



Dear guest,

The Severin Safari Camp is an ideal starting point for guided game drives and memorable excursions in the surrounding areas. Tsavo National Park is the largest game reserve in East Africa and the third largest worldwide. Discover the beauty of the nature and the unique fauna, which cannot be found anywhere else in Africa. We will show you the most impressive scenic specialities of the National Park.

»Safari« means in Kiswahili »journey«. We wish you many unforgettable experiences and »Safari Njema«!

## **ADVENTURE, DISCOVERING NEW THINGS & ENJOYING WITH ALL SENSES AT TSAVO NATIONAL PARK**

### **DAY - AND NIGHT GAME DRIVES AT TSAVO NATIONAL PARK**

In robust safari vehicles and accompanied by our experienced driver guides you get the real »Africa feeling« in the wilderness during the game drives. You experience the most impressive scenery and unique fauna of Kenya. Keep your camera and binoculars ready and go on a search for the »Big Five« – elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard. It is also very exciting to experience the African savannah by night. Equipped with spot lights and accompanied by our skilled tracker, you will be astonished how active the animals get after sun set. Pure adventure is what is awaiting you in the African wilderness as dusk turns into a dark starry night. You will be observed by the animals with only their eyes visible and the sound of their chatter in the distance.

We would like to give you some more information about  
the places of interest in Tsavo National Park:

**Mzima Springs:** Mzima- the word means »alive«. This stream of crystal-clear water was made famous by Alan Root's 1983 film *Mzima: Portrait of a Spring*, which followed crocodiles and hippos in their underwater lives. The area is a paradise for fish, hippos and crocodiles. With luck, some of the night's animal visitors may still be around, while the luxuriant growth around the water reverberates noisily with birds and monkeys.

There are two large pools, connected by a rush of rapids and shaded by stands of date and raffia palms. The upper pool is the favored hippo wallow, while the crocodiles have retreated to the broader expanse of water lower down. It is worth walking around this lower pool to the right where, if you're stealthy, you have a good chance of seeing them. At the side of the top pool, a circular underwater viewing chamber has been built at the end of a short pier. The lava of the Chyulu range to the north filters the water to aquarium transparency prior to its arrival here: the porous rock absorbs the water like a sponge and gravity squeezes it into Mzima Springs. A direct pipeline from here to Mombasa, completed in 1966, is the source of most of the city's drinking water.

During your tour around Mzima Springs, you will be accompanied by a ranger of the Kenya Wildlife Service, who is responsible for your safety. The ranger will give you a lot of interesting information about the local plants, trees and animals during the tour.

*Distance from Severin Safari Camp to Mzima Springs: approx. 12 km, journey time per way: approx. 20-25 minutes, recommended time for visit: approx. 1,5h (guided tour)*

**Roaring Rocks:** From the top of the Roaring Rocks, you have a wonderful panoramic view on the Rhino valley and the Ngulia Hills. The Roaring Rocks is an observation point for the protection of the black rhinoceros and the fight against poaching. When the wind rushes through them and hits the rocks, an eerie haunting or roaring is heard, producing a chilling effect on climbers. At nearby Mzima springs, a rich procession of wildlife prevails, as elephants, hippos, crocodiles, gazelles, zebra and giraffe gather at the source of water. From atop Roaring Rocks, a 100 meter high edifice, eagles swirl about the air, keeping watchful purpose over their nesting places. You can comfortably reach the Roaring Rocks by stairs.

*Distance from Severin Safari Camp to Roaring Rocks: approx. 30 km, journey time per way: 1h, recommended time for visit: approx. 1h*

**Rhino protection area: »Rhino Sanctuary«:** Despite all the efforts during the 80s, there was no success in increasing the population of the Black Rhinos. This led to the fact, that this species of rhinos was threatened with extinction. Therefore the African Wildlife Foundation decided in 1986 to build a fenced Rhino Sanctuary at Tsavo West National Park. The goal of the 70 m<sup>2</sup> fenced region is to protect the Black Rhinos in the park and preserve this species.

*Distance from Severin Safari Camp to Rhino Sanctuary: approx. 45 km, journey time per way: approx. 1,5h, recommended time for visit: open from 04:00 pm until 06:00 pm.*

**CHAIMU CRATER:** Chaimu Crater - or the devil's crater translated in Kamba (a language spoken by the Kamba people living in Machakos District) is a tall rising hill clad in the black colour of the lava stones. This recent volcano can be climbed together with a guide or a ranger of Kenya Wildlife Service. There is a track leading to the top. Climbing the hill is not easy as it can be very hot and the ground, where no vegetation grows, is not very stable and very slippery. You can walk safely as animals can not follow you on this uncomfortable and rough climb. At the top, the view is really breathtaking.

*Distance from Severin Safari Camp to Chaimu Crater: approx. 25 km, journey time per way: approx. 40 minutes, recommended time for visit: approx. 1h*

**Shetani Lava:** The Shetani flow, a black lava flow of 8 km long, 1.6 km wide and 5 meters deep, is the remain of volcanic eruptions which were subject of tales among local communities who named the flow "shetani" meaning evil in Kiswahili, after it spewed from the earth just 240 years ago. Climbing the flow is not an easy task as the thick black terrain is composed of uneven chunks of solid molten rock.

