

CLASSIC PORTFOLIO

The Safari Collection
Solio Lodge

LAIKIPIA, KENYA



General Information

CLASSIFICATION	PREMIER: 1 lodge. Annual Closure from 1 – 15 Nov. Privately owned.
LAND RELATIONSHIP	One of extremely few guest accommodation located on 19,000 acres of conservancy surrounded by the 45,000-acre Solio Game Reserve. The conservancy is privately managed by Solio Ranch.
OVERVIEW	Solio is famed in Kenya for its unique and mind-blowing rhino viewing experiences. Tucked in the valley between the lofty slopes of Mount Kenya and the peaks of the Aberdare Mountains, it is internationally recognised as one of the most successful private rhino breeding sanctuaries in East Africa. Visitors will find that sightings of up to 40 rhinos at a time are not uncommon. In addition, guests will encounter a wide variety and abundance of game.
IMPACT OF YOUR STAY	LOW MEDIUM HIGH VERY HIGH The Safari Collection prioritizes responsible tourism, aiming to minimize environmental impact while sharing East Africa's natural wonders. Through the Footprint Trust, they support conservation and community initiatives. By staying at Solio Lodge, your conservation fees support the running of Solio Conservancy and its rhino breeding programme, therefore directly helping to protect this highly vulnerable species. In addition, Solio Lodge is involved in various community projects in the surrounding area, from annual dental and eye-clinics, to initiatives in the local primary schools.
ACCESS	Wilson Airport (WIL) - Daily scheduled charters to Nanyuki Airstrip, plus 1,5-hour game drive to camp. Private charter to Solio's airstrip, plus 15 min drive to the lodge.
COTTAGES	4 double cottages. Per person rate. 1 family cottage. Base cottage rate.
CHILDREN	All ages are welcome. "Baby listening" services are available with prior arrangement.
HEALTH	Low risk malaria area – seek advice from your healthcare professional. Full medical support available. Proof of yellow fever vaccination is required upon arrival in Kenya if travelling from a yellow fever endemic country.

Need to know

OPERATING SEASON	Annual closure: 1 – 15 Nov	GYM / KEEP FIT	Gym in a bag.
ELECTRICITY	220V mains	SPA / MASSAGE	Yes – in-room treatments.
WIFI & MOBILE SIGNAL	Wi-Fi in rooms. Limited mobile reception.	FOOD & WINE	Fully inclusive: all meals & drinks. Yes Halaal / No Kosher.
CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT	From 10:00 Until 11:00	GUIDE ROOM	Yes
CREDIT CARDS	Yes	OTHER FACILITIES	"Shamba" (veggie garden), gift shop, and wood-fired sauna.
SECURITY	Unfenced, 24-hr security.	ACTIVITIES	Game drives, horse riding, cycling, walking, kids' activities, visit to Solio Rhino Orphanage.

Weather

Solio's location at higher altitude between Mount Kenya and the slopes of Aberdare National Park results in slightly colder temperatures, though days can still be warm and comfortable. There is little fluctuation throughout the year outside of the short rains in November and long rains in April and May.

JANUARY – MARCH

7 - 26 °C | 45 - 79 °F

Stunning weather with little chance of rain. Newborn animals can be seen across the varying landscapes, and the birding opportunities are at their highest.

JULY – SEPTEMBER

9 - 23 °C | 48 - 73 °F

Chilly mornings and evenings but lovely warm days. High season for game viewing in this dry season. Also, a great time to explore via helicopter.

APRIL – JUNE

10 - 24 °C | 50 - 75 °F

April and May bring the heavier rains, but the result is lush landscapes and clean fresh air with stunning views of Mount Kenya.

OCTOBER – DECEMBER

8 - 24 °C | 46 - 75 °F

November brings short rains, but after those clear, the birds begin to arrive, and the temperatures become perfect for all day adventuring.

