



SIRIKOI

# ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES 2024



Days on safari at Sirikoi are as action-packed or as relaxing as desired, and Sirikoi offers a range of unique and exciting additional activities through which to experience the wildlife and explore the wilderness.

**THESE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES 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.**

## HORSE RIDING

Horse ride on Lewa Wildlife Conservancy or Borana Conservancy. Riding is a fantastic opportunity to get close to plains game such as zebra and giraffe, and to view the beautiful scenery from a new perspective. You are matched to your horse based on your level of experience and confidence, and we cater for both amateur and expert riders.

**Riding on Lewa or Borana**, can take place in the morning or afternoon. You will ride for about an hour across the plains and among the wildlife. Morning rides, guests depart from the lodge at roughly 6.00 to 6:30 am with a picnic breakfast. After a short game drive, you will arrive at the stables and start riding at about 7am until roughly 8:30am and return to lodge via a short game drive, roughly 9.30 to 10am.

**Time:** 4 hours (1.5 hours riding time), from 6am – 10am

Afternoon rides, guests depart from the lodge at roughly 3pm, go on a short game, you will arrive at the stables and start riding at about 4pm until roughly 5.30pm and return to lodge via a short game drive roughly 6.30 to 7pm.

**Time:** 4 hours (1.5 hours riding time), from 3pm – 7pm

There is also the option to ride camels on Lewa.

**Details:** Wearing closed, comfortable shoes is recommended. Both stables use English saddles, not Western saddles, and riding hats are provided.



## NGARE NDARE FOREST VISIT

Visiting the Ngare Ndare Forest on the boundary of Lewa offers a complete contrast to the wide open plains of the conservancy, and is a favourite activity among Sirikoi guests. Walking through the forest canopy of enormous indigenous trees on the elevated walkway and diving into the blue glacial pools and waterfalls is an exceptional experience of a very different wilderness.

Guests depart Sirikoi in the morning after breakfast and drive for 40 minutes through a few small Kenyan rural communities, to reach the forest. The elevated canopy walkway is about 10m high and 400m long, ending at a beautiful lookout deck. There is the option to take lunch to the forest and enjoy it on the deck.

**Time:** 4 hours

**Details:** 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.



# IL NGWESI CULTURAL VISIT

Visiting the Il Ngwesi community is a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about the ancient customs, culture and daily lives of the Laikipia, Maasai. You depart after breakfast at the lodge, and the game drive to Il Ngwesi is about 90 min. You will be shown around their 'manyatta' or homestead, learn about their traditions and share in their rich singing and dancing. On the way back to Sirikoi, you may choose to have a picnic lunch.

**Time:** 4-5 hours (3 hours driving, 1 – 2 hours with the community)

**Details:** The road to Il Ngwesi is rough - we do not recommend this activity for those who struggle in a bumpy Land Rover.



# HELICOPTER EXCURSIONS

Sirikoi offers three different helicopter excursions, each exciting and bespoke, taking you through incredible scenery on an immersive and thrilling wilderness experience like no other. Flying over the extraordinarily diverse landscapes will undoubtedly be the highlight of your safari!

The helicopters take a maximum of 5 passengers. Helicopter excursions are best booked in advance.



## THE MATHEWS RANGE AND RETETI ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

The Reteti Elephant Sanctuary is found in the remote Mathews Range Mountains, among the second largest elephant populations in Kenya. It is the first community owned and run elephant sanctuary in the world. The orphanage rescues and takes in abandoned elephant calves with the aim to raise them and release them back into the wild herds adjoining the Sanctuary.

Guests enjoy a beautiful scenic helicopter flight over the arid wilderness of Samburu and into the mountains to visit the Reteti Elephant Orphanage. This flight takes roughly 30 minutes to an hour, usually departing Sirikoi after an early breakfast at 7:30, to be at the orphanage from 8:30 - 10:00, as feeding time is at 9:00am. After visiting the elephant sanctuary, you will continue flying among breathtaking landscapes, stopping for refreshments in the Mathews Range with an amazing view.

**Time:** 4 hours (3 hours flying time)

Helicopter flight time quoted includes the positioning time to the lodge and back.

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



## MOUNT KENYA

This early morning helicopter excursion takes you over the snow-tipped peaks, across the moorlands and down through the undulating forested valleys of the mighty Mount Kenya – the second highest mountain in Africa. Departure time is strictly 7:00am, with the option of an early breakfast at the lodge before taking off, or a picnic breakfast to take with and enjoy up the mountain. You will land on the mountain for refreshments, take a walk and fly-fish for rainbow trout in the alpine lakes for a few hours.

**Time:** 3-4 hours (2 hours flying time)

**Mount Kenya National Park and fishing fees are an extra costs where applicable.**

**Details:** 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. Maximum 4 people in landing, 5 people for a scenic flight without landing.



## NORTHERN KENYA

This excursion is truly astounding, taking you through some of the last remaining untouched wildernesses of the world to the most remote secret corners of Kenya. You will fly over rocky outcrops and arid plains, winding river beds and 'painted' valleys, volcanic craters and ancient lava flows, lakes of flamingoes and crocodile pools, cycad forests and desert sand dunes, through the Great Rift Valley to the Jade Sea – Lake Turkana. You have the option of a unique cultural encounter with the Pokot tribal community – nomadic pastoralists rarely visited by outsiders.

You will leave Sirikoi at 7:00am before it gets too hot, either after a quick breakfast at the lodge before taking off, or with a picnic breakfast to take with you. Plenty of refreshments and snacks will be packed for you to take along. You will fly and explore for approximately 5 hours before returning to Sirikoi for a late lunch.

**Time:** 6-7 hours (5-6 hours flying time)

**Details:** The climate becomes hotter and dryer 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.

