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Solio Lodge the Experience

The southern fringes of Laikipia, close to the foothills of the Aberdare range, Occupying the rolling plains between the Aberdare and Mount Kenya National Parks, <b>**Solio Lodge</b>** is a beacon in Kenya's conservation landscape and the country's pioneer in breeding <b>**black rhinos</b>**. Unlike many of younger <b>**Kenya lodges</b>**, Solio Lodge has not grown from an original ranch farmstead, Instead Solio Lodge was built from scratch in 2010 to provide a permanent base for the increasing numbers of visitors wanting to see Solio Lodge remarkable, long-horned black rhinos.   
Solio Lodge consists of a dramatic high-roofed, glass fronted central lounge and dining area and six well spaced-out cottages built in the same high graceful style with sweeping roofs of thatched tiles, the central building faces east on a clear morning to a dramatic sunrise over Mount Kenya with the cottages on either side in two wings of three. Facing the main lawn, the central areas which also serve as the Solio lodge reception is a fine place to gather before meals, the lawn is dominated by a freeform deck encircling the base of a venerable acacia tree and this is where breakfast and lunch are often served. Inside the lounge, there's a sit-up bar that gets most use when the lodge is full as well as contemporary artwork fascinating photos on the walls depict Solio Ranch's early days, At the back of the lounge, a dramatic curving staircase sweeps up to a mezzanine platform spanning the lounge where a small selection of gifts and crafts is for sale and comfy seating looks out from a veranda over the lawn. All Solio Lodge cottage size rooms can be set up as double or twin-bedded rooms. Each cottage has a design theme reflected in the art on the walls and the room décor. There's a really pleasing design coherence to all of them, with clean lines, comfortable chunky furnishings over the partly carpeted and partly polished cement floors, and each room has its own individual colour palette. The panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows allow natural light to flood each room and French windows give access to the low decks or lawns which front most of the cottages. The cottages each have a large lounge area with plenty of soft seating, set apart slightly from the bedroom area by a bar-console arrangement with reading material, a fridge and a music docking station for playing your music through the room's audio system. Each room has an elegant fireplace in the lounge, and the fire is usually lit, with acacia deadwood, ready for your return from the late afternoon activity. Another fireplace, in the bathroom, can be lit on request. With 24-hour mains electricity and charging points with UK-style sockets in all rooms, there's a solid sense of supreme comfort and contemporary style throughout. The cottage furthest to the south is cottage one Zebra which is usually considered the honeymoon suite furthest from the central area. Wildlife loves coming up to this room. Rooms two Banana Leaf and three Cheese plant are also on the south side of the central building. Of the six cottages, Cheese plant is the most disabled-friendly cottage, being closest to the main area, though none of them have any special adaptations. On the north side of the main building stands cottage #4 Strelitzia and then the adjoining family cottages the *People* rooms five and six. Although this adjoining pair is usually used as a huge family suite, other guests will often be upgraded here on arrival if it hasn't been taken. Separate groups of guests will never be booked here together, as the rooms share a main area. There are great views of the lodge waterhole from here. All the cottage bathrooms are enormous and feature deep, freestanding, bathtubs and twin wash basins. Some of the shower areas are floored with wood lattice and all have very high, waterfall-style showers with plenty of pressure. Ample hot water is provided by wood-fired boilers lit for each room, morning and evening. Unusually, the showers have glass walls on the garden side, allowing you to absorb the view and watch the wildlife while showering. Solio Game Reserve is Kenya's oldest private rhino sanctuary – a 76km² conservancy carved out of <b>**Solio cattle ranch</b>** in 1970. Initially a focus for the breeding of critically endangered black rhinos, it successfully started a <b>**white rhino</b>** breeding programme alongside the **black rhinos** and as numbers have burgeoned in the sanctuary rhinos of both species have often been translocated to other protected areas in Kenya, including <b>**Lake Nakuru National Park**, **Ol Pejeta** **Conservancy</b>** and Lewa Conservancy as a donation. <b>**Solio Lodge</b>** started a photographic database of its rhinos in 2004 and now every individual of both species can be monitored. There are currently more than 65 black rhino and more than 185 <b>**white rhinos</b>**. The extraordinary success of Solio Lodge conservation work means that <b>**Solio</b> <b>Game Reserve</b>** is chock-full of wildlife. You will see white rhinos in large herds often out on the open plains, and many of them with impressive horns. The instinctively shyer black rhinos are a shade less outgoing, but still quite easily spotted. These are the biggest of Solio's megafauna: there are <b>**no elephants</b>** at Solio, which has the benefit of protecting the splendid stands of yellow-barked fever trees that characterise the reserve. As well as large numbers of plains grazers, including impala, zebra and warthog, Solio has some northern species, including the rapier-horned Beisa oryx and smartly coated reticulated giraffe and many lions plus and the Solio Reserve has good numbers of leopards preying largely on the abundant impala. The opportunity to see some of Solio Lodge fantastic birdlife with more than 700 species having been spotted here, completes a spectacular wildlife experience. Although you can go out on a dawn game drive with the cooler and often slightly damp climate at Solio Lodge and abundant wildlife, morning activities generally start from 09:00 after an early breakfast. Game drives are run in comfortable 7-seater extended closed Land Cruisers with roof hatches conducted by a driver guide and a spotter. In the vehicles you have the option of sitting up high on roof-mounted seats for a better view which is good fun,   