SOLIO LODGE

COTTAGES - CHILDREN ALL AGES

# COTTAGES	5 (1 family cottage) Max 10 adults, 2 children
EXTRA BEDS	✓ On request
TWIN BEDS	✓ 3 cottages + 2 nd room in family cottage
BATHROOM	En-suite
SHOWER	✓ Indoor
BATH	✓
HAIRDRYER	✓
ROOM SAFE	✓
POOL	X
IN-ROOM WIFI	✓
MINI BAR	✓
AIR CON	X
FAN	✓ On request
MOZZIE NET	X
LAUNDRY	✓ Included
DISABLED ACCESS	✓
BINOCULARS	✓

SOLIO LODGE MAP



COTTAGE DESCRIPTION:

LUXURY COTTAGES X 4

The Solio cottages are centred around rest and relaxation. High thatched roofs and floor-to-ceiling glass windows create a lovely feeling of space and bring the outdoors in, while open fireplaces in both the bedroom and bathrooms creates a cosy atmosphere. Double-ended freestanding bathtubs and huge rain showers come as standard, along with double sinks, ample wardrobe space and comfortable seating areas.

FAMILY COTTAGE X 1

The family cottage comprises rooms 5 and 6 with a shared lounge between them, and ample garden space out front for kids to enjoy. As these cottages are exactly like the double cottages, this provides the ideal setting not only for families but also for 2 couples travelling together.

If this cottage is already booked, families can be accommodated in the double cottages with added bed (on request only).



RAIN SHOWER



BEDROOM



ROMANTIC BATHTUB



COTTAGE EXTERIOR



COTTAGE INTERIORS

Activities & Experiences

GAME DRIVES Morning and afternoon drives.

GAME DRIVE VEHICLE FEATURES USB charging points.
Pull out stove for cooked breakfast experiences.

PRIVATE VEHICLES Included with all bookings.

HELI TRIPS
(Book in advance, extra cost) Variety of excursions to untouched and remote locations in Kenya, including Mount Kenya and Aberdare National Park.
Available for anyone 2+ years.

VISIT TO NEARBY FARMS Cinnabar Green Farm - where Solio's amenities come from.
Flower Farm – rose farm supporting local communities.

COFFEE FARM
(Book in advance and not possible on Sundays) Tour a working coffee plantation.
45-min drive from Solio.

HORSERIDING 5 resident horses.
Available for all riding levels, with different routes for more experienced riders.
Helmets are provided.

CYCLING Mountain bikes for adults and kids.
Guided outing.
Flexible timing and duration per each guest.

WALKING Guided walks on the ranch.

KIDS SAFARI Wide variety of kids activities.



HORSERIDING



GAME DRIVES

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	DOES NOT OCCUR HERE
LION	✓			
LEOPARD	✓			
CHEETAH			✓	
ELEPHANT			✓	
RHINO - WHITE & BLACK		B&W		
BUFFALO	✓			
GIRAFFE	✓			
ZEBRA	✓			
HIPPO				X
CROCODILE				X
WILD DOG				X
HYENA - SPOTTED		✓		
AARDVARK			✓	
MIGRATION				X
GENERAL ANTELOPE SPECIES	✓			
VARIETY OF BIRD LIFE	✓			
SPECIAL SIGHTING FOR THIS AREA	The impressive numbers of black and white rhinos on the reserve, reticulated giraffe, eland, and waterbuck. Good lion and leopard sightings.			
OTHER	Specially designed roof-top benches on the safari vehicles.			

Location & Access Map

Flight Access



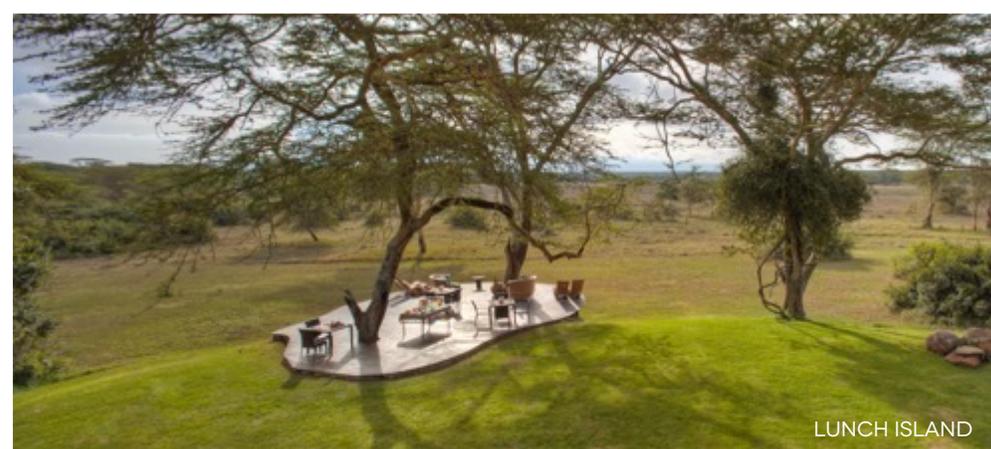
FLY

Scheduled Flights (RECOMMENDED SafariLink and Air Kenya):

