

SERENA MOUNTAIN LODGE FACT SHEET



Serena Mountain Lodge is located at 2,194 metres on the slopes of Mount Kenya and is surrounded by a dense rainforest. The open-air viewing-deck looks down on to its own water hole and salt-lick, which attracts numerous herds of elephant and buffalo.

Location

Serena Mountain Lodge is within Mount Kenya National Park about 193 kilometres from Nairobi. Transfers by road from Nairobi take approximately 2 to 3 hours.

Accommodation

Each timber-built, cabin-styled room has its own luxury en suite bathroom and a private balcony overlooking the water hole.

Total number of rooms 42

- 20 Double rooms
- 19 Twin rooms
- 3 Triple (on request basis)

Guest Services & Facilities

- 24-hour room service
- Valet, laundry, shoe-shine
- House-doctor on call 24hrs
- Tea/Coffee making facilities
- Duty Manager 24hrs
- Concierge and Porter services
- Gallery dining room at tree-top level
- Gift shop
- Animal viewing bunker
- Wake up calls to view animals at the waterhole on request
- Massages, facials, pedicures, manicures
- Fully supervised kids club for over 3's

Room Amenities

- Free Wi-Fi connectivity and Telephone
- Nightly hot-water bottles
- Multipurpose adapters
- Room service
- Complimentary mineral water and toiletries
- Bathrobe and slippers
- Hair dryers

Dining

The central dining room at Serena Mountain Lodge is raised to tree level offering long views over the Mount Kenya forest canopy. All meals are served on a buffet basis and showcase both local and international cuisine. The panelled bar is decorated with scenes from Kikuyu life and features a central fireplace and access to the viewing platform over the waterhole.

Breakfast and lunch are presented in table d'hôte where hot meals are served from the kitchen and feature a wide range of international choices. In typical safari style, we offer a 'full English Breakfast' as well as European options while our lunch menus will typically include meat, poultry, fish and vegetarian options.

Our table d'hôte dinner menus feature a salad buffet, soup, entrée, pudding, cheese and biscuits and tea or coffee. Vegetarian options are always available. The majority of our meat and dairy products, as well as our fruits and vegetables are sourced from the communities that surround the mountain.

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Mount Kenya National Park

One of the world's highest National Parks, Mount Kenya is an extinct volcano some three-and-a-half million-years-old. Straddling the equator, the mountain offers a unique mosaic of forest, moorland, rock and ice, and is crowned by the glittering twin peaks of Batian (5,199 m) and Nelion (5,188 m). The sacred home of Ngai, God of the Kikuyu people, Mount Kenya is Kenya's highest mountain, a national icon, a climbers' Mecca, the nation's namesake, a UNESCO Natural World Heritage site and a wildlife stronghold. Anyone in reasonable health can attempt the steep trek to Point Lenana (4,985m), which is the highest point for trekkers.

Wildlife includes giant forest hog, tree hyrax, white-tailed mongoose, elephant, suni, black-fronted duiker, bongo, leopard, Mount Kenya mouse shrew, hyrax, duiker, the endemic mole-rat and 130 recorded species of birds.

Social & Environmental

Serena have the honour of hosting one of the few lodges to be permitted within the Mount Kenya National Park, an area that is otherwise exclusively dedicated to the preservation of its wilderness and wildlife. We also appreciate the support of the human community that surrounds this area, on whom we rely for the provision of staff members, guides, dancers and entertainers. The lodge hosts a number of eco-programmes, all of which are designed to support and sustain the natural and human community of which we are a part.

In order to promote the overall health of their workforce, Serena has also established the Employee Wellness Programme, which aims to address the holistic health needs of not only Serena's staff, but also of the communities that surround their lodges. In essence, the programme is devoted to reducing the incidence of accident and illness in the workplace, promoting healthy lifestyles, maximizing potential and promoting optimum quality of life.

Highlight of a Stay

Viewing the wildlife that visits the waterhole from your own balcony.

Activities

- Guided forest walks
- Moorland excursions
- Trout fishing
- Tree-planting
- Climbing Mount Kenya
- Bush breakfasts
- Sundowners at the rooftop bar
- Day safari to Ol Pejeta Conservancy

Child Policy

Children 3yrs and above are now permitted at Serena Mountain Lodge.

Child of age 3 to 12 years, sharing a room with 2 adults is charged 50% of the per person adult rate. If the child is in their own room, the charge is 75% of the adult rate. Young adult of age 13 to 17 years, is charged 75% of the per person adult rate whether sharing or in their own room.

Climate

Mount Kenya's weather is notoriously unpredictable and varies with altitude. At points over 4,000m the mountain is usually freezing cold, misty and windy. During sunshine, daytime temperatures may rise to over 15°C (over 4,000 m) and during periods of cloud cover they may drop to nearly 0°C. Nocturnal temperatures habitually drop to around -10°C.

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