

Giraffe Manor: A boutique hotel ensures great moments



Nowhere else will you come as close to the elegant long necks as in the Giraffe Manor.

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Oops, who's dropping by for breakfast? A long, brown-spotted neck extends elegantly through the open window while you sip your coffee with pleasure. And hey presto, the rest of the croissant disappears just as cleverly with the help of a blue tongue in the mouth of the friendly four-legged friend. What could come from a scene in the film "Out of Africa" is part of everyday life at Giraffe Manor. Because the trusting giraffes live freely on the premises and are part of the hotel's inventory, so to speak.

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Dinner in special company

The small, paradisiacal hotel is located in Langata, a suburb of Nairobi, on a large private property with 140 hectares of forest and African bush landscape. A herd of endangered Rothschild giraffes also lives here on the grounds of the Giraffe Manor. They come to visit regularly, jittery their long eyelashes, keep you company while you eat and hope for a treat. If they have enough, then they retire to their forest refuge, perhaps only to come back a short time later.



You can also mostly watch giraffes from the spacious rooms.

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More than a safari in Africa

If you are not busy feeding a giraffe, there is still a lot to discover and experience during your stay in Kenya. From exploring the local culture to a treatment in the attached spa, anything is possible here. But you can also play a round of croquet or boules, enjoy an English afternoon tea on the terrace and take a day trip to Nairobi National Park to watch lions, leopards, zebras and Co.

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Giraffe Manor claims to be one of the most Instagram-posted properties in the world. No wonder, not everyone can offer a selfie with a giraffe.



Even at the pool a giraffe occasionally drops in.

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However, a visit to the giraffe center is particularly recommended. All you have to do is stroll through the garden in front of the house and you will reach the AFEW (African Fund for Endangered Wildlife) center, which was founded in 1979. Here you can find out everything you need to know about your gigantic roommates. Summer or winter: The Giraffe Manor can be booked all year round for single nights as well as part of a tailor-made safari. You can find tips for other spectacular lodges in Africa here.

Nice-to-know: Holders of an [American Express card](#) are well protected when traveling worldwide. A transport accident insurance is included from the Blue Card.

Face the facts:

- There are only about 95,000 giraffes left in the world.
- Their population has declined by 40% in the last 30 years.
- They have already completely disappeared in 27 of the 47 districts in Kenya.

The African Fund for Endangered Wildlife (AFEW) is a nonprofit organization committed to the preservation of the Rothschild giraffes - a subspecies that only occurs in the grasslands of East Africa. At that time there were only 80 surviving animals on site, now there are again more than 600. The center also offers tourists the opportunity to get closer to this rare species and wants to educate Kenyan schoolchildren about the animals and the environment in their country.



You also share your breakfast with your animal roommates.

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Boutique hotel for a better future

The CO2 balance that occurs on a trip to Africa is left out: with your stay at Giraffe Manor you are helping to preserve the wild giraffes in Africa. For every visitor: in, The Safari Collection is donating ten dollars to the AFEW and thereby supporting their breeding program so that the offspring of the Rothschild giraffes that grow up there today can live in the wild. An important contribution, because the population of wild giraffes has declined dramatically in the last few decades. With this in mind, a stay on the Kenyan giraffe estate will be even more extraordinary.

Info: [Giraffe Manor](#), from 875 US dollars (around 740 euros), including full board and insurance on arrival and departure.