- Daily scheduled charters to Nanyuki Airstrip, plus 90-min drive to the camp.
- Private charter to Solio's private airstrip, only 15 min from camp.

DRIVE

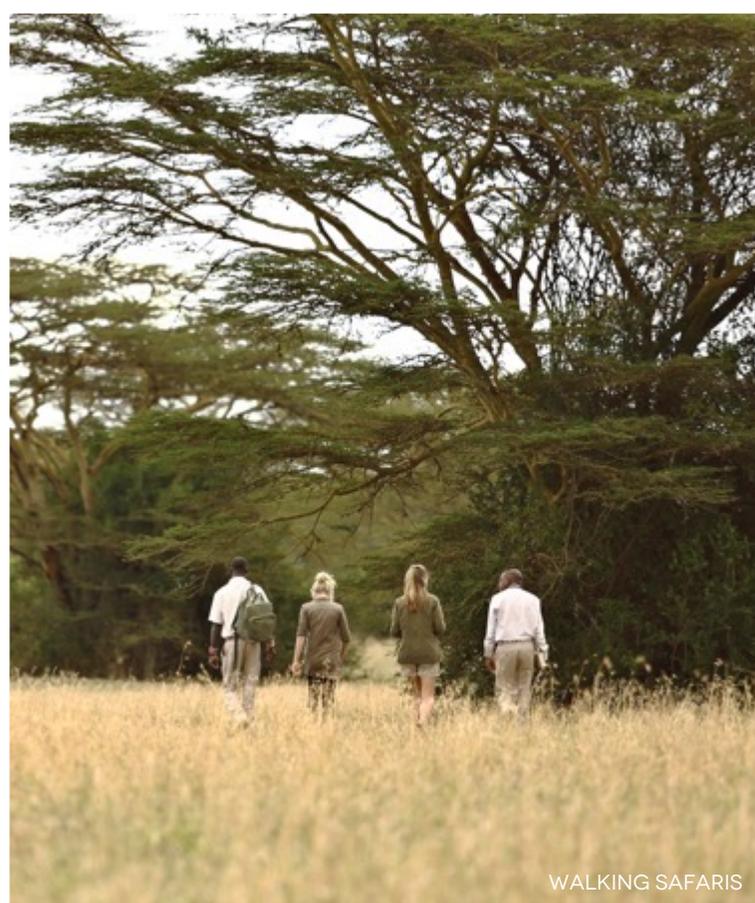
- Solio can be reached by road transfer, on an approximately 3.5 hour drive from Nairobi.