*Distance from Severin Safari Camp to Shetani Lava: approx. 40 km, journey time per way: approx. 1h, recommended time for visit: approx. 1 h*

**Laviathan:** The second largest lava cave in the world. In 1975, the Cave Exploration Group of East Africa discovered what was then thought to be the longest and deepest lava tube cave system on earth, but it was later superseded by Hawaii's 61.5 km long Kazumura lava cave. Dubbed 'Laviathan' after the giant serpent of Hebrew legend, the cave extends over 13 km beneath the hills and can be as wide as half a kilometre in places.

A guide or ranger of the Kenya Wildlife Service accompanies you, if you wish to visit the Laviathan.

*Distance from Severin Safari Camp to Leviathan: approx. 45 km, running time: approx. 1,20h, recommended time for visit: approx. 1h, please take your torch with you*

**Taita and Chyulu Hills:** Taita Hills is an enchanting place with hills, gorges, pockets of forests, rivers, waterfalls and cultivated fields everywhere. The hills are densely populated as well. The main town called Wundanyi is located between the two summits of the hills, which is the Iyale summit (2,149 m - 7,050 ft.) and the Vuria summit (2,209 m - 7,240 ft.). Taita hills comprise of more than 12 waterfalls or rapids and possess rare species of birds endemic to the area. The indigenous forests of Taita Hills (Ngangao, Ronge and Mbololo forests) are semi-dry submontane forests and there are only 11 fragments left (between 1200 to the top) as most forests have been cleared for farm land. Classified by IUCN and WWF as a global centre of plant biodiversity they cloud forests are home to plants and animal species, such as the Classen's Aloe and the Taita Thrush, which cannot be found anywhere else. Amongst the 453 forest species recorded, at least 13 are endemic. Enjoy the Taita and Chyulu Hills during your game drive.

*Distance from Severin Safari Camp to Taita Hills: approx. 90 km, running time: approx. 2h, recommended time for visit: approx. 3h*

*Distance from Severin Safari Camp to Chyulu Hills: approx. 65 km, running time: approx. 1,5h, recommended time for visit: approx. 3h*

**Day excursions (Lunch boxes can be organized):**

Taita Hills: approx. 90 km, approx. 2 hours journey time per way

Chyulu Hills: approx. 65 km, approx. 1,5 hours journey time per way

Lake Jipe (boat trip is possible): approx. 90 km, 2,5 hours journey time per way

Lake Chala: approx. 70 km, 2 hours journey time per way

## EXPERIENCE THE WILDERNESS BY FOOT

**Morning Animal tracking on foot, around the camp with Maasai:** Discover the secrets of the African wilderness on foot! You are accompanied by a Maasai, who shows you around. During the tour you can find out all that is worth knowing about tracking, the flora and fauna, the multifaceted bird life and the traditional lifestyle of the locals. Learn from our Maasai, how to make a fire without matches and which local plants and herbs can be used as medicines.

*Duration: approx. 1h*

**Exclusive bush walk with an experienced, armed KWS ranger (please register for this tour 24 hours before, min. of two guests):** This is a real adventure. During the tour, you will be united with nature. Use your senses and eavesdrop the chatter of the animals. You will observe the smaller and larger animals and follow their tracks. The ranger will give you a lot of interesting information about tracking and the diverse flora and fauna. This bush walk is a very unique experience.

Refreshments: 1l of water, juice and snacks

*Duration: approx. 4 h, morning bush walk*

*Please wear suitable clothes (robust shoes, long trousers, natural-colored clothes, head) and take a bottle of water with you, sun glasses and sun protection.*

## OUR INSIDER TIPS

**Sun downer at Poacher's Lookout:** The sunset at Poacher's Lookout is an unforgettable experience. From the original stake out point of the poachers, you can enjoy a breathtaking view on the 5.895 meters Kilimanjaro. You enjoy the beautiful sunset while having a glass of sparkling wine and canapés with the music of »Out of Africa« in the background. A small thatched hut sits on the top of the hill which was used in the past by K.W.S. Rangers to fight poachers.

*Distance from Severin Safari Camp to Poacher's Lookout: approx. 7 km, journey time per way: approx. 15 min., recommended time for visit: approx. 1h*

**Night game drive:** Experience the silence of Africa during our night game drive. Equipped with a flashlight you go on night game drive in an open vehicle. You can observe shy and nocturnal animals under the African sky. When the driver shuts down the engine, you will experience the unique silence in the Kenyan wilderness. Eavesdrop the sounds of the animals near and far. A very special experience!

*Duration: 2h, approx. 07:00 pm until 09:00 pm.*

**Bush breakfast and bush lunch:** Enjoy your breakfast or lunch amid the dreamlike scenery of the African wilderness. For the bush breakfast our team welcomes you with a glass of sparkling wine. For the bush lunch you will enjoy a glass of white or red wine. Here, you can enjoy the real »Out of Africa« feeling - a unique experience. Let yourself be pampered by us – you just enjoy!

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