

PORINI AMBOSELI CAMP

SELENKAY CONSERVANCY - AMBOSELI, KENYA.

LOCATION: 10 miles north of Amboseli National Park is the Selenkay Conservancy. Selenkay shares the same eco-system as Amboseli and this pioneering conservancy is an important wildlife dispersal area for wildlife moving out of the park. The conservancy has no more than 1 tent to 700 acres and about 1 vehicle to 1400 acres. The exclusive conservancy ensures the best possible game viewing in proper off-road safari vehicles, off the beaten track and away from other tourist vehicles and minibuses.

Getting There: The Camp is a 5-hours drive from the capital Nairobi and a 45 minutes flight from Nairobi's Wilson Airport. The camp operates daily charter flights in high season to it's Selenkay airstrip which is a short game drive from camp and in low season guests use the Amboseli National Park airstrip.

GPS CO-ORDINATES: E 037deg 30.451', S 02deg 33.973'

DESCRIPTION: Porini Amboseli Safari Camp is small – with just 10 spacious guest tents – and retains all the charm and feel of the traditional mobile safari camps of days gone by. Tents are tastefully furnished and have solar powered electric lighting with en-suite bathrooms including shower, wash basin and flush toilet. The camp provides an exclusive yet friendly experience with a maximum of 20 guests at a time and it's fully-inclusive of all meals, drinks (wine, gin, vodka, beer, sodas, juice and mineral water) and activities (including day and night shared game drives, guided walks, visit to an authentic village and sundowners). Game drives are in specially-designed, open-sided off-road (4×4) safari vehicles with expert Maasai safari guide and spotter. The camp has a coveted Gold Eco-rating.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE AMENTIES: Porini Amboseli Camp offers fully-inclusive meal plan that caters for all meals, drinks (gin, vodka, wine, beer, sodas and mineral water). The dining and lounge tent is furnished in a neutral, modern style, with wood-frame armchairs, coffee tables and rugs. Coffee in a thermos and tea-making requisites are always on hand. The meals are crafted to complement the authenticity of the safari experience. All meals are served on a set menu basis, with warming hearty breakfast in the morning, light invigorating lunches and three course dinners served in the mess tent. Bush breakfasts or lunches are also typically part of the experience and usually in a scenic setting or in one of the wildlife viewing platforms, depending on the weather. The camp caters for all dietary requirements; guests with special or specific dietary requirements are requested to advice the camp upon booking confirmation.

NUMBER OF ROOMS: Porini Amboseli Camp has just 10 guest tents. Two of which are family units.

ROOM DÉCOR: The tents are spacious and have private verandas along the length of the tent, providing a private 'space' for you to relax and enjoy the beauty of this African wilderness. The tents are comfortable and unfussy, fitted with wooden furniture and beds with comfortable mattresses with cosy duvets and blankets and soft rugs on the vinyl floors. These are traditionally themed safari canvas tents large, bright (three of the four walls are made of mosquito screen) and comfortably functional – perfect for people who want a tented camp experience without frills.

ROOM AMENITIES: Each tent contains a double and single bed with bedside tables with LED solar bed side lamps, torch, wardrobe for hanging your clothes, luggage rack, en-suite toilet with bucket walk-in shower and wash basin sink, writing desk with solar lamp and carpets on the floor. Chairs and table on veranda for relaxing. Hot water bottles in each bed keep you warm on chilly nights.

SPECIAL FEATURE:

Conservation: Gamewatchers Safaris is supporting the conservation of wildlife through the community at Selenkay and is involved in managing the Selenkay Conservancy and operating the Porini Amboseli Camp. This generates an income for the community and employment opportunities for them within the Selenkay Conservancy and at the Porini Amboseli Camp. The community is receiving a rent for the lease of the area by Porini Safari Camps, plus an entry fee for each tourist visitor. All roads have been constructed using local labour so that the members of the community gain employment from the Conservancy. In addition to the road maintenance team, Game Scouts have been employed to carry out patrols to see that the wildlife is protected.

GENERAL FACILITIES: Solar energy powers the lights in the tent and throughout the camp. There are no electrical outlets in the guest tents and all battery charging is done in the manager's office. The tents do not require mosquito nets around the beds as the tents are insect proof with screen windows and a zipped up door. Insect repellant towelettes are provided in the tents Fire and safety equipment are strategically placed in the camp.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES: Shared game drives with excellent guides in the Selenkay Conservancy and in the Amboseli National Park, a full day (with picnic lunch) spent in the National Park to get close to the elephants and other wildlife, an escorted walk with Maasai warriors to visit an authentic Maasai village to learn the way of life of the Maasai community. Night game drives in the Selenkay Conservancy to seek out the nocturnal animals. Sundowners at scenic spots.

- Morning, evening and night shared game drives.
- Sundowners at scenic viewing points.
- Escorted bush walks with Maasai warriors and safari guide.
- Bush breakfasts and bush lunches are also provided as part of the experience with the focus on being out in nature with your qualified Maasai guide and spotter.
- Authentic village visit to learn the way of life of the Maasai community
- A selection of wildlife books and magazines are available at the lounge
- A selection of board games are also available

CONFERENCE FACILITIES: N/A

CLIMATE: The warm and sunny climate beautiful all year round with temperatures averaging at 21.3 degrees Celsius.