



THE MUKIMA SANCTUARY

*A timeless, beautiful country estate on the
foothills of Mt Kenya*



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ABOUT MUKIMA



Deep in the heart of Laikipia, one of Kenya's most spectacular game viewing areas, stands the perfectly restored, colonial-era Mukima House, with its twin gables, cedar framed windows and large, sweeping verandahs overlooking rolling lawns towards the private lake. In the distance, stands the snow-capped peaks of Africa's second-highest mountain

Set within 300 private acres of the African bush and on velvet lawns dotted with lavender and embellished with a shaded tennis court and an oval swimming pool, this cedar and stone mansion could as easily stand in the home counties of England as it could in Kenya's heartland..... except that the climate is superbly mild and front stage of the house rise the jagged peaks of Africa's only Equatorial volcano, Mount Kenya, or that should you take an evening drive to one of the several neighbouring conservancies, you can be surrounded by elephants within forty minutes.



IN THE BEGINNING...

The Mukima Sanctuary, or Ol Kinyei as it was originally known, was purchased in the 1930's by Col Thomas G Chippendale Lewin OBE MC, his portrait can be found above the fireplace in one of the front bedrooms. Here he ranched beef cattle and built a splendid home for his wife Yvonne David and their only son, Paddy. The interior of the house was entirely paneled in red cedar and boasted a magnificent staircase. Thomas Lewin, or "Chippy" as he was commonly known, was of the UK Bushmill Distillery family and came out to Kenya to ranch cattle. He also started up the Smithfield Butchery in Nanyuki. Paddy grew up in the house, wild and free, fishing, hunting and riding until he left for Eton and Oxford, where he excelled as a scholar. Some of his childhood friends still live around Nanyuki and have happy memories of Paddy, the house and social events held here.

AND THEN CAME...

Joseph Kimotho Mugambi bought the land and farmhouse in 1954 from Yvonne and Paddy, after Thomas's death. The house at that time was in the shape of an H, without the back section, which was added later by Mugambi. Mugambi constructed a steel development to the north of the house and A frame bandas to the south, you can still see the foundations. He planned to run a hotel, using the original building as a reception and restaurant. Unfortunately, the restoration work was not well done: the cedar timbers were gouged out with crude carvings and daubed with primary coloured paint, badly planned and constructed extensions were attempted; the staircase and cedar panelling disappeared; partitions were erected using offcuts and at one point the roof fell in. Mugambi, appeared to abandon the project.

