

KITICH

CAMP

Mathews Forest

Information Sheet

LOCATION

Mathew's Mountain Range, Northern Frontier District.

ACCOMMODATION

6 en-suite safari tents - 3 doubles and 3 twin rooms

DESCRIPTION

The Mathew's Mountain Range rise up out of the desert; a chain of peaks covered in dense dewy forest. In a remote valley, Kitich Camp overlooks a river glade within the lush indigenous forest. The forest is home to elephant, leopard, bushbuck, rhino, buffalo, as well as ancient cycads, spectacular butterflies, Turacos and wild orchids. With only six guest tents, one can expect complete privacy. Each en suite tent is traditionally safari-style, with an al-fresco stone bathroom. Kitich Camp's cosy lounge with open fire overlooks the floodlit river glade - from here guests can enjoy watching the wildlife emerge from the forest at dusk.

Walk along forest paths guided by the Samburu and Ndorobo people, or swim in natural rock pools of the crystal mountain streams, Kitich Camp is an authentic 'bush camp' and offers a truly unique and private forest wildlife experience.

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- **Upmarket Private 'Forest Camp'** - Exclusive forest game viewing from mess and guest tents. Kitich Camp hosts only twelve guests at a time, allowing all activities to be tailored to suit individual wants and needs. This is the upmarket alternative to a Tree Hotel.
- **Forest Walks and Tracking** - Leave your vehicle behind and learn the traditional methods of tracking game. Walk with experienced Samburu warriors in 900km² of private stunning untouched mountain wilderness.
- **Location** - Kitich is part of the Namunyak conservancy and the Northern Rangelands Trust.
- **River swimming** - With crystal clear icy waters, feel free to swim with nature in this magical forest paradise.
- **Brazza & Colobus Monkeys** - Mathews forest is one of the very few areas where you can see the rare Brazza Monkey outside the Ruwenzori Mountains. They are large monkeys, similar to a Sykes in size and build, but more striking with a red forehead, they are shy and hard to find.

ACTIVITIES

River Swimming

Guided Forest Walks

Bird Watching

Bush Picnics

Visits to local Samburu families

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Need To Know

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HOW TO GET THERE

Ngelai Airstrip 45 minutes from camp

- Twice daily scheduled Safarilink flights to Nanyuki departing Nairobi Wilson at 08h00 and 10h20 - connect with private charter.
- Once daily scheduled Air Kenya flight to Nanyuki departing Nairobi Wilson at 09h15 - connect with private charter.
- Twice daily scheduled Safarilink flights to Samburu departing Nairobi Wilson at 08h00 and 10h20 to connect with a scenic road transfer.
- Once daily scheduled Air Kenya flight to Samburu departing Nairobi Wilson at 09h15 - connect with a scenic road transfer
- Private Charters from anywhere.

NORTHERN SCENIC ROAD TRANSFERS

Per vehicle one way - max 6 pax

Kitich - Saruni Samburu	\$ 330 - 3.5 hours
Kitich - Joy's Camp	\$ 350 - 4.5 hours
Kitich - Lewa	\$ 550 - 5 hours
Kitich - Loisaba	\$ 550 - 6 hours
Kitich - Ol Pejeta	\$ 550 - 6 hours

AIRSTRIP CO-ORDINATES

Ngelai Airstrip coordinates:
1°09'49.05' N 37°17'58'98' E,
Elevation 1460m

WHAT FORM OF PAYMENT DOES KITICH CAMP ACCEPT?

There are no payments made at camp.

WHAT FORM OF ELECTRICITY DOES KITICH CAMP HAVE?

- A generator supplies the main areas and kitchen with electricity.
- Guest tents have 24 hour electricity.
- Guests can charge their batteries in the main mess area.
- Kitich Camp's generator cannot support hair dryers.

MEAL POLICY

Communal dining is encouraged but we can do private dinners on request

Breakfast: From 08h00

Lunch: From 13h00

Dinner: From 20h00

The camp has a daily set menu.

Please inform us about any dietary requirements prior to arrival.

Guests that have booked to arrive before lunch, but do not, are charged for an extra lunch on their day of departure (if they require lunch on their day of departure).

WATER

Boiled and filtered water is provided.

Bottled drinking water is available.

WHAT VEHICLES DOES KITICH CAMP HAVE?

2 x 4x4 vehicles:

- 1 x Range Rover (airstrip transfers only)
- 1 x Toyota Land cruiser for road transfers seating 6 pax

MATTHEW'S RANGE CLIMATE

- Altitude: 4,800 ft
- Rainfall; Approximately 14'' per year
- Warm days, cool nights, no humidity.

MALARIA

Please note that all C&P properties are situated in locations of minimal malarial risk. Those higher than approximately 4000 ft including Kitich Camp can be considered malaria free

WHAT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN AT KITICH CAMP?

English and Kiswahili.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Internet: There is no Internet service for guests but the camp has email service for emergencies.

Mobile phones: There is no phone signal available.

Additional Information

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

- Because of the pristine and unexplored wilderness, Kitich Camp prefers to avoid the traditional game drives, instead encouraging guests to take walks guided by Samburu warriors.
- Kitich camp is within Namunyak Conservancy covering an area of approx 2,800 km² (Namunyak Wildlife Conservation Trust). The conservancy is managed by an elected community committee of 13 trustees, with the mandate to develop local health support, administer education bursaries, resolve grazing conflicts, develop water resources, and preserve the ecosystem and wildlife with an organised network of rangers. The conservancy is facilitated by the Northern Rangeland Trust with the support of Tusk Trust. Kitich Camp is a key tourism partner of the Namunyak Conservancy paying it conservancy fees directly to the community and working with the communities at grass root level.

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SPECIAL FEATURES & KEY WILDLIFE IN THE AREA

- Elephants, lions, leopards, greater kudu, waterbucks, giant forest hogs, buffalos and wild dogs are among the many species found here, together with more than 200 birds' species, including the spectacular Hartlaub's Turaco.
- Ancient cycads, forest butterflies and wild orchids.

COMMENTS FROM KITICH CAMP GUEST BOOK

- It's difficult to leave such a place, we enjoyed staying in the lodge, with exceptional service and comfort in the middle of the forest. Thank you Patrick and all the members of staff for taking such good care of us. We will not forget the walks in the forest.
- Fantastic site, great service and a really very unique experience. Many thanks.
- Kitich has been the most relaxing and enjoyable experience we have had. The food was excellent and the staff delightful to be with.
- What a majestic part of the world this sensational camp represents. Beautiful landscape, fabulous staff and such relaxing accommodation - it was an amazing visit.

PRESS COMMENTS

- Kitich Camp's six canvas tents feature ensuite bathrooms, outdoor showers and wide verandahs with stunning views of dense forest and crystal clear pools" - City A.M. - March
- "Kitich Camp, set deep in the remote Mathews Mountain Range in the Northern Frontier region, has had a makeover" - Conde Nast Traveller - July 2009