



SHIMBA HILLS – ADVENTURE RAINFOREST

Located 30km South of Mombasa, the Shimba Hills National Reserve boasts a diverse ecosystem comprising tropical rainforest, wood and grassland which is home to over half of the rare plant species in Kenya; the National Reserve plays a crucial role in the conservation of plant biodiversity in the area. As one of the largest coastal rainforests in East Africa, it is a vital bird area as well. This forest is also an ideal habitat for leopard, buffalo, antelope, giraffe and elephant as well as playing host to the last breeding herd of indigenous sable antelopes in Kenya.

Another reason to visit this lush area is the chance to trek down to the famous Sheldrick Waterfalls. Follow in Hemingway's footsteps and head down to the refreshing pool at the foot of the falls where you can take in the dramatic scenery and picturesque natural landscape. The Reserve also boasts several breath taking viewing points overlooking the Indian Ocean and Chale Island to the East, the Tsavo plains and Taita Hills to the West and the many rolling hills and mesmerising forested areas.

The award winning SHIMBA HILLS **LODGE** is nestled in the heart of the reserve's ancient tropical rainforest, and is the only original tree lodge located near the coast. Offering a large open veranda decking with a spacious dining area which overlooks the waterhole, the lodge is guaranteed to give visitors the unique opportunity to enjoy breathtaking views of the surrounding rainforest while reconnecting with nature.

At the Lodge you can expect to be treated to your own private wildlife spectacle with white-headed fish eagles, hornbills, baboons, water bucks, monitor lizards, genets to name a few all in their natural habitat! Don't miss out on the wonderful sounds of the rainforest while the animals perform their nocturnal concert! The untouched wilderness promises a little adventure with a touch of magic.



Spending time at the Shimba Hills will let you feel the *"Breath of Life"*



"ADVENTURE RAINFOREST" PROGRAMS

Day excursion

The Safari starts at 6:00 am - we pick you up from your hotel or residence by the coast and drive to the Shimba Hills National Reserve (approx. 1 hour). Along the way you will immediately notice the breath taking landscapes and change of scenery. The first game drive will take you deep into the rainforest where you will explore your surroundings and track the animals living in the area. Guided by a ranger, you will stop at the Sheldrick Waterfall where magnificent views await you and walk down to the refreshing freshwater pool (approx. 2 hours in total – please bring drinking water, good walking shoes, swimsuit, sun screen and a towel)

At around noon you can look forward to a mouth-watering four-course lunch served on the wooden veranda of the SHIMBA HILLS LODGE, overlooking the waterhole. The natural environment is such that you can expect the curious little resident squirrels to join you. After lunch you will go on another game drive before we drive you back to your hotel or residence in the late afternoon.

Overnight Tour

Day 1: The Safari starts at 1:00 pm - we pick you up from your hotel or residence by the coast and drive to the Shimba Hills National Reserve for your first game drive. In the late afternoon, you will arrive at the SHIMBA HILLS LODGE where you will have ample time to refresh and relax before dinner. Bush babies occasionally make an appearance at this time looking for a fruity treat. After dinner relax, unwind and drift off to the sounds of the rainforest's ever present nocturnal choir.

Day 2: The day starts at 6:00 am - wake up to the call of the resident fish eagle and head off for an early morning game drive enjoying the sights and sounds typical of the rainforest this early in the day. Back at the lodge a full breakfast will be served before you head out again walking down to the Sheldrick water fall. After lunch at the Lodge you can then take some time to relax before your return-transfer to your hotel or residence with plenty of memorable moments in your mind.



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Or book at your travel agent or tour leader .

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Transfers from / to your hotel at the Coast, game drives
 - Walk to the waterfalls
 - Lunch at Lodge or full board accommodation in a twin room / sharing
 - 2 x 0,5 l water per person in the car, park entrance fee
- The excursions depart every Tuesday or Thursday subject to availability. Private tours can be arranged upon request.