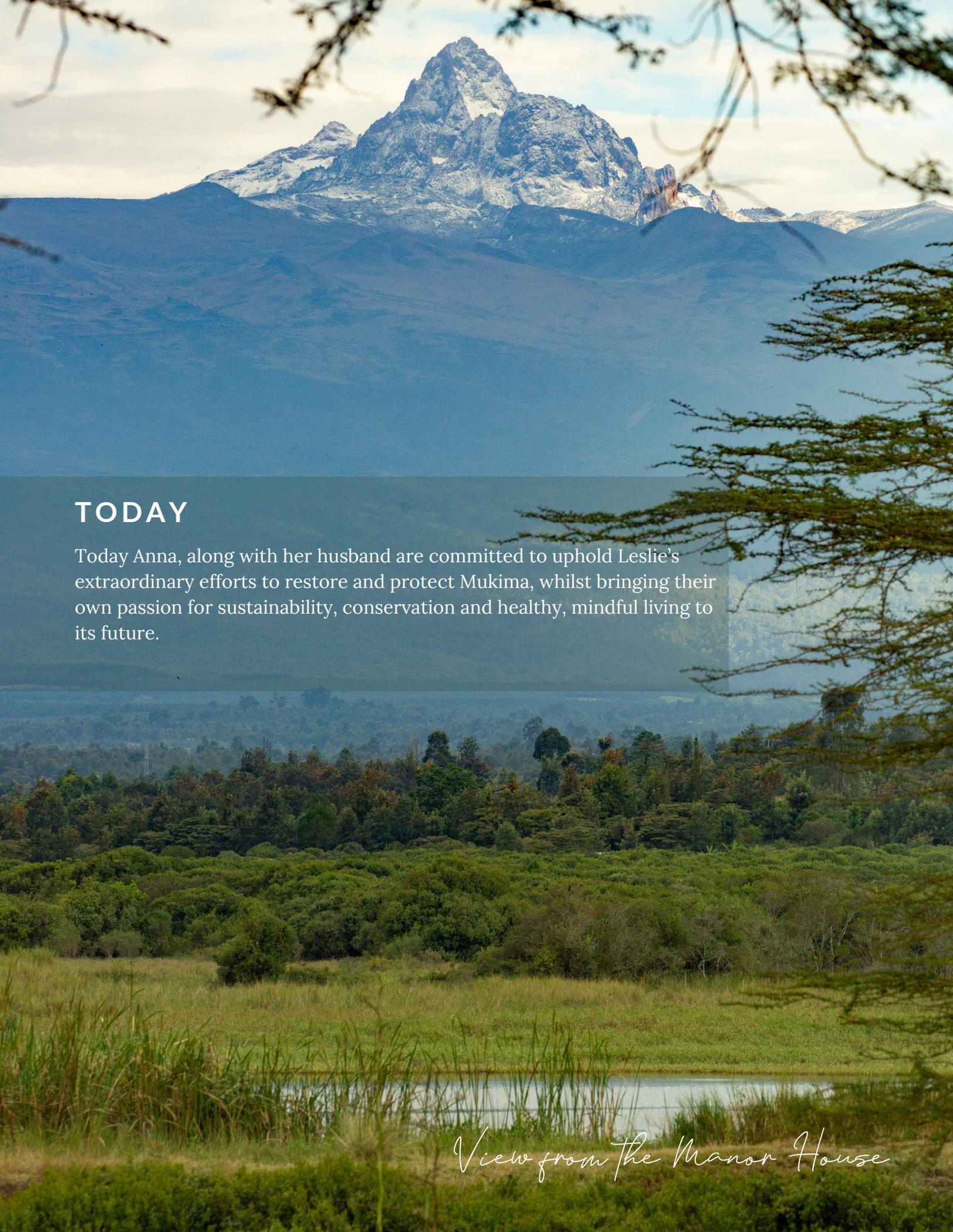
HISTORY CONTINUED

The house sat empty and rotting for decades, the remaining paneling, windows and doors stripped out for firewood and the fine timbers slowly rotted away. A fire in the late eighties destroyed the steel structures and further damaged the house. In December 2003, a company purchased the farm for horticulture agriculture however, after clearing much of the flora, it was decided that the property was not suitable for the project, and it looked as though the property and house were to be abandoned again.



TO THE RESCUE...

When Leslie Duckworth, a brave, creative pioneer, learned about Mukima's tragic story, she visited the estate and was met with the scars of neglect and abuse, however she felt a desire to revive it, she had a vision. Although a huge undertaking for one woman, Leslie rolled up her sleeves and set about restoring the house to its former glory, honouring its original structure wherever she could find hints of its history, such as the old photographs now hanging in the cinema room. She also began an ambitious rewilding and tree planting project to help re-establish the 360 acres of fauna and flora, returning the land to the wilderness that thrived here before. After a few years of hard graft restoration, Leslie opened the doors to the public in January 2006. She then went on to protect the border by designing and building 10 beautiful ranch-style houses that now make up Mukima Ridge. Leslie was the motivation and inspiration behind so much of what Mukima is today, she was taken from us far too early, a much loved and admired lady. Leslie died in late August 2020, her youngest daughter Anna worked close beside Leslie during her last 5 years, they were two of a kind with a shared love for Mukima and their project in Lamu.



TODAY

Today Anna, along with her husband are committed to uphold Leslie's extraordinary efforts to restore and protect Mukima, whilst bringing their own passion for sustainability, conservation and healthy, mindful living to its future.

