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A NOTE FROM THE CEO



This message shares exciting news about a partnership between Safarilink and Nomad Africa – a collaboration that promises to be a remarkable opportunity to showcase our unique destinations and provide an enriching experience for our valued customers.

The content Nomad Africa features will be focused on Safarilink's destinations, presenting captivating stories, insider tips, and breath-taking visuals that truly capture the essence of each location. This will undoubtedly serve as a valuable resource for our customers, inspiring them to explore new horizons and make unforgettable memories.

This partnership signifies a significant step forward for Safarilink, aligning our brand with a prestigious publication like Nomad Africa. It offers us a platform to strengthen our presence in the industry, reach a wider audience, and elevate the perception of our brand as a trusted provider of exceptional travel experiences.

I am confident that this partnership with Nomad Africa will open new avenues for growth, increase brand awareness, and inspire countless travelers to embark on incredible journeys with Safarilink.

Thank you once again for your unyielding support.

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Chief Executive Officer, Safarilink

WHY NAIVASHA

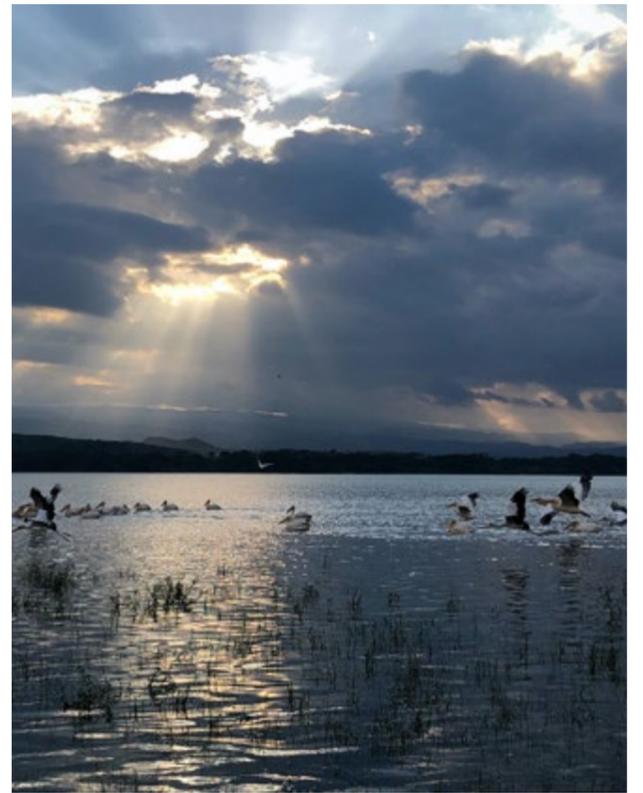
Naivasha is a beautiful town located in the heart of Kenya's Rift Valley. Known for its stunning scenery, the town sits on the shores of Lake Naivasha, which is home to an abundance of birdlife and hippos. Naivasha is also surrounded by lush green vegetation and is famous for its flower farms that export beautiful blooms around the world. Visitors to Naivasha can enjoy a range of activities, including hiking, cycling, and wildlife viewing in nearby national parks.

Naivasha is ideal for a quiet retreat in nature while offering a range of attractions within a short distance from Nairobi.



GETTING TO NAIVASHA

There are several ways to get to Naivasha, depending on your starting point and mode of transportation. If you're flying into Naivasha, Safarilink flies to the Naivasha Loldia airstrip, after which all destinations are a short drive away. Alternatively, from Nairobi, you can hire a private taxi, rent a car, or - for the more adventurous - take a Matatu (a public minibus) and drive approximately 100 kilometres to the lake. The Nairobi-Nakuru highway can oftentimes be blocked by traffic, so try and leave early in the morning or mid-afternoon to avoid peak rush hours.



THINGS TO DO IN NAIVASHA



LAKE NAIVASHA

Lake Naivasha is a beautiful freshwater lake located in the Rift Valley, surrounded by stunning scenery and home to an incredible variety of birdlife, hippos, and other wildlife. Most properties in the area have views over the lake, where you can take a boat tour to explore the lake's many attractions, including Crescent Island. Alternatively, you can take a guided nature walk or go horseback riding along the lake's shore, where you'll have the opportunity to spot native birds and wildlife up close.

