



# SIRIKOI FACTSHEET

LEWA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY, KENYA



# OVERVIEW

As a small and intimate family-owned safari lodge, Sirikoi offers unrivalled exclusivity and charm. The four luxury tents, Sirikoi Cottage and private Sirikoi House are perfectly positioned along the spring-fed Sirikoi stream, immersed in nature with wildlife all around.

Sirikoi resembles an eco-chic African home and while it offers a sure sense of luxury and high level of service, it manages to be welcoming, comfortable and unpretentious. All the rooms are spacious and tastefully designed, with unique décor, a private sitting area, big Victorian bathtubs, rain-showers, fireplaces and a private deck.

Surrounded by 68,000 acres of pure wilderness of the renowned Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, a World Heritage Site, the location of the lodge is truly exceptional. With Kenya's arid north on one side, and the lush foothills of Mount Kenya on the other, Sirikoi enjoys a beautiful spring-like climate year round.

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy has many endangered species including black and white rhino, Reticulated giraffe and the largest resident population of Grevy's zebra in the world. Families of elephant have carved Sirikoi into their migratory routes and for hours at a time they can be seen almost daily just in front of the Sirikoi dining deck.



*World Travel Awards* KENYA'S LEADING SAFARI LODGE 2019 - 2023 (5 YEARS)

*Trip Advisor Travellers' Choice* WINNER 2020

*Condé Nast Traveler* TOP 15 RESORT IN CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA, #1 LUXURY RESORT IN THE WORLD 2019,

#1 SAFARI PROPERTY IN AFRICA 2019, GOLD LIST 2018

*Eco Tourism Kenya* GOLD ECO-RATED 2023 (since 2015)

# ACCOMMODATION

## SIRIKOI HOUSE

*3 en-suite bedrooms with a private living room, dining room, and deck - for 6 guests, sold exclusively.*

The Sirikoi House includes three en-suite bedrooms (a master suite and separate bedroom cottage with two en-suite bedrooms), which lead onto a central living and dining cottage renowned for its unique positioning and decor. There is a private deck with a fire pit built overlooking the wetland; perfect for private meals and sundowners. Sirikoi House is sold only on an exclusive use basis and comes with its own private safari vehicle and guide, as well as a chef, housekeeper and team of waiting staff.

## SIRIKOI COTTAGE

*2 en-suite bedrooms with a private living and dining room, kitchen and deck - for 4 guests sold exclusively.*

Sirikoi Cottage is perfect for with families with children, or friends traveling together. The Cottage has two en-suite bedrooms with large bathrooms, a central living and dining room, and small kitchen. The shared living space opens out onto a spacious deck with a fire pit, from which to enjoy beautiful views of the waterhole.

## SIRIKOI LUXURY TENTS

*4 en-suite tents with a private deck - sold individually.*

Each luxury tented room has a sitting area leading onto the outside deck, a large double bed or two single beds with a dressing area behind the bed, a fireplace which is lit each evening, and an en-suite bathroom with a free-standing bath and rain shower. Additionally, one of the luxury tents has an annex that can accommodate an extra bed.

## KEY FACILITIES FOR ALL ACCOMMODATION

- Exclusive game drive vehicles
- Private deck
- Private sitting area
- Fire place in rooms
- Victorian bath tub
- Rain shower
- Hair dryer
- Handmade, organic toiletries
- Laundry
- Digital safes
- International plug sockets
- Complimentary high-speed wifi
- Infinity pool
- Organic garden
- Gift shop
- Gym



# EXPERIENCES

Days are as action-packed or as relaxed as desired, and Sirikoi offers a range of unique and adventurous activities for all ages to experience the wildlife and explore the wilderness.

## INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

- Day and evening game drives
- Sundowner and picnic excursions
- Sirikoi organic garden tour
- Bird watching and Rhino tracking on Lewa
- Guided bush walks (subject to availability)
- Lewa Operations Room, tracker dogs, school and clinic (subject to availability)
- Pre-historic site visits and Bau games
- Running in the wild with Sirikoi rangers
- Visiting Lewa hides to watch the wildlife pass by

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

These activities incur an additional cost and are subject to availability.

- Helicopter excursions
- Masai dancers
- Il Ngwesi cultural visit
- Horse riding
- Camel riding
- Ngare Ndare Forest visit
- Massages, manicures, and pedicures are done upon request



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## MALARIA PREVENTION

The lodge is located in a minimal risk area, and thanks to the frogs in the Sirikoi stream, there are few mosquitos and other insects. Anti-malaria medication is not necessary, although may be recommended depending on other destinations visited on safari. Insect-repellant sprays and creams can be brought along if desired.

## CLIMATE AND SEASONS

Sirikoi enjoys a lovely 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 5,500ft.

*Rainfall:* Mid-April to mid-May and November are usually the rainy seasons.

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

## ECO-TOURISM

Sirikoi has always strived to operate in harmony with our beautiful environment. The lodge runs off solar power, taps all water from a natural spring, uses natural cleaning products and toiletries wherever possible, follows a strict recycling policy and grows fruits and vegetables. The one-acre organic garden supplies fresh daily produce and is the most prodigious of its type at any lodge or camp in Kenya. As a result of these efforts, Sirikoi has been honoured with a Gold level Eco-rating for the last three years.

## FOOD AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

As a small and exclusive lodge, Sirikoi can cater for all dietary requirements. Food allergies and dietary requests should be arranged prior to arrival. The cuisine at Sirikoi is fresh and locally sourced, and the style is homely and nutritious.