The same vehicles are used for full-day excursions into Aberdare National Park the gate of which is a 30-minute drive from the Solio lodge, leaving the farmlands behind, you climb through dense mountain forest cut through by streams and inhabited by elephant, buffalo, giant forest hog and colobus monkeys. Above the forest, from about 2,400m, there's a dense zone of giant bamboo growing to 20m or more in height. And climbing above 2,800m you reach more open country, with tall, tussocky grassland and, above the tree line at about 3,000m, the region's famous Afro-alpine vegetation. This includes the same giant groundsel and ostrich plume plant or giant lobelia a strange, furry-looking giant herbs that can be found on Mount Kenya. The drive can include visits to the top of the Chania waterfall – and, if there's time, also to the Karura Falls lookout, with a stunning view of the Gura Falls across a huge, jungle-swathed chasm. Aberdare landscape and vegetation are beautiful and so varied and leopard’s sightings and plenty of buffalos, giant forest hogs (a real rarity) and many colobus and Skye’s monkeys. Other Solio Lodge activities include running, walking, horse-riding and cycling near the airstrip and in other safe areas outside the rhino sanctuary itself, you’ll be accompanied by safari guides, If you're feeling more sedentary the rooms have yoga mats and you can also order a massage and other treatments in your room (extra charges apply for those). Unusually, Solio Lodge offers very interesting back-of-house visits to the kitchen, vegetable and herb garden, stores and office area – neatly and securely organized in shipping containers. The short visit is encouraged and very worthwhile, testament to the high standards maintained here. This spectacularly conceived and beautifully integrated modern <b>**bush lodge</b>** with huge rooms is one of Kenya's very best places to stay, you will be instantly seduced by the attention to detail, the delicious meals, the glass-walled mega-showers that look out onto the savannah, the super-comfortable beds and the remarkable wildlife riches of the <b>**Solio Game Reserve</b>**, in particular the numerous black and white rhinos. Solio Lodge is around 60 minutes’ drive from <b>**Nanyuki airstrip</b>** or 5 minutes from Solio lodge own airstrip for private charters, The food quality at Solio is very high and one of the lodge's key experiences, the manager had a five-year stay in Italy and it shows in the attention to vibrant colors and flavors with vegetable and herb garden and the produce from Kenya's highland farms easily available you eat very well and in great variety, You can eat more or less when you prefer, but as a guideline, breakfast is usually served between 06:30 and 09:30, lunch between 13:00 and 14:30 and dinner between 19:30 and 20:30. Tea and coffee and biscuits or cakes are also on offer in the main area all afternoon or they can be bought to your room, as can tea or coffee with a morning wake-up call. Solo travelers will always be joined by the lodge manager for meals if appropriate. There are hot drink making facilities in the rooms but wake-up calls with hot drinks can also be arranged. Solio is home to an impressive population of white and black rhinos, and rides take place outside their sanctuary. Explore the woods and rolling plains and keep watch for a diversity of species, including the northern varieties of plains wildlife. The 6 well-spaced, east-facing cottages provide privacy and stunning sunrise views of Mount Kenya, while the graceful design, ample natural light and glass showers overlooking personal gardens create an ambience suitable for this luxury retreat. With its modern design and individually themed cottages, Solio Lodge was purpose-built for luxury. Panoramic windows and open fireplaces add wow-factor, while exploring the private conservancy makes for an exclusive experience. Children often play ball games – cricket, football, volley ball – in the grounds, and bush craft skills can be organized with some of the guides, as can torchlight walks in the grounds looking for small, nocturnal wildlife such as bushbabies and insects. Highchairs and baby cots are available. The gardens are fine for letting off steam and the impressive fauna in the rhino sanctuary is very easily seen, so game drives are packed with interest. As ever, very young children will need supervision at Solio lodge but older ones, from say 5 and up, should be fine if they behave responsibly. There’s a back-up generator for the occasional mains blackout. Solar water heating is planned though this won’t be feasible all year round. Hot water is supplied by wood- and briquette-burning boilers, with the briquettes partly supplied by the lodge’s own briquette maker, supplied with waste cardboard (other recycling includes tins and plastic bottles returned to Nairobi, kitchen waste to a pig farmer in the local town of Mweiga). Rooms are equipped with hair dryers. Cellphone network is available, and there's WiFi in the rooms. TV & radio - Borehole water is pumped up to tanks near the stables. This water is actually potable, but guests are nonetheless advised not to drink it and bottled water is provided. Solio staff have been on first aid and medical courses and are able to deal with minor problems. The lodge has a good range of first-aid equipment. Security is very good at Solio, with askaris at the lodge itself and Kenya Wildlife Service rangers and government General Service Unit officers in the surrounding ranch and sanctuary. There are fire extinguishers throughout the lodge. Staff have all done fire training.

