

Black Rhino Tracking in the Samburu



2015 saw the return of the endangered black rhino to the lands of the Samburu, in northern Kenya, after an absence of 25 years – an historic achievement for conservation and tourism in Kenya. This unique safari itinerary is intended to allow you to get as close as possible to these majestic creatures. Staying at the newly-opened Saruni Rhino Camp, you'll explore Samburland on foot and by 4x4 in the company of experienced rangers, and in doing so gain a deeper understanding of the rhino than can be had from a traditional driven safari.

Day 1: Arrive Nairobi (Eka Hotel)

You will be met by your driver on arrival in Nairobi and transferred to the Eka Hotel – one of Nairobi's top international hotels, situated close to the international airport – for one night (B&B basis).

Days 2-5: Transfer to Samburu National Reserve (Saruni Samburu Lodge)

You will be collected from Eka Hotel after breakfast and transferred to Wilson Airport for the flight to Kalama Airstrip, in the Samburu National Reserve. On arrival, meet with your

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driver and transfer to the fabulous Saruni Samburu Lodge, where you stay 4 nights (fully-inclusive with activities).



This Italian-owned lodge is remotely situated in the private Kalama Conservancy, on the outskirts of the Samburu National Reserve, northern Kenya. From its isolated perch in the Kalama Hills, Saruni Samburu enjoys spectacular views of the Samburu grasslands below, as they extend from the foot of the Kalamas into the distant horizon, where Mt Kenya is often visible on a clear day.

Saruni Samburu offers just six guest rooms. Scattered along the granite hilltop, the cottages have been carved out of natural stone and rock. They are entirely open at the front, with only gauze curtains separating them from the elements (these open during the day to allow for a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape). The spacious interiors are beautifully-furnished with Samburu rugs, lanterns, and hardwood furnishings.

Facilities at Saruni Samburu include a spa, small game-viewing hide, open-air dining area (situated at the peak of the hill so as to make the most of the views), and an infinity swimming pool, positioned just below the rooms on the slopes of the hill.



The next three days are free for you to explore Samburuland – both the national reserve and the private Kalama Conservancy. Saruni Samburu offers a mix of activities, including guided day and night game drives, guided bush walks, bush meals, and rock climbing.



Days 6-8: Transfer to Sera Conservancy (Saruni Rhino Camp)

After breakfast at Saruni Samburu, depart the Kalama Conservancy with your driver and journey two hours north into the neighbouring Sera Conservancy, where you check into Saruni Rhino Lodge for three nights (fully inclusive with activities).

Comprised of two elegant 'bandas' (open stone cottages), sleeping 4-6 guests each, and a main 'mess' cottage for dining and relaxing, Saruni Rhino is situated in the heart of the Sera Conservancy, amidst swaying doum palms on the dry bed of the Kauro River, from where it overlooks a nearby waterhole. The waterhole is a popular drinking spot for a diverse range of wildlife – elephant, hyena, impala oryx, Grevy's zebra are among the regular visitors, making for great 'bush TV' from the comfort of your cottage's sandy verandah! – while the dry river bed provides the quintessential torch-lit bush dinner location under the vast African skies.





Saruni Rhino's main draw, however, is its namesake – the rhino. The lodge offers the only black rhino tracking experience in East Africa. Accompanied by an expert guide and ranger, guests at Saruni have the opportunity to track black rhino on foot through the wild bush of the Sera Conservancy – a unique and thrilling walking safari.

There are currently 11 rhinos within the conservancy – a vast wilderness more than 350,000 hectares in size – re-homed from elsewhere in Kenya for their protection. Through your safari, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about the work involved in the protection of this severely endangered species.

During your stay at Saruni Rhino, you will also have the opportunity to visit the recently-opened Reteti Elephant Sanctuary, in the nearby Namunyak Wildlife Conservancy, part of the remote Mathews Range. This sanctuary provides protection for orphaned and abandoned elephant calves with the aim of releasing them back into the wild herds adjoining the Sanctuary.

Day 9: Departure

Depart Saruni Rhino this morning, enjoying a game drive en-route to the airstrip to catch the morning flight to Wilson Airport, Nairobi, and onward transfer to the international airport.

Booking information and costs:

From **£2,950 per person sharing**, to include all accommodations and board as specified, fully inclusive at Saruni Samburu and Saruni Rhino, park and concession fees, transfers.

Start from price based on travel in low season (Mar-May; Nov). For travel in shoulder season (Jan-Feb; Jun), costs start from £3,500 per person sharing; travel in high season (Jul-Oct; 19 Dec - 9 Jan), from £4,020 per person sharing.

Price excludes: international flights (London to Nairobi, from £450 incl. taxes), visas, insurance, tips

This safari can easily be extended with a few days in the Masai Mara National Reserve – February is an ideal time to visit. Alternatively, for rest and relaxation we can add time on the Kenyan Coast or Zanzibar – please contact us for details.