View from the Manor House



Something for everyone



ENSUITE BEDROOMS

9



POOLS

2



TENNIS COURT

1

ON SITE ACTIVITIES

**CROQUET
FOREST WALKS
HORSE RIDING
TENNIS
SWIMMING
SAUNA
MASSAGE
TABLE TENNIS
BADMINTON**

OFF SITE ACTIVITIES

**GAME DRIVES
MOUNTAIN CLIMBING
RESTAURANTS
HORSE RIDING SAFARI
WATERFALLS
HIKING
QUAD BIKING
WHITE WATER RAFTING**

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Mukima House is within easy reach of national parks and reserves: Mount Kenya treks; the Big Five on Ol Pejeta Conservancy with the Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Sanctuary; fishing on the Abardares; Solio's teeming rhinos; Lewa's plains and riding on Borana. Within a 40 minute drive, guests can enjoy picnics and sundowners on the private Lolldaiga Ranch, with game watching, riding and spectacular views over the Rift Valley. The variety of activities within the house grounds include swimming, sauna, massages, tennis, badminton, boating, fishing and nature trails - with golf, rock climbing, trekking, fly fishing, white water rafting, quad biking, horse riding and mountaineering all available nearby. Or should one prefer, indulge in a massage and sauna at the house, and finally finish that book by the poolside.

THE MUKIMA MANOR HOUSE

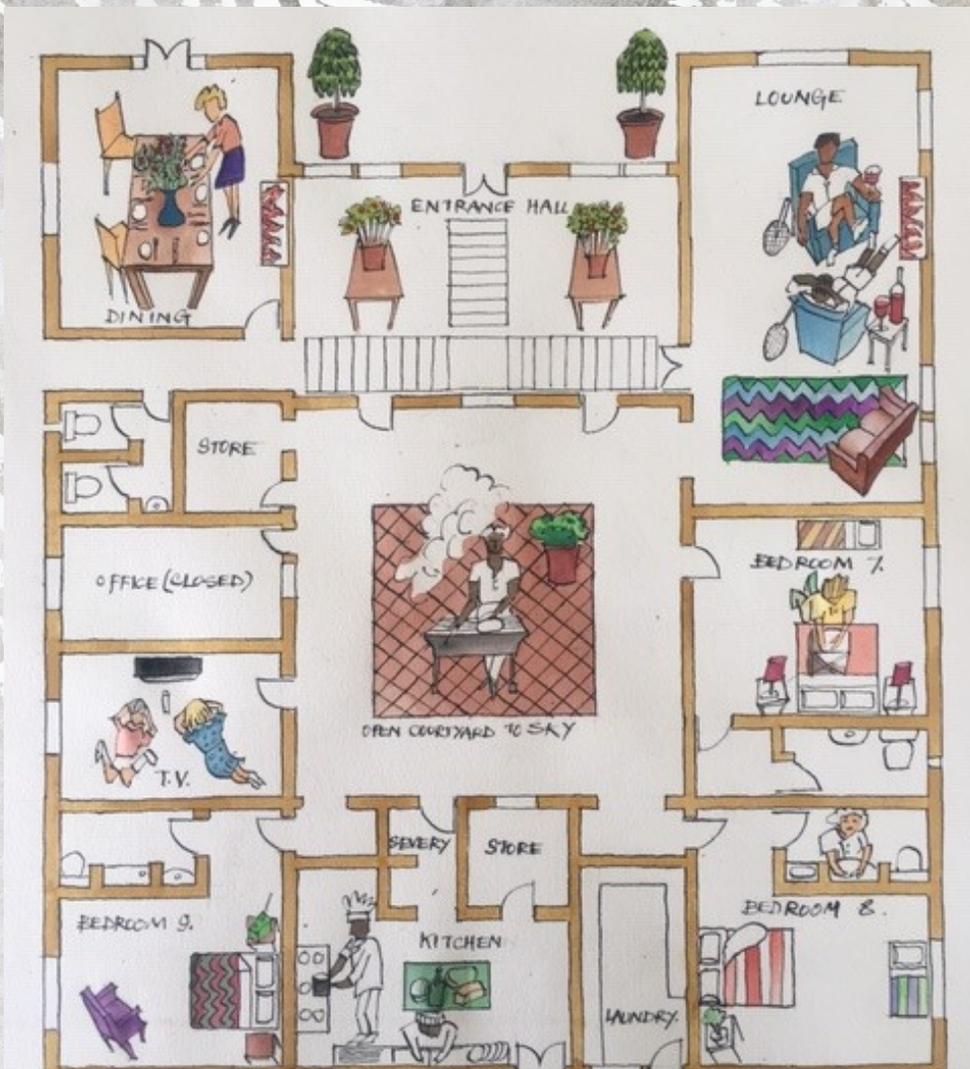
The double storey house, set in vivid tropical flowerbeds with expansive lawns, has 9 ensuite bedrooms, a cinema room, large kitchen with store, laundry room, cloakroom, drawing room, dining room, a generous entrance hall and an upstairs gallery. There is a first floor open terrace, perfect for sundowners while watching the white crested cranes fly home to roost on the lake against the backdrop of the mountain and the African dusk. Just as stunning on the clear mornings is the sunrise, which silhouettes the mountain on soft pink and blue. The rooms are comfortably furnished with local, Lamu and imported Indonesian pieces, which all combine well and compliment the formal aspect of the house.