Why Solio Lodge

Solio Lodge is famed as a lodge in Kenya for its unique and mind-blowing rhino viewing experiences. Tucked in the valley between the lofty slopes of Mount Kenya and the peaks of the Aberdare Mountains, it is the only guest accommodation on the incredible 45,000-acre **Solio ,b>Game Reserve</b>**. Internationally recognised as one of the most successful private rhino breeding sanctuaries in East Africa, visitors will find that sightings of up to 40 rhinoceros at a time are not uncommon. The wildlife experience here is intense and exclusive: 19,000 acres of conservancy surrounded by a 45,000-acre ranch and just one luxury lodge. Solio Lodge is a b>**luxury lodge</b>** in Kenya with something for everyone. Rhinos are of course the stars of the show and encountering them offers a magical experience. With over 200 black and white rhinos living on <b>**Solio Lodge Conservancy</b>**, spending time with such vast numbers of these majestic beasts and seeing them at such close range is fascinating and mesmerizing. Head out from the comfort of this exquisite <b>**lodge in Kenya</b>** to greet the dawn and again at dusk to capture some incredible shots or simply enjoy spending time in their presence. There is so much else to see and do in addition to the wonderful rhino experience at <b>**Solio Lodge in Kenya</b>**. Encounter an abundance of wildlife. Sip cocktails with giraffes. Gallop across open plains on horseback. Unwind with a massage beside a crackling fire. From exploring the highest peaks of the nearby Aberdare Mountains, to thrilling game drives, cycling through the bush, visiting one of the local schools we support and cocooning yourself in wellness with our pampering treatments and nutritious cuisine, <b>**Solio Lodge Kenya</b>** offers a fabulously well-rounded <b>**safari in Kenya</b>** experience for all ages. Enjoy cook-out bush breakfasts on morning game drives and dramatic sundowners next to our long-horned friends. Learn about the myriad of birdlife on a nature walk through the conservancy and <b>**Solio Ranch</b>** with one of our expert guides. Solio prides itself on exceptional levels of hospitality and personalised service, making it one of the most highly rated <b>**lodges in Kenya</b>**. Our lovely team strive to make every guest’s experience unforgettable and we cannot wait to welcome you to our peaceful oasis for the <b>**safari to Kenya</b>** of a lifetime. Solio Lodge can be booked directly through your local tour operator or as part of a bespoke <b>**safaris in Kenya</b>** itinerary that we can create just for you.

Solio Lodge Accommodation

This luxury Laikipia Lodge comprises of five individual guest cottages, each one nestled amongst trees and foliage within Solio Game Conservancy. Each cottage takes full advantage of the spectacular wild surroundings, enjoying east-facing views through the floor-to-ceiling glass windows which frame the jagged peaks of Mount Kenya. Private sundecks look out onto the game sanctuary and provide tranquil and secluded spaces for guests to relax. Inside, each cottage is more than spacious. No <b>**Laikipia Lodge</b>** would be complete without a crackling fire in the hearth, so each room has its own open fireplace, perfect for cooler evenings and a cozy atmosphere. Large en-suite bathrooms contain double sinks, huge walk-in rain showers and free-standing bathtubs. Cottages 2, 3, 4 and 5 can be configured as doubles or twins, whilst **Cottages** 1 and 6 are doubles only. Cottage 3 is the best choice for guests with less mobility or for those in a wheelchair. If you’re looking for luxury and tranquility in a wild setting that brings you close to nature, then Solio is the ideal Laikipia lodge for you.

Solio Lodge Doubles

**<b>Solio Lodge</b>** spacious Laikipia safari cottages provide luxurious accommodation. With cozy beds, deep bathtubs, open fireplaces and views onto nature, each cottage offers a soothing atmosphere in which to fully unwind and embrace everything that Solio has to offer. Solio Lodge’s five cottages provide the only guest accommodation on Solio Game Conservancy, so if you’re seeking Laikipia luxury lodges with high levels of exclusivity and intimacy, then this comes out top. Spread out along the southern tip of Solio Conservancy, each cottage faces east towards Mount Kenya, the craggy peaks of which can often be glimpsed in the mornings. Private decks look out onto nature, enabling guests to fully unwind in the comfort of their own secluded cottage. Each of our luxury cottages provide sumptuous sleeping and relaxation spaces. High thatched roofs and floor-to-ceiling glass windows create a lovely feeling of space and bring the outdoors in, with pot plants to compliment the natural outlook. Whilst the bedrooms and bathrooms are expansive, open fireplaces in both rooms create a cosy atmosphere. Double-ended freestanding bathtubs and huge rain showers come as standard, along with double sinks, ample wardrobe space and comfortable seating areas. All our cottages are spacious enough to accommodate a baby cot or an additional third bed for a child if required, although this must be prearranged when booking your stay. For guests with less mobility, we recommended booking Cottage 3 as this is near to the central dining area. This is also the best suited cottage for accommodating wheelchair users. Cottage 1 is furthest away from the main mess area down a gravel pathway. All cottages share the same outlook and amenities. Cottages 2, 3, 4 and 5 are able to be configured as twin beds as well as double beds, whilst Cottages 1 and 6 are doubles only.

