



Information Sheet

LOCATION

Amboseli National Park & Kitirua Private Conservancy

ACCOMMODATION

17 spacious en-suite tents - 9 doubles & 8 twin tents

1 family house - 1 double and 1 twin room ensuite bedrooms and a private sitting room

All rooms can fit one extra bed, for children under the age of 16 yrs only.

DESCRIPTION

Amboseli is best known for its unrivalled views of Kilimanjaro and the local elephant population. There are over 1000 elephants in the parks eco-system, featuring some of the largest in Africa. Tortilis Camp is named after the flat-topped, umbrella thorn tree, the *Acacia Tortilis*, and is situated in one of Amboseli's areas of Acacia Tortilis woodland, with the majestic backdrop of Africa's highest mountain, and the World's highest free-standing mountain, snow-capped Kilimanjaro. Game drives, walks, sundowners and bush meals take place both inside the park, and within a private 30,000 acre game concession.

The tents are all large and spacious, with king or twin beds, elegant en suite bathrooms. There is a main lounge, bar and dining area, all exquisitely built with natural materials and thatched roofs, with magnificent views of Kilimanjaro.

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- **Unrivalled views of Mt. Kilimanjaro** - An elegant small lodge nestled on the side of Llimbarishi Hill with magnificent views across the plains to the highest free standing mountain in the world.
- **Habituated elephant herds** - Amboseli is home to elephant families that have been closely followed and studied by world renowned researcher Cynthia Moss for over 25 years. Tortilis's guides know the families and their histories intimately. These are some of the biggest elephants seen in Africa, as they have been protected for generations.
- **Location** - Guests at Tortilis Camp have access to both the famous Amboseli National Park, and the 30,000 acre Kitirua private conservancy adjoining the park. Guests can enjoy game drives, walks and bush meals in privacy.
- **Highly qualified guides** - all of the Tortilis Camp guides have their bronze level KPSGA qualification.

AWARDS

- 500 Best Hotels in the World - Travel & Leisure Magazine, 2008 / 2009 / 2010
- Condé Nast Traveller Gold List 2008.
- Condé Nast Traveller Gold List 2006 - Best for Service in Africa.
- Condé Nast Traveller Gold List 2005.
- British Airways Regional Award for Ecotourism. 'Tourism for Tomorrow' Award, 1996.
- 'Certificate Of Merit & Recognition' from Friends Of Conservation (Kenya)
- 'Certificate of Accreditation' from the Ecotourism Society of Kenya (ESOK)

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

Game Drives in 4x4 open sided Landcruisers

Guided Bush Walks

Swimming Pool

Bush Breakfasts

Sundowners

Massages

Cultural Visits

Shop

Need To Know



HOW TO GET THERE

Amboseli airstrip is 45 minutes drive from the camp.

- Once daily scheduled Air Kenya flight departing Nairobi Wilson at 07h30
- Twice daily scheduled Safarilink flights departing Nairobi Wilson at 08h15 and 14h00
- Once daily scheduled Mombasa Air flight departing Mombasa at 07h30
- Once daily scheduled Mombasa Air flight departing the Masai Mara at 14h00
- Private Charter from anywhere.

AIRSTRIP CO-ORDINATES

The airstrip is HKAM, Amboseli,
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WHAT FORM OF PAYMENT DOES TORTILIS ACCEPT?

Cash, Travellers Cheque, Visa card & MasterCard.

WHAT FORM OF ELECTRICITY DOES TORTILIS HAVE?

- Generator hours are from 06:00-12:00 and 17:00-22:00.
- The camp uses a generator as well as solar power.
- Guests can recharge their batteries at the bar.
- The tents have inverter power so that there is 24 hour lighting and items such as mobile phones & camera batteries can be charged here.
- The tent system is small and items such as hairdryers can not be operated in the tent as this would overload the inverter and cause it to shut down.
- A hairdryer is available from the bar, for use at the swimming pool changing area but it will only work during generator hours.

Guests are recommended to bring converters & universal plug adaptors.

MEAL POLICY

Individual dining

Breakfast: 06h45 to 09h00

Lunch: 13h00 to 14h30

Dinner: 20h00 to 21h30

The camp has a daily set menu.

Please inform us about any dietary requirements prior to arrival.

Guests that have booked to arrive before lunch, but do not, are charged for an extra lunch on their day of departure (if they require lunch on their day of departure).

WATER

Despite the aridity of the area around Tortilis, ground water is plentiful due to melt water from Mount Kilimanjaro.

Tortilis tap water is regularly tested and is totally safe for drinking.

Bottled water is also available (from the bar, and in tents).

