

# Salt Lick

SAFARI LODGE



## Fact Sheet

### OVERVIEW

For decades Salt Lick Safari Lodge has been one of Kenya's flagship lodges, famed for being among the World's Most Photographed Lodges.

Favorite amongst travelers in search of unique accommodation, Salt Lick Safari Lodge is a luxurious safari escape set in the heart of the Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary overlooking a waterhole and the vast Tsavo plains.

### LOCATION

Salt Lick Safari Lodge is located in the heart of the Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, a private wildlife conservancy at the foot of the Taita Hills. With its own functional airstrip in close proximity to the lodge, the sanctuary covers a protected area of 28,000 acres on an altitude of 1,200 meters above sea level (3,600 ft.).

### ACCESS

Salt Lick Safari Lodge is easily accessible by road, Train and by Air.

**Road** - Driving to Salt Lick Safari Lodge from Nairobi takes approximately 6 hours and 3 hours from Mombasa. It is a scenic drive through the Highlands of Kenya experiencing its varied biodiversity

**Train** - This remains one of the most a fantastic opportunity to see more of real Kenya as you leave behind the city life. The Madaraka Express train scheduled once per day takes 2hrs 41mins from Nairobi /Mombasa takes 1hr 25 minutes with a stopover at Voi Terminal with the transfer to the lodge by a van taking you 45 minutes.

**Flying** - The Lodge is just a mere 8km drive from the sanctuary private airstrip, which is served by both private charters and Helicopters.

### ACCOMMODATION

Salt Lick Safari Lodge has 96 unique rooms, all elevated on stilts and built across two levels, with ensuite bathrooms. We can accommodate you in these rooms at three levels with double, twin or triple beds depending on your preferred occupancy.

### OCCUPANCY RULES

- **Lodge Rooms** - Maximum 2 adults or 2 adults and 1 child (adults and children age 5 and older).
  - Subject to availability of triple rooms.
  - Interconnecting rooms are NOT available at Salt Lick Safari Lodge
- For safety reasons, children under the age of 5yrs are not allowed at Salt Lick Safari Lodge
- **Non-smoking guidelines**- All rooms are non-smoking. However, we have designated smoking zones within the lodge and bar /lounge areas.

### KEY FACILITIES FOR ALL ACCOMMODATION

Lodge Rooms	No of Rooms
Double Lodge Rooms	37
Twin Lodge Rooms	37
Triple Lodge Rooms	22
<b>Total Rooms</b>	<b>96</b>

Categories: Waterhole View Rooms 42 & Park View Rooms 54

- Bureau de change
- Daily laundry service available on request at a cost
- Free Wifi
- All rooms are accessed via stairs
- Interconnecting rooms are not available
- Hair dryer on request
- Ample parking
- Private bathroom with shower
- Electric current: 220 Volts, 50 cycles AC
- Shaver outlets 110/220 volts, 50 cycles AC
- Mosquito netting in all bedrooms
- Electric fan in all Guest rooms
- Safe deposit box

### EXPERIENCES

Days are as action-packed or as relaxed as desired, and Salt lick offers a range of unique and adventurous activities for all ages to experience the wildlife and explore the wilderness. These activities give our guests the rare opportunity to spend time with wildlife rangers who work tirelessly to keep endangered species safe.

- **Game Drives:** The Sanctuary is home to more than 50 different species of mammals and over 300 species of birds
- Day and night Game drives
- Wildlife talks on request
- Excursions- to local villages, Mzima springs, Ngulia rhino Sanctuary and Lake Jipe.
- Visit to World War1 Museum and battlefields
- Salt Lick Special Water Hole Experience
- Bush breakfast, Bush dinners, sundowner and picnic activities
- Afya Bora Spa at Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa
- Swimming pool at Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa
- Animation services on request

### INCLUDED

- Full board accommodation; Lunch , dinner & breakfast.
- Swimming at Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa
- All day game viewing tunnel at Salt Lick Safari Lodge

### EXCLUDED

- Sanctuary Entry Fees applies for stays at Salt Lick Safari Lodge
- Beverage
  - Local airstrip transfers
  - Exclusive use of game drive vehicle
  - Guided day and night game drives
  - Bush breakfast, Bush dinners, sundowner and picnic activities
  - Any additional payable activities or extras
  - Gratuities and anything of a personal nature.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Climate and seasons** - Salt Lick Safari Lodge enjoys spring-like climate almost all year round. Mornings are brisk, midday is rather warm, and evenings are always cool enough to appreciate a fire.

**Altitude:** The lodge is located at (2,475 - 3,960 feet) above sea level

**Rainfall:** August to September and March to May experience some sporadic rains

**Temperature:** January to March are the warmest months, and June to September is a cooler climate.

**Alternative Dining** - Bush breakfast, Barbeque lunch, 'Out of Africa' dinners all set up in the wild with an open Sundowner cocktails at Kudu View Point.

**Conference** Conferences and Incentives can be accommodated at our sister property Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa, which is 8 kilometers away.

**Gift shop** - The curio shop offers essential toiletries, books, safari wear and truly memorable souvenirs.

**Reception** - Check in time at the lodge is 1200hrs while Check out time is 1000hrs

**Personnel on call** - A Duty manager, Clinical Officer and Security personnel will be a phone call away should you require their attention.

**Eco-tourism** - Salt Lick Safari Lodge has always strived to operate in harmony with our beautiful environment. The lodge runs on solar power, water from a natural spring, uses natural cleaning products and toiletries wherever possible, follows a strict recycling policy and grows fruits and vegetables. Our 2.5 acre organic garden produces the a large variety of fresh produce served at the lodge during meals time.

**Food and dietary requirements** - As a small and exclusive lodge, Salt Lick Safari Lodge can cater for all dietary requirements. Food allergies and dietary requests should be arranged prior to arrival.

**Children's policy:** For safety reasons, children under the age of 5 years are not allowed at Salt Lick Safari Lodge.

**Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary Policy:** Sanctuary gate closes at 1800hrs

**Weddings and events** - Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary is widely known as a beautiful and exclusive venue for weddings and events. Conferences and Incentives can be accommodated at our sister property Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa.

**Credit cards** - MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards are accepted at Salt Lick Safari Lodge. Payment by Mpesa is also available.

## UNIQUE FEATURES

- **Reforestation** - The program aims at habitat restoration which will eventually improve ecological health of the sanctuary after the original vegetation had been degraded by bush fires, overgrazing by mega herbivores, droughts due to climate change and other natural impacts. The reforestation project was first established in 2010 as a pilot project and covers 0.5sq. Km and so far over 10,000 indigenous tree species have been planted.
- **WWI Excursions** - Battlefield tourism specializes in tours of battlefields, cemeteries, memorials and related historic sites all around the world. It focuses on historic battlefields where the fighting is long past and is much more strongly linked to heritage and commemoration. Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, has taken the lead in East Africa by identifying all these leads and has come up with an exciting historical journey told in pictures and an artefacts museum at Taita Hills Resort & Spa.
- **Community and Cultural Tourism** - We partnered with local communities with the aim of exploring Taita culture. The group indulges in social activities which includes making of traditional foods and basketry. They have support from the county government to develop trails leading to 17 caves where skulls of ancient Taita leaders were preserved.
- **Salt Lick Tunnel** - This unique guest experience at Salt Lick Safari Lodge allows guests to observe wildlife up close as they come to quench their thirst at the waterhole. The experience is more rewarding during dry spells/season as large groups of elephants, buffaloes, zebras and various antelopes (sometime trailed by big cats) come for scarce water which is provided for by a well-positioned water hole.



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