Solio Lodge Family Cottages

Solio is an ideal option for families seeking <b>**family safaris</b>**. With ample, flat green garden space around each of our cottages and main mess area, it’s a great safe space in which children can run wild and play games. Our family unit is comprised of Cottages 5 and 6 which are interconnected by a shared lounge. The accommodation is more than spacious, with a large double en-suite and a large twin en-suite room joined in the middle by a comfortable seating area. Each bedroom enjoys beautiful views out onto the game sanctuary through the floor-to-ceiling glass doors, which open onto a sundeck and garden area, perfect for a spot of yoga or meditation. Enjoy a morning tea or coffee with a homemade cookie in bed whilst gazing out onto nature and listening to birdsong. Both bathrooms have freestanding tubs and large walk-in showers, whilst both bedrooms have their own fireplaces and separate access from the outside if required. Our family cottage is also the ideal Laikipia accommodation for groups of friends who enjoy being together. The shared fireplace and lounge area are perfect for socializing and relaxing in with loved ones. If the family cottage unit is not available on your requested dates, then our double cottages are more than spacious enough to accommodate extra beds for children by prior arrangement when booking.

Solio The Story

In 1970, the Kenya Wildlife Service requested help from Solio, now a <b>**Laikipia conservancy</b>**, to temporarily house five black rhinos which had been left isolated due to prolific poaching. Black rhino populations in Kenya were suffering a horrific decline, plummeting from around 200,00 individuals in the 1960s to less than 300 two decades later. Happily, by 1973, Solio’s core fenced area was an established wildlife sanctuary and by 1980 had become home to 27 black rhinos from nine different areas of the country, as well as a founder herd of 16 white rhino re-located from South Africa. Solio’s rhino population swiftly prospered and as other private game reserves and National Parks grew more secure, Solio became the source for moving nucleus populations of rhino all over Kenya and even to Uganda and Malawi. Centrally involved in the translocation of the original rhinos into Solio was the family of one of the directors, Mikey Carr-Hartley. Having known and loved the ranch from a young age, when Mikey grew up and began to guide mobile safaris around Kenya, he enjoyed taking his guests to encounter the wildlife at Solio. With such an abundance of animals living in the sanctuary and so many majestic rhinos to encounter, photographic opportunities never disappointed. When, in 2010, an opportunity arose to create a <b>**safari lodge</b>** within private <b>**Laikipia conservancy</b>,** the decision was easy. Solio Lodge remains the only visitor accommodation on <b>**Solio conservancy</b>**, giving guests an exclusive experience. Although other visitors do have access to the sanctuary for game viewing, only Solio Lodge guests are able to spend the night and enjoy the unforgettable and unique experiences offered by the <b>**safaris lodge</b>**. Picture sunset cocktails against an iridescent African sky with a crash of rhinos just a few meters away. It really is one of the best places in the world to encounter wild rhinos. <b>**Solio Conservancy</b>** is home to over 200 black and white rhinos which live within a core 19,000-acre wildlife sanctuary. They are looked after by a team of dedicated rangers who protect them from poachers 24 hours a day. The core rhino sanctuary is surrounded by a 45,000-acre private ranch, making for an exclusive Laikipia Kenya game viewing experience. <b>**Solio Lodge</b>** offers exceptional levels of personalised service for the ultimate Laikipia safari experience. Guests enjoy a full board experience inclusive of all meals and drinks (excluding champagne and premium wines and spirits). This includes morning, afternoon and evening game drives, sundowners, bush meals, horse riding, cycling and walking. Spa treatments and some excursions are extra. Solio welcomes children of all ages; under two stay free and we offer a ‘baby listening’ service. We are able to cater for guests with limited mobility and special dietary requirements by prior arrangement.

Solio Lodge When to Go

Solio Lodge is situated in the highland’s region in between the foothills of Mount Kenya and the slopes of the Aberdare National Park. As such, it has slightly higher altitudes, so pack a jumper for the cooler evenings and nights, although you can still expect warm, sunny days. The temperature remains relatively consistent throughout the year, although June, July and August are generally cooler months. The rains usually come in April and May and to a lesser extent in November, although global weather patterns are getting less predictable. Solio Lodge is open all year round apart from November, when it is closed for maintenance. Due to being located on a private Laikipia conservancy, Solio Lodge guests benefit from being able to explore the wilderness and wildlife on foot, horse-back and mountain bike, as well as on epic game drives. Wander across Solio Ranch on a guided nature walk, enabling you to get closer to some of the smaller creatures. Spot a myriad of bird life on a cycle ride or enjoy getting a little closer to some of our animals from horse-back. These activities take place just outside of the core rhino sanctuary area, but still within Solio Ranch where a diversity of wildlife can be encountered.

