

# Serena Mountain Village



Secreted in the depths of a tree-shaded coffee plantation, wreathed in multi-colored tresses of tumbling bougainvillea, cooled by mountain streams and strung like a necklace around the shores of an idyllic wooded lake, Serena Mountain Village offers a haven of calm and serenity just outside the hustle and bustle of Arusha, Tanzania's premier 'Safari Town'. Nestling in the heart of a coffee plantation on the shores of Lake Duluti,

Serena Mountain Village is the perfect place to relax before or after experiencing the adventure of a Serena Safari. The public areas are entirely new with the main building housing the reception, lounge, library, restaurant, shop and business centre. The main building is designed as a country manor house with a colonial theme to it. The main lounge and bar area are fully carpeted with two working fire places and all designed to make our guests feel like they are staying at a home rather than a hotel. We have sourced some exquisite pieces of furniture and art work to ensure true authenticity to the colonial theme.

The stone-built rooms are housed in a half-moon of traditional 'rondavel' circular dwellings with views over a bougainvillea-cloaked slope descending to the lake's shores. Each 'rondavel', neatly thatched in 'Makuti' stems and lined with close-weave basketwork, has been arranged to cluster in a village-style grouping around the shade of an ancient forest tree whilst the lavishly 'Makonde' carved doors radiate off the cool of a central flowered courtyard. Charmingly appointed with spacious bathrooms, individual verandas and curved French windows giving views onto the tranquil lakeside beauty, the rooms have been decorated in the traditional safari style and feature net-draped beds, soft lamps, intricately carved furniture and pastel-patterned drapes. At the end of an action-packed day, guests can also take in a stroll around the flowered gardens, watch flights of snow-white egret returning to their forest roosts, explore the lake by canoe or follow the nature trail that loops around the lake and into the groves of neighboring coffee estates.



The Activities offered at Serena Mountain Village include morning bird walks around Lake Duluti with our resident naturalist, an extensive selection of nature trails, Mountain biking around the lake and coffee plantation circuits, Walking and jogging around the lake and plantation circuits, Canoeing on the lake in sturdy 2-man canoes, Trips to the craters, alkaline lakes, forests and peaks of nearby Arusha National Park, and much, more.