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FACT SHEET

Highlights Overview

- Owned and managed by safari industry veterans Sonja & Andy Webb; expect top quality hosting, guiding and service.
- Private vehicle and guide provided at no extra cost.
- Access to Ol Pejeta's exclusive Wilderness Area with walking and night drive activities available.
- Private accommodation (meals and activities are not shared with other guests).
- Day trips to Mt Kenya and the Aberdares with a picnic lunch.

Getting here

We are located on a leafy river line in the exclusive wilderness area of the award-winning Ol Pejeta conservancy in Laikipia, Kenya. Access is by road or by air.

Driving: drive time from Nairobi is between 3 – 4 hours to the entrance gate and another 45 minutes to The Safari Cottages if driving directly. Please allow extra time to enjoy any wildlife sightings en-route.

Flying: Air Kenya and *Safarilink fly from Wilson Airport to Nanyuki twice daily. Flights depart at 0800, 0830AM, 0915 and 1020. Driving time from Nanyuki Airstrip to Ol Pejeta Safari Cottages is around 1.5hrs direct (allow more time for game viewing on the way).

**For larger groups, Safarilink also lands at Kamok Airstrip in Ol Pejeta departing Nairobi Wilson at 10.20. Driving time from Kamok Airstrip to The Safari Cottages is around 45minutes and avoids towns, entrance gates etc.*

Check in & Check out

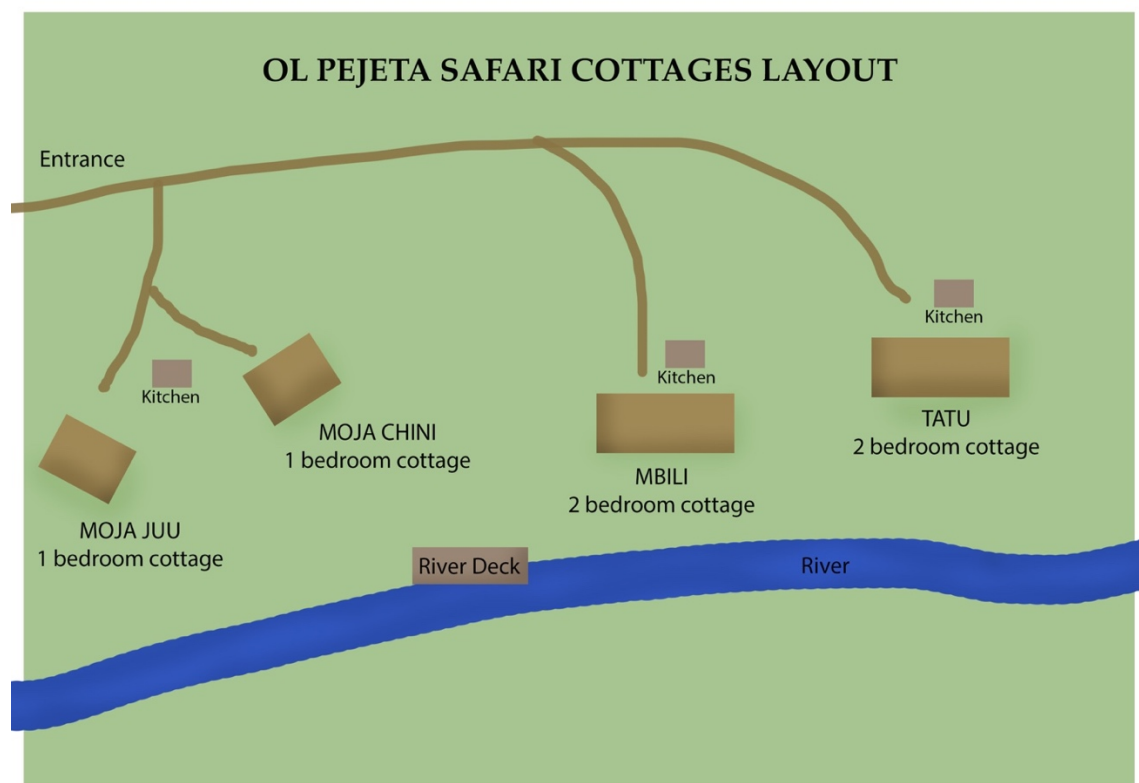
Check in is any time after 1200 and check out by 1030. We suggest arriving for lunch and departing after breakfast.

