

EL KARAMA LODGE

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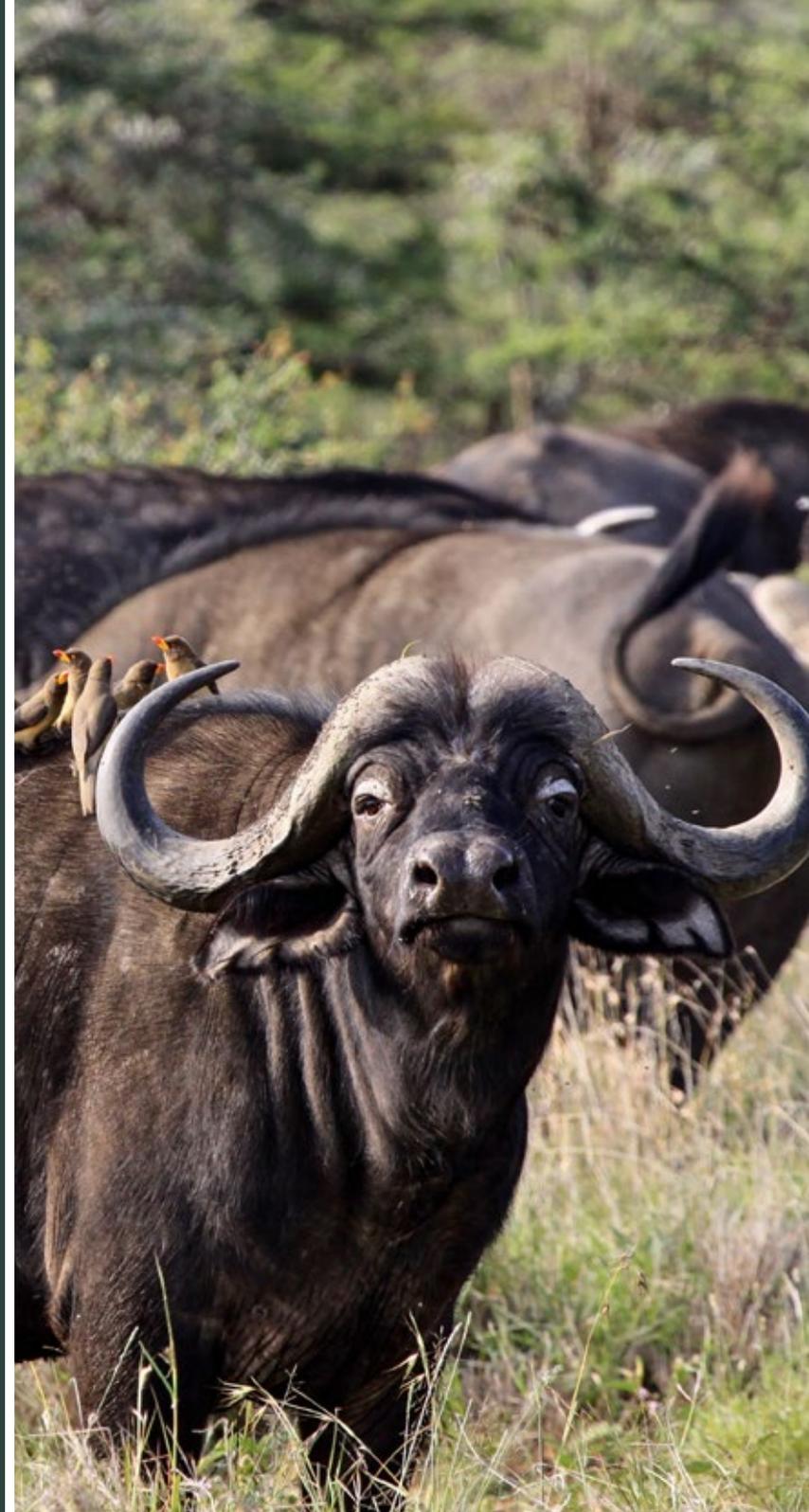
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El Karama Lodge is an intimate, owner-operated, award-winning lodge built by one of Africa's most gifted wildlife sculptors, Murray Grant. Specialising in family safaris and small groups looking for adventure in the wild, there is no other place like it! Located in the heart of Kenya's most unique wildlife area: Laikipia, this one of a kind lodge is found inside a 14,000 acre family-owned private conservancy with access to over 200,000 acres.

The wildlife experience here is world-class, offering abundant sightings of the Big 4 and day visits to horse ride, camel walk, visit iconic black and white rhino or fly up to a private Elephant Rehabilitation Sanctuary in North Kenya. The habitat supports 430 verified bird species and Northern Kenyan species such as Grevy's Zebra, Gerenuk and Vulture Guinea Fowl.

With outstanding views of natural beauty; guests can wake up to the peaks of Mount Kenya and fall asleep to the sounds of the mighty Ewaso Nyiro river. It's all about freedom and privacy here: whether you like to walk, fly camp under the stars, game drive, track on foot with guides, fish, visit the working farm, pick your vegetables in our organic garden or engage with our wildlife conservation activities on the ground and education in action with the rangers, the El Karama Lodge team will make it all possible.



The Lodge

The lodge is owner-operated and was built and created by Kenyan Wildlife Sculptor Murray Grant and his wife Sophie who continue to live here with their two children and many other animals. The lodge has two main living and dining areas, an eco pool, a gallery/learning area and eight rooms.

