



# Laikipia

## Lolldaiga Farm House

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*Location:* Situated in the Lolldaiga Hills, 30 kilometres to the northwest of Mount Kenya, lies one of the most stunning ranches in Kenya. Within the 49,000 acre ranch, vegetation ranges from dry savannah to open woodlands and high altitude forests. The working cattle ranch demonstrates optimal coexistence of people, livestock husbandry and wildlife.

*Description:* The Lolldaiga Farm House is a traditional cedar log building constructed in the 1940's. The house, nestled into a quiet valley, is sheltered from the prevailing north-easterly winds by cedar and olive trees. The garden, teeming with birds attracted by jasmine and citrus blossoms, has sweeping views of Mount Kenya.

*Accommodation & Facilities:* The Farm House has a large sitting and dining room warmed by a red-brick fireplace, and two double en-suite rooms. An additional cottage complete with fireplace and bathroom is also available upon request. The farm also has a well maintained tennis court.

*Hosted:* The Lolldaiga Institute, managed by Janina Otto, working towards conservation, community development and responsible livestock production, offers a fully hosted stay at Lolldaiga Farm House.

### *Activities:*

- The Lolldaiga Hills, with the highest peak in Laikipia, and its ridges and valleys, provide challenging and scenically spectacular walks.
- Game drives to spot some of the 60 species of wildlife, including wild dog, leopard, cheetah and lion. Guided walks - 300 species of birds identified.
- Visit to various archaeological sites including two stone-age rock shelters, rock art and ancient pottery.
- Participation in livestock husbandry – the ranch has Merino sheep, a pedigree herd of Boran cattle and British Red Poll cattle.
- Camel riding, horse riding and mountain biking.
- Ox-cart trips – used in the early days to transport wool, and today for delivering firewood and milk.

*Optional Extras:* Spirits and champagne. Some activities.

*Closed Seasons:* Open all year round.

*Access:* Charter flight to neighbouring airfield, but best way is by road from Nanyuki (less than an hour – but four-wheel drive vehicle recommended).

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