

Sasaab's rooms have great views of the plateau and mountains

**WINNER**  
Best safari

**SASAAB, KENYA**

Synonymous with safaris, Kenya is a fantastic honeymoon destination. You'll see beautiful landscapes and an abundance of wildlife, and gain an insight into tribal culture. With beaches on the east coast and only a short flight from Zanzibar, Kenya is perfect for couples looking for a twin-centre honeymoon. A nine-hour flight from London (compared to the 12 it takes to go to South Africa), there's only a two-hour time difference, so you're also jet

lag free. We love Sasaab, one of the newest and most stylish lodges in northern Kenya.

**WHY** Dotted on a hillside above the Ewaso Nyiro River, each of Sasaab's nine rooms are open-sided with a private plunge pool on the veranda. The Moroccan-influenced design is incredibly stylish. The lodge has an infinity pool where you can relax after a morning drive and a small treatment room for massages. Managed by Anglo-Africans and run by Samburu tribe members, the lodge not only feels like a home away from home but is heavily involved in local conservation and community projects.

**WHERE** An hour's flight from Nairobi, the lodge is set on Samburu community land in northern Kenya. The views from the lodge stretch over the Samburu National Reserve, the Laikipia Plateau and Mathews Range.

**WE LOVE** Watching elephants from a veranda

while sipping sundowner cocktails. Taking a camel ride. Watching Morani dancers in the bush and, of course, seeing the animals – elephant, giraffe, zebra, ostrich, lion, oryx, leopard and cheetah in their natural habitat. This is truly one of the most exciting experiences you can have as a couple. Unlike other parts of Kenya, the remoteness of the region means that you're not overrun by other jeeps jostling for position.

**DO** Visit a Samburu settlement. The area hasn't been commercialised and you're able to see firsthand how families live a simple, nomadic existence which has remained the same for hundreds of years.

**WHO GOES** Wildlife lovers, well-heeled honeymooners and fashionistas, including skincare guru Liz Earle.

**GO** Doubles at Sasaab (00 254 20 892234; sasaab.com)

**WHAT TO PACK**

Sasaab is a relaxed, dress-down kind of place. On safari, you'll be in a jeep most of the time so you'll need **hiking boots** or **trainers**, **combat trousers** and **long-sleeved tops** (for early morning drives), **sunglasses** and a **high-factor sunscreen**. For the lodge, pack **bikinis**, **kaftans**, **shorts**, **T-shirts** and **maxi dresses**, and a **cardigan** for the evening. You may also want something to keep you warm at night. Don't forget your **insect repellent** and **malaria tablets**. Check with your doctor about other inoculations.

from £598 per night. This includes all food, drinks, game drives, camel walks, etc. Virgin Atlantic ([virgin-atlantic.com](http://virgin-atlantic.com)) flies from Heathrow to Nairobi from £449. Boskovic Air Charters ([boskovicaircharters.com](http://boskovicaircharters.com)) flies to Sasaab from £148 per person, based on 10 sharing a plane. Alternatively, book the trip through Scott Dunn ([scottdunn.com](http://scottdunn.com)) or Exsus ([exsus.com](http://exsus.com)). →

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See elephants at close quarters



The romantic decor was inspired by Morocco



Children from the local Samburu