Solio Lodge Explore

**<b>Solio Lodge Laikipia</b>** provides a soothing retreat into the natural world of Kenya’s wonderful wildlife. Simple, chic and modern, Solio offers a fresh look on lodge design. Veering away from a traditional rustic lodge feel, it instead embraces a cleaner look with greenery as a theme throughout, embracing the surrounding vegetation and bringing the natural world in. Stepping through Solio Lodge’s main entrance, guests are immediately hit with a sense of space and light, alongside spectacular views out onto <b>**Solio Game Sanctuary,/b>** through the floor-to-ceiling glass doors and windows. Open-plan spaces together with the high ceilings give a contemporary feel to the lodge which is dotted with plants and funky artwork. A wooden sundeck on the front lawn provides a peaceful dining experience for al fresco breakfasts and lunchtime feasts. Guests will find a bar, various indoor and outdoor seating and plenty of reading material scattered throughout the open plan mess area. Guests are welcome to visit Solio’s kitchen ‘shamba’ which is Swahili for small farm or field. Located just behind our family cottage, it’s bursting with herbs, veggies, lemons, a variety of salad leaves and more for our chefs to prepare fresh and nutritious meals. The soils are rich and fertile in this area of Kenya, perfect for nurturing a flourishing kitchen garden. Everything we grow is organic and pesticide-free, making for delicious farm to fork style cuisine for guests to enjoy, as well as helping us to be as sustainable as possible. Our veggies are nurtured by homemade compost made from our garden waste, whilst all organic waste is donated as feed to a local pig farm; it’s too tempting for the monkeys if we add it to our own compost. ood is very much a part of the guest experience at Solio Lodge Laikipia. Budding young chefs often enjoy a stroll around the shamba to see where their meals come from. If you’re interested in taking a look simply let one of our team know and the gardener will give you a tour. Our managers and kitchen team are passionate about coming up with new recipes which use seasonal ingredients from the garden. Vibrant healthy salad platters and delicious vegetable dishes won’t disappoint those who love to nourish their bodies. An assortment of bright orange, green and red chillis thrive in Solio’s shamba, so if you’re a chilli lover don’t miss Solio’s famous in-house chilli dressing or ‘pilipili hoho’ as it is known in Swahili; be careful as it packs quite a punch! The fragrant aroma of a fresh kafir lime leaf in our welcome drink is always appreciated by guests and homemade tea-time delights can be enjoyed with a freshly brewed cup of locally grown tea or coffee. We also have a lovely little boutique gift shop located near to the main entrance which you are welcome to visit at any time. It’s full of beautiful, handcrafted goodies made by Kenyan artisans so you can take a little piece of the safari home with you. <b>**Solio Lodge</b>** is easy to get to and can be found on Google Maps – you will spot it directly north of Nairobi in the valley between Mount Kenya National Park and the Aberdare National Park. The <b>**conservation fees</b>** you pay to stay at Solio Lodge directly support the running of Solio Conservancy and its successful rhino breeding programme, helping to protect this vulnerable species for future generations.

Solio Lodge Activities

**<b>Solio Lodge</b>** offers the ultimate <b>**Safaris to Kenya</b>** experience. As the only <b>**safari lodge in Solio Game Conservancy</b>**, one of Africa’s most successful rhino breeding sanctuaries, the wildlife experience is second to none. On top of that, its location between Mount Kenya and the Aberdare Mountain Range means it is perfectly placed for those wishing to explore these lesser visited Kenyan gems. Activities at Solio are diverse, with excursions and things to do for the whole family. From the avid photographer to the active outdoor lover and those seeking a tranquil relaxation experience, there’s something for everyone. Trout fishing on Mount Kenya, guided birdwatching walks or a visit to a local coffee farm are just some of the activities on offer. Where and when you enjoy meals is flexible depending on your chosen itinerary of activities. Days can start as early or as late as you like; we are very relaxed at <b>**Solio Lodge Kenya</b>**. Whatever your interests, the Solio Lodge team are excited to make your Kenya Safari an immersive and memorable experience. Encountering the unbelievable numbers of both black and white rhinos which live in the core wildlife conservancy is undoubtedly a highlight of any Solio Lodge experience. Game drives in our customized vehicles are thrilling as there is a diverse array of species to spot aside from the rhinos. Heading out on <b>**Kenya safaris,/b>** with one of our professional safaris guides and the promise of a cook-out breakfast in the wild or a sundowner with rhinos makes for a brilliant morning and afternoon. Being located on a private <b>**ranch Solio</b>** enjoys the freedom to explore on <b>**foot safaris</b>** as well as by vehicle. Guests can head out to encounter some of the wildlife on the ranch by foot, bicycle or even <b>**horseback</b>**. Epic helicopter excursions to Mount Kenya, the Aberdare National Park and flamingo filled lakes are on offer with the option of trout fishing for avid anglers. Back at the lodge, you can relax with the help of our expert therapist and pampering range of massage and beauty treatments. Children will find that there is a lot to keep them entertained on a <b>**Laikipia safari** **in Solio Lodge</b>**. In addition to exciting animal encounters and the activities on offer, younger guests might enjoy joining our chefs in the kitchen to learn a few culinary skills or they can choose to go on an evening game walk with their guide around camp to spot some of our nocturnal creatures. <b>**Kenya Solio Lodge</b>** is renowned for its fresh, vibrant and nutritious cuisine, much of which is grown in the kitchen garden located within the grounds of the Solio Lodge property. Enjoy being nourished by our homemade delights as you unwind in the tranquil <b>**safaris lodge</b>** surrounds. A general sense of being immersed in the natural world make the lodge a soothing space. Expansive views onto nature from all areas, as well as a love for plants in our indoor spaces, creates a welcoming green retreat. Each cottage’s private deck provides a peaceful space for reading or mediation and you’ll find a yoga mat in your room for those interested in this. Our spa therapist can be booked to pamper you in your cottage with our selection of therapeutic treatments using locally grown aromatic oils.

