

# GET READY

FOR A GREAT ADVENTURE AT

LUMO CONSERVANCY

AVAILABLE ACTIVITIES

*Bucket list*

LIONS BLUFF LODGE

LEOPARDS LAIR COTTAGES

CHEETAH TENTED CAMP

CHEETAH CAMPSITE



# Sightseeing IN LUMO

## Lake Chala & The Farms Tour

Over an hours drive from the lodge, lies the only sunken crater lake in the region, which borders Tanzania. Myth has it, that it was the ungratefulness of the villages to welcome a Divine messenger in disguise of a sickly woman, resulted in the whole village sinking and water coming from the ground. It is revered as a traditional Taveta people shrine. Crystal clear water has fish species unique to this place, the Challa Tilapia. Encounter local people fishing

and herding livestock. The land is very fertile and hence there are farmlands and villages surrounding the lake. We welcome you to help out on the farms, share knowledge and learn about local culture and local farming. You will enjoy a picnic lunch at a scenic location. On your way back to the lodge, pass through Salaita Hill. Here you will see the iconic Baobab tree with a hole, part of the battlefield site. A German Sniper woman lost her husband to the British soldiers and made a hole to hide and shelter in the tree. From there she used to shoot the British soldiers.

**DURATION: GUIDED FULL DAY EXCURSION**  
**USD 120 PER PERSON (BASED ON MIN. 2 PERSONS)**

## Bush Walk

Awake with the African Sunrise and take a drive in our open-sided game vehicle to an area where it is safe to walk in the wilderness. Accompanied by Lumo Community Wildlife Sanctuary's skilled rangers, walk amongst the tracks and signs, flora and fauna of this protected area.

This is a gentle ramble, suitable for all ages for those with an enquiring mind about the world around them. Allow our ranger to enjoy showing you the environment in which they grew up, their intimate knowledge of the insects, birds, tracks and signs. Learn which bushes are used to cure tummy ache, which store water underground and how to light a fire without using matches. Our vehicle will follow you at a discreet distance so that, should you tire, you can simply return to the lodge.

**USD 50.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON A MIN. OF 2 PERSONS)**  
**USD 40.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON A MIN. OF 4 PERSONS)**

## Bush Breakfast



Ideally a bush walk culminates in the best meal of the day being enhanced by being eaten under a tree, enjoying one of our many stunning views within the Sanctuary.

Fresh fruit, juice, tea and coffee and a cooked breakfast to your requirements will be freshly produced under a nearby tree, while you relax and soak up the atmosphere of the bush through which you have just meandered.

**USD 60.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON A MIN. OF 2 PERSONS)**  
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## Ornithological Walk

With over 1,070 species of birds, Kenya has the second highest country bird list in Africa, while the area around Tsavo West boasts 600 recorded species. Ranging from giant herons to tiny sunbirds, the diversity of African birdlife is startling in its colour and vibrancy. Additionally, the Lions Bluff area boasts a number of endemic species, such as the globally threatened Taita Thrush, Taita Apalis, Abbotts starling and the Southern banded Snake Eagle. Also seen are the Martial Eagle, Taita Shrike and Black Shouldered Kite and the Taita White Eye, indigenous to this area. Highlights of the birdlife include those of the semiarid zone, such as ostrich and Golden Pipit, while perhaps the most conspicuous are the White headed buffalo weaver and the brilliantly-plumaged golden breasted starling. Raucous hornbills are also prevalent as are such hole nesting birds as parrot, barber and roller. During the winter months in Europe, we do receive migratory birds. For the amateur and serious ornithologist alike, we offer a range of half or full day outings which can be custom tailored to the interests of your ornithological party. The services of a professional ranger and up-to-date bird check lists are included. Picnic bush lunch and sundowners can be scheduled to suit your needs. Binoculars are available for use.

