

LAKE ELMENTEITA SERENA CAMP FACT SHEET



Uniquely situated on the shoreline of sapphire-blue Lake Elmenteita where hundreds of thousands of birds congregate, the small and exclusive Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp blends aristocratic elegance with modern luxury and will offer cuisine and service of fittingly high standards.

Location

The Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp is located within Soysambu Wildlife Conservancy in the Great Rift Valley. This area of breathtaking beauty, also home to many rare species of animals, is just over two hours' drive from Nairobi and just a short distance to the famous Flamingo filled Lake Nakuru.

Accommodation

The camp offers 24 luxury tents all with views of the lake. Each tent is tastefully furnished with its own private veranda.

An extra bed can be added for one child.

The Flamingo suite is an additional luxury suite with a spacious lounge, jacuzzi and prime lake view.

- 8 Twins
- 16 Doubles
- 1 Suite

Room Amenities

- Mosquito nets
- Hair dryers
- Shaver sockets
- Direct Dial Telephone
- Free WiFi Connectivity
- Tea/Coffee Making facilities
- His and Hers basins
- Gowns and slippers

Check-in Facilities

- Check in 12:00 PM, Check Out 10:00 AM
- Cold towel and welcome drink

Guest Services & Facilities

- Beautiful central restaurant, bar and lounge.
- Doctor on call 24 hrs.
- Laundry services.
- Room service.
- Sogonoi Boutique - Gift shop.
- Swimming pool.
- Water hole – Located in front of the Guest Lounge

Activities

- Day and night game drives*
- Massage Services*
- Bush BBQ*
- Horse riding*
- Walking Safaris*
- Sundowners*
- Guided Bird Watching*
- Jogging/Walking
- Water Colour Painting
- Yoga
- Water Aerobics
- Swahili lessons
- Educational Talk
- Badminton
- Swimming lessons
- Botanic tour
- Cooking lessons

(* chargeable)

Nearby Places of Interest

- Pre historic site at Kariandusi
- Kariandusi museum
- Lake Nakuru National Park
- Hot Springs

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Dining

The camp guarantees excellent cuisine and a relaxed elegant dining style. The menus feature both local and western dishes and the chefs are able to cater to any specific dietary requirements.

Child Policy

Child 3-4 years complimentary.
Children 5-12 years sharing room with adult, 50% of adult rate, in own room 75%.
Teens 13-17 in own room or sharing, 75% of adult rate.
Children below 3 years are not allowed at Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp.

Access

By road: the camp is 135 km (2½ hours) from Nairobi on the Nairobi-Nakuru highway.

By air: there is an airstrip beside the camp for private or chartered flights which take 30 minutes from Nairobi

Weddings & Honeymoons

A wedding or honeymoon at Lake Elmenteita Serena Camp is an intimate and romantic experience in a truly unique and unforgettable natural setting. The camp offers a full range of wedding services including:

- The preparation of the necessary paperwork
- The presence of the registrar
- The provision of a wedding bower by the pool or in the bush
- A wedding cake complete with breakfast, a banquet and champagne.

The camp additionally offers a delightful honeymoon suite, private bush dinners for two, 'his and hers' massage, champagne breakfast in bed, and more for a truly romantic and memorable honeymoon in one of Kenya's most stunning locations.

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Highlights of a Stay

Horse riding along the lake shore and observing the amazing birdlife.

Health Requirements

Malaria area – guests are advised to take precautions. Please consult your doctor or a Travel Clinic for advice.

History

The nomadic Maasai had passed through the area for centuries and the name Elmenteita derives from the Maasai Ol muteita for "place of dust". Then in 1897 one of the first pioneers arrived, after walking over 1,000 km south from Berbera on the coast of Somalia. This was the third Baron Delamere, who dedicated his foresight and fortune to pioneering farming methods in the Rift Valley. He moved to Elmenteita in 1906, where he further experimented with sheep and cattle ranching, advised and assisted by the Maasai - with whom he had a great rapport. He named his farm Soysambu, Maasai for "striated rock" - Sambu is also a cow colour.

Wildlife

Today's Soysambu is a 48,000 acre Wildlife Conservancy, also a RAMSAR site - a wetland of international importance. The alkaline lake's rocky islands are the only East African nesting site for great white pelicans, while its algae and plankton provides food for vast flocks of flamingos and a multitude of other waterfowl, many of them rare. The Conservancy protects over 450 bird species and 15,000 wild animals. Rothschild giraffes have found a safe haven for breeding here, while a diverse variety of terrain shelters many species - from herds of giant elands to tiny dik-diks and cliff-dwelling klipspringers. Night game-drives offer a unique opportunity to spot nocturnal creatures including the curious-looking aardvark and elusive leopard. Walking is also allowed, with chances to experience the miracles of the bush close-up.