Solio Game drives

Enjoy peaceful morning, afternoon and evening game viewing in one of Kenya’s least busy private game reserves. The wildlife is abundant, making for easy and plentiful sightings. It also means there is no need to rush out first thing, unless you want to, of course! Spend time with the prolific numbers of black and white rhino and spot four out of the ‘big five’ (there are no elephants at Solio as they have been purposely fenced out to preserve the vegetation for the endangered black rhino). Reticulated giraffe, eland, waterbuck, lion, leopard, cheetah and many other species can all be spotted. Guests at Solio benefit from unique roof top benches on our safari vehicles which offer the ultimate, uninterrupted game viewing. Our customised 4 x 4s are also kitted out with ponchos, suncream, drinks and wildlife books – everything to keep you happy during a game drive. <b>**Exclusive use of game drive vehicle is included for all guests staying at Solio Lodge</b>. A warm jumper is recommended for chillier morning and evening game drives, although you’ll still need sun block later in the day.**

Solio Lodge Sundowner

Sundowners are an essential part of any <b>**Laikipia safaris</b>** experience. A chance to step out of the vehicle and connect with the wild, reflecting on the day’s activities with your loved ones. Solio’s sundowner experience is complimented by our awesome mobile bar, Jolene, upcycled from an old horsebox and fully stocked with everything needed for the perfect evening drinks and canapes. We’ll set Jolene up in a picturesque acacia grove in time for you to watch the horizon turn different shades of glowing pink and orange as the sun sinks low in the sky. Our guests are frequently joined by rhinos and large journeys of giraffe moving silently through the dusk, making for a magical experience.

Solio Lodge Bush Breakfast

Set off on a morning game drive to experience the sanctuary coming to life. This is often the best time for interesting wildlife encounters and also for capturing the jagged peaks of Mount Kenya before they are enveloped in cloud. The best thing about a bush breakfast is that it is totally flexible. You can decide when it’s time to stop and your guide will find the perfect spot with a great view from which to cook up a feast. Our vehicles are specially designed with pull out stoves so that guests can enjoy eggs, omelets and pancakes cooked to order.

Solio Lodge Horse Riding

Our lovely stables are home to six horses, five for your use and one for the guide who will accompany you. Riders of all abilities can enjoy Solio Ranch on horseback. For more experienced riders, there are some beautiful open plains to canter across. Helmets are compulsory and provided at the stables. This activity takes place outside of the core rhino conservancy, but there is still plenty of wildlife to encounter, including zebra, impala, warthog and giraffes. It is often possible to get a little closer to some of the animals on horseback compared to on foot.

Cycling at Solio Lodge

We have mountain bikes available for adults and children to use at any time. Head out with one of our guides to discover more about the flora and fauna around you. It’s a great way to get some exercise whilst also appreciating the beautiful scenery of Solio Ranch. Although cycling takes place outside the core rhino sanctuary, there is still lots of wildlife to encounter. We have various options for shorter or longer circuits, depending on how energetic you are feeling. Experience the natural world of Solio Ranch whilst working up an appetite for our delicious cuisine.

Solio Lodge Spa

Indulge in one of our pampering spa treatments cocooned in the comfort of your <b>**private cottage</b>.** Our fully trained therapist will create the optimal environment for you to completely unwind and rejuvenate beside a warming fire in the sanctuary of your room. Choose from a selection of massage and beauty treatments designed to restore your body’s natural balance and soothe away stress. We use products by Healing Earth, a premium organic spa brand inspired by ancient African healing traditions and botanicals. Visit our custom-built sauna, nestled in the tranquil surrounds of the lodge gardens. One end of the sauna is a large glass window with stunning views over the <b>**Solio Reserve</b>** and <b>**Mount Kenya</b>** beyond. Animals often wonder in and out of view, making this the hottest way we’ve discovered to view wildlife yet.