WALKING SAFARI AT CRESCENT ISLAND

Crescent Island is - shockingly - a crescent-shaped protected peninsula with a game reserve on the southeastern region of Lake Naivasha.

It is accessed by a 15-minute boat ride from the mainland. Giraffes, zebras and various antelopes reside here permanently. You can take guided walks, go biking, and horseback riding and enjoy picnics under the groves of yellow-bark acacia.



LAKE OLOIDIEN

Just a few kilometres from Lake Naivasha, Oloidien is a lesser-known but equally beautiful lake that offers a more secluded and peaceful experience. The lake is surrounded by stunning cliffs and offers breathtaking views of the encompassing landscape.

Fun fact, while Naivasha is a freshwater lake, Lake Oloidien changes from fresh to saline depending on the water levels in the former.

HELL'S GATE NATIONAL PARK

This is the real-life location that inspired the famous Disney movie, The Lion King. The park gets its name from the steep-sided gorges that have been carved out over millions of years, and it's one of the few national parks in Kenya that allow visitors to walk and cycle through it due to there being hardly any predators. Distinct features of Hell's Gate are a marvellous volcanic column called Fischer's Tower, and the geothermal activity that can be seen throughout the area, with hot springs, geysers, and steam vents.



HIKE LONGONOT

Mount Longonot is a popular destination for hiking enthusiasts and outdoor adventurers in Naivasha. The mountain is an extinct volcano that rises over 2,700 meters above sea level and offers stunning views.

The hike to the top of the mountain is a challenging but rewarding experience, with a well-marked trail that takes you through a dense forest and rocky terrain. Once you reach the summit (about a 45-minute to 1-hour walk up), you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape and the impressive crater. The crater is about 1.8 kilometres in diameter, and you can walk around the rim of it to explore its unique features and take in the panoramic view (this is the long bit of the hike, taking about 3 hours to complete).



ELSAMERE

This is the former home of Joy and George Adamson of the Born Free book and movie fame. A visit to Elsamere, built in 1963, is a step into the past with keepsakes, period furniture and Joy's sketchbooks still in the house. Traditional afternoon tea is served in the gardens that slope down to the lake.

WINE TOUR

The Leleshwa winery in the Morendat Farm is located just off the Nairobi-Nakuru highway, about 15 minutes out of Naivasha. This is arguably the best-known vineyard in Kenya. Leleshwa farm grows and produces a range of white and red wines. Wine tours with lunch take place on the weekends, from October to December. Advance bookings are required.



SMELL THE FLOWERS

Naivasha is the heart of Kenya's floriculture industry. A number of flower farms offer guided visits by reservation. Guests are taken around the floral greenhouses, learning about the process of growing cut roses and other flowers grown for export. Contact us if you want to book a flower farm tour.

CONSERVATION WORK

OLKARIA POWER PLANT AND SPA

Hell's Gate, the national park that's a short drive away from Naivasha, has the potential to play a crucial role in the fight against global climate catastrophe.

Due to the geothermal activity in the park, and the abundance of solar and wind energy in the region, the Olkaria power plant has an installed capacity of 268.3 megawatts. This enables 92% of renewable energy to be dispatched on Kenya's grid today!

You can go and visit the plant, which coincidentally also has a spa on site. Learn about Kenya's journey to being 100% renewable while soaking in the popularly known 'Healing Pool'!





WHERE TO EAT

CAMP CARNELLEY'S BAR AND RESTAURANT

There is a relaxed, partly outdoor ambience at Camp Carnelley's Bar and Restaurant. The home-style cooking at Carnelley's is as good as you'll find anywhere - try the spicy beef nachos, the wood-fired pizzas or any one of the outstanding curries. And the evening vibe around the campfire or the bar is great too.

MATTEO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Open all day, Matteo's Restaurant on the main Moi South Lake Road is the only Italian restaurant in Naivasha. They are renowned for their pizzas and homemade pasta. Ample parking and a family-friendly atmosphere.

BUFFALO MALL

Just 2km away from Lake Naivasha, Buffalo Mall has a number of restaurant options. Try fail-safe casual dining at Java House, Mbuzi Munch for some nyama choma (Kenyan-style barbequed meats) or the Rift Valley Spur restaurant for South African-inspired steaks and grills.