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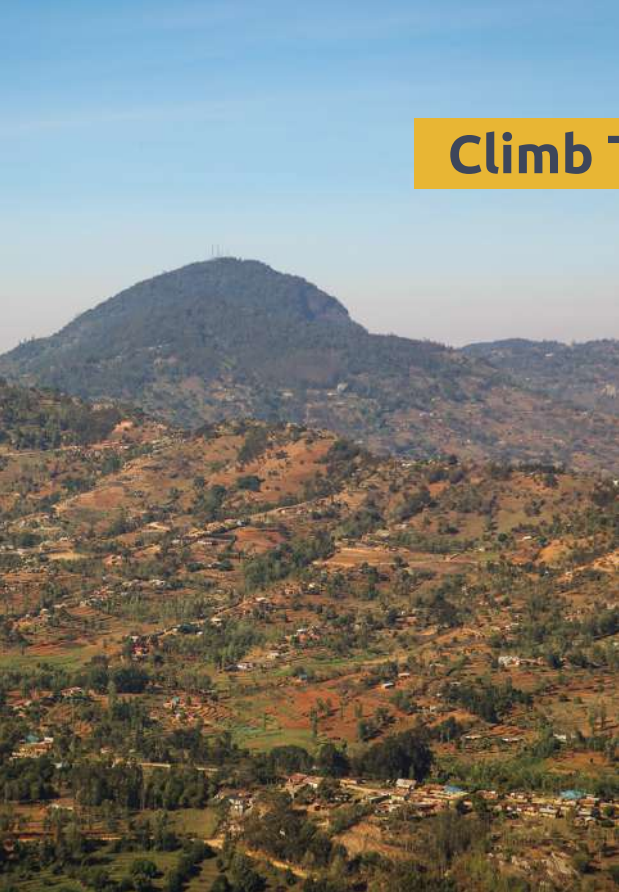
## Climb Kasigau



Mt. Kasigau is part of the Eastern Arch Mountains renowned for its endemic Flora and Fauna. A gazetted national forest topped with tropical forest, this 3-hour ascent, 1641 meters above sea level, requires tough training shoes. Discover a World War 1 British encampment, with visible trenches and hideouts, identify rare trees and birds and enjoy learning as you ascend more about the culture of the local Taita people. The picturesque 'Are Rock' Python rock, which caved in due to weathering, has a hut which acted as a hide out for the villagers against cattle rustlers and now a good backdrop for a selfie, as you climb. The drive from Lions Bluff is taken across the sisal estate and takes two hours. Time permitting you may visit the sisal basket weavers. Best start before first light with packed picnic breakfast and lunch.

**USD 140.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON MIN. OF 2 PERSONS)**

## Climb Taita Hills



Climb the beautiful Taita Hills. Drive through lush, mountainous Taita where the climate is perfect and the views stunning over what is known to the locals as 'little Switzerland'. The highest, Vuria (2,300 meters above sea level), is easily identified by the mobile phone mast on top. It is possible to drive to this point. Eyale is lower and can only be climbed on foot. Walk through the farm lands and interact with the locals in their daily chores. About 45 minutes of steep walking from where you leave your vehicle, to where the view is panoramic. The vegetation is montane forest and here you can spot the rare Taita Apalis, the Ross Turacos, the Cabanis Greenbul, Syke monkeys among other mammals. Packed picnic meal is provided.

**DURATION 2 HOURS AND INCLUDES A GUIDE.**

**USD 80.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON MIN.OF 2 PERSONS)**



## Indigenous Forests

Ng'ang'ao is a gazetted forest managed by the Kenya Forest Services. At 1,500m it is a true tropical rain forest with dense foliage and moisture, unique birds, like the Taita Thrush and butterflies. Take a guided walk through the dense jungle and enjoy what must be one of the last natural forests in Kenya. Visit the butterfly farm managed by the community, mainly the youth. See the butterflies metamorphism at the farm and if you are lucky you could participate in feeding process. A guided walk taking up to 1 hour will give you an insight of different plants around the forest and their medicinal uses

**USD 120.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON MIN. OF 2 PERSONS)**  
**ENTRANCE FEES FOR THE FOREST / GUIDE ARE INCLUDED**



## Visit Lake Jipe

About one and half hours from Lions Bluff, in Tsavo West, lies this freshwater lake that borders Tanzania. A host to hippos, crocodiles and unique birdlife. A lake shared by two countries each with different economic values.

Since the Kenyan side of the lake lies in Tsavo West National Park, no fishing is allowed. Tanzania are allowed controlled fishing. Boat rides are provided an extra cost by KWS of **USD. 15.00** per person for 1.5 hrs. A Packed picnic meal is provided for your lunch.

**USD 100.00 PER PERSON HALF DAY**

**USD 130.00 PER PERSON FULL DAY**

**(BASED ON A MIN. OF 2 PERSONS)**

## Shetani Lava Flow & Mzima Springs



Mzima Springs are a series of four natural springs in Tsavo National Park, that produces an incredible 250 million litres of fresh water a day.