OUTSIDE

The front of the house has a large, wrap-around veranda, used for daytime dining. There is a 4x14 metre oval swimming pool, a children's pool, a pool house with a covered eating area and table tennis, a bar, sauna, exercise room with massage area and a tennis court with a lovely pavilion, where one can drink, snack and watch the game in comfort.

A generous organic vegetable garden sits out back and a mature fruit orchard. Horse stables in a paddock next to the house. There is a second discreet interior fence around the perimeter of the Manor House gardens, outside of which sit, 2 detached rental cottages, a large lake, an old quarry used to harvest beautiful stone to build the Manor House and a forest with well-maintained walking paths for both foot or horseback. A sweet staff village can be found hidden in the trees near the Manor House.



**THE MANOR
HOUSE
DOWNSTAIRS**



**THE MANOR
HOUSE
UPSTAIRS**

THE COTTAGES

The Boat House and Lavender Cottage both boast amazing views of Mt Kenya. Sit within the 300 acres electric fenced land of The Mukima Sanctuary, the only off-limit areas are the pool, Spa, tennis court and gardens of The Manor House. Light, spacious and home-from-home feels. Perfect for a peaceful, unique escape on the foothills of Mt Kenya. Very close to 5 famous wildlife conservancies for game drives and day trips. Only 15 minutes drive from Nanyuki town with shops, cafes and restaurants a plenty. Guests are welcome to row on the lake, walk through our forests and make the most of our spectacular bird watching and other game that live on the estate such as Bush Buck, Reid Buck, Duiker, White-Tailed Mongoose, Porcupine, Claw Foot Otters, Eland and more, the wildlife on Mukima are often seen drinking from the lake.

these retreats are hugely popular both locally and internationally, with fantastic long stay deals on request.

