

LOLDIA HOUSE

On a Ranch of the north western part of Lake Naivasha, Kenya
in the Great Rift Valley
(open throughout the year)

House description:

The Kenya of the pioneers was a land of expansive farms, carved from the highlands and the country around the beautiful Rift Valley Lakes. The virgin untamed land drew the early settlers, in those days roamed by Masai herdsmen and wild game. With only rudimentary tools and teams of oxen, forests were cleared and fences established to open the land to herds of cattle. Although life was hard the settlers enjoyed an outdoor lifestyle, walking, riding and hunting amongst the profusion of animal and birdlife in the Great Rift Valley.

Loldia Farm was established by a settler who came to Kenya by ox-wagon after the Boer War and is still owned by the same family today. He was a renowned horseman who chose this beautiful corner of Kenya to enjoy all that was best in the early Kenyan Lifestyle. Nestling under the acacia and wild fig trees on the green western shores of Lake Naivasha, the present Loldia House was constructed by Italian prisoners of war from stone quarried on the farm. Built around a courtyard, its main archway frames a stunning view of the dormant volcano Mount Longonot.

The house is set in lawns, which are grazed at night by hippos from the lake. Today's guest can savour the taste of this early lifestyle in Loldia's uniquely peaceful setting. The farm is ideally situated to visit the flamingo lakes of Nakuru, Elementaita and Bogoria, one of the great spectacles of Africa. Lake Nakuru also offers excellent viewing of the Black Rhino and the more elusive White Rhino amongst an abundance of other bird and wildlife and is one of the best places in Kenya to see leopard. Lake Bogoria is one of the few places where the rare and beautiful Greater Kudu can be seen. On the farm's 6,500 acres, guests may walk or ride through herds of dairy and beef cattle and a flock of farmed ostriches, interspersed with impala, waterbuck and other plains game. Boat trips are also arranged on Lake Naivasha for fishing and bird watching, and visits can be made to Hell's Gate with its spectacular canyon, hot springs and abundant wildlife. Activities can be tailor-made to suit each guest.

Loldia offers the highest standards of cuisine and personalised service. The House Manager, Peter Njoroge, has been described in England's Country Life magazine as "probably the world's best butler".

All meals, activities mentioned above as well as laundry are included in our price. National park entrance fees to visited National parks and drinks are to be paid separately. Please announce special dietary requirements to us in advance.

Please note: luggage restriction of 15 kg on all domestic flights. Extra luggage can be left at your base hotel in Nairobi. Safari arrangements and bookings can be made through your local ground handling agent or directly with Governors' Camp.

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Information and Details

Location:	Old farmhouse on a Ranch of the north western part of Lake Naivasha, Kenya
Number of beds:	9 rooms; 4 rooms at the House, 1 Cottage with 3 separate rooms and 1 Cottage with 2 separate rooms Rooms (18 beds)
Double & Twins:	6 Twins, 3 double rooms
Facilities:	En-suite bathrooms with bath, shower, basin, flush toilet, hot and cold running water, one double room in the top cottage has an outside bathroom
Rooms:	English style furnished rooms
Electricity:	Yes 220/240 Volt UK Plugs
Restaurant:	Dining room in colonial style
Lounge:	Original room with fire place in colonial style
Room service:	Room service on request. Tea and coffee is served in the rooms with the morning wake up call
Souvenirs:	Small Curio Shop is open daily
Laundry:	Arranged daily at no extra cost
Credit cards:	Visa, Mastercard, Eurocard, American Express and Traveller Cheques are accepted
Communication:	Telephone and Fax at Loldia House Radio contact with other camps and Nairobi office
Loldia Airstrip:	Length 1.500 m, gravel airstrip, Coordinates: S 0041.76 E 03618.99
Contact details:	Governors' Camps, Musiara Limited Ngong Race Course, Block A Nairobi Business Park P.O. Box 48217, Nairobi, 00100, Kenya Tel: (+254) 20 2734000/5 Fax: (+254) 20 2734023/24 email: reservations@governorscamp.com http://www.governorscamp.com
Member of:	Classic Safari Camps of Africa
Health:	Preventative Malaria medication is recommended

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Activities:

National Parks:	Excursions with game drives and picnic breakfast or lunch to Lake Nakuru National Park, Hell's Gate National Park, Lake Elementaita, Lake Bogoria (National Park entrance fees & drinks to be paid separately)
Game viewing:	Game viewing excursions and game walks on the ranch and night game viewing excursions (included in the price)
Horse riding:	Horse riding on the ranch (included in the price)
Boat rides &:	Morning and afternoon boat rides on Lake Naivasha, boat ride to Crescent Island with game watching and game walks (included in the price but fees for Crescent Island to be paid directly)
Fishing:	Boat rides for fishing with full equipment (Tilapia) (included in the price)
Walking:	Walking on the farm and to nearby mountains (Longonot, Eburu) with picnics or visit to nearby flower farms (included in the price)
Bird watching:	Various walks or boat rides for bird watching (included in the price)
Golf:	18 hole Golf site nearby (Green Park) (to be paid separately)
Tennis:	Tennis court on the Ranch with equipment (included in the price)
Culture:	Visit the nearby Loldia School, or visit a renowned artist and sculptor resident on the Ranch (included in the price)

General

Seasons:	Open throughout the year. Peak season months August and September and 15 th - 31 st December. High season months January - March inclusive and June, July, October, November and 1 st - 14 th December. Green season - April and May
Children:	Of all ages are welcome and catered for
Rate includes:	Airstrip transfers, accommodation, meals, activities and laundry
Rate excludes:	Flights, drinks, National park entrance fees, and the ranch fee at Loldia
Terms & Conditions:	Booking any service with Musiara Ltd, Governors Camp Rwanda Ltd or Governors Balloon Safaris Ltd signifies acceptance of our standard Terms and Conditions which are available from www.governorscamp.com or from info@governorscamp.com or from our Head Office upon request

How to get there and transfers:

Road:	Drive from Nairobi (approx. 2 hours drive / 120 km tarred and gravel road)
Flights:	Safarilink has a daily scheduled flight from Nairobi directly to Loldia. The flight departs Nairobi Wilson Airport at 14:45, arriving at 15:05. This flight then departs Loldia for the Masai Mara. The flight departs Loldia at 15:10 and arrives in the Masai Mara at 15:50
Charter flight:	Daily. Duration approx. 25 minutes from Nairobi
Luggage restriction:	Maximum 15 kg luggage per person in small air craft including hand luggage

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