



Laikipia

Il N'gvesi Lodge

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Location: Il N'gvesi Lodge is situated adjacent to the Ngare Ndare River on the edge of the Mukogodo Hills and boasts commanding panoramic views across Northern Kenya.

Description: In 2002, Il N'gvesi set the pace for Laikipia's ecotourism, being awarded the Equator Initiative Award at the World Summit in Johannesburg, and has become a role model for upcoming community eco-lodges in East Africa. This small piece of paradise, perched between peak and plain, possesses a magic which cannot fail to touch anyone who is lucky enough to experience it.

Accommodation/Facilities: Constructed from local material Il N'gvesi can accommodate up to sixteen people in six thatched, open-plan cottages, with adjoining open air showers, positioned to ensure both fantastic views and privacy. Il N'gvesi has a large sitting area, a striking swimming pool with an ideal lunch venue, and a covered viewing hide overlooking a waterhole.

Hosted: The Il N'gvesi group ranch members, initially involved in the construction, now run and host the lodge.

Activities:

- Exploring the magnificent conservation area that adjoins Lewa, Borana and the Mukogodo Forest Reserve
- Visit to Lewa Wildlife Conservancy
- Following the Ngare Ndare River with local guides, offers a special opportunity to get close to the wildlife, followed by a picnic breakfast
- Game drive, followed by sundowners on the Mukogodo Hills.
- Another very popular attraction is the hand-reared orphan black rhino, Omni. Moved to Il N'gvesi from Lewa, Omni is the first black rhino to come back to Il N'gvesi in 30 years. Il Ngvesi also has two white rhino
- Visits to see the baboon troop and monkeys

Optional Extras: Camping within the conservation area, camel safaris, and cultural visits to witness the cultural practices and daily living including livestock keeping, hunting techniques, rites, rituals and dances,. Vehicle hire and catering option available.

Closed Seasons: Open all year round.

Access: By daily schedule flight from Wilson Airport (Nairobi) to Lewa Downs followed by road transfer, by private charter flight direct to the Il N'gvesi airfield, or by road via Ngare Ndare, Borana or Lewa.

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