

KIRAWIRA SERENA CAMP FACT SHEET



One of the Serena Group's most exclusive safari venues, and a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World group, Kirawira Serena Camp in the Serengeti offers the epitome of classic 'Out of Africa' safari camp luxury. Its proximity to the famous western corridor of the Serengeti National Park makes it the ideal place to see 'The Greatest Wildlife Show on Earth', the annual migration of over one million wildebeest.

Location

Close to the Grumeti River, famed for its giant crocodiles, perched on a hill with uninterrupted views of the plains of the Western Serengeti, the Camp offers its guests an authentic tented African safari.

Accommodation

Kirawira Serena Camp offers old world safari accommodation with just 25 well-spaced luxury tents, raised on timber platforms, each with a glorious view of the Serengeti plains. Each tent has a spacious furnished deck leading to a bedroom furnished in antique Edwardian style with steamer-trunks, writing desk, brass lamps, rugs, sepia photographs and four-poster bed.

The luxurious ensuite bathroom is fitted with carved mahogany furniture and features a classic black and white tiled floor (separate flushed WC, shower, twin marble basins, hot and cold running water).

- 11 Doubles (king size beds)
- 14 Twins
- No Triples

Room Amenities

- Telephone
- Hairdryer
- 240V/3 pin (square) sockets and shaver socket
- Shaving Kit
- 24 hour hot water and electricity
- Dedicated tent steward
- Mineral water and toiletries
- Bathrobe and slippers
- Tent service 5.30 am to midnight

Guest Services & Facilities

- Free Wi-Fi connectivity
- Laundry
- Shoeshine
- Forex Exchange
- All day complimentary Tea and Coffee
- Gift shop
- Swimming pool and sundeck
- Massage Services
- 24-hour medical service
- Board games and library of Africana Books
- Scenic safari bar with stone terrace

Activities

- 2 game drives daily with dedicated driver guides
- Guided nature walks / bird walks
- Hot air balloon rides
- Body Stretch Lessons
- Swahili Language Lessons
- Cooking Lessons

Nearby Places of Interest

- Olduvai Gorge, The Cradle of Mankind
- Lake Victoria
- Serengeti National Park

Check-in Facilities

- Check In 1200 Hrs
- Check Out 1000 Hrs
- Cold towel and Juice
- Glass of sparkling wine

Climate

There are two distinct seasons: the dry season between June and October and the wet season, which starts in November and lasts irregularly until May.

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Dining

In keeping with the theme of colonial opulence, the elegant twin dining tents feature Edwardian-styled dining furniture, sprung floors, crisp-starched napery, delicate blue and white china and silver accoutrements, whilst the staff are attired in classical colonial 'mess' uniform of white Swahili robes and turbans.

The extensive menus, meanwhile, feature full English breakfasts and five-course luncheons and suppers comprising delicate soups, lavish roasts, classic salads, home-made sorbets, local cheese boards and fresh-brewed Arabica coffee, whilst the extensive wine cellar reflects the best of both European and South African choices.

Guests can enjoy breakfasts, lunches, dinners and cocktails in the bush. There are a number of dedicated sites, which are typically presented with tables, safari chairs, 'bush bar' and a 'bush kitchen', where a broad range of meats, poultry, fish and vegetables are cooked on-site (supplemented by fresh soups, salads and puddings from the camp kitchens). In the evenings, 'sundowner' cocktails are traditionally served around a campfire and can be followed by a lamp-lit 'bush dinner'.

Child Policy

- Children under 7 years are not permitted at Kirawira Camp.
- A child 7-12 years sharing a tent with an adult, is charged 50% of the adult per person double rate.
- Young adults 13 to 17 years are charged 75% of the adult per person double rate.
- Children and young adults 7 - 17 years occupying their own tent are charged 75% of the adult per person rate (per child).

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Access

The camp is located in Western Serengeti, 555 kms from Arusha in Tanzania.

By road: transfers by road from Arusha and Mwanza takes approximately 8 and 3 hours respectively and one hour's drive from Lake Victoria.

By air: the camp is 13kms from Grumeti airstrip or 100km from Seronera airstrip. There are also daily flights to Serengeti South and Lobo airstrips.

Social & Environmental

Serena Hotels host a number of eco-programmes, presently they are as follows:

- Subsidized medical care to the local community - particularly in relation to maternal care and child-immunization; also in relation to HIV/AIDS sensitization. Supplying a dedicated healthcare clinic for the area.
- Working in cooperation with SENAPA regarding an afforestation tree-planting programme.
- Working with SENAPA to maintain and up-grade the roads in the park so as to keep the erosive practice of 'off-road' driving to a minimum.
- Creating temporary and permanent jobs for the local community and training and work-exposure programmes for school leavers.
- The camp is an integral part of the local Cultural Tourism Programme, which offers visits to neighbouring local communities and schools and talks on the heritage and tradition of the local Ikoma and Sikuma tribes.

In terms of its own ecological 'foot' print, the camp abides by a code of responsible practice in relation to: energy conservation (inverter systems have recently been installed so as to reduce the camp's use of diesel-fuelled generators), waste recycling (glass, plastics, 'wet waste' and the distribution of food-waste to local pig-farmers), sewage disposal, air emissions, non-CFC use, pesticide-use, noise reduction and visual pollution. Wherever possible, local produce is featured on the menus.