

Crater Lodge



Crater lodge consists of three adjacent, glamorous camps with 30 Maasai-inspired suites perched on stilts on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. From the outside, this unobtrusive lodge resembles a magical Maasai village, and was described by travel magazine, *Discover Africa*, as "Versailles meets Maasai in the game lodge at the edge of the world". Set in classic crescents, each stone and thatch suite has spectacular views of the crater from large glass windows in the bathroom, lounge and bedroom, yet is almost invisible from the crater floor.

North and South Camp have 12 suites each, while intimate Tree Camp has six suites. All have an en suite bathroom and chandelier-lit bath-tub and shower. Inspired decor and eclectic design make these romantic camps ideal for celebrating a special occasion.

Each sumptuous suite is discreetly tended by a personal butler, who will bring you tea in bed, stoke your fireplace and draw your bath, scattering the water with rose petals, ready for your enjoyment.

The sumptuous colonial-style interiors combine silver, gold and ruby colors under banana-leaf ceilings and grass roofs. Crystal chandeliers hang above large gilt mirrors reflecting carved Zanzibar wall panelling decorated with goldleaf. Huge bowls filled with long-stemmed red roses complement the Persian carpets and velvet bedspreads. Antiques, plump cushions, voluptuous raw silk curtains and tall, leather-backed chairs complete the picture. This opulent design blends with African art elements in unexpected harmony.



Each of the exclusive camps operates independently. They each have a central living area and viewing decks overlooking the awesome crater. Ancient African nights are evoked by the large fire bowls that flank the entrance to each of the living and dining areas. There is a communal curio shop and gallery. African artifacts and clothing are on sale at the gallery/Maasai Market. When larger groups require joint activities/meals, this can be handled with ease in North and South Camps.

Pan-African cuisine is served in our outdoor dining area or dining room, where evening log fires flicker between silver screens. The domed dining room, with its welcoming fireplace, crystal, silver and massive wooden platters, treat ever meal as a special occasion. Truly food for the soul, this melange of traditional African recipes is enhanced by Africa's famous spices - saffron, vanilla, cumin and nutmeg.