## LAUNDRY

A complimentary laundry service is offered to all guests. All clothes are washed in washing machines and dried by the sun – it is not recommended to send in delicate items or clothing that requires specialized care.

## ELECTRICITY AT THE LODGE

Sirikoi runs on solar power and an inverter system, which provides power 24 hours a day. There is a back-up generator on stand-by. Guests' electronics can be charged in their rooms and in the main areas. We have 3-point British plugs and one inbuilt international power socket in each room. We do however recommend guests bring their own converters and universal plug adapters.

## EXCLUSIVE VEHICLES

All guests have an exclusive vehicle and their own assigned guide for the duration of their stay, whether a group of six friends or a solo traveller.

## CREDIT CARDS

Mastercard and Visa credit cards are accepted at Sirikoi, for additional activities, specialty champagnes, wines and shopping in the gift shop. Please note: There is a 3% surcharge for using a credit card to cover bank service fees. American Express can be used via a pay link sent to you by email.

## SECURITY

The lodge grounds are fenced with a raised electric wire to keep elephant and giraffes out of the garden. All other wildlife can come under the fence onto the lawns. Askari's or night watchmen escort guests to and from their rooms at night with a torch, and in the day it is safe to walk around camp.

## GRATUITIES GUIDELINE

Tipping is entirely at the guests' discretion. As a guideline we recommend a general staff tip of \$20 per guest per day, which is shared amongst all staff, excluding guides and spotters. For your guide we recommend \$50 per day per group, and \$20 per day per group for your spotter and \$20 for the walking ranger. Tipping is done at the end of one's stay.

## CHILDREN'S POLICY

Sirikoi welcomes children aged 6 years and older. Child rate applies to children ages 6 -16 years. Children 12 years and younger cannot stay in a tent on their own. Child of allowed age in own tent, the single room rate will apply. Children of allowed age, sharing in a twin or triple tent, the per adult sharing rate will apply to the first child and the per child sharing rate will apply to the 2nd and 3rd child. Children are the responsibility of their parents.

## WEDDINGS AND EVENTS

Sirikoi is widely known as a beautiful and exclusive venue for weddings and events, and the Sirikoi team is well practiced in arranging and catering for celebrations – from menus, to décor, to entertainment. Contact the booking office to start planning your perfect day.

## HOW TO GET THERE

Sirikoi is easily accessible by air and by road.

*Flying:* The Lodge is just a 20 minute drive from the Lewa airstrip, which is served by both private charters and scheduled flights from Nairobi's Wilson Airport and Jomo Kenyatta International Airport – a 50 minute flight away. Helicopters can land close by and can be arranged to fly from Nairobi's Jomo Kenyatta International Airport or from Wilson Airport.

*Driving:* Driving to Sirikoi from Nairobi takes about 5 hours. It is a scenic drive through the highlands of Kenya and past Mount Kenya, but due to the length of the drive we recommend flying.

# UNIQUE FEATURES

## ‘ARM CHAIR’ GAME VIEWING

Set among vast green lawns and acacia trees, Sirikoi overlooks a natural waterhole and wetland, which has become a favourite passage and sanctuary for wildlife. Some of the best game viewing is done right from the lodge itself, in a leather chair on the Sirikoi deck overlooking the busy waterhole and wildlife on the lawns.

## SPRING ALL YEAR ROUND

Due to the lovely spring-like weather, all meals are served on the main Sirikoi deck year round. During the day the deck is the best lookout point over the waterhole, and at night, after drinks around the fire, guests enjoy dinner beneath the stars.

## FARM-TO-TABLE

The organic vegetable garden is a hidden gem found just behind the lodge, with an avocado tree grove heavy with fruit all year round, an impressive variety of banana trees and berries, beautiful flowers for the lodge and plenty more.

Visiting the Sirikoi vegetable garden and taking a tour with George Kabere, the head groundsman, is an unexpected highlight for most guests. Learning from George and seeing first-hand what is involved in the organic farming process is fascinating and hugely rewarding. With spring water feeding the garden, naturally rich soil and equatorial sunshine, the garden produces an impressive amount of fruits, vegetables and herbs – over 80 in fact – which supply the lodge with the majority of its fresh produce.

## CONSERVATION IN ACTION

From its conception, Sirikoi has nurtured a strong commitment and passion for conservation and the neighbouring communities. Lewa Wildlife Conservancy has become Kenya's leading model for wildlife conservation and low-impact community tourism. Together with the generous help of their guests, Sirikoi continues to contribute hugely towards Lewa's conservation, community, education and health projects.

Guests are encouraged to explore Lewa Wildlife Conservancy's "behind the scenes" operations to get an understanding for how conservation and anti-poaching really works, and to see all that Lewa is doing for wildlife and the surrounding communities. This includes visiting the Operations Room, tracker dogs, meeting the security or anti-poaching team, and visiting the Lewa school and clinic.

## FAMILY FUN HOLIDAYS

Sirikoi is an ideal family holiday destination. The big open lawns, swimming pool and spacious rooms make it perfect for families. More than children activities, we offer flexibility around meals and menus, educational and fun activities and child-care. Children thrive in discovering a new place and exploring freely around the Sirikoi grounds with the Masai and Samburu warriors – and also love a visit to the vegetable garden to see the chickens and rabbits! A Sirikoi safari is an unforgettable and life-changing experience for parents and children alike.

