

North, through Thomson's fall. There are over 200 plant species, over 180 bird species and over 15 species of mammals. 87 species of Water birds have been recorded including the Red-knobbed coat, Egyptian Goose, Sacred Ibis and Yellow-billed duck. A majority of the water birds recorded are listed by the Africa-Eurasian Water bird Agreement (AEWA) under the Bonn Convention on Migratory Species. The lake is home to endangered, near-threatened, critical and vulnerable species of birds and is an internationally recognized bird conservation site. Hippos are also easily seen and their distribution is depended on biomass distribution of green herbage on the riparian area. The marshes and swamps around the lake support catfish.

#### WILDLIFE

Laikipia is one of the most important areas for biodiversity in Kenya. Wildlife population densities in Laikipia region now rank second to the internationally renowned Maasai Mara ecosystem, whilst the diversity of large mammals is higher than in any other part of Kenya. The Ewaso ecosystem is home to the second largest population of elephants in Kenya (6,000+) and Laikipia hosts the highest populations of endangered species such as the black rhino (half of Kenya's total population), Grevy's Zebra (70% of the world's population), Reticulated Giraffe and the only viable population of the Lelwel Hartebeest in the country, as well as Africa's only expanding population of wild dogs. Laikipia's biodiversity is globally unique, yet remarkably, Laikipia itself is not a protected area and the wildlife is entirely sustained by private and communal land owners.



#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Self-catering for groups that wish to prepare own meals, picnic sites, beautiful gardens for weddings & wedding receptions, beautiful campsite for overland camping groups, kid's playground with swings and slides, nature treks, cultural dancing along the site of the waterfall, jogging paths for athletes when in training camps located within high altitude training environment. While your stay at the Lodge may be limited to a planned itinerary; within this tourism circuit there are several touristic sites you may visit e.g.

- The Marmanet South forest Elephant maternity.
- Subukia shrine and the Equator crossing point still in Subukia.
- There are 2 other Equator crossing points; on your way to Nyeri town and one near Lake Ol'Bollosat
- Kigio conservancy that is rich in wild life.
- Historical 2<sup>nd</sup> world war cemeteries in Gilgil and Rumuruti.
- Lake Nakuru National Park.

#### HIGH ALTITUDE ATHLETES TRAINING

Thomson's Falls Lodge is within a high altitude climatic region (7,800ft above sea level) in Kenya, is famous for athletes training for both national and international competitions. We offer a special diet for an athlete that is customized in preference ranging from Indian, English to Japanese. Our experienced chef's will prepare meals as per athletes needs upon request.

#### ACCESS & SEASONS

We are located just 200mts off the main road and accessible by road from both Nakuru and Nanyuki. We are an hour's drive from west of Nakuru and 2hours drive east from Nanyuki. Our Lodge remains open all year round through all seasons.



#### LODGE

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We are an Eco Lodge tucked in Kenya's high country, Laikipia, a place of solitude, freedom and space in a wild landscape, whose diversity ranges from the snow-capped peak of Mt. Kenya to the edge of the Great Rift Valley desert. The Lodge is situated at the world's famous Thomson's fall, discovered in 1883 by Joseph Thomson, a Scottish geologist and naturalist. The Ewaso-Narok river drops a sheer 243 feet over a ledge of volcanic rock, to create this magnificent fall, located in the southern west corner of Laikipia, at the northern foot of the Aberdare ranges. Thomson's Falls Lodge is situated at 7,800 feet above sea level (2,377.44mts) and sits on a 10 acre lawn, shaded with African Olives and cedar trees. Built in the 1930's by English settlers, the original cottages still stand with their unique architecture maintained to modern standards. We are an ideal overnight stop for travelers between Samburu and the Great Rift Valley. The Lodge is **175kms from Kenya's capital Nairobi** or 3hr drive by road. We are centrally located with roads divergent from Nakuru 55km, **Samburu/Maralal 150km**, **Gilgil 65km** and **Nyeri 100km**.



### ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES

The Lodge has a total of 36 rooms in singles, doubles and triples including a cottage. All rooms have open log fire places and en-suite bathrooms. Guests have options of choosing either the standard or deluxe rooms. Some of the standard rooms are very convenient to large families on holiday due to their spacious size. Some rooms have private balconies that overlook the waterfall while some have windows facing our swanky gardens that are well manicured and beautiful for outdoor dining. All rooms are equipped with hot water systems, mosquito nets, free WiFi and DStV connectivity among other amenities.

### CONFERCING AND MEETINGS

The Lodge is located in a serene environment thus the location is very ideal for seminars, corporate meetings and conferences. Our meeting and seminar rooms can accommodate from **12 to 350** guests. We have competitively packaged group or seminar rates to suit your budget and specifications. The halls are equipped with conference facilities like LCD projectors, public address systems and free WiFi.



### RESTAURANT

Our restaurant boasts of a rich local and international cuisine well prepared by our experienced chefs to suit your culinary taste. A pleasing variety of sumptuous meals awaits your discovery and enjoyment. We also have an in-house bar – English style, serving both local and international liquor to your specifications.



### ACTIVITIES

Most activities focus around the waterfall. These attract colorful birds and provide good photographic opportunities. A nature trail at the base of the fall and through the gorge is a great experience. The gorge is safe haven for the endangered Columbus monkey, baboons and small animals. We invite you to also visit the Hippo sanctuary which is in the vicinity. The Lodge will arrange game drives to the Aberdare National park, Solio ranch and the famous OlPejeta Conservancy, all a haven for the big five.



**Lake Ol' Bollosat** (15minutes drive from Thomson's Falls Lodge)

The eastern side of the lake is bound by Satima escarpment along the edge of the Aberdare ranges creating a beautiful scenery and wilderness experience. The water from the basin drains into river EwasoNgi'ro