SENTEU RESTAURANT

Located in the Enashipai Hotel and Resort, Senteu Restaurant serves a mix of Kenyan and international foods. Open to non-resident guests, their buffet spread has something to suit every taste.

WHERE TO STAY



Longonot Loft



Milima House



Mlima House - The Bus



Olerai House



Lucita Farm

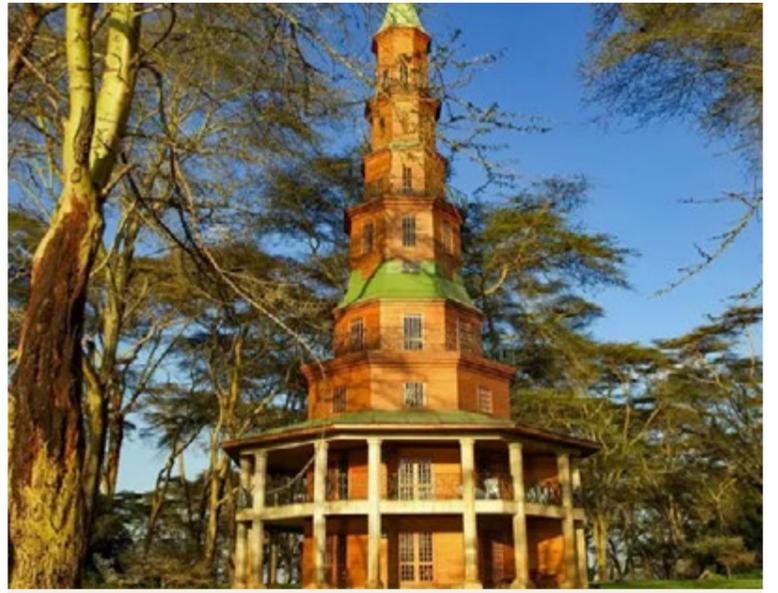
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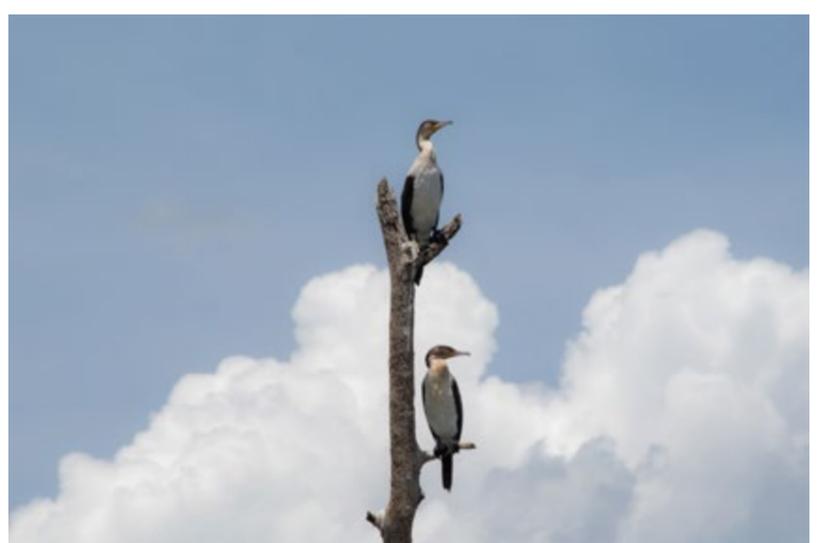
GOOD TO KNOW

Weather

Lake Naivasha has a typical equatorial climate. Days are generally sunny and warm but without humidity. Evenings and early mornings are considerably cooler. Afternoon showers are not uncommon due to the influence of the lake. Even during the rainy seasons (March-May and October-November), the skies will often clear in the midday hours allowing you to get out and about. July and August are the coolest times of the year.

Best Time to Go

Lake Naivasha is a year-round destination and most accommodation facilities remain open from January to December. For the best outdoor enjoyment, the drier seasons from December to March and June to September are recommended for visits.



EVENTS



WRC KENYA SAFARI RALLY

Host of the world's toughest rally, every year Naivasha has the motoring event of the year.