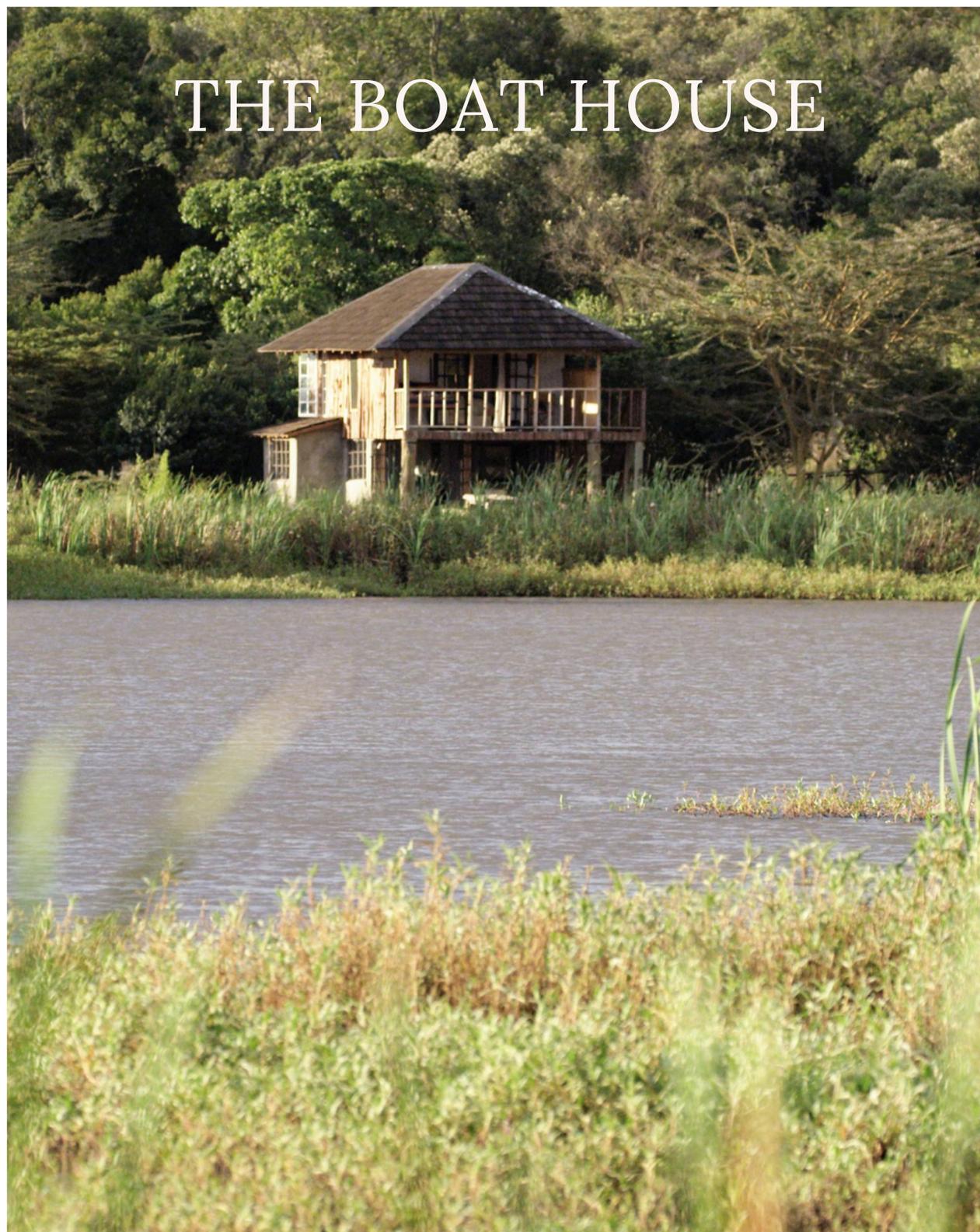


SELF-CATERING PACKAGE

We do provide towels and bed linens. The cottages are made up with all the essentials and finished with fresh roses and wildflowers for guest arrivals. The kitchen contains the basic tools needed for cooking and dining. Guests will find a stove with gas, sink, fridge-freezer, kettle, toaster, pots, pans, tableware, crockery, glassware and silverware. With high-speed internet and all the home comforts, they offer the perfect private getaway.

Staff check-in and out the guests and are on call for any emergencies or questions.

THE BOAT HOUSE



THE BOAT HOUSE

A Lakefront, self-catering, one-bedroom cottage. A little slice of heaven.

This is a very peaceful getaway that has its own private bridge that carries guests to their sanctuary on the Lake. The Boat House has its own private garden, garage and access. Little boats parked outside the front of the cottage allow rowing and fishing on the lake. Very popular with Instagram influencers due to the picturesque and unique location.

We have had a number of engagements at this romantic nest, and also very popular with honeymooners, birthday treats and anniversaries.



LAVENDER COTTAGE

Lavender Cottage is a self-catering 2 bedroom cottage, a perfect spacious and homey space for couples or small families looking for a safe environment to enjoy Kenya's wild side, in the privacy of their own home. So-called due to the Lavender that grows all around the cottage edge. Nestled into the fauna and flora of the wild Mukima grounds, facing a breathtaking view of Mount Kenya. Lavender cottage also has a flat-screen TV and a large private fenced garden.

Lavender Cottage has been popular with long-stay rentals for small families wanting a longer escape in the country, which allows them to explore all the safari drive options nearby.

