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## THE 2019 SAFARICOM MARATHON LEWA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY NORTHERN KENYA

MARIDADI CAMP OPTION

**Run wild!** Tusk’s Safaricom Marathon and Half Marathon invites participants from all over the world to compete in an internationally acclaimed event while running through one of Africa’s most breathtaking wildlife conservancies.

Although regarded as one of the toughest marathons in the world, runners of all abilities take part — from walkers and amateurs to professionals like Paul Tergat, the Kenyan former world record holder. As a result, the event has grown to become one of the country’s major sporting events and is regarded by Runner’s World as one of the world’s top ten “must do” marathons. There’s even a 5 km race for children!

Following an overnight in Nairobi, you will spend three days in the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy at Maridadi Camp, the “athlete’s village” set up just for runners and spectators. Comfortable traditional tented accommodation, great food and camaraderie will all be yours to enjoy. Highlights include a supervised training run (with an armed ranger) through Big 5 game territory, wildlife viewing, visits to Lewa projects funded by the marathon for a behind the scenes look at conservation in action and the marathon itself.

This is the land of endangered rhino, majestic lion, engaging elephant and so much more. Your participation helps to ensure that these animals will be with us for generations to come. Run wild in Kenya for an experience you’ll never forget.

If you would like to extend your travels in Africa, we can happily arrange a safari in the Masai Mara, gorilla tracking in nearby Rwanda, or a multitude of other exciting options either before or after the marathon.

### Summary of Arrangements

Date

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya
	Norfolk Hotel - 1 night
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Fly Wilson to Lewa
	Maridadi Camp - 3 nights
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Fly Lewa to Wilson
	Depart under your own arrangements

## **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

### Arrive in Nairobi, Kenya

Today you will arrive at Nairobi International Airport.

*You will be making your own arrangements for international air travel and so kindly advise us of your flight itinerary once confirmed so that we can arrange transfers for you.*

### Airside meet and greet

Upon arrival, you will be met by an airport representative as you disembark the aircraft (or if you are taken by shuttle bus to the airport terminal, you will be met at the entrance) and assisted with clearing Kenyan immigration formalities and collecting your luggage. In the arrivals hall you will be assisted to your waiting transfer.

### Road transfer Nairobi International Airport to Norfolk Hotel

You will be transferred by your driver to the Norfolk Hotel. This is a journey of approximately 45 minutes.

### Norfolk Hotel - 1 night – Bed and Breakfast

You will stay at the Norfolk Hotel for one night in a double/twin room. Your stay here includes breakfast tomorrow morning.

During your stay at the Norfolk Hotel you have the choice of several indoor and outdoor dining venues whilst having the opportunity to have a refreshing dip in the swimming pool.

The Norfolk Hotel is one of Nairobi's oldest hotels, opened on Christmas Day of 1904. It is situated in the east of Nairobi a short distance from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and from Nairobi's main business and shopping district. All rooms have an en suite bathroom with bath and shower, a mini bar, television and radio, direct dial telephone and air-conditioning. The hotel has five restaurants and three bars, a swimming pool, a hair and beauty salon, shops and newsstands and a health club with a fully equipped gym, saunas, steam rooms, aerobics classes and massage therapy.





## **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

### Road transfer Norfolk Hotel to Wilson

After breakfast you will be collected by a driver and transferred to Wilson Airport, Nairobi's domestic airport. This is a drive of approximately 45 minutes.

### Fly Wilson to Lewa

Upon arrival at Wilson Airport, you will be assisted with check in for your scheduled light aircraft flight to Lewa. This is a scenic low level, light aircraft flight of about one hour.

### Maridadi Camp - 3 nights - Full Board

Upon arrival at the Lewa airstrip, you will be met by a guide and brought to Maridadi Camp. You will stay here for three nights in a double or twin tent on a full board basis to include all meals, a welcome drink, and two 1L bottles of water per day. Additional drinks can be purchased with US\$ cash or Kenyan Shillings. Here a number of number of fun activities, as listed below, are also included:

This afternoon (Thursday), you will have a chance to participate in a supervised training run with an armed guard. This evening, you will have a game drive in the Conservancy ending with sundowner drinks at a lookout point where you'll be able to mingle with other overseas competitors.

On 28<sup>th</sup> June, you will be able to visit one of the projects on Lewa funded by the Safaricom marathon such as a school or water project or do an additional game drive to see wildlife. In the evening you will have a race briefing in camp.

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, it is race day! Get ready to run or to cheer on the runners and do your bit for charity. An experience you will never forget!



Maridadi, which means beautiful in Swahili, is a traditional tented safari camp in the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy set up just for the annual Safaricom Marathon benefiting the Tusk Trust. Set in a prime location on the 61,000 acre Conservancy, Maridadi serves as the fun and entertaining "athlete's village" for participants and spectators alike.

Each Meru-style walk-in tent is equipped with comfortable twin or double beds and has its own safari bathroom with a hot water bucket shower and short drop toilet at the rear of each tent. The tents come complete with high quality linens, daily housekeeping and have kerosene lanterns to light the way to your tent and bathroom at night. Common areas include a bar, a mess tent and all food from the excellent "bush" kitchen is provided.



Surrounded on all sides by savanna, marshland and riverine forest, Lewa's extraordinary wildlife is right outside your door. Here, the Big 5 of buffalo, elephant, rhino, lion and leopard, mix with 65 other mammal species and a stunning array of some 400 types of birds. While at Maridadi Camp, you will be able to enjoy game viewing in 4x4 safari vehicles, a behind the scenes look at the superb conservation efforts on the Conservancy, and enjoy the Safaricom Marathon in comfort in a lively and friendly atmosphere.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Fly Lewa to Wilson Airport

After breakfast you'll be given an insider's look at conservation in action on the Conservancy. Here, groundbreaking work with black and white rhino, elephant, and anti-poaching initiatives serves as a model for other conservancies throughout Africa.

Afterwards, you will be transferred back to the Lewa airstrip, by way of a game drive, for your scheduled light aircraft flight to Wilson Airport. This is a flight of approximately one hour.

Depart under own arrangements

Upon arrival in Wilson Airport, you will depart under your own arrangements.

*As your flight arrives in the early afternoon and runners will be taking many different international flights home we end the arrangements here. There will be plenty of taxis on hand should you wish to head straight to the international airport or alternatively you may prefer to go shopping or to one of Nairobi's many restaurants.*

On the other hand should you wish to continue on to other parts of Kenya on safari, to Tanzania's famed Serengeti, or to track mountain gorillas in Rwanda or Uganda, we would be delighted to advise and assist with your arrangements.



## Pricing Details:

### The itinerary includes:

Airport airside meet and assist in Nairobi on 26<sup>th</sup> June

Internal flights to and from the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy (note: strict **15 kgs** soft sided luggage allowance per person including hand luggage - no wheels or frames)

Passenger and airport taxes

Airport/airstrip transfers

Accommodation and meals as stated

2 litres of bottled drinking water per person per day

Activities as stated. *Please be aware that all game viewing activities quoted are on a shared basis. If you would prefer to have use of a private guide and vehicle for your safari this can easily be arranged in advance; please let us know if you would like to know the cost of upgrading to private use*

National Park and concession fees

Activities on the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy as stated

### The itinerary excludes:

International flights to/from Nairobi

Visas

Travel insurance

Tips and gratuities

Other personal spending

Race registration

**The price per person sharing is £1,830**

Single supplement of £365

