

ELSAMERE



Elsamere is a haven for lovers of nature, set in an Acacia forest on the banks of Lake Naivasha, in Kenya's Rift Valley. It is the former home of the late Joy Adamson who, together with her husband George, became world famous for their pioneering conservation work and relationship with the lioness Elsa, as told in her best selling book and subsequent film, BORN FREE. The Adamsons devoted their lives to wildlife conservation and Elsamere continues to be

maintained as a functioning conservation centre. By staying at Elsamere you have the unique opportunity to visit an active base for local conservation projects and a chance to experience life in one of Kenya's most historic homes. Many of Joy's paintings still decorate the house.

The center provides accommodation for 16 people in cottages set in the gardens around the main house. Each cottage has a veranda and faces towards the lake. The rooms are bright and attractive and all have en-suite bathrooms. Guests may also choose to stay in the main house in the Joy Adamson bedroom, which has easy wheelchair access.



Elsamere is conveniently located near many local attractions. Hells Gate National Park is one of the only parks in Kenya that permits walking. The park has a wide variety of game including a large number of raptors and the scenery is quite spectacular. A trek up Mt. Longanot, a 2,800 meter extinct volcano, is another interesting day's outing. Visiting Crater Lake with its emerald green colored water is yet another option and there

are also many unique handicraft shops in the area. The museum contains a small collection of Joy's paintings and artifacts. Memorabilia from the film Born Free and a range of photos documenting Joy and George's work with wildlife are also on display. The Elsa Trust shop stocks a variety of T-shirts, jewelry, books, earrings and prints of Joy's works are also for sale. The video library of conservation and wildlife documentaries.