LAVENDER COTTAGE





POPULAR EVENTS VENUE

Superbly situated beneath the snow-capped spires of Mount Kenya, overlooking its own lake, enveloped in velvet lawns and on its own conservancy, Mukima House is the epitome of a gracious destination wedding and honeymoon venue. The house is fully equipped to host events, available to rent is a dance floor, tables, chairs and table settings for 150 people. Catering can be in-house or arranged with trusted and tried local caterers. Music, flowers and other party requirements can be arranged through our wedding planner, using only the best service providers. Mukima is prime for any celebration and also hosts high-end corporate events, workshops and work retreats.



EVENTS VENUE



WHAT THEY SAY

"This house is something so unexpected and beautiful. The building itself is so stunning and the rustic wood and beautifully finished rooms blow your mind."





*An unbeatable location
for all celebrations*

"I could go on and on about this amazing place - the people are friendly, the service excellent, the house exquisite. I am so blessed to have stayed here and experienced this wonderful place. COULD NOT RECOMMEND MORE!"



A wooden treehouse with a stone path leading to it, overlooking a lake and a dam. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with tall grasses and trees. The treehouse has a rustic, natural aesthetic with wooden railings and a stone path. A large tree trunk is visible on the left side of the frame. In the background, a dam and a lake are visible under a clear sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

"From the moment we saw Mukima we knew it was going to be a special week. Beautiful area with stunning views from the bedrooms over Mount Kenya and your very own dam filled with fascinating birds.

Our stay was amazing and we couldn't have asked for anything more, the food and service were excellent."

Louise, Norwich, UK



"That view of Mt Kenya across the lake and gardens first thing in the morning will blow anyone's mind. Mukima's setting is simply glorious and the house beautiful. Fabulous meals in dining room grandeur with a roaring fire, in the garden, by the lake ... Staff are understated and beautifully trained. Mukima is great if you are alone and want a day or two or a week dropping off the planet, a couple, a family or a big group of friends. Whether you feel active or idle; the weather is sunny or raining, this is one place that will fulfil your every need. Loll by the pool with a book; climb the mountain or get a helicopter to take you up; ride a horse or take a safari; walk and enjoy the birds; use it as a base for northern Kenya; have a massage before sundowners. It's all there. The main bedroom has the best view imaginable but all the rooms are lovely and comfortable so no one needs to feel they've been pushed down the food chain. I've been lucky enough to stay at Mukima as a family, as a couple, on my own, for a single night and for longer trips so can really vouch for it all. Enjoy!"



"My family stayed at Mukima House to celebrate our mother's 70th and simply put, we had a PHENOMENAL time!!

We were blown away by every single aspect of our stay; the House, the grounds, the facilities, the breathtaking views, the food, the staff hospitality, you name it, we loved it! I strongly live by the principle of promising only that which you can deliver and delivering that which you promise. Mukima House promises AND delivers...I cant stop raving about it!

I will definitely be going back to Mukima House a lot!"



A foodies paradise!

We love our food. We are able to cater beautifully to any dietary requirements. Our Directors are plant-based chefs thus we rise to the challenge of creating exciting options for vegetarians and vegans. Of course carnivores... we've got you covered too!

The Manor House is rented full-board for meals. This includes breakfast, lunch, tea time treats, evening bittings and dinner. No one goes hungry and we keep the menu exciting and varied.

If the weather permits we offer to change-up the lunch location each day, sometimes out on the front varandah overlooking the lawn and mountain beyond, the pool house, or under the canopy of our Olive Tree Orchard or majestic yellow thorn tree. Sundowners can be at the end of a walk out in the fauna and flora - safari style, up on the first floor balcony overlooking the lake and mountain, or if a little chilly, we retreat to the cozy sitting room by the fire. Dinners are served in the quintessential formal dining room by the warmth of a crackling fire.



A Sample Menu!

BREAKFAST

Drinks: Hot water with a self-service option on coffee and a selection of teas.

A glass of fresh seasonal fruit juice

Fruits: A platter of seasonal local fresh fruit

Bread: Sourdough, wholemeal and brown bread options

Patisseries: Cinnamon rolls

Cereals: A selection of breakfast cereals

Served with cows milk or natural yoghurt. (Vegan milks on request)

Hot: (on order) Pancakes, oats, eggs, bacon, sausage, tomato and baked beans.

