/Tips

- Pack your swimming costumes, and Sirikoi will pack towels.
- Wear good shoes for walking.
- This activity is not recommended for those who struggle with agility or those who are afraid of heights.

#### Time: 4 - 5 hours

2025 cost: \$60 per adult, \$35 per child 10-15 yrs;

2026 cost: \$80 per adult, \$40 per child 10-15 yrs

(children under 10 go free).

2025 cost: An additional \$10 per person if stopping at the village. 2026 cost: An additional \$35 per person if stopping at the village.



Horseback riding connects you to the "great outdoors" from a new perspective. While enjoying the stunning scenery, the horses often get close to Zebra and Giraffe. The horse is chosen based on your riding experience and level of confidence.

Morning rides depart around 6-6:30am. After a brief game drive, you reach the stables and begin riding at approximately 7am, until around 8:30am. The return includes another game drive, with arrival time of 9:30-10am. Afternoon rides depart at 3pm with a similar program, returning to Sirikoi between 6:30-7pm.

#### Notes/Tips

- Wearing closed, comfortable shoes is recommended.
- Both stables use English saddles, not Western saddles, and riding hats are provided.
- Weight limit (beginners 85kgs/187lbs) & (experienced 90kgs/200lbs)

2025 cost: \$120 per person 2026 cost: \$125 per person



# **Camel Riding Safaris**

The relaxing sway of a camel provides a different perspective over African wildlife. You can view giraffe from almost eye level! This experience is guided by Maasai herdsmen who lead the camels and will point out things of interest along the way.

#### Notes/Tips

- No weight limit (within reason).
- We recommend small children share with an adult.
- Groups larger than 3 will do it in turns.

#### Camel rides last up to 1 hour

2025/2026 cost: \$65 per person



# Massage at the Wellness Corner

The Wellness Corner provides many ways to relax, exercise and unwind whilst on safari. When you indulge in a massage or Sauna at our lodge, you're doing more than rejuvenating your mind, body and soul, you are changing lives! The proceeds from our wellness treatments are donated to a local school, Pepo la Tumaini Jangwani (Wind of Hope in the Desert). They provide a safe haven for vulnerable children affected by poverty and HIV/AIDS.

Massages range from 30-90 minutes, from back only to full body massages.

#### Prices available upon request



## Sauna Sessions

Surrounded by ferns and beautiful plants, next to a waterfall over black volcanic rocks where birdies bathe, our sauna has the classic beneficial heat, combined with the soothing sound of splashing water.

\$50 per session (max 6 people)

# The Duka at Sirikoi

Duka means shop in Swahili, Kenya's national language. Our Duka has beautiful array of African artifacts and gifts. Majority of pieces are sourced from Kenyan and East African designers, from clothing, and handbags, bronzes, jewellery, art, home decor and more.

Purchases at your own cost.



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