Layout & accommodation

We have four cottages in total, accommodating up to 12 people comfortably as per the below:

2 x two bedroom cottages (Mbili and Tatu) with a shared lounge and verandah
2 x one bedroom cottages with a private lounge and verandah

Each cottage is exclusive use with its own staff including a guide, chef and butler. The cottages are large and spacious, leaving ample room for extra beds if families want to stay together. Couples and solo travellers will generally be accommodated in Moja Juu and Chini, whilst families and friends of 3 or more are usually accommodated in the larger Mbili or Tatu cottages.



Security

The whole property is fenced with a two-strand electric fence. The fence is specially designed to keep out buffalo but smaller non-dangerous animals do pass through. During the day it is safe to walk around by yourself, at night if you need to walk around there are night guards to assist you.

Electricity, heating and WIFI

- Electricity for charging devices is available 24hrs and solar. It cannot handle large loads i.e. no hairdryers or hair straighteners.
- Plug sockets are square three pin (British).
- Hot water is supplied by an eco-boiler located behind each cottage and available 24hours/day.
- There is no WIFI in the cottages but there is reasonable mobile phone reception in most areas. We supply a portable hotspot to give access to basic internet services if needed.

Activities

When staying on a fully inclusive package **each cottage comes with a complementary private guide with private 4WD custom safari fit landcruiser.** The landcruisers have roll-back canvas roofs and sliding windows.

Activities included in a fully inclusive package:

- **Game Drives:** taken at leisure with a private vehicle and guide. We suggest leaving early around 6.30AM with a picnic breakfast and returning at around midday. Then departing again after tea at 4.30PM with a sundowner and coming back with a spotlight for a night drive.
- **Bush Walks:** these usually depart around 0630 and last around 2 hours, often combined with a picnic breakfast in the bush.
- **Night Drives:** you can either extend your afternoon drive and arrive to a late dinner, or depart after an early dinner for your night drive. Spotlights are red-filtered and non-intrusive to wildlife.
- **Bush Breakfasts:** a full English breakfast set up in the bush. Usually undertaken as part of a morning game drive or bush walk.
- **Equator Sundowner:** sundowner directly on the equator line – have one foot in the Northern hemisphere and another in the Southern hemisphere. Usually undertaken as part of an afternoon game drive.
- **OI Pejeta specialist activities:** visit to the Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary (note this is a sanctuary and these are rescued chimps; it is an educational experience and there is no interaction allowed) and the Rhino centre to meet Baraka the black rhino (you can feed Baraka). Other activities, including lion tracking, visits to the endangered species boma and horse riding are booked directly with OI Pejeta at extra cost.

Day Trips

Aberdares National Park: the beautiful scenery of the Aberdare mountain range includes montane forest, bamboo thickets, rolling moorlands and magnificent waterfalls, making it a photographer's paradise. The park provides a habitat for creatures including the rare mountain Bongo, Giant Forest Hog, Colobus and Sykes monkey and boasts well over 250 species of birds, some of them endemic. We leave early, carrying a picnic brunch and return at sunset.

Mount Kenya National Park: Mt Kenya is the second tallest mountain in Africa and the scenery surrounding this designated World Heritage Site is breathtaking. It is pristine wilderness with lakes, tarns, glaciers, dense forest, mineral springs and a selection of rare and endangered species of animals, high altitude adapted plains game and unique montane and alpine vegetation. We'll pack you a picnic and walk the forest and moorlands learning more about the unique flora and fauna, not to mention incredible views.

Who will love it here?

Families: we accept children of all ages and Cottages Mbili and Tatu accommodate families up to 6 comfortably in two bedrooms. A cot and highchair can be requested.

Honeymooners and couples: cottages Moja Juu and Moja Chini are set away from the bigger cottages and an ideal romantic home in the bush for couples

Friends and groups: book Mbili and Tatu together for groups up to 12 people and enjoy exclusive use of the river deck for communal meals. Each cottage has yoga mats provided for yoga retreat groups.

Special interest travellers: exclusive vehicle use and no set schedule makes for very happy photographers, birders or other special interest travellers.