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SAMBURU INTREPIDS CAMP, SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE

LOCATION

Coordinates GPS [N 0 34.663; E 37 29.540]

Samburu Intrepids is a lush oasis on the banks of the great Uaso Nyiro River in Samburu Game Reserve. The tented lodge is a delight to be in – deliciously cooled by the river breeze and the forest. The luxury tented camp sits on raised decks overlooking the brown river where the elephants sometimes make an appearance or the crocodiles come out to lounge by the river's banks.

Why Samburu Intrepids?

Newly renovated luxury en-suite tents, with four-poster king size beds

- Choice of game viewing in Samburu or Buffalo Springs Reserves
- Cultural immersions in pristine ways of neighbouring Samburu tribesmen
- Clear Equatorial night skies for astronomy
- Open sided safari jeeps for best game viewing
- Picturesque mountainous landscape
- Knowledgeable and highly-certified guides
- The best kids clubs in the region for cultural and wildlife edutainment

ACCOMMODATION:

The 27 luxury tents are widely spread across a large riverside site to ensure guests the optimum of privacy and peace. Each tent is furnished in the classic style of the grand African safaris, with large four-poster beds and handsome reproduction furniture, offset by modern en suite bathrooms with hot showers, flush toilets and all modern amenities.

For families with children wanting more space, you have a choice of the family tents, an ensemble of two tents with a spacious lounge and a wide deck complete with lounging chairs and tables, ideal for relaxing and private meals. Beautifully styled with ethno-African and modern pieces, they are simply superb for family stays.

The camp is secured by an electric fence to ward off animals and has 24 hour security.

HOTEL CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

Normal checkout time is 10am.

GETTING THERE

Samburu Intrepids is 345 kilometres and a six-hour drive from Nairobi via the scenic settler towns of Nanyuki and Timau, while the all-weather Samburu airstrip is an hour's flight and 20-minutes drive away. The airstrip, which is located on the Buffalo Springs National Reserve is serviced twice daily by both Safarilink and Air Kenya from Wilson Airport in Nairobi.

The Board basis is usually full board, which includes three lipsmacking meals, accommodation in our en suite luxury tents, two game drives a day in our open-sided Land Rover jeeps and free Adventurers' club membership for the children (3-11 year olds). A typical stay is usually three days (2 nights) but you can enquire on an itinerary for a longer stay which involves daily incursion in the Samburu villages and immersion into their culture and to fully enjoy the safari experience.

FACILITIES

- Luxurious modern tents with secluded verandas
- Riverfront dining deck and open-air lounge area
- Freeform swimming pool with sunbathing terrace
- Conference room with television and wildlife videos
- Custom-built four-wheel-drive safari vehicles
- Reliable 240-volt generator electricity supply
- Safety deposit boxes for all guests' valuables
- Camp bookshop and guests' reference library
- Souvenir boutique and Safariwear Centre.

SERVICES

- Telephone/mobile, e-mail and postal services
- Boiled water and insect repellent in tents
- Foreign currency exchange at reception
- Single-day laundry and valet services
- Flex body therapy for half- or one-hour
- Early morning calls with tea or coffee
- Chilled towels and drinks upon check-in
- Resident doctor available 24 hours.

ACTIVITIES

- Twice-daily game drives with professional guides
- Camel and walking safaris outside the reserve
- Bush breakfasts and dinners under the stars
- Romantic sundowners overlooking the plains
- Visits to neighbouring Samburu communities

- Bird walks with experienced ornithologists
- Overnight fly-camping on sacred Mt Ololokwe
- Visits to local dances and traditional ceremonies
- Lectures and slideshows on culture and wildlife
- Heritage's famous Adventurers' Club for kids
- and Young Rangers' Club for intrepid teenagers.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX AND SERVICE CHARGE

Airport departure taxes are now included in price of the international flight ticket for all three East African countries. It is also the policy of most travel agencies to quote domestic fares inclusive of airport taxes.

CLIMATE

The equator divides Kenya: Seasons run as follows Summer: September - April 34°C/194°F 20°C/68°F Winter: May - August 25°C/77°F 11°C/52°F Rainfall: April - May (long rains), November - Mid December (short rains)

WHAT TO WEAR

Cotton shirts, skirts and khaki shorts or pants. Carry a jacket, warm sweater/fleece and socks, especially for early morning game drives.

Additionally, one can pack safari hats, sun cream, sun glasses, insect repellant and swim wear.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY

It's 220/240 v 50hz.

Plugs are 3 point square.

Those coming from North America with IIOv/60hz appliances should be sure to use an appropriate transformer.

Power is by generator, which is switched on at 5.00 am till 4.00pm, and 6.00 pm till 12 midnight. It is possible to re-charge your electrical appliances, including video camera batteries, laptops, tablets, cell phones, etc in your room, as well as use appliances like hair dryers. Extra batteries, chargers and camera memory cards can be bought at the hotel's boutique.

HEALTH

Vaccines commended for travellers to Africa include those against – check with travel agent at time of travel:

- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Polio
- Typhoid
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Yellow fever*
- Rabies
- Meningitis

Certificates are required for entry into, or travel between, some African countries.

Several of these vaccines require more than one dose, or take

time to become effective. Seek advice on immunisation well in advance, best 6 weeks before departure.

In Kenya, excellent medical facilities are available in Nairobi but at a fee. There is NO free health care provided. Our hotels have a camp doctor and nurse on duty but in case of specialized treatment, evacuation has to be arranged.

Malaria

This is a disease spread by the female anopheles mosquitoes that bite mainly at dusk and at night. It is advisable that every traveler to Africa consult with their doctor before arriving. We provide mosquito nets for night protection, as well as repellants for use during the day.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Please check the validity of your insurance against personal injuries and any loss. Heritage Hotels will not accept liability against injury or loss.

TIME ZONE

Kenya is GMT + 0300 hours.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official languages of the Republic of Kenya are Kiswahili and English.

BANKS

Most banks are open from 09:00 to 16.00 from Monday to Friday and half day on Saturdays except at the airport where the services are available 24 hrs. Banks with branches in major shopping malls open longer.

CURRENCY

The official currency of the Republic of Kenya is the Kenya Shilling (Ksh).

Major currencies like the US Dollar, British pounds and Euro are accepted (enquire at the hotel for daily exchange rates). However, US Dollar bills printed between 1996 and 1999 are generally not accepted in Kenya due to excessive forgery.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city.

Heritage accepts Visa, MasterCard, Amex and PayPal.