# Walking Safari Solio Lodge

Walks take place on <b>**Solio Ranch</b>** just outside the core fenced <b>**Rhino sanctuary</b>**, but there is still plenty of wildlife to encounter. Amble alongside zebra, waterbuck, impala, warthogs and an abundance of birdlife. Accompanied by an experienced guide you can learn how to identify and understand the behavior of animals you see. Discover traditional medicinal properties of plants you come across and look out for the signs of the wild, such as dung middens, scent marking and paw prints. An invigorating way to experience the vastness of Africa, the richness of the land and what it feels like to be on equal terms with the wildlife. Don’t forget to take your reusable metal water bottle along with you to avoid dehydration.

Children on Safari in Kenya Solio Lodge

Our younger guests often love to spend a few hours with our friendly safari guides while on <b>**Kenya children safaris</b>** who can teach them about simple bush craft and fun facts about our wildlife. Children on a <b>**Kenya** **children safari</b>** can enjoy learning how to identify different animal tracks and signs of the wild. Guided torch light walks in the lodge surrounds open a whole new world of nocturnal wildlife. Interesting insects, chameleons and genet cats can be found. Budding young chefs are welcome to join our team in the kitchen for some cooking fun or even our gardener in the Solio Shamba (Swahili for small farm or field) where all manner of herbs and veggies grow. Inside the lodge we have a wonderful board game called ‘Safari’. Should you wish to play please ask a member of the team. We also have playing cards and backgammon. Solio Lodge has lots of open green space for running around in and is ideal for children who love nature and exploring the great outdoors.

# Helicopter To Solio Ranch

Gain a whole new perspective on Kenya’s incredible landscape by taking one of our thrilling scenic helicopter excursions. Fly between the jagged snow-capped peaks of Africa’s second highest mountain, land beside shimmering glacial lakes, glide through dramatic rocky gorges and soar alongside pink flamingos. A helicopter trip is the ultimate freedom and opportunity to discover some of Kenya’s most remote and inaccessible locations. From Solio Lodge, there are a number of exciting helicopter trips you can choose from. Check out some of the awesome itineraries we’ve put together with <b>**helicopter pilot</b>**, or alternatively, create your own. <b>**Helicopter safari to Mount Kenya</b>** and the <b>**Aberdare National Park</b>** for a spot of <b>**fly fishing</b>** in some of the crystal-clear mountain streams and lakes are great fun for avid anglers. The age limit for helicopter rides is 2 years. Expect the ultimate exhilaration. Having your own wings gives you total freedom to explore Kenya’s wildest, most spectacular and extreme locations. Not only is your <b>**Laikipia safari</b>** making magical memories for you and your loved ones, but it is also having a positive impact on wildlife and communities in Kenya. Our <b>**Safaris to Laikipia</b>** provide ideal accommodation for families due to their spaciousness, ample communal lounging areas and secluded nature

Solio Lodge Community

Nestled in the valleys at the heart of Mount Kenya and surrounded by 45,000 acres of wilderness in the Solio Game Reserve, <b>**Solio Lodge,</b>** provides intimate and unique guest accommodation. Solio lodge is an active supporter of local communities, with projects approved by Kenya Wildlife Trust. Social commitments are twofold, focusing on education and healthcare. The complete refurbishment of the Honi Primary School and the partial refurbishment of Leburra Primary School outside Solio Lodge have recently been completed with significant help from donors. With support from Solio Lodge, Honi Primary School has now 7 classrooms stocked with new textbooks and furniture, a dining hall with kitchen, staff rooms and playground.   
Additionally, to emphasis the importance of education and raise awareness about health issues, an innovative project has been designed. ‘Team Talk’ is intended to encourage empowerment of girls and considerably improve health and sexual education using sport as a medium to achieve this. In partnership with Exploring Global Health Opportunities and The Tag Rugby Trust, Safari Collection is helping children build self-confidence, gain social skills and a desire to invest in their future through education. When discussing healthcare, numbers show that there is an average of 1 dentist for every 150,000 people in Kenya and over 300,000 people live with blindness, despite over 80% of these cases being preventable or curable. Proving once again its commitment to social investment, the Safari Collection has partnered up with SmileStar, a UK dental charity and Medical and Educational Aid to Kenya (MEAK) to provide free dental and eye treatments for the communities near Solio Lodge. In the past few years, over 1000 patients have undergone dental surgery, while 500 were able to improve their eyesight with using surgical interventions.

