



## FACT SHEET

### OVERVIEW

Located at the main entrance to the Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa is an inviting stone building of 59 spacious Resort Rooms and Two Suites, all with their own private viewing balcony. The Resort is an heritage- built German fortress during WW1. It has a museum that displays some of the World War 1 memorabilia as part of the rich history of Taita Taveta County.

### LOCATION

Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa is located at the main entrance to the Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in South Eastern Kenya, 400 km from Nairobi and 200 km from Mombasa.

### ACCESS

Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa is easily accessible by road, Train and by Air.

**Road** - Driving to Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa from Nairobi takes approximately 6 hours and 3 hours from Mombasa. It is a scenic drive through the Highlands of Kenya experiencing its varied biodiversity.

**Train** - This unique journey by train travels through varied landscapes including Tsavo National Park. The Madaraka Express train has a once a day scheduled stop at Voi Station from Nairobi or Mombasa followed by a short 45 minute transfer to the resort

**Flying** - The sanctuary private airstrip, which is served by both private charters and Helicopters is within the resort proximity.

### ACCOMMODATION

Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa rooms are authentically decorated with modern amenities. The rooms provide supreme comfort, privacy and an opportunity for effortless birding, as well as the chance to view a large variety of big game from the privacy of each unit.

### OCCUPANCY RULES

- **Resort Rooms** - Maximum 2 adults or 2 adults and 1 child (adults and children)
- Subject to availability of triple rooms
- Interconnecting rooms are available at Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa
- **The Suites** - Maximum 2 adults only
- **Non-smoking guidelines**- All rooms are non-smoking. However, we have designated smoking zones within the lodge and bar /lounge areas.

### KEY FACILITIES FOR ALL ACCOMMODATION

Resort Rooms	No of Rooms
Resort Double Rooms	20
Resort Twin Rooms	13
Resort Triple Rooms	14
Resort Double & Extra Bed	12
Executive Suite- Double	2
<b>Total Rooms</b>	<b>61</b>

- Private bathroom with bath and shower
- Electric current: 220 volts and 50 cycles
- Tea / coffee making facilities
- Safety deposit boxes available in all rooms
- Shaver outlets 110 / 220 volts, 50 cycles AC
- Private balcony on every room overlooking extensive gardens and sanctuary
- Daily laundry service available on request at a cost
- Bureau de change
- Free Wifi
- All rooms are accessed via stairs
- Hair dryer on request
- All guest rooms have safe boxes
- Ample parking
- Rangers available on request to escort self-drive guests

### EXPERIENCES

- Days are as action-packed or as relaxed as desired, and Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa offers a range of unique and adventurous activities for all ages to experience the wildlife and explore the wilderness. These activities give our guests the rare opportunity to spend time with wildlife rangers who work tirelessly to keep endangered species safe.
- Game Drives: The Sanctuary is home to more than 50 different species of mammals and over 300 species of birds
  - Day and night Game drives
  - Wildlife talks on request
  - Excursions- to local villages, Mzima springs, Ngulia rhino Sanctuary and Lake Jipe.
  - Visit to World War1 Museum and battlefields
  - Salt Lick Special Water Hole Experience
  - Bush breakfast, Bush dinners, sundowner and picnic activities
  - Afya Bora Spa
  - Swimming pool
  - Animation services on request
  - The Explorers Kids Club

### INCLUDED

- Full board accommodation; Lunch , dinner & breakfast.
- Swimming at Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa

### EXCLUDED

- Sanctuary Entry Fees applies only if you access the Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary for game activities
- All drinks are charged on consumption
- Local airstrip transfers
- Exclusive use of game drive vehicle
- Guided day and night game drives
- Bush breakfast, Bush dinners, sundowner and picnic activities
- Any additional payable activities or extras
- Gratuities and anything of a personal nature.





## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Climate and seasons** – Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa enjoys spring-like climate almost all year round. Mornings are brisk, midday is rather warm, and evenings are always cool enough to appreciate a fire.

**Altitude:** The resort is located at (2,475 - 3,960 feet) above sea level

**Rainfall:** August to September and March to May experience some sporadic rains

**Temperature:** January to March remains the warmest months, with June to September a cooler climate.

**Alternative Dining** - Bush breakfast, Barbeque lunch, 'Out of Africa' dinners all set up in the wild with an open Sundowner cocktails at Kudu View Point.

**Conference** - Availability of two conference rooms with a combined capacity of up to 150 pax. LCD, audio visual equipment, internet services and full secretariat services also available. Support services include – internet connectivity, Printing and photocopying.

**Gift shop** - The curio shop offers essential toiletries, books, safari wear and truly memorable souvenirs.

**Reception** - Check in time at the resort is 1200hrs while Check out time is 1000hrs

**Personnel on call** - A Duty manager, Clinical Officer and Security personnel will be a phone call away should you require their attention.

**Eco-tourism** – Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa has always strived to operate in harmony with our beautiful environment. The resort runs on solar power, water from a natural spring, uses natural cleaning products and toiletries wherever possible, follows a strict recycling policy and grows fruits and vegetables. Our 2 and half-acre organic garden supplies fresh daily produce is the most prodigious of its type at any lodge in Kenya.

**Food and dietary requirements** As a small and exclusive resort, Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa can cater for all dietary requirements. Food allergies and dietary requests should be arranged prior to arrival.

**Children's policy** - Children are welcome at Taita Hills Safari Resort & Spa. However, parental supervision at all times is a must for children below 5 years old as the layout of the camp is very open

**Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary Policy** - Sanctuary gate closes at 18h00

**Weddings and events** – Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary is widely known as a beautiful and exclusive venue for weddings and events. Conferences and Incentives can be accommodated at our beautiful resort.

**Credit cards** - MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards are accepted at Taita Hills Resort & Spa. Payment by Mpesa is also available.

## UNIQUE FEATURES

• **Reforestation** - The program aims at habitat restoration which will eventually improve ecological health of the sanctuary after the original vegetation had been degraded by bush fires, overgrazing by mega herbivores, droughts due to climate change etc. The reforestation project was first established in 2010 as a pilot project and covers 0.5sq. Km/ 35 and so far over 10,000 indigenous tree species have been planted.

• **WWI Excursions** - Battlefield tourism specializes in tours of battlefields, cemeteries, memorials and related historic sites all around the world. It focuses on historic battlefields where the fighting is long past and is much more strongly linked to heritage and commemoration. Taita Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, has taken the lead in East Africa by identifying all these leads and has come up with an exciting historical journey told in pictures and an artefacts museum at Taita Hills Resort & Spa.

• **Community and Cultural Tourism** - We partnered with local communities with the aim of exploring Taita culture. The group indulges in social activities which includes making of traditional foods and basketry. They have support from the county government to develop trails leading to 17 caves where skulls of ancient Taita leaders were preserved.



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