



Visiting Reteti Elephant Sanctuary

We would be honoured to welcome you to Reteti, introduce you to the herd and share more about the work that we do.

Your visit will help strengthen the local community and support our mission to rescue, rehabilitate and release.



Reteti is a sanctuary in Namunyak Conservancy, Northern Kenya, owned and run by the Samburu community.

We take in orphaned elephant calves aiming to release them back into the wild herds adjoining the sanctuary. Reteti is the result of a widely recognised and expanding grassroots conservation movement driven by communities across Northern Kenya – a movement that is growing new economies, transforming lives and conserving natural resources.



Visiting Reteti

We love visitors and we would love for you to come see our work in person. Visiting is one of the best things you can do to help strengthen the community and protect all elephants who live here.

TYPES OF VISITS

EXCLUSIVE VISIT

No other group will be visiting the Sanctuary during The Morning Feed slot that you have booked.

Please note: International groups consisting of 15 or more individuals are considered exclusive groups and will be subject to exclusive visit rates.

STANDARD VISIT

You will be sharing the viewing platform and tour with other guests or visitors.



VISITING HOURS

We are open for visitors 7 days a week.

Visiting hours coincide with the elephants' feeding times. It is important that you arrive promptly for the full experience; as we can't delay the feeding for latecomers.

VISITING TIME SLOTS

THE SUNRISE FEED

Sarara & Reteti House guests only
→ 5.30 am - 7.00 am (feeding is at 6.00 am)

THE MORNING FEED

Exclusive Group only
→ 8.30 am - 10.00 am (feeding is at 9.00 am)
Other visitors are welcome when no exclusive group have booked.

THE MIDDAY FEED

Public viewing. No more than 3 groups. (max 15 - 20 people)
→ 11.30 am - 13.00 pm (feeding is at 12.00 pm)

THE EVENING FEED

Sarara & Reteti House guests only
→ 17.30 pm - 19.00 pm (feeding is at 18.00 pm)

Visiting time slots & program

Due to the unpredictability of working with wildlife, the activities might change.

THE SUNRISE FEED

Sarara and Reteti House guests only

→ 5.30 AM - 7.00 AM (FEEDING IS AT 6.00 AM)

- Arrive 5.30 am. Meet keepers at the milk kitchen and help carry milk bottles
- Watch the 6.00 am feed from the platform
- Watch the elephants leave from the gate as they walk into the bush
- Enjoy the elephants from the gate and ask the keepers any questions you may have
- Meet the giraffe and other orphan animals
- Sign the guest book and join our newsletter
- Depart 7.00 am

THE MIDDAY FEED

Public viewing. No more than 3 groups. (max no of people 15 - 20)

→ 11.30 AM - 13.00 PM (FEEDING IS AT 12.00 PM)

- Arrive 11:30. Meet keepers at the gate
- Meet the small herd in front of the kitchen for feeding and dust bath
- Watch the middle herd being fed from the platform
- Watch the giraffe and other orphans being fed from the platform
- Sign the guest book and join our newsletter
- Depart 13:00 pm

THE MORNING FEED

Exclusive Group only. *Other visitors are welcome when no exclusive group have booked.*

→ 8.30 AM - 10.00 AM (FEEDING IS AT 9.00 AM)

- Arrive 8:30 am. Meet keepers at the gate and walk to the milk depo
- Watch the arrival of the Milk Mamas' milk and transport to the pasteurizers
- Help keepers prepare bottles using a Samburu whisk
- Meet the Nursery Herd in front of the milk kitchen for feeding and dust bath
- Put on a green coat, take a spade and help dig out the mud and dust for the elies
- Watch the Middle Herd being fed from the platform
- After the feed, watch the elephants from the lower platform under keeper supervision (no touching the elephants please)
- Watch the giraffe and other orphans being fed from the platform
- Sign the guest book and join our newsletter
- Depart 10:00 am

EXCLUSIVE VISIT

THE EVENING FEED

Sarara and Reteti House guests only

→ 17.30 PM - 19.00 PM (FEEDING IS AT 18.00 PM)

- Arrive at 17:30. Meet giraffe and other orphans and watch them being fed at their compound
- Walk to the platform for the main feed
- Meet the giraffe and other orphan animals
- Sign the guest book and join our newsletter
- Depart 19:00 pm

Experience

During your visit, you will be paired with one of our expert Samburu keepers who will tell you more about our work at the Sanctuary and answer any questions you may have.

Please refer to our Time Slots and Program on the previous page for more information on the exciting activities we have planned for you during your visit.

WHAT TO WEAR

Please wear dark green if possible, otherwise shades of brown or khaki

WHAT TO BRING ALONG

- Hat
- Sunscreen
- We do not sell any food or drinks on site, so please bring along water as it can get very hot and snacks for the drive to and from Reteti - the road can be long
- Fully charged camera and cellphone



CAN YOU FEED OR TOUCH AN ELEPHANT?

Our mission at Reteti is to rescue, rewild and release the elephants, and to prepare them for their release. We only allow keepers to interact with the elephants in order to minimise human interaction.

Rates

RESIDENTS

Ksh 350 per person

Ksh 35 for children under 8

NON-RESIDENTS

US \$35 per person

US \$20 for children under 8

EXCLUSIVE VISITS

US \$500 per group (Plus \$35 per person in the group)

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ELEPHANT ADOPTIONS

Adopt a Reteti Elephant for a minimum donation of US \$50 a year for yourself or as a gift.

All elephant adoptions are processed via our website:

reteti.org/adoptions

FILMING FEES

Filming at Reteti requires a film permit and a donation of US \$5,000 to the sanctuary.

Read more and fill in the application form here:

reteti.org/film-application

Booking

BOOKING METHODS

Booking a date and time for your visit is essential.

EMAIL US

bookings@reteti.org

Newsletter

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE NEWS FROM RETETI?

Sign up with your email address to receive news and updates.

reteti.org/newsletter

How to get to Reteti & where to stay

Reteti Elephant Sanctuary is located in the Namunyak Wildlife Conservancy in Northern Kenya. It is an eight-hour drive from Nairobi.

Via car: From the Great North highway (Isiolo-Moyale highway), three hours from Isiolo town, you will arrive at Sereolipi town. Drive through Sereolipi and cross the river bridge. Once you pass Sereolipi Secondary school, there's a road to your left that leads to the sanctuary, 19km away. For more assistance, Whatsapp: Dorothy (+254 729 766988) or Russia (+254 720 917064)

Via plane: We do have our own airstrip, so it is also possible to arrive via chartered plane from Nairobi, one of the local airports (Nanyuki, Lewa Downs, or Kalama Samburu) or from the lodge where you are staying. Planes can be chartered through Air Wilderness, Yellow Wings, Tropic Air Kenya, Boskovic Air Charters and Kenya Choppers. If you are flying yourself, please let us know ahead of time so we can clear the runway - it is a bush strip.

Our location:
1°06'52.9"N 37°27'36.8"E

Map

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation options close to the sanctuary.



SARARA'S RETETI HOUSE (10 min walk)



SARARA CAMP (45 min drive)



SARARA TREEHOUSES (45 min drive)



SABACHE CAMP (90 min drive)

To inquire about accommodation at Sarara, please email: info@sarara.co

Please note: Camping at Elephant Rock is prohibited.

We look forward to welcoming you to Reteti

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