How to get to Solio Ranch

The easiest way <b>**to get to Solio Lodge</b>** is to arrange a <b>**charter flight</b>** to <b>**Solio Lodge airstrip</b>** located 10 minutes from Solio Lodge, <b>**Charter flights to Solio Lodge</b>** are usually booked as part of safari package. It is also possible to take a scheduled domestic <b>**flight from Nairobi to Nanyuki airstrip</b>**, followed by a 30-minute transfer to Solio Lodge. <b>**Daily flights to Nanyuki from Nairobi</b>** leave from Wilson Airport (WIL), 6km/4mi south of Nairobi, and are offered by the following airlines: <b>**AirKeny**a</b> flies to from Lewa Downs, Loisaba, Meru, Nairobi's Wilson Airport, Samburu and the Masai Mara) <b>**Safarilink</b>** (Flies to/from Nairobi's Wilson Airport and the Masai Mara) Safarilink operates two daily scheduled flights to Nanyuki‚ Lewa and Samburu.  These flights allow passengers access to all the conservancies in the Laikipia region‚ and to the trio of northern reserves: Samburu‚ Shaba and Buffalo Springs. Cheap flights from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Nanyuki, Loisaba, Laikipia, Lewa, Nyahururu, Rumuruti and the entire region, fly with Rainbow Air Charter Kenya on a private chartered flight or an Helicopter that can always be arranged and that will take in (less than 30 minutes). If you opt to drive it takes 31/2 hours and the road is in bad condition. Tropic Air offers private flights and helicopter services. We have a strong East African footprint and 28 years of experience in the industry. Keeping the fun in the flying, Tropic Air is professional, friendly and personal with a team of just 10 pilots, founded and managed by Kenya-born Jamie Roberts.

How to Book Solio Lodge

**<b>Safari lodges</b>** is the perfect website to use when booking a <b>**lodge</b>,** with a wide range of <b>**lodges</b>** to choose from you're sure to find the perfect <b>**lodge accommodation</b>** to suit your needs and safari budget. <b>**Safari lodges</b>** offers competitive prices or rates with many <b>**safari lodges</b>** offering discounts and special offers, this safari lodge website is also easy to use, with a simple and intuitive booking process. <b>**Safari lodges</b>** offers excellent customer service, with a dedicated team on hand to assist you with any queries or issues you may have. You can contact us by completing the reservations form on our website by telephone or email provided. Your lodge booking will not be complete until you receive a lodge confirmation reference number from us, why book with us? Not only will you enjoy exclusive rates, but you will also have access to a wide range of high-quality lodges in some of the most sought-after safari destinations. Booking through our <b>**safari lodge</b>** is quick and easy, with just a few clicks you can secure your dream <b>**safari lodges</b>** and start counting down the days until you arrive your <b>**lodge safari</b>**. Scroll down to book the best <b>**lodge safari</b>** of your life at an unbeatable price! We require payments in advance from you to confirm your <b>**safari lodge</b>** booking. Safari Lodges offers many of great <b>**safari lodges</b>** deals to suit all tastes and budgets. Choose from our great selection of <b>**Laikipia Lodges</b>**, ranging from <b>**5-star lodges</b>** and <b>**luxury lodges</b>** to grand lodges. Whether you are looking for a <b>**bush lodge</b>** to intimate lodge, The <b>**safari lodges</b>** always have a great deal for you. To find the perfect <b>**Kenya Lodge</b>** enter your safari dates, and hit search. From here, you can sort a <b>**lodge in</b> Kenya** by price and rating or filter by property lodge, lodge amenities and lodge price. Want a lodge in the woods, a private hot tub, or a pet-friendly safari lodge? Our <b>**Kenya Lodges</b>** bookings are subject to availability. Safari Lodges manages a portfolio of <b>**lodges in Kenya</b>** and boutique <b>**lodges in Laikipia</b>,** by booking accommodation in any or more of our lodges in Laikipia, you can explore the diverse landscape and culture that Kenya has to offer. Our collection of four stunning <b>**Kenya safari lodges</b>** offers some of the best <b>**safari lodges in Kenya</b>**. Because each one is so unique and showcases a different part of Kenya’s diverse landscape, when taken together they offer an unbeatable combination of all that is incredible about this magical part of the world. The diversity of experiences available across our collection really enables our guests to do more than just ‘scratch the surface’ of East Africa... Our <b>**Safari lodges in Laikipia</b>** are authentic, meaningful and immersive. If you’re looking for a lodge safari that encompasses safari adventure epic wildlife, bucket-list dreams, spa lodge luxury, relaxation, world-class lodge cuisine, lodge conservation, community experiences and more, then our collection of the best <b>**Laikipia safaris lodges</b>** will certainly satisfy your travel wish list. From the avid-photographer to the serenity-seeking spa lover, The <b>**Kenya safaris lodge</b>** are a perfect choice for every type of <b>**Kenya safari</b>-**goer. At each of our Safari lodge guests are able to experience unforgettable and exciting encounters with Kenya’s incredible wildlife. From the famous big five to the countless species of birds, reptiles, primates and more. Witness unbelievable numbers of black and white rhinos at Solio Lodge living alongside all manner of other species.

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