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About EGC

Elephant Gorge Camp is a private lodge set in an exclusive conservation area. The lodge accommodates up to a maximum of ten guests at a time offering outstanding personalized service with a variety of adventures and activities on offer to explore this natural mountain wonderland.

Location

Situated 245 km from Nairobi near the border with Tanzania lies Elephant Gorge Camp. Nearest Amboseli park gate is Kimana gate accessed through Loitokitok road.

How to get there

Amboseli national park is just short 35-minute flight from Kenya's capital of Nairobi. Guests can travel on the multiple daily scheduled flights from Nairobi's Wilson Airport, or opt for a private and convenient charter flight.

- The Main Amboseli airstrip is approximately 35km drive to the camp
- Private airstrips are approximately 8km drive to the camp
- Daily flights to Amboseli from Nairobi Wilson airport
- Private charter flights also available depending on client group requirements
- By Road on Self drive or hired 4x4 vehicles (See Directions)

Major Attractions

- Spectacular views of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest free-standing mountain in the world
- Large herds of African elephants
- Two of the five major protected swamps including a dried-up Pleistocene lake
- Contemporary Maasai culture and indigenous lifestyle

Amboseli Wildlife

- One of the best wildlife-viewing experiences in the world with over 500 species of birds including water birds, pelicans, kingfishers, cranes, hammerkops and 47 types of raptors.
- Home to many wildlife species including African elephants, cape buffalos, impala, lions, cheetahs, spotted hyenas, giraffe, zebras and wildebeests among other African animals.

Amboseli Climate

- **Altitude:** 1400 meters above sea level
- **Temperature** ranges from 20-30°C and rainfall average of 350 mm
- **Two annual rainy seasons:** Long rains – March & April & short rains – November / December



Passport & visa requirements

Many nationalities require a visa to enter Kenya. These cost US\$50 and are obtainable through the new e-Citizen website - manual applications are no longer accepted. For a list of nationalities requiring a visa, please refer to the official site. Please make sure your passport is valid for a minimum of 6 months after arrival in Kenya.

Park Fees

Park entrance fees are charged by the Kenya Wildlife Service at the gate.

- For non-residents, park fees are currently US\$60 per person per 24 hour period and US\$ 35 for children under 18
- For citizens and residents, park fees are currently Ksh. 860 per Adult and Ksh. 215 per child / student.
- For Vehicles with 6-12 seats the fee is Ksh. 1030 per 24 hours
- Please note proof of residency is mandatory to show at the park gate.

Medical advice: Malaria & Yellow Fever

Many countries require travellers to have a Yellow Fever certificate prior to returning from a visit to Kenya, including children from the age of 9 months. For updated advice, we recommend consulting the WHO's international travel & health department, and checking their list of specific country requirements.

Elephant Gorge Camp is located at an altitude of 1400m and in a low-risk malarial area, and each residency is supplied with insect sprays and mosquito repellent bottles. Malaria is not prevalent in the area however preventative malaria medication is recommended. Long clothing and personal choice of insect repellent for the evening is also recommended.

In both instances, and for any other inoculations, it is recommended that guests consult a specialist travel physician or travel clinic prior to travelling.

Medical Emergencies & Evacuation

All guests at Elephant Gorge Camp are required to have their own medical insurance covers for their travel to Amboseli. If required EGC can provide a local cover with AMREF Flying doctors at an additional charge.

For your piece of mind, AMREF are the subcontracted transport providers. Trained paramedics and nurses are available on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and can assist with any diagnosis or treatment advice should it be required, as well as dissemination of medical supplies at the lodge, which is regularly restocked and is compliant with the Inter health Worldwide base kit.



At the lodge, each safari vehicle is also equipped with a first aid kit, and our staff is trained in basic First Aid, including all guides and camp managers. Further more the management has pharmaceutical and public health background and can be consulted on phone if required.

Communication

Internet: There is currently no internet connectivity at the camp, however in case of any urgency the management can support with hotspot access

Mobile phones: Phone network is available at the camp with good Safaricom signal and hotspot access.