LUNCH

Starter: Beetroot Carpaccio

Main: Palestinian lamb clusters on a bed of pea puree with a fresh mint sauce, scalloped potatoes and deep roasted sweet squash fingers.

Desert: Irresistible vegan Cheesecake topped with fresh berries

DINNER

Starter: Cream of carrot soup (organic)

Main: Succulent chicken skewers with home ground satay sauce on a bed of organic garden fresh rocket, beetroot puree bed with crispy baked sweet potato cakes stuffed with a mushroom melody and a side of cashew creamed spinach.

Desert: Sugar-free Caramel Slices suited in a dark silky chocolate coat.

OTHER INFORMATION

POWER

In December 2019 Mukima went 100% solar powered, to protect our environment and lead by example for positive change in the tourism sector.

WIFI

We have good wifi accessible throughout the property. Both the Manor House and the Cottages can access this without the need of a password.

BEVERAGES

We have a popular selection of wines and spirits for sale at the house. These can be purchased by the bottle, or for cocktails, by the glass.

LINENS

The house comes with a fully stocked linen room. Bedroom and dining linens are all in order. The houses is turn key, ready to use or rent.

VEHICLES

Professional land cruisers and drivers can be hired for day-trips and adventures should they be needed.

WEATHER

Usually we experience warm sunny days with cool crisp evenings and mornings. Rains historically have fallen in April and November, but hard to predict these days.

HORSES

We can arrange for lessons or rides on the estate, or an adventure up the mountain on horses. This has to be pre-booked.

WATER

We are lucky to be able to drink our fresh water from our private bore hole on the property.

TV

The manor house and Lavender Cottage come with a TV, with Netflix and web TV.





SOME NEIGHBOURING SAFARI PARKS

LEWA CONSERVANCY

ABERDARE NATIONAL
PARK

SOLIO RANCH

OL PEJETA
CONSERVANCY

MT KENYA WILDFE
PARK

BORANA CONSERVANCY

SAMBURU NATIONAL
RESERVE

LOLDIEGA
CONSERVANCY

NGARE NDARE FOREST





THE JOURNEY TO US

Mukima Forest Walk



BY PLANE

Nanyuki Airport is 20 minutes drive from our front door, we can organise the collection and drop off here for internal flights. This airport connects with various other destinations in Kenya and also Nairobi Wilson Airport.

BY HELICOPTER

We often have guests arrive and depart by helicopter. These can land on the front lawn, and bring guests smoothly from international arrivals to our front door. Helicopters is also a wonderful way to see more of Northern Kenya by air or take a day trip up Mt Kenya.

BY ROAD

We have fantastic transport links to both Nanyuki Town, just 15 minutes drive away and also to Nairobi. With recent road works travel from Nairobi - Mukima is between 3-4 hours depending on where you start in Nairobi, and traffic. It is a smooth and simple straight shoot drive. We can help organise comfortable vehicles to transport clients by road should they wish to see more of the country as they journey by road.

Mukima House

MAIN HOUSE | INTERNATIONAL 2022 RATES

3 NIGHTS MINIMUM | PEAK SEASON 7 NIGHTS MINIMUM | 18 PAX MAXIMUM

CHILDREN : 0-2 FREE OF CHARGE | 3-5YRS 70% OFF | 6-12YRS 50% OFF ADULT RATES

SEASON	DATES	5PAX	6PAX	7PAX	8PAX	9PAX	10PAX	11PAX	12PAX +
STANDARD	7TH JAN - 15TH DEC	\$400	\$320	\$300	\$280	\$260	\$240	\$220	\$200
PEAK	16TH DEC - 6TH JAN	-	\$500	\$450	\$430	\$410	\$390	\$370	\$350

