



Laikipia

Mukutan Retreat

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Location: A unique refuge overlooking the spectacular Mukutan Gorge on the edge of the Great Rift Valley. The Retreat is situated on the extreme west of Laikipia on the 100,000 acre Laikipia Nature Conservancy, home to conservationist and author Kuki Gallmann. Mukutan means 'the meeting' and it is here that the fingers of surrounding hills meet.

Description: The unique setting, the silent and the evocative sounds of Africa, make the Mukutan Retreat an exclusive hideaway for discriminate travellers, in simple yet extremely sophisticated comfort. Built in elegant African style, using local stone, native woods and papyrus thatch, each cottage is original in layout and décor.

Accommodation/Facilities: Three traditional dwellings perched at the edge of the gorge, offer accommodation with double beds, a spacious bathroom, a fireplace and private verandahs. A central lounge and dining area has the atmosphere of a private home, furnished with individually selected items. Organic food is served in the Retreat - Italian, Indian and Chinese with exotic touches. The shop sells a variety of locally made artefacts and Wild Sage essential oil products.

Hosted: Although a traveller Kuki Gallmann, hosts clients when she is in Laikipia. Andy Marshall is the host and manger.

Activities:

- Walking in the hills and valleys with a trained local guide
- Relax in the natural mineral rich hot spring, or enjoy a massage.
- Games drives and night drives to spot lion.
- Game viewing on horse back or camel rides.
- Picnic breakfast and lunch.
- Swimming in the rock-carved pool or one of the waterfall pools.
- Night under the stars in the 'moonlit cottage'.
- Fishing in one of the dams or streams for black bass and fresh water crayfish.
- Bird watching - 400 identified species in the area.
- Cultural visits to Pokot, Turkana and Samburu tribes.
- Visit the newly discovered archaeological remains.

Optional Extras: Day trips by helicopter or private plane.

Closed Seasons: Open all year round

Access: By private charter flight to Laikipia Main airfield.

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