



OL LENTILLE

KENYA



4 DAYS AT OL LENTILLE

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TAILOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME

The following is a 4 nights sample itinerary to give you an idea of the kind of once-in-a-lifetime experience you could enjoy with us. We don't do fixed itineraries but pride ourselves in creating a custom experience - one that's tailored uniquely to you.



EXCLUSIVITY

Ol Lentille is a lodge that is proud to be different. The team, along with the local communities, have created, conserved and protected 40,000 acres of pristine wilderness. This means guests can enjoy a private area almost 3 times the size of Manhattan to explore at their leisure. We can accommodate only 16 guests (a few more for groups taking over the whole property) and all activities are private. Thus, families can plan activities to suit the needs of all their members, as a family or individually. Unlike a regular safari lodge, where the day organizes itself around the standard morning and evening game drives, Ol Lentille is highly personalised and family-focused, with an endless choice of outdoor activities, cultural experiences, community engagement and game viewing.

VIEWS

Laikipia is renowned for its spectacular views. Here, located at one of its highest points, everyone is impressed with the dramatic setting, incredible location and 360-degree views at over 6 000 feet. We look towards the majestic Mount Kenya, Samburu, the Matthews and the Laikipia Plateau. Many say we have the best views in East Africa – and we completely agree!

TOURISM SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Since the lodge opened in 2007, Ol Lentille has raised \$5 million, to build a hospital, schools, water sanitation projects and support education in general. Ol Lentille also funds conservation, including the cost of maintaining 24 rangers in the field to patrol and protect the Conservancy. Guest donations are very welcomed but not sought.





DAY 1

Make yourself at home! We want you to feel settled and relaxed in your private villa as this is where you'll be served a delicious light lunch. Later, you can spend the afternoon by the pool or perhaps indulge in unlimited treatments in our spa.

In the late afternoon, explore some of our 40,000 acres of private wilderness on foot with our extremely knowledgeable Maasai guides. Embrace the stillness as you take in the beauty of your surroundings and all its fascinating "little wonders" – the kind of thing you may not notice on a game drive.

As the day draws to a close you can enjoy a sundowner at one of our favourite spots, perhaps Flat Rock or Mlima Fisi (Hyena Hill), where the views are nothing short of magical.

The day ends as decadently as it began, with a sublime private dinner in Boscia House where you might like to take a dip in the plunge pool.





DAY 2

After a leisurely breakfast in your villa, let's head out for an experience that's unique to northern Laikipia – a camel safari! Your Maasai guides will meet you in the middle of the bush before you journey into the wilderness on the back of your camel. Expect exquisite vistas teeming with wildlife and an adventure that culminates with a lavish river-side lunch.

After driving back to the lodge, you could enjoy more time in the spa or relax by the pool. A little later, you might want to head back into the bush for a thrilling quad bike ride with your guide, past the Maasai manyattas (homesteads) where you'll probably spot its younger members herding their cattle.

As the day ends, head back to the lodge where the day ends at the Roof Top Bar of the Gallery. Here you'll enjoy breathtaking 280 degree views and indulge in pre-dinner snacks and drinks mixed by our friendly barman. For dinner, take a few steps down to the "boma", our open air field, where you will enjoy a lovely dinner by the campfire, with an exciting traditional dance performance by local Maasai or Samburu warriors.





DAY 3

After a hearty breakfast in your private villa, let's set off for a game drive where you might spot elephants, leopards, wild dogs, kudus, Grevy's zebras and gerenuks. On the way back, we could drop by one of our local primary schools for a chat with the students and teachers and play a game of football.

In the afternoon, spend some quality downtime enjoying the lodge, try your hand at archery with your guide, or perhaps chat to our local ladies about creating a bespoke beaded Maasai bracelet or ankle band.

Later, let's take a leisurely game drive towards Ol Lentille mountain, Laikipia's tallest peak. You can hike up the peak with your guide and, while it's a 40-minute climb, you'll be rewarded with the most spectacular views of the jagged mountains and deep valleys of Laikipia.

As for dinner? It's waiting for you in a secret spot in the bush where you're greeted by the soft glow of tree branch lanterns that light your path to a roaring fire. Tables and chairs have been set up for you to indulge in our legendary bush dinner.





DAY 4

Your day begins with a trip to one of the small towns around the Conservancy, a short 30-minute drive away, to enjoy the excitement of market day. You'll likely be the only tourists walking among the Maasai, Samburu and other members of Kenya's diverse ethnic groups. Try your hand at bargaining for beads and locally crafted shoes. You may even get to witness livestock auctions.

Alternatively, visit the "singing wells" located near the Conservancy. This tradition is unique to this part of Laikipia. During the dry season, a well is dug in a dry riverbed and Maasai warriors descend into it, forming a human pyramid to collect water at the bottom and pass it to the top. As they work, each warrior sings a song unique to his cattle and listening to it echo through the valley is an incredibly moving experience.

Back at the lodge, you'll enjoy a sumptuous lunch by the poolside and relax around the grounds.

By late afternoon, let's head out to one of the neighbouring Maasai homesteads for our signature "Evening at the Manyatta". As you arrive, you will be surrounded by the sounds and sights of the manyatta as the children return from the bush with their goats, the women start to prepare dinner and the elders settle in around the campfire for their evening discussions. Join them for a drink and a chat about current issues, politics or perhaps hear some stories about their ancestors and the different Maasai clans. In the meantime chef David will have set up a grill and will be preparing a dinner, served at a table set up under a tree with hanging lanterns. This very special experience will leave you with a deep and authentic insight into the local culture.

DAY 5

After a leisurely breakfast, you'll head out to our airstrip for your morning flight. Upon take-off, the memories of your time in that remote and magical land will linger, and we hope you will leave inspired with a renewed sense of wonder.

