

Meru National Park

Serenity, Luxury and Romance Stay



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A Genuine Offbeat Serenity and Luxurious Stay

Meru National Park is little visited and so utterly unspoilt, few places are comparable to the remote and rugged atmosphere found here. It was made famous through the book and Movie Born Free, by George and Joy Adamson. You can visit her grave site which is also where Joy Adamson's ashes were scattered.

The Meru Experience

- Luxurious accommodation suitable for honeymooners and family safaris
- Amazing scenery
- Visit the grave of Elsa the Lion
- See Black and White Rhino in the Rhino Sanctuary
- Former home of Joy & George Adamson and Elsa the lioness
- Views of Mount Kenya
- Rivers and riverine habitats and Adamson Falls
- A classic savannah landscape

A fine example of the classic savannah landscape, Meru's character is defined by the rivers that form its perimeters: the mighty Tana to the south, the Ura to the south-west and the Rojeweru to the east. The Park is also scored by 15 permanent streams which drain off the nearby Nyambeni Hills.

A rich diversity of habitats

Thanks to the huge diversity of its habitats, Meru offers unique of wildlife watching: The northern plains are one of the most rewarding areas for wildlife viewing, the northern plains boast elephant, lion and cheetah. Both species of zebra, Grant's and Thomson's gazelle, impala, beisa oryx, kongoni and reticulated giraffe are also easily seen.

The southern plains have the dense woodlands shelter gerenuk, common eland, Kirk's dik-dik and warthog. They also make an ideal habitat for one of the Park's highlights, the lesser kudu.

The kopjes: Meru is renowned for its rocky outcrops (known as inselbergs or kopjes), where baboon cavort and leopard lurk among the boulders.

The swampy grasslands: are grazed by Defassa waterbuck and shifting herds of buffalo.

The rivers: Hippo and Nile crocodile are common in the slower streams of the Tana River.

Birding Experience

Comparatively small to other national parks of importance in the tourism circuit, with 427+ bird species, Meru gives a different value. Meru's birds are abundant and colourful; common river birds include ibis, heron and African fish eagle while the riverine acacia woodland shelters the smallest of the long-tailed sunbirds, the black-bellied sunbird. Flocks of glorious golden-breasted starling are also often encountered as well as loudly honking groups of hornbills.

The setting for 'Born Free'

Meru is where Joy and George Adamson released their most famous lioness, Elsa, back into the wild. Her tale is told in the book and the film 'Born Free'. The Park was also the site of their later experiments with orphaned cheetahs.

Travel Ideas

Ideal Stay: 2 Nights

Best For: Couples and those desiring a fulfilling offbeat and quiet luxury

Connection: From Olpejeta Conservancy or Samburu National Reserve or direct flight from Nairobi