The source of the spring rises in the Chyulu Hills and provides the bulk of Mombasa's fresh water. The springs are resident to hippos, Nile crocodiles and a wide variety of birdlife. There's an underwater viewing chamber, where you can see the fish, in the clear waters. 'Shetani' means 'devil' in Kiswahili. The flows were formed a few hundred years ago. The local people believe that it was the devil himself emerging from the earth. This vast expanse of folded black lava spreads for 50 kilometres across the savannah near the Chyulu Hills. The last major eruption here is believed to have taken place around 200 years ago. Nearby are the Shetani Caves, which are also the result of volcanic activity.

**DURATION FULL DAY**

**USD 150.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON A MIN. OF 2 PERSONS)**



## Cultural Trip at Lumo

As part of our extensive eco-interface we offer cultural visits to local villages and schools. For the **Taita Village Visit**, you are invited to enter a typical ethnic home and participate in cooking a traditional meal and enjoying it, with the families. Or help in the local beer making process and if you like tasting too. Visitors are welcomed to watch and participate in the traditional dance “*mwazindika*”. Interaction with the locals in their daily activities include sisal basket weaving, beading, crotchet, wood carving and pottery when possible. You will have the opportunity to see how the farmers manage crops such as dry land beans and see the pastoral activity of cattle and goat rearing. You must try the honey from the local beekeepers. Nearby are The Aloe Vera plantations. Here you can see the various processes of making different products, from this beneficial plant. Often you will also be invited to purchase locally made items, more authentic than those in the usual run of the mill gift shops. Part of the eco- cultural revolution, cultural visits play a vital part both in ensuring that the people of East Africa benefit from the national tourism income and that Africa’s ancient cultural heritage is sustained and supported for the future. All the members of the visited villages will receive payment from the Sanctuary which helps to provide benefits such as clean water, health education and employment. A naturally welcoming and friendly people, the **Taita** folk are genuinely delighted to welcome guests and meet people from other countries.

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USE OF GUIDE ONLY

USD 30.00  
Per Day



LUMO CONSERVANCY - TSAVO WEST

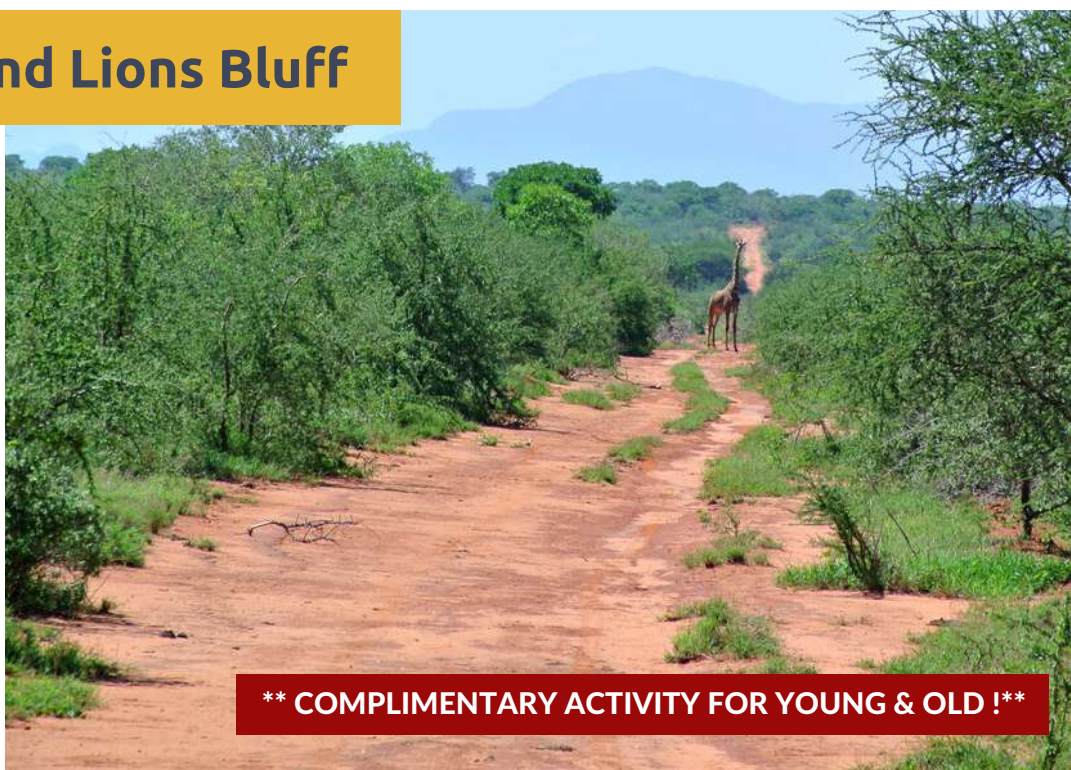
## Game Drive in Open Sided Game Vehicle

