

# NDARAKWAI RANCH

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## **Ndarakwai Camp is a permanent tented lodge on Ndarakwai ranch, West Kilimanjaro.**

With views of both Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru, the camp is nestled in a lush forest of towering fig, podo, and yellow-barked acacias that line the seasonal Ngare Nairobi River. Facilities include eight spacious tents with thatched roofs, en suite bathrooms, and a large separate dining area. Guests gather around a campfire at dusk for snacks and sundowners. Welcome the African night, replete with elephants that ghost through the camp and the haunting cries of bush babies in the trees.



## **Ndarakwai Ranch, just over 10,000 acres in size, is located on the lower slopes of West Kilimanjaro.**

Ranch activities include very good wildlife viewing - particularly elephant, lesser kudu, gerenuk - over 63 species of mammals. And with more than 340 species of bird, it's a birder's paradise. Guests can participate in guided full or half-day walks, longer hikes, day and night game drives, or just relax at the camp. A wide variety cultural activities are offered, including meeting and walking with Ranch game scouts, who protect the wildlife; or visiting local Maasai villages set in classic African acacia landscape, and buying authentic beaded jewelry.



Guests can meet Nkarsis, the baby orphan elephant, and Osambu, Saba, Jeff, and Tinga, the orphan eland family. The tree house is a favorite destination where, during the dry seasons, guests are likely to gaze down at a herd of sixty or more elephants at the waterhole.



Ndarakwai camp was built by, and is staffed by people from the local villages, like Miti Mirefu. Materials, such as canvas for tents, were purchased locally, and tents were made onsite. The Ranch grows its own vegetables or buys from farmers at nearby Ngare Nairobi village. Trees felled by elephant provide much of the firewood used. Candlelight and kerosene lanterns provide romantic evening light. The small amount of electricity used is solar generated. Close attention is paid to impact on neighboring communities.



Ndarakwai Camp is an example of how a successful, ecologically sensitive development can yield a profitable enterprise. Each guest's nightly fee includes a \$20 donation to the Kilimanjaro Conservancy Foundation to help maintain conservation efforts



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