



## RUTUNDU LOG CABINS, MT KENYA



### INTRODUCTION

Rutundu Log Cabins are unique to Africa. Located on the rim of Lake Rutundu and overlooking the northeastern face of Mount Kenya, these cabins are the perfect escape from the 'safari circuit' or the bustle of Nairobi. At 10,200 feet (3100 meters) above sea level, both the vegetation and the wildlife are distinctive.

### THE CABINS

There are two log cabins, each with open log fires and en-suite bathrooms. The main cabin has a bedroom, sitting room with dining area, veranda and kitchen. The smaller cabin has a bedroom, bathroom and veranda. Rutundu can accommodate four people comfortably, but another four beds are available, providing that sharing rooms is acceptable.





#### ACTIVITIES – WALKING, FISHING, BIRDWATCHING, HORSERIDING

**Walking** – The area surrounding Rutundu is a hiker's paradise, and the staff at Rutundu can guide you. One of the most popular walks is a route of approx. 2 hours up to Lake Alice, through Giant Groundsel and Heather forests.

**Fishing** - Rutundu is not only a nature lover's haven, but is also an ideal spot for fishermen. Both Lake Rutundu and Lake Alice are stocked with rainbow trout, and provide excellent opportunities for fishing. The average catch is 2 to 3 lbs, with larger fish reaching up to 6 lbs. (It is not everyone who can claim to have caught a trout within 5 Km of the equator.) On Lake Rutundu a rowing boat is provided and there are also casting platforms. Previous experience in fly-fishing is not necessary. Near Lake Rutundu is the Kizita River Gorge, a crystal clear river with brown trout.



#### **Bird watching**

Due to Rutundu's unique location there are ample opportunities for birdwatchers, not least from the breakfast table where scarlet-tufted malachite sunbirds (*Nectarinia johnstoni*) are seen most mornings.



#### **Horse Riding**

Neighbouring Kisima Farm now organises rides up through the forest and moorland to Rutundu. Overnight stays are then advisable. The horses are well-trained polo horses, however you need to be an experienced rider.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### **Access by road**

A 4x4 vehicle is essential for driving up to Rutundu. Weather conditions on Mount Kenya can be unpredictable, with bright sunny days changing into cloud, rain or hailstorms. It tends to rain more often in the afternoons, so begin your journey up the mountain as early as possible. A map and directions are available on request when you book.

When you arrive at Rutundu, park your car in the parking area adjacent to the ravine. Staff will come and help you unload your luggage, which will then be winched across the ravine. Rutundu is then accessed by following the path down to the river crossing and up the other side to the cabins (a walk of approx. 20 mins).

When it rains the road to Rutundu may become impassable and it is not advisable to attempt to drive up. Bookings for Rutundu must be made with the understanding that the weather may adjust your travel plans. If you cannot get to Rutundu because of the road conditions, you may re-schedule your booking for another time.

### **Assess by air**

Rutundu has its own airstrip, approx. 15 minutes walk from the cabins. Please note that it is not possible to fly to Rutundu when weather conditions are poor.

### **Self-catering**

Rutundu is hired out on a self-catering basis. You are required to bring all of your own food and drinks. There is someone to help in the kitchen, and to make breakfast, but he is not a cook. We advise bringing pre-prepared food such as stews and casseroles. There is also a barbeque for daytime. Catering is available on request, for a supplement charge per person (please see rates below). Good drinking water is available, but please take up tea/coffee, juices and any alcoholic drinks.

All bedding, towels, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils are provided. **There is no electricity; lighting is by hurricane lamps.** There is a **small** gas oven and an 'out-door' fridge but no deep freeze.

**Please note**

- **Checkout time is strictly 10am.** Please help the staff by having your bags packed as early as possible, so that they have ample time to convey them to your car. On the day of departure a guide will not be available to take you to Lake Alice or any other long walk
- If you plan to fish, please adhere to the fishing rules (displayed in the sitting room). Please replace any fishing equipment that you loose or damage
- Please bring large dustbin bags with you and take away all your rubbish, leaving Rutundu as pristine as you found it
- If you are a resident, we would be grateful if you could bring your own firewood and charcoal with you
- If you break anything at Rutundu, please inform the staff so that it can be replaced
- Please don't bring dogs to Rutundu

**2010 RATES****RESIDENTS:**

- SELF-CATERING: \$330 PER NIGHT FOR 6 PEOPLE + \$30 PER EXTRA PERSON (MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE).
- CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SUPPLEMENT (20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TO 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY): \$70 PER NIGHT
- FULL BOARD CATERED OPTION (NOT INCLUDING DRINKS): US\$100 PER PERSON PER NIGHT

**OVERSEAS VISITORS:**

- SELF-CATERING: \$400 PER NIGHT FOR 6 PEOPLE + \$50 PER EXTRA PERSON (MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE).
- CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SUPPLEMENT (20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TO 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY): \$100 PER NIGHT
- FULL BOARD CATERED OPTION (NOT INCLUDING DRINKS): US\$100 PER PERSON PER NIGHT

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- 15% CHARGE FROM 35 – 14 DAYS PRIOR TO DATE OF BOOKING
- 33% CHARGE FROM 14 - 2 DAYS
- 100% CHARGE IF THE BOOKING IS CANCELLED WITHIN 24 HOURS

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT [WWW.RUTUNDU.COM](http://WWW.RUTUNDU.COM)**

**TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL [RESERVATIONS@SCCKENYA.COM](mailto:RESERVATIONS@SCCKENYA.COM)**

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