



GREAT RIFT VALLEY LODGE & GOLF RESORT, NORTH LAKE ROAD, NAIVASHA

LOCATION

Coordinates
GPS [S 0 37.787; E 36 17.257]

The Great Rift Valley Lodge & Golf Resort enjoys one of the most spectacular views in all of Africa. It sits at about 7,000 feet, from which elevation it enjoys magnificent views to the west and east. The vistas stretch from the sparkling waters of Lake Naivasha to the jagged volcanic crater of Mount Longonot and, beyond, the sloping shoulders of the Aberdare Mountains – Kenya's most important watershed.

Why Great Rift Valley Lodge?

- Short distance from Nairobi with easy connections to many parks and places of attraction
- Own airstrip allowing for connection with either Samburu, Masai Mara or Nairobi
- Free Wi-Fi in all the lodge and Longonot Villa rooms
- Abundant bird life for birders
- 3 conference centres, state-of-the-art business centre and secluded location ideal for strategy meetings and corporate retreats
- 18-hole championship golf course
- Choice of accommodation facilities
- Variety of activities for different age groups
- The best kids clubs in the region for cultural and wildlife edutainment

ACCOMMODATION:

The Great Rift Valley Lodge offers 266 rooms in split-level villas, lodge rooms and privately owned chalets with magnificent views of the sprawling Rift Valley – from the towering Aberdare Ranges to the sparkling waters of Lake Naivasha on the floor of the valley – and the golf course.

HOTEL CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

Normal checkout time is 10am.

GETTING THERE

12 kilometres from the Nairobi – Nakuru highway (8kms from Delamere Petrol Station in Naivasha), the lodge is just one-and-a-half hours' drive from Nairobi – or a 30-minute flight to a nearby all-weather airstrip. Its location midway between Samburu and the Maasai Mara makes this the perfect stopover between the country's wildest game reserves – and an ideal

alternative to a night in a city hotel.

For guests staying in the lodge rooms as well as the Longonot Villas, the board basis is usually full board, which includes three delicious meals and accommodation. For guests taking the chalets, board is either on self-catering or in the lodge's restaurant (meals charged per consumption). For both options, use of swimming pool, tennis courts and the Adventurers' club membership for the children (3-11 year olds) or Young Rangers club (12-17) are free.

FACILITIES

- 2 restaurants serving homemade table d'hôte cuisine and al fresco continental lunches
- 3 fully-equipped and professionally serviced conference rooms that can sit 150, 80 or 30 people.
- Board room for smaller groups of 20 people.
- Luxurious lounge bar with sunset terrace
- 18-hole championship golf course, driving range, practice greens and pro shop
- Panoramic freeform swimming pool with private sunbathing garden and kids' pool
- Two clay tennis courts
- Gift shop with 'safari essentials'
- All-weather airstrip on site
- Mains electricity with generator backup.

SERVICES

- Welcome drinks for all guests on arrival
- Safety deposit boxes for guests' valuables
- Full daily laundry and valet services
- Reliable telephone communications
- E-mail/Internet, fax & photocopy services
- Foreign currency exchange at reception
- Mineral water and repellent in rooms
- Resident nurse on 24-hour call.

ACTIVITIES

- Escorted game and bird walks in Eburru Forest
- Boating and birdwatching on Lake Naivasha
- Astronomy with the experienced resident naturalists
- Guided horse riding and mountain bike safaris
- Trips to the world-famous bird reserves on the shores of lakes Baringo, Bogoria and Nakuru
- Day trips to Hell's Gate and Lake Nakuru parks
- Child oriented game walks, treasure hunts and games with

- our famous Adventurers' Club
- Bush breakfasts and romantic sundowners with one of the grandest views on Earth.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX AND SERVICE CHARGE

Airport departure taxes are now included in price of the international flight ticket for all three East African countries. It is also the policy of most travel agencies to quote domestic fares inclusive of airport taxes.

CLIMATE

The equator divides Kenya: Seasons run as follows
 Summer: September - April 34°C/194°F 20°C/68°F
 Winter: May - August 25°C/77°F 11°C/52°F
 Rainfall: April - May (long rains), November - Mid December (short rains).

WHAT TO WEAR

Cotton shirts, skirts and khaki shorts or pants, sandals and open shoes.

Additionally, one can pack sun hats, sun cream, sun glasses, insect repellent and swim wear.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY

It's 220/240 v 50hz.
 Plugs are 3 point square.
 Those coming from North America with IIOv/60hz appliances should be sure to use an appropriate transformer.

The national electricity grid services the lodge, with reliable back-up from generators, hence power is on 24 hours. It is possible to re-charge your electrical appliances, including video camera batteries, laptops, tablets, cell phones, etc in your room, as well as use appliances like hair dryers. Extra batteries, chargers and camera memory cards can be bought at the hotel's boutique.

HEALTH

Vaccines commended for travellers to Africa include those against – check with travel agent at time of travel:

- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Polio
- Typhoid
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Yellow fever*
- Rabies
- Meningitis

Certificates are required for entry into, or travel between, some African countries.

Several of these vaccines require more than one dose, or take time to become effective. Seek advice on immunisation well in advance, best 6 weeks before departure.

In Kenya, excellent medical facilities are available in Nairobi but at a fee. There is NO free health care provided. Our hotels have a camp doctor and nurse on duty but in case of specialized treatment, evacuation has to be arranged.

Malaria

This is a disease spread by the female anopheles mosquitoes that bite mainly at dusk and at night. It is advisable that every traveler to Africa consult with their doctor before arriving. We provide mosquito nets for night protection, as well as repellants for use during the day.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Please check the validity of your insurance against personal injuries and any loss. Heritage Hotels will not accept liability against injury or loss.

TIME ZONE

Kenya is GMT + 0300 hours.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official languages of the Republic of Kenya are Kiswahili and English.

BANKS

Most banks are open from 09:00 to 16.00 from Monday to Friday and half day on Saturdays except at the airport where the services are available 24 hrs. Banks with branches in major shopping malls open longer.

CURRENCY

The official currency of the Republic of Kenya is the Kenya Shilling (Ksh).

Major currencies like the US Dollar, British pounds and Euro are accepted (enquire at the hotel for daily exchange rates). However, US Dollar bills printed between 1996 and 1999 are generally not accepted in Kenya due to excessive forgery.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city.

Heritage accepts Visa, MasterCard, Amex and PayPal.

COMMUNICATION

Landlines available, with averagely good cell phone reception for GSM phones is good in most parts of the lodge. Enquire at the Reception for email or internet services.