LUNCH ISLAND



MAIN AREA DECK



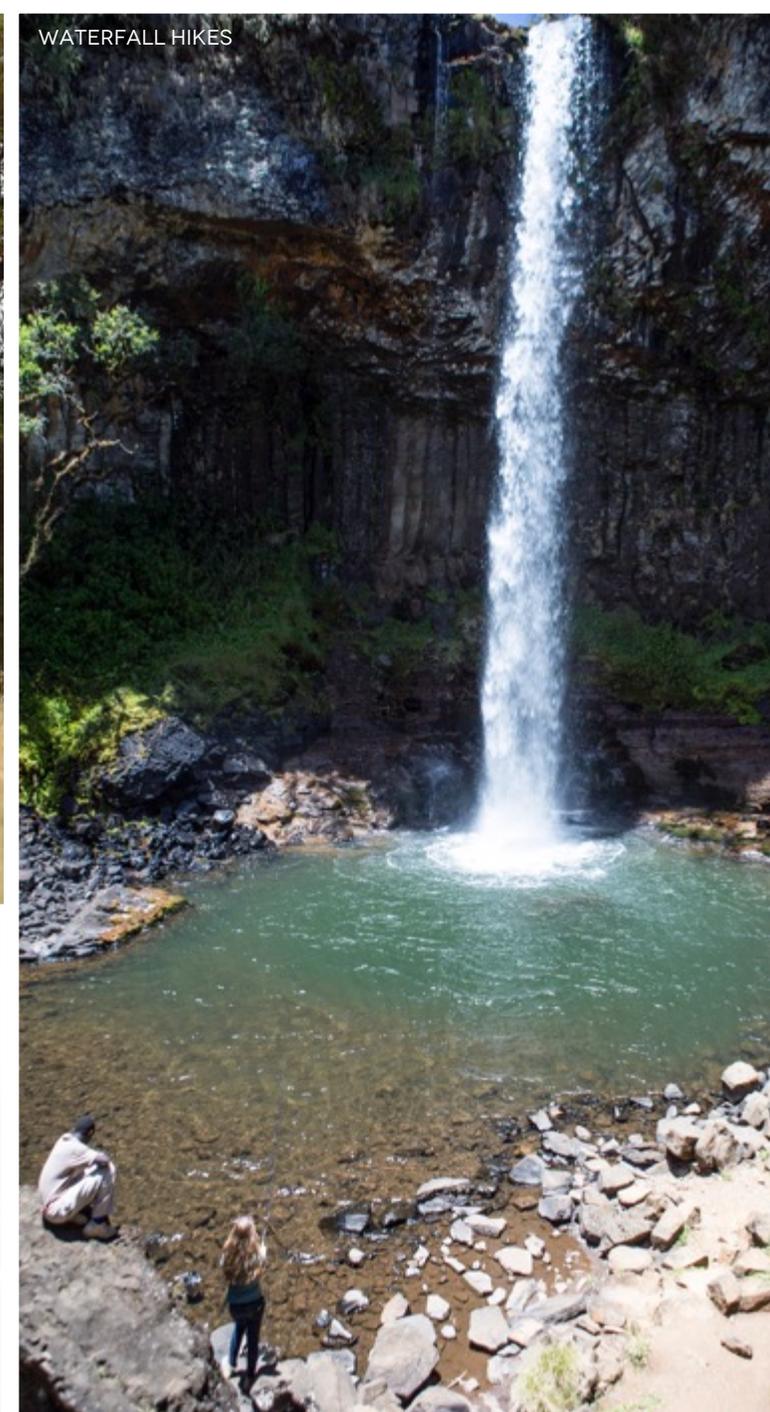
WALKING SAFARIS



FRESH PRODUCE



SUNDOWNERS



WATERFALL HIKES

THE SAFARI COLLECTION

SOLIO LODGE

CLASSICS CLASSIFICATION	PREMIER
IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY	HIGH
CHILDREN (MINIMUM AGE)	ALL
FAMILY ROOMS	✓
EXCLUSIVE CAMP / VILLAS	✗
HONEYMOON OFFER	✗
LAND SAFARI	✓
WATER SAFARI	✗
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	HELI EXCURSIONS, HORSE RIDING, CYCLING, SOLIO RHINO ORPHANAGE
GET INVOLVED - CONSERVATION	✓
GET INVOLVED - COMMUNITIES	✗
WELLNESS & MASSAGE	✓

CLASSIC CLASSIFICATIONS:

P – Premier: These camps/lodges feature luxurious amenities and are often priced at a higher tier.

C – Classic: These camps/lodges offer a more down-to-earth experience and are priced at a mid-level rate.

E – Expedition: These experiences are best suited for small groups or trips led by private guides.

IMPACT OF EACH GUEST STAY:

L – Low

M – Medium

H – High

VH – Very High

Based on the following 4 considerations we look at the positive impact that each guest is making by staying here:

- **Transferability:** What percentage of the daily rates is allocated to conservation and community initiatives?
- **Removability:** What impact would arise if the property were absent? Are there alternative lodges in the vicinity that continue to make positive contributions?
- **Responsibility:** To what extent does the property handle management privately, and how much is overseen as a concession under a collaborative arrangement?
- **Fragility:** How vulnerable is the surrounding environment and community?

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