WHAT VEHICLES DOES TORTILIS HAVE?

6 x 4x4 Vehicles

- 6 x Land Cruisers - 7 Window Seats

All the vehicles have open sides.

When necessary, guests may have to share their vehicle with others, unless 'Exclusive Use of Vehicle' has been paid for.

AMBOSELI CLIMATE

- Altitude: 4,000 ft
- Rainfall; Approximately 12'' per year
- Hot days, cool nights, low humidity

MALARIA

Please note that all C&P properties are situated in locations of minimal malarial risk. Those higher than approximately 4000 ft can be considered malaria free including Tortilis Camp.

WHAT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN AT TORTILIS?

- All our guides speak English and Kiswahili. Leperes speaks basic Japanese. Joel speaks basic Italian.

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Internet: If needed, management can send emails on behalf of clients.

Mobile phones: Phone signal (Celtel & Vodafone Tanzania) is limited, available only in some areas.

Additional Information

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

- Tortilis supplies the local community with unlimited access to clean drinking water, and the staff operate a provisions shop for them. We have also built separate washing facilities specifically designed for the use of visitors from local communities.
- Tortilis has developed funds to start building a new primary school and clinic, and hopefully a secondary school at a later stage. The aim is to build a school far away enough from the park boundary so that increasing incidences of human-wildlife conflict can be prevented, and it will also relieve the current pressure on the park from the community.
- More than 60% of the Tortilis staff come from the local community and are trained at camp. This results in approximately 40 staff members (Maasai) who are able to care for up to 400 - 500 family members and friends.
- Rubbish is responsibly disposed of or recycled. For example, glass is separated and given to the East African Women's League. They run a "Glass for Glasses" project, whereby glass is exchanged for eyeglasses for the poor.
- Tortilis conducts walking safaris with local Maasai guides so that guests can also be educated on the Maasai culture
- Tortilis leases land from the local Group Ranch so that game drives can be carried out in an area other than the National Park. The local community benefits directly from tourism.
- Amboseli Tsavo Game Scout Association (ATSGA). The ATSGA recruits and trains local Maasai men to become Game Scouts. The goal of the game scouts is to achieve security of their environment, to educate their own people about wildlife / tourism benefits, and to ensure the continued safety and security of the flora & fauna of Amboseli and Tsavo ecosystems. 75% of Kenya's wildlife is outside National Parks and the community land between the Amboseli and Tsavo National park is vital to the ecosystem. Tortilis Camp pays a bed night fee and gives practical support to ATSGA.

SPECIAL FEATURES & KEY WILDLIFE IN THE AREA

- Tortilis is the only luxury tented camp in Amboseli, and offers the most exceptional views of Kilimanjaro.
- There are many authentic Maasai Villages to visit, where one can appreciate and learn about the unique culture & traditions of the Maasai people.
- The setting lies within the world's best elephant-viewing area, in the heart of Maasai country. One can even make an exclusive visit to Cynthia Moss's Elephant Research Base.
- Lions, cheetahs, giraffes, hyenas, wildebeest and many other species of plains game are plentiful.

PRESS COMMENTS

- "In terms of your own creature comforts, Tortilis excels, especially in the food department. They rustle up the kind of homemade, fresh, honest cooking you crave on safari, and so rarely get" - The London Magazine - March 2010
- "Marvel at the sun rising over the African plains, the snow-capped peak of Mount Kilimanjaro, the roaming animals and the Maasai manyattas..." - Prima - July 2010
- "The sight of Kilimanjaro coming into view from behind its clouds is ideally matched with the camp's renowned culinary delights that are skilfully made using herbs and veggies from their garden" - Top Billing - August 2010
- "The best of the best safari campsites" - You & Your Wedding Magazine, May/June 2007.
- "Top-notch Italian cuisine, breathtaking views of Kilimanjaro and reliably good elephant viewing" - Food & Travel Magazine, November 2006.
- "Recognized for its unobtrusive design and rustic simplicity" - Spirit of SN Magazine, September/October 2006.
- "Such luxury seems disingenuous when set within such wilderness" - S.M. Magazine, July/August 2006.

COMMENTS FROM TORTILIS VISITORS BOOK

- Brilliant food, brilliant service and everyone so friendly....
- The staff were outstanding, friendly and efficient, stunning views of Mt. Kilimanjaro and an unforgettable experience with the majestic Maasai....
- A beautiful tranquil setting in which to view the wildlife
- Tortilis is a truly magical place, everything we dreamed it would be...and more. The tents are amazing and the pool refreshing, and best of all the lovely staff
- So calm - so warm - so thoughtful.