



THE ULTIMATE BEACH AND BUSH EXPERIENCE

Kenya's unbelievable diversity offers all its visitors an incredible wealth of options when it comes to choosing where to go and what to see. From the rich and colourful reefs and beaches of our Indian Ocean coastline, to the magnificent natural beauty and untouched wilderness areas further inland, a holiday to Kenya is an experience that is matched by few others.

Kizingo, on Lamu Island, and El Karama Lodge, in Laikipia, present the superlative combination of Kenya's beach and bush encounters.

Both are relaxed, family-run properties where feeling at home is the main priority for all their guests. Swimming with dolphins, snorkelling and searching for shells on the beach is perfectly complimented by early morning game drives tracking lion and leopard, watching elephants and spotting hundreds of different bird species. Both places have so much to offer, and are excellently geared towards couples, families and friends of all ages and interests...





El Karama Lodge

Laikipia

El Karama is situated centrally within Laikipia District, in the 40,000 square km Ewaso ecosystem that boasts more diversity of fauna and flora than any other region in Kenya.

El Karama Eco Lodge is based on a private 14,000 acre ranch where conservation is a primary concern. We offer an intimate wilderness experience for the wildlife connoisseur.



We are a family run business that has operated on this private property since 1963. We support around sixty families directly through employment on the ranch and are dedicated to the wider image of Laikipia District as a progressive area where communities work together. Preserving the integrity of the Laikipia ecosystem by creatively managing the natural resources to improve the livelihood of its people is our goal.



As a family, we are passionate about wildlife and lead an outdoors lifestyle where ranching, painting & sculpture and walking safaris are central to the way we live. As Kenyans, we feel proud and privileged to be able to share this with anyone who cares to visit.

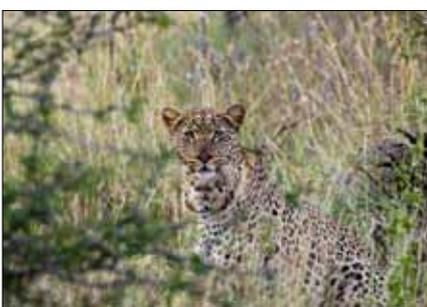


The dining room, open along one side with a peaceful view across the river, is breezy during the day and cosy at night with a massive open fireplace and big sofas. It can easily seat twenty. The roof is high, showing off beautiful giant bamboo and thatch and catching the dreamy sound of the river running by.

Our cook prepares delicious dishes fresh from our eco garden on the ranch itself. There is a catered and self-catered option available to guests.



The bandas are situated at a safe distance from the rivers edge and look across to a salt lick where wildlife often congregate in the early morning and evening. Each banda has its own veranda for reading and star gazing. They are ideal for singles or doubles sharing. Constructed from stones sourced from El Karama, sturdy canvas walls and topped with thatch roofs, the bandas offer a bush experience with a touch of luxury. Each banda has its own spacious bathroom, with flushing toilet and discreet netted window looking out into the bush. There are also two stone cottages, one slightly larger, which are set next to the river and perfect for families.



While staying at El Karama Lodge, there are any number of activities to enjoy. Apart from just relaxing at the lodge - in your room or by the pool - you can head out on game drives, accompanied bush walks (one of the most exciting and enchanting ways to view game), farm visits, bird-watching, sundowners, picnics and more.



Kizingo Lamu Island

Kizingo is the ultimate ‘no news, no shoes’ beach resort - a wonderful secluded and tranquil escape from the modern world. The lodge is situated at one end of a spectacular empty 12-kilometre beach that stretches from Kizingo (which means ‘the point’ in Swahili) to the village of Shela.



Guests can be as private or as social as they wish, opting to dine on the verandah of their Banda or join other guests in the bar and the dining room.

The lodge is owned and run by the van Aardt family, born both in Kenya and Zimbabwe. Having farmed in Zimbabwe they all returned to Kenya and with their staff built and started operating Kizingo in 2003. The small eco resort has been built very carefully not to detract from this stunning sand island wilderness.



When we built Kizingo we purchased locally produced materials such as mangrove poles, star palm leaves and coconut palms, to help the lodge blend into the landscape as well as creating a sustainable cottage industry for the village of Kipungani.

Kizingo is strongly committed to conservation, ecologically sound practices and a symbiotic relationship with the local community.

Hot water and most of our electricity is provided by solar panels. Shower water and kitchen grey water is recycled to grow our plants and trees.



We are a family of foodies and from a very long line, so if like us eating gives you pleasure, you should enjoy the fresh fish such as red snapper, crab and lobster, all served with locally-grown vegetables and salads and prepared by our chef Kanchora. All our bread is freshly baked every morning in a clay oven. We can also accommodate special diets as well as cater for vegetarians, or carnivores.



There are eight very spacious bandas with high-pitched thatched roofs and shaded verandahs tucked into the dunes and on the beach. Each has a large double bed draped with mosquito netting and comfortable chairs for lounging. Bamboo screens unfurl to give complete privacy. The large en suite bathroom has a flushing toilet, hot water shower, wash basin and dressing area. On the verandah overlooking the sea is a Lamu swing bed that is impossible to resist.



The swimming is excellent, both in the Indian Ocean and in the calm waters of the channel. For the more energetic, activities include visiting Lamu town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, snorkeling, sea kayaking, swimming with dolphins, fishing, dhow trips, bush walks, runs or being entertained at the bar. The beach is considered a top location for kite surfing.

Non-Resident Rates 2014

El Karama Lodge and Kizingo have put together a special package for those looking to enjoy both experiences. Anyone looking to visit both of our properties will be offered an extra special rate - please note these rates are dependent on guests staying at both places.

For more information on each property or to make a booking, please email either elkaramalodge@gmail.com or info@kizingo.com. Please note all reservations will be invoiced and charged directly from each property.



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