Rooms

You will sleep in airy cottages made of stone, wood, thatch and canvas. Having only eight in total means you will enjoy privacy and intimacy throughout your whole experience here

The cottages have 24 hour electricity (solar) for lighting and hot water, flushing toilets and bath/showers. We have tried to create a peaceful environment that connects you to the bush combining all the important home comforts without losing the magic of this wild space.

Dining

Eating is an important part of any holiday and we take great pleasure in offering up home-grown food that is as nutritious as it is delicious. Sophie is a French foodie with a fantastic team of chefs and assistants, so the dining experience at El Karama is always fresh, hearty and creative. Guests are welcome to visit the Bush Kitchen whenever they like and can get involved in everything from harvesting fresh veggies from the 'shamba', collecting the eggs from her chickens, sharing recipes and kneading dough for the daily loaves! If you are Vegan, Vegetarian or have special requirements, we are always happy to create something tailor made.

For children we know exactly how important the right food at the right time is for you as a family. Kids menus have been honed to a tee: think hot chocolate and banana rolls to coax little ones up at sunrise, early supper cooked out on the rocks and thermoses of soup with warm bread to keep everyone going on their adventures and marshmallows roasted on open fires!



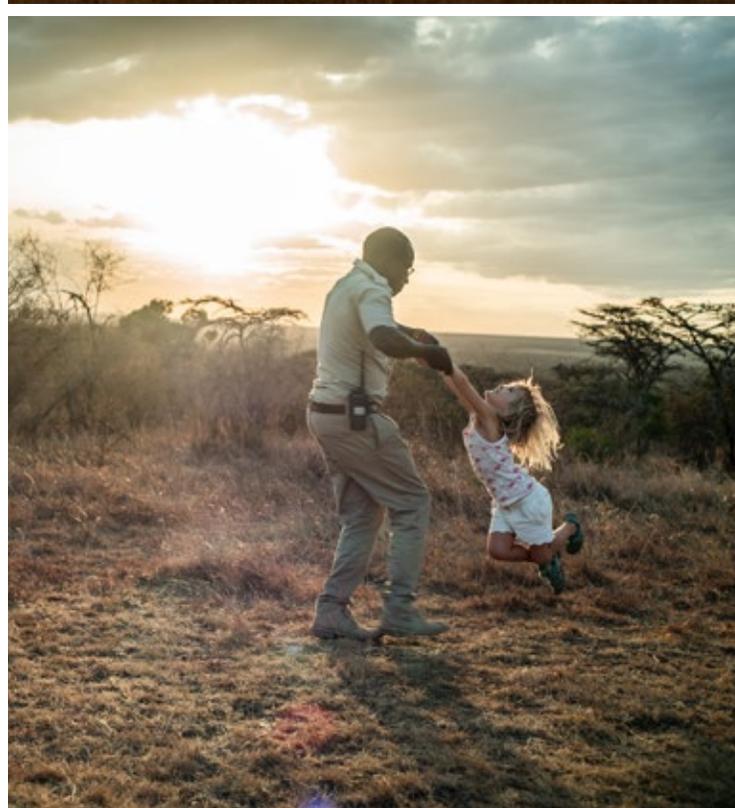
Activities

- Photography
- Walking safaris
- Driving safaris
- Night drives
- Bush meals
- Fly camping
- Pool
- Wellness
- Farm visits
- Farm to fork
- Yoga and pilates

For children and teens:

We have Kenya's first Bush School for children, which is focused on educating and 'rewilding' children during their safari with us. We are a truly family-friendly lodge and your precious little ones will be busy learning about the bush with our wonderful guides and resident naturalists.

- Tracking and plaster casts
- Clay sculpting
- Drawing
- Safari diary
- Fishing
- Playing with bunnies
- Collect the Eggs from Sophie's chickens
- Ride Mr B the pony
- Visit the veggie patch and pick your own for lunch
- Wildlife monitoring
- Predator profiling
- Bush photography
- Cooking lessons
- Sports (volleyball, running, bush football)
- Walking with rangers
- School Visit to Daraja Academy
- Fishing
- Bushcraft and medicinal uses of plants
- Behind the scenes tour of the lodge



Our ethos

All of our guests are welcomed like family into the unique, authentic realm that is El Karama Lodge. To us, curiosity, a sense of adventure and self-sufficiency are the crucial ingredients for truly transformative encounters. We are managing and protecting this very special piece of Africa for you, for the animals, for the people of Laikipia, for posterity.

Sustainability is the main foundation of our ethos: how to fit, seamlessly, into this environment with a limited footprint, how to make real impact where it's needed the most and how to make it last. We invite you to come and be a part of this story.

We want you to experience this life as we do; wonder at the tiny tracks of dik diks on a sandy path, marvel at the light across the plains after a rainstorm, delight in harvesting avocados for lunch directly from the tree and most important of all, to take a step back from the pace of modern existence.

Our family

Why is our lodge so special for families? Because it's run by one. This family has a strong creative heritage that can be seen in every part of the lodge life from art on the walls to the sculptures in the shared areas. The Grants have lived on El Karama since Independence in 1963 and combined cattle breeding and ranching with wildlife protection for over 50 years now.

Murray Grant, a third generation Kenyan born on El Karama, now wildlife sculptor and conservationist, and Sophie, a passionate Homesteader and Foodie created the lodge together with their team over a 10 year period, developing its offering in an organic and holistic way. They continue to live next to the lodge with their two children, chickens, dogs and rabbits and enjoy meeting guests and sharing their way of life.



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