



SIRIKOI ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES 2020

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.

HORSE RIDING

Sirikoi guests can horse ride on Lewa Wildlife Conservancy and on 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. Rides are lead by an experienced riding guide and are usually taken exclusively rather than with other riders.

Riding on Lewa takes place in the afternoons. Guests depart the lodge at 3pm, go on a short game drive to the stables, where they will start riding at about 4pm. You will ride for about an hour across the plains and among the wildlife. You can choose to continue on your evening game drive to arrive back at the lodge at 7pm, or head straight back. There is also the option to ride camels on Lewa.

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

Cost: \$85 per person (\$55 for camel riding)

Riding on Borana takes place in the morning or afternoon – we recommend the morning. Guests depart Sirikoi at 6:30 with a picnic breakfast. After a short game drive to Borana, you will start riding at about 7am until roughly 8:30am. The terrain on Borana is varied as you ride across rolling hills and open plains, getting up close to plains game.

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

Cost: \$85 per person

Details: You do not need to be an experienced rider to enjoy this activity – both stables cater for riders of all abilities. 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

Cost: \$55 per adult, \$35 per child (10 – 15 years. Children under 10 go free.)

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.



QUAD BIKING

FOREST QUAD EXPEDITION

A day out to the Ngare Ndare Forest on quad bikes is a fun and exhilarating outing. After an early breakfast at the lodge you will be given a safety briefing before leaving. The excursion includes several stops for refreshments and you can decide on the pace of the ride. A Sirikoi vehicle travels in convoy with the riders, and once arriving at the forest the vehicle will drive you through the forest. As described above, you will have the opportunity for wild swimming and a picnic lunch on the wooden deck of the aerial walkway.

Time: 4-5 hours

Cost: \$320 per quad (seats one adult and one child) and Ngare Ndare Forest fees as above

Details: Minimum 2 quads (2 - 4 people), maximum 6 quads (6 - 12 people)

Minimum age for driving a quad is 16 years.

Longer day and overnight quad bike excursions are also possible, where you venture further north to the warmer, drier region of Samburu, and camp out beneath the stars in a dry riverbed. This is a thrilling and adventurous expedition unlike any other safari experience. Overnight quad safaris need to be booked in advance.



IL NGWESI CULTURAL VISIT

Visiting the Il Ngwesi community is a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about the ancient customs, culture and the 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)

Cost: \$45 per person

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)

Cost: \$7,800 per helicopter

Reteti Elephant Sanctuary: \$20 per person

Mathews Range Conservation fee: \$35 per person

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)

Cost: \$5,470 per helicopter

Conservation Fees for Mount Kenya National Park:
(children 3-17 years), \$52 per adult, \$26 per child

Fishing line: \$16 per line

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)

Cost: \$16,050

Namunyak Conservancy fee: \$35 per person

Optional visit with the Pokot: \$1000

Optional stop for lunch at Koros: \$300 for up to 5 guests, additional guests \$50 pp

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.

