



LEWA WILDERNESS

— Est. 1972 —

Fact Sheet



One of Kenya's original safari lodges



The beauty of Lewa Wilderness isn't just in the incredible scenery and wildlife explored daily with game drives – but in the wealth of activities and experiences to be had at every turn. Situated on the edge of one of Kenya's most private wildlife and environmental conservation projects, the wildlife-rich Lewa provides guests a home-away-from-home experience that's hard to find these days.

When you arrive at the lodge, you'll immediately feel like you're with family. Just nine exclusive rooms dot the Lewa Wilderness landscape. Six cottages are tucked into the hillside overlooking the sprawling Eastern Marania Valley, plus a further three garden cottages that are cozy yet expansive are set amongst the beautiful lawn.

At Lewa Wilderness we go beyond the game drive, with exceptional wildlife and wilderness viewing opportunities. From the traditional game viewing vehicles (we've recently converted one of our Land-cruisers to be 100% electric), to guided walks and breathtaking scenic flights in our retro yellow WACO bi-plane to unforgettable horse riding safaris for all ages and levels and even camel riding and fly camping.

As a guest with us, you are automatically supporting the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, renowned for both its pioneering conservation initiatives as well as community and education programs.

Accommodation



Key Accommodation Facts



- Private sitting area & private deck
- Fire place in rooms
- Laundry services
- 24 hour solar lighting
- Power outlets
- Mini Bar
- Hair dryers



Hillside Cottages



There are six individual hillside cottages, each with a unique layout. These cottages were built to capture the stunning views out over the valley and the sound of the river below where elephant, giraffe, rhino, zebra and more all come to drink. Each cottage has en-suite facilities, a cosy sitting area and fireplace, and a private outdoor verandah where one can enjoy a morning coffee whilst watching the sunrise – as well as a private dinner.

Garden Cottages



These are the original rooms built by David and Delia Craig when they started the lodge. They are the cottages closest to the main house and living areas, and each consists of two en-suite bedrooms joined by a comfortable sitting area with a bar and cosy fireplace. The three garden rooms are exceptionally spacious and with recent renovations, bright and sunny, perfect for families and also those who do not wish to be too far from the main areas.



Experiences



Lewa Wilderness is the hub of all activities on Lewa; there is an endless list of activities on offer, ranging from the WACO biplane scenic flights (the only open cockpit biplane in East Africa) and a stable yard of horses suited to all levels of experience. Guest can also camel ride among the wildlife, game drive, take guided bush walks or take a day trip to visit the local community enhancement projects. For the more active, guests can go running in the wild with a Maasai guide or play a few games of tennis before relaxing by the salt-water swimming pool; often the best game viewing



Included



Day & night game drives, Horse riding, Camel rides, Bush walks, Sundowners, Bush meals, Garden tours
Lewa hides, Lewa conservation activities

Additional



Waco Bi-Plane flights, Fly Camping, Massage, Ngare Ndare Forest Visit, Cultural Experience



Fly Camping on Lewa



Experience a night out under the stars



Guests are welcome to fly camp out from the lodge during their stay at Lewa Wilderness. Walk, horse ride or game drive out to our fly camp, departing the lodge after tea and arriving into camp for sundowners. You will be hosted by our excellent team of Maasai guides. The next morning after a wonderful bush breakfast at camp, head back to the lodge by foot or car arriving back in time for lunch and swim at the lodge.

The camp



Our tents are dome shaped, shade netting with PVC floor. Each tent is 3 meters by 3 meters and 3.5 meters high. Each tent has its own flysheet in case of rain. Bedding is a bedroll on a camp bed, with sheets, blankets and feather pillows.

Ablutions: Two long drop loos each with their own tent. Two bucket showers with a canvas teat each. The water is heated on the fire and filled up each morning and evening for you.



Important Information



Season

Lewa Wilderness has two seasons December – March, June – October. We close in April, May & November

Malaria

Lewa is 5300ft above sea level so is a low risk area for Malaria. However, given guests have to travel through Nairobi and will be visiting other areas in Kenya, we recommend all clients take malaria medication.

Food & Drink

Full board accommodation including delicious and healthy home-cooked meals, house-wines/spirits, beers & soft drinks are included. Champagne and premium spirits are extra. Special dietary requirements can be accommodated with prior notice.

Laundry

A Laundry service, excluding delicates, is included in our rates.

How to get there

There are daily scheduled flights departing from Nairobi (Wilson Airport) to Lewa Downs airstrip. The lodge is a 20-minute transfer from the Lewa airstrip.

Children Policy

We have no age limit at Lewa Wilderness, and children under 5 years old stay free. We can arrange nannies for you, but this needs prior planning. This is an extra \$35 a day. All our activities are open to all ages at the parents' discretion. We do however recommend being over 12 years old for bush walks and over 10 years old for flying in the Waco.

WACO bi-plane

Flights are only bookable and payable at the lodge subject to availability.

Horse riding

We have a weight limit of 85kg.

Fly Camping

We offer fly camping at \$170 pppn by foot or car and \$250 pppn by horseback extra to your room night charges (subject to availability).

Vehicles

Exclusive use of vehicle, subject to availability, US 360 per day. A single booking of guests will be guaranteed exclusive use at no surcharge.