Feel at one with the Sanctuary as you explore the territory in an intimate fashion, from an elevated position in our custom built, open- sided game vehicle. Our experienced rangers will show you some of the stunning views of the area, together with birds, trees, carpets of wildflowers and the animals who tread over them. Using this intimate interface, feel at one with the amazing safari experience that is Lions Bluff . Elephant, strikingly beautiful lesser kudu, majestic eland, lithe impala, elegant grants gazelle, imposing lions, adorable cubs, finding them depends on the skill of our rangers, the seasons, good eyesight and luck. Every game drive is a different experience. Best in the early mornings or late afternoons, these drives last up to two hours.

USD 50.00 PER PERSON PER GAME DRIVE (BASED ON A MIN. OF 2 PERSONS)

## Nature Trail around Lions Bluff

Of interest to all ages, our rangers especially enjoy teaching children the tracks, signs, insects and bushes around the Lions Bluff itself. Our resident Taita naturalist guide will teach you which roots & leaves are edible, which are used by the local people to put spells on your enemies. Examine spider nets, collect quartz rock or leaves to make a refreshing tea. Identify birds by their call and enjoy them in the bush.



**\*\* COMPLIMENTARY ACTIVITY FOR YOUNG & OLD !\*\***

# Battlefield Tour

A great deal of the World War 1 war fought, won and lost by the European super powers and their allies in our backyard. Lions Bluff is situated close to the strategic arena in the East African campaign of World War 1. We host a series of unique battlefield tours which retrace the battle lines of perhaps the most strange campaign in British and German military history. On the landscape around you a campaign to deny the Germans access to the Mombasa – Uganda railway line was conducted. Battles ensued, involving blowing up railway lines, Rolls Royce armoured cars, field guns salvaged from a sunken Royal Navy Cruiser and rickety aircraft from the Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Flying Corps.



Imperial troops came from many sources including the British Indian Army, European settlers in Kenya and South African volunteers. Large numbers of locally recruited askaris were also used by both sides. There were huge logistical problems such as poor communications, disease and lack of water. Indian Army engineers laid a water pipeline in 1916 from the high hills to the north east of Lions Bluff to Maktau and this is still in use today. The railway line they constructed is still to be seen in several places alongside the road from Voi towards the turn off to Lions Bluff.

In 1918 news of the Armistice was received by the German forces, by now forced to retreat far to the south of current day Tanzania, three days after the war in Europe had ended. 'Shout at the Devil' a book commemorating the campaign was written and later turned into a film. A newsreel filmed in this area also exists in the Imperial War Museum. Apart from these, all that remains of this bitter and bloody campaign are the gravestones of soldiers in the Commonwealth War Cemeteries in Maktau and Voi together with the detritus of war on the remains of nearby hilltop forts and camps. The tour covers Mwashoti Village, Salita Hill Village, Picket Hill, Maktau Indian Commonwealth war graves in the remembrance of the fallen heroes and ends at the World War 1 museum in Taita Hills Lodge. The tour is conducted by guides, trained by great historians.

**Distance:** 20 minutes drive from Lions Bluff Lodge.

**DURATION:** ½ DAY.

**USD 50.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON A MIN. OF 2 PERSONS)**

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## Night game drive

A uniquely specialised event, not normally permitted with the boundaries of the National Parks and Reserves, is a night game drive, the ultimate safari luxury experience. Leaving the Lodge either before or after dinner setting off to discover the creatures of the night.

Night is the exclusive domain of the hunters such as leopards and lions. It is the only time when you may catch a glimpse of such elusive nocturnal creatures as aardvark, aardwolf and Lumo's melanistic serval cat. Your vehicle will be equipped with a powerful handheld lamp used to sweep the bush for sightings. Children over 5 years of age are welcome and really enjoy this exciting glimpse, of what happens around them when they are usually in bed.

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*Secluded and exclusive, The properties are suspended above an ancient elephant migratory corridor, with stunning panoramic views extending across the Lumo Community Sanctuary and the Tsavo ecosystem to the majestic Mt Kilimanjaro.*



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