

Kenya is the original home of the safari, not to mention the origins of man, and is evocative of a romantic and pioneering age. Kenya holds a special place in the hearts of Africa-lovers.

Enjoy a private safari experience in the Galdessa Camp in Tsavo East National Park, reminiscent of times gone by and relax on the Indian Ocean in a private villa at Alfajiri on the coast.



Galdessa Camp, located in Tsavo East National Park on the banks of the Gelana River, overlooking the Yatta plateau, 15 kms upstream of Lugard's Falls.

Access: By air, Galdessa is close to both Milindi and Mombasa on the coast and less than an hour from Nairobi's International airport by private charter. Galdessa has an all weather airstrip at Lugard which is only a 15 minute drive from the camp.

By road the camp is easily accessible in 3 and half hour's drive from Mombasa and 4 and half from Nairobi.

The camp has the style of of a coastal bush camp and is designed to blend in with environment using earthy colours and natural wood throughout. It is located along the banks of Galena River under fringed dorum palms, it overlooks the Yatta Plateau which the world's oldest fossilized lava flow.

Galdessa Private Camp can be reserved on an exclusive basis and is situated a short distance from the main camp. Exclusive use offers a private dining room and lounge as well as the freedom to custom plan your meals and activities.

Accommodation is provided by 3 comfortable, spacious thatched and semi tented bungalows built on wooden platforms, each with ensuite bathroom and private veranda.

Guests are ensured absolute privacy as the bungalows are situated a good distance apart and natural foliage is used subtly to conceal neighboring bandas. You can sleep under the stars in complete privacy, whilst being serenaded by the sounds of the African night. Bathrooms are large with traditional bucket showers, flush toilets and running water in the basins.

The main camp has an additional 12 bandas.

Conservation:

Galdessa works closely with Kenyan Wildlife Service's Black Rhino re-introduction project. Within the Galdessa vicinity there are now 51 black rhino and represents one of Africa's largest unfenced black rhino population.

The camp is built to minimise the effect on the environment and prides itself on the recycling of waste, use of solar power electricity and has its own water treatment plant. The camp's founder, Pierre Mourogue d'Algue, is a trustee of the TUSK Trust which works to protect the environment and inhabitants of Africa by distributing funds to specific working projects.

Activities:

The camp's activities include game drives in open vehicles, walking safaris along the rivers, sundowners and bush breakfast. Tsavo East is a wilderness of great bio diversity and include less common species as kudu, gerenuk, fringed eared oryx, Hirola and Peter's gazelle. The area is renowned for elephants, particularly during the dry season and at the last count totaled more than 8,100. Tsavo is particularly abundant in bird life, migrating from Oman, Malawi, Iran Germany and Russia.

Climate:

Tsavo has an unique climate, located only 1,400 feet above sea level , generally hot and dry. The Galena River and Yatta Plateau create a constant breeze, so the nights are cool and pleasant. Best viewing of game is January-March and July to October. The long rains are April and May and the short rains from November to December
Temperatures range from 17 c to 20c at night and 22c to 33c during the day.

Suggested Itineraries:

DAY 1: GALDESSA

DEPARTURE FROM NBI AIRPORT TO TSAVO EAST NATIONAL PARK. LAND AT MANYANI AIRSTRIP GAME DRIVE TO GALDESSA CAMP, ARRIVING IN TIME FOR LUNCH. AFTER LUNCH, RELAX UNTIL 4.30 PM AND PROCEED ON A WALKING SAFARI ALONG THE GALANA RIVER TO SPOT HIPPOS AND CROCODILES. USUALLY THE WALK WILL BE IN THE LUGARD'S FALLS AREA. AT THE END OF THE WALK ENJOY THE SUNSET FROM THE TOP OF THE HILLS OVERLOOKING THE YATTA PLATEAU. SUNDOWNER COCKTAIL.
DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT GALDESSA.

DAY 2 :

GALDESSA

WAKING UP WITH OR BEFORE DAWN, CHOOSE FROM EARLY MORNING GAME DRIVE OR GAME WALK, FOLLOWED BY BUSH BREAKFAST. BACK TO THE CAMP, TO ENJOY THE VIEW FROM YOUR PRIVATE VERANDA ON THE GALANA RIVER. LUNCH AT THE CAMP. IN THE AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE TO SPOT GAME OR WALK ALONG THE GALANA RIVER. DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT GALDESSA.

DAY 3 :

GALDESSA

WAKING UP WITH OR BEFORE DAWN, CHOOSE FROM EARLY MORNING GAME DRIVE OR GAME WALK, FOLLOWED BREAKFAST AT THE CAMP. RELAX AT THE CAMP AND GAME VIEWING FROM YOUR PRIVATE VERANDA ON THE GALANA RIVER. LUNCH AT THE CAMP. IN THE AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE TO SPOT GAME OR WALK ALONG THE GALANA RIVER. AT DAWN, SURPRISE SUNDOWNER ON THE LEOPARD ROCK. DINNER AND OVERNIGHT AT GALDESSA.

DAY 4 :

GALDESSA / ALFAJIRI

AFTER BREAKFAST DEPARTURE TO ALFAJIRI TO ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR HOLIDAY ARRIVE IN TIME FOR LATE LUNCH

All Inclusive:

- ACCOMMODATION FOR 3 NIGHTS IN FULL BOARD AT GALDESSA PRIVATE CAMP
- ALL PARK FEES
- ALL GAME DRIVES WHILE ON SAFARI
- EXCLUSIVE USE OF TOYOTA LAND CRUISER DURING GAME DRIVES
- SERVICES OF HIGHLY SKILLED KPSGA (KENYA PROFESSIONAL SAFARI GUIDES ASSOCIATION) DRIVER GUIDE
- Private Walking safaris along the Galana river escorted by professional guides and armed KWS Rangers
- Private Sundowners
- Private Bush breakfast

Alfajiri Villas on Kenya's southern coast

You really can't get much more luxurious than the three Alfajiri Villas, situated on a stunning stretch of Kenyan coast. Stand in the turret suite and gaze through floor-to-ceiling glass walls at the sparkling Indian Ocean. Relax in wide breezy rooms stuffed with antiques and African carvings. Dine each day on the freshest seafood brought direct from the Kenyan sea. Condé Nast rates them as "among the most luxurious villas in the world", while Harpers & Queen described the turret suite as "one of the top five most romantic bedrooms ever".

Alfajiri is as unique in its concept as its style. You can choose to dine in the impressive dining area where à la carte meals are served, alternatively you may dine on your terrace. In front of the lounge area is an infinity swimming pool overlooking the town whilst the traditional bar area is a perfect place to enjoy cocktails at sunset. Guests can enjoy a massage and reflexology wherever they feel like it.

Nannies are available 24 hours a day and the professional butler will ensure that guests' comforts are tended to. There are three distinctive villas to choose from and are for the guest's exclusive use, whether there are two or eight in your party.

The Cliff Villa is one of the most exquisite and romantic beach houses. Featuring floor to ceiling glass windows and 300° sea views. Guests have their own infinity pool which is carved into the cliff. There is a private kitchen, dining room and four en-suite bedrooms including two doubles, a twin and triple.

The Beach Villa's main bedroom overlooks the sea and there is a second double bedroom and bathroom as well as a third room above the second bedroom. It is a very intimate place, perfect for family and friends.

The Garden Villa is set further back from the beach, but is close to the swimming pool and has a very modern finish.

Off-site there is a gym, tennis and golf clubs.