ROOMS: 5 DOUBLES, 3 DOUBLES WITH EXTRA SINGLE BED, 1 TWIN - ALL ENSUITE

PAYMENT TERMS: 50% DEPOSIT TO CONFIRM, BALANCE PAYABLE 45 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE

INCLUDED IN THE RATES

- FULL BOARD ACCOMMODATION
 - ALL SOFT DRINKS
- WIFI INTERNET ACCESS & NETFLIX CINEMA ROOM
- 2 PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS
- PRIVATE TENNIS COURT
- BADMINTON COURT
 - LAUNDRY
 - SAUNA



EXCLUDED IN THE RATES

- ALL ALCOHOL
- HORSE RIDING (BOOK IN ADVANCE)
- MASSAGE & BEAUTY TREATMENTS
- ALL EXCURSIONS & TRANSPORT
 - SCENIC FLIGHTS
 - FISHING TRIPS

We look forward to hosting you

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MAIN HOUSE | RESIDENT 2022 RATES

2 NIGHTS MINIMUM | PEAK SEASON 7 NIGHTS MINIMUM | 18 PAX MAXIMUM

CHILDREN : 0-2 FREE OF CHARGE | 3-5YRS 70% OFF | 6-12YRS 50% OFF ADULT RATES

SEASON	DATES	5PAX	6PAX	7PAX	8PAX	9PAX	10PAX	11PAX	12PAX +
STANDARD	7TH JAN - 15TH DEC	35,000	30,000	25,000	20,000	19,500	18,500	17,500	16,500
PEAK	16TH DEC - 6TH JAN	-	48,000	45,000	42,000	39,000	36,000	33,000	30,000

ROOMS: 5 DOUBLES, 3 DOUBLES WITH EXTRA SINGLE BED, 1 TWIN - ALL ENSUITE

PAYMENT TERMS: 50% DEPOSIT TO CONFIRM, BALANCE PAYABLE 45 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE

INCLUDED IN THE RATES

- FULL BOARD ACCOMMODATION
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THE
Boat House
MUKIMA SANCTUARY | 2022 RATES

2 NIGHTS MINIMUM

SEASON	DATES	SELF-CATERED
STANDARD	7TH JAN - 15TH DEC	\$200
PEAK	16TH DEC - 6TH JAN	\$400

ROOMS: 1 DOUBLE ENSUITE, DRESSING ROOM, KITCHEN, SITTING, DINNING, VERANDAH & GARAGE
PAYMENT TERMS: 50% DEPOSIT TO CONFIRM, BALANCE PAYABLE 45 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE

INCLUDED IN THE RATES

- KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- USE OF ROW BOATS ON THE DAM
- FISHING RIGHTS IN DAM
- BED LINEN AND TOWELS
- ACCESS TO MUKIMA FOREST WALKS
- FREE WIFI INTERNET ACCESS



EXCLUDED IN THE RATES:

- HORSE RIDING & YOGA (BOOK IN ADVANCE)
- SELECTION OF WINES FROM HOUSE CELLAR
- MASSAGE AND TREATMENTS
- SAFARI EXCURSIONS
- SCENIC FLIGHTS
- LAUNDRY

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Lavender Cottage
MUKIMA SANCTUARY | 2022 RATES

2 NIGHTS MINIMUM

SEASON	DATES	SELF-CATERED
STANDARD	7TH JAN - 15TH DEC	\$350
PEAK	16TH DEC - 6TH JAN	\$500

ROOMS: 2 DOUBLES, 1 FAMILY BATHROOM, KITCHEN, SITTING, DINNING, VERANDAH & GARAGE
PAYMENT TERMS: 50% DEPOSIT TO CONFIRM, BALANCE PAYABLE 45 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE

INCLUDED IN THE RATES

- KITCHEN WITH BASIC APPLIANCES
- USE OF ROW BOATS ON THE DAM
- FISHING RIGHTS IN DAM
- BED LINEN AND TOWELS
- ACCESS TO MUKIMA FOREST WALKS
- FREE WIFI INTERNET ACCESS
- ULTRA HD SMART TV WITH NETFLIX



EXCLUDED IN THE RATES:

- HORSE RIDING & YOGA (BOOK IN ADVANCE)
- SELECTION OF WINES FROM HOUSE CELLAR
- MASSAGE AND TREATMENTS
- SAFARI EXCURSIONS
- SCENIC FLIGHTS
- LAUNDRY

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