Gratuities (Tipping Policy)

Gratuities (more commonly called staff tips) are not included and are entirely at guests' discretion. The management is often requested to provide guidance and the following may act as a guideline:

- Gratuities for the lodge team are pooled and distributed amongst the entire staff: US\$ 10-20 (per room per day)

A communal tip box will be available at the reception. Gratuities can be added to a guest's account for settlement on departure.

Please note that all tips will be divided equally for the EGC team hence we do not encourage /advise individual tipping.

Forgot me Basket

EGC has a "Forgot me" hamper available in case you have forgotten an essential. The hamper includes some basic essential items including toiletries, shaving kits, shower caps, sun hats & sanitary towels that can be purchased.

Safaris with children

Elephant Gorge Camp is delighted to invite children aged 6 years and older, and we believe that children should be connected to Kenya's most beautiful wild places from a young age. It is a life changing family holiday - not only seeing the animals but engaging with the ground flora and fauna.

Having children in a safari lodge is a joy and, more often than not, the children settle in much more quickly than the adults. Our approach is to keep young guests busy and happy and to give their parents some time out too. We have ensured children are well entertained with several board games, little guided walks around the camp and learning about maasai culture and practices through use of plants for medicinal purposes. We are able to teach children on animal footprint recognition and survival skills in the wild.



Safety

The safety of our guests is paramount and our primary concern. At the Elephant Gorge Camp the surrounding is sheer wilderness and home to Four of the Big 5 and many other dangerous predators and animals. The lodge is unfenced and entirely open where wild animals are known to roam freely around the lodge. We urge guests to take utmost care when walking around the lodge, and at all times to be accompanied by an *askari* after dark. There is a cowbell at the entrance of each residence to call for the *askari*.

Services, Facilities & Amenities

- Afternoon 4pm tea and coffee station with delicious home baked goodies
- Same-day laundry
- Multiple seating areas for relaxing and absorbing the
- A library shelf with variety of books of animal and wildlife as well as a collection of novels for reading at the lodge. We appreciate your donation too if you would like to leave your book in the library to share with other avid readers
- Wheelchair friendly: The lodge does not have wheelchair access
- Due to free roaming wildlife the Lodge does not have a swimming pool as water attracts the animals.

In-room amenities

- Basic Toiletries
- Mosquito & bug repellent
- Floor fans
- Shower and bath tub
- Multiple charging adapter (Kindly be conscious on charging for too long given the lodge operates on a common solar system)

Electricity

- Elephant Gorge Camp uses electricity generated by solar
- Rooms have 240V electricity running on solar. Lights run off the inverter, and therefore work 24 hours
- Other lighting means will include torches and lamps.
- Guests can recharge their camera batteries in the main lounge
- Guests are recommended to bring converters & universal plug adaptors
- A Hair drier is available upon request, although we request careful use due to consumption of solar power



Meal Policy

All dining will take place at the main lounge. Kindly note no meals are served in the rooms as we have wild animals including baboons that can pose a risk.

Our chef will inform you on the meal plans for the day. We will remain flexible to cater for all your requirements however in case of any special dietary requirements will need to be informed at least 2 days prior to arrival at the camp.

Please inform us about any dietary requirements or allergies prior to arrival. Bush dining can be arranged upon request at a small additional cost

- **Breakfast:** 06:00 to 09:00hrs
- **Lunch:** 12:30 to 14:30hrs
- **Dinner:** 19:00 to 21:45hrs

Water

Bottled drinking water is complimentary.

Distilled bottled water is provided in the rooms for drinking and at the wash-basins.

Fresh bottled water is available at the lounge for self-service throughout the day.

Vehicles

All vehicles are 4x4, with sun cover, which can fold down in bad weather. The vehicles have, cool box, (drinks are available) Guests will be provided shared vehicles with others, unless 'Exclusive Use of Vehicle' has been paid for.

Internet and Phone Services

Internet services are available through a local service provider Safaricom modem. Please ask the team for access to wifi username and password.

Safaricom and Airtel services are well connected in the lodge vicinity.