Born in 1953 to celebrate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, it was renamed the East African Safari Rally in 1960, and later the Kenya Safari Rally in 1970. The Safari of old has evolved to fit the modern-day World Rally Championship, but its character remains with challenging dirt roads, stunning picture-postcard scenery and exotic wildlife. Competitors can expect rocky and rutted tracks and unpredictable weather which could transform dry and dusty trails into viscous mudbaths.

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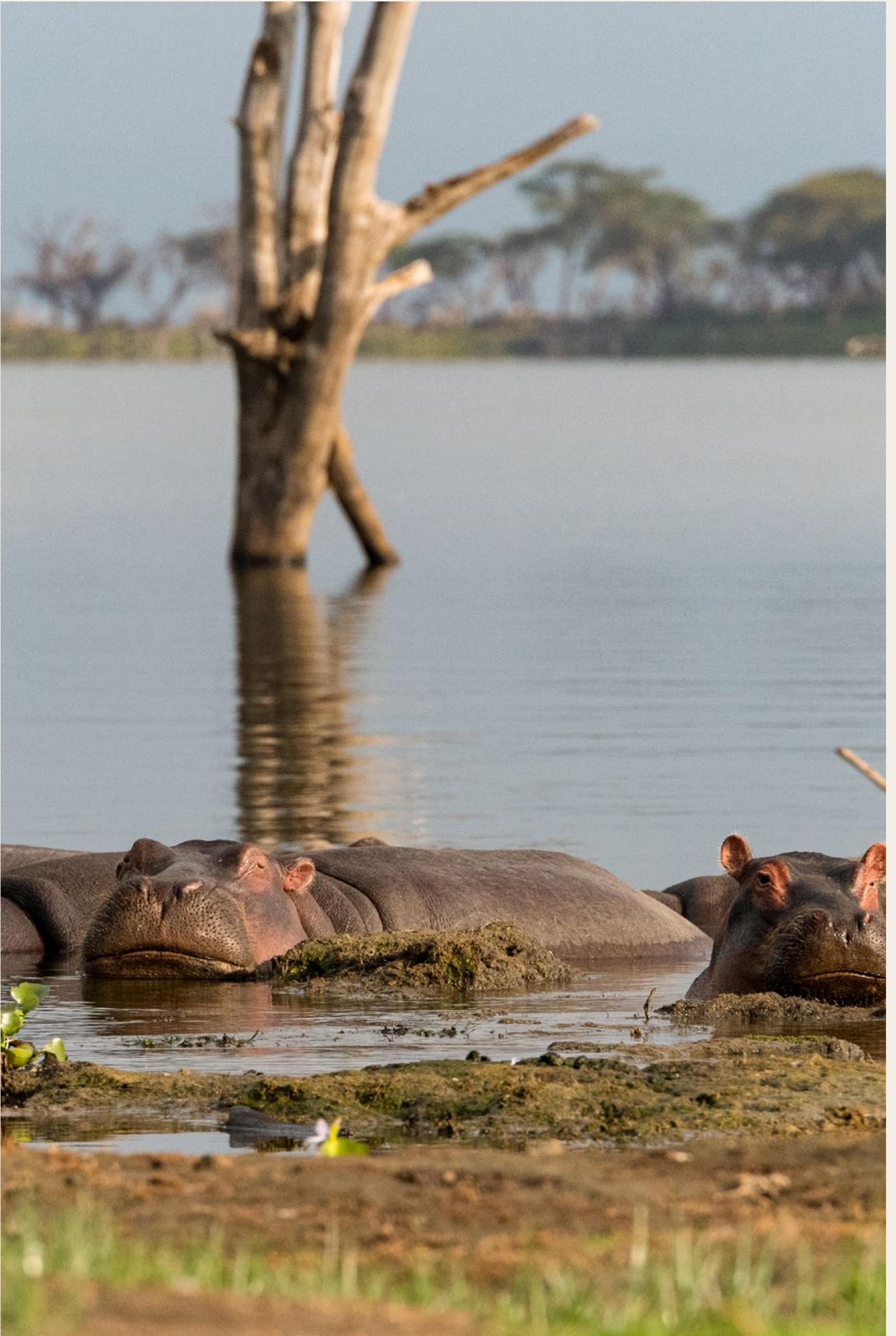


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