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Tsavo East National Park is a gem among the world's wild spaces. Spanning 13,747 square kilometers of pristine wilderness, it is the most extensive protected area in Kenya. It is also host to greater biodiversity than any other park in the world, as it is here that the northern and southern forms of fauna meet. David Sheldrick was the founding Warden of Tsavo East from 1949 to 1976. Under his leadership, the park was transformed from an inhospitable land into what is today Kenya's largest and most famous National Park.

David regarded Ithumba, in the northern area of Tsavo East, as "the jewel in the crown." The 3,000 square kilometer expanse is completely devoid of the human footprint, giving way to a vast array of wildlife. Ithumba is home to some of Kenya's most spectacular species, both large – elephant herds wallowing in the mud, giraffe striding across the plains – and small – hyrax peeking through the rocks, dik-dik scampering through the bush. Ithumba Camp sits close to the action offering an intimate experience of Kenya's most remarkable wild spaces.

LOCATION:

Ithumba, Tsavo East National Park

DESCRIPTION:

Ithumba Camp is an exclusive and stylishly rustic self-catering tented camp designed for the intrepid traveller who relishes being off the beaten track. Ithumba is where you can appreciate big skies, star-studded nights and a rich array of fascinating species inhabiting this remote and wild landscape.

Ithumba Camp was built with payment received by SWT from BBC's Elephant Diaries Series. Profits from the Camp go directly to the Kenya Wildlife Service in support of conservation in Tsavo.

ACCOMMODATION:

Up to 8 guests can be accommodated in 4 permanent tents. All tents have an adjoining but enclosed outside bathroom.

CHECK IN/OUT POLICY:

Check in is strictly after 10am. Check out is strictly before 9:30am. NB: Access to the orphans' mud-bath is not possible on the day of checkout as that is reserved for the arriving guests.

EXCLUSIVITY:

Guests at Ithumba Camp have exclusive use of the property. No other guest, belonging to another group, will be booked at the same time.

SERVICE:

Ithumba Camp is self-catering. Discreet service from experienced staff is available as and when required. A trained camp chef is also provided.

ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE:

- Game Drives within the unique Northern Area of Tsavo.
- Access to the orphans at the stockades in the early morning and evening as well as the 11am mud bath for foster parents only.
- Relaxation in camp enjoying the resident wildlife.
- Excursions to the Tiva River and Yatta Plateau.
- Arrangements can be made for a guided hike up Ithumba Mountain.
- Guided walks along the Tiva River. All walking has to be done accompanied by armed KWS rangers.

ACCESS:

- By air: 50 minutes by air from Wilson Airport (Nairobi) to the Ithumba Airstrip.
- By train: 2 hours on Kenya's new railroad from Nairobi to Kibwezi station, from the station you can meet your vehicle and travel a further 1 hour drive on good roads to the camp.
- By car: 5 to 6 hours by road from Nairobi.



SEASON:

Ithumba Camp is open all year.

CLIMATE:

Ithumba Camp has an excellent climate with hot days and little humidity through the year. During the rainy seasons of November and April/May you could experience rain showers. July/August are the coolest months at Ithumba when it can be windy and overcast, and fleeces may be needed for the cooler mornings and evenings.

WHAT TO BRING:

Apart from your food and beverages — including drinking water — here are a few more ideas to help you pack:

- Sandals/flip-flops/hat/sunglasses/sunscreen/mosquito repellent.
- A warm fleece/jumper for cooler evenings (July/August).
- Personal first aid kit.
- Torch (with spare batteries)/Binoculars/Camera equipment/ iPod and portable speakers.

POWER:

The camp is powered by limited solar electricity. Throughout the camp there are lights and power outlets, which can be used day and night. Please do not use hairdryers.

WATER:

The hot water is solar-powered and during much of the year is in plentiful supply, yet during the cloudier months (July/August) the lack of solar power can reduce availability. The water from the taps is also not suitable for drinking.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

Ithumba Camp falls within a malarial area. No doctor is in the immediate vicinity; so necessary precautions should be exercised at all times. As with all destinations in Africa clear medical advice is required from your doctor & comprehensive medical insurance is strongly advised. When travelling in Kenya it is recommended that guests take out Flying Doctor Service membership, as they provide a very efficient and affordable service in case of an emergency.

Flying Doctor enquiries + 254 (0) 733 639 088

At the lodge there is a basic first aid medical box, and a Defibrillator machine.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ithumba Camp has WI-FI. Mobile phone reception is specific to certain areas which the resident staff can identify for you.

CHILDREN:

Children under the age of 5 are not encouraged. Please consult with the SWT should you have younger children. An adult should supervise children over 5 at all times.

SAFETY:

Please ensure that you walk with a torch at night at all times as wild animals may be within the camp grounds.

CATERING:

This property is self-catering and a comprehensive shopping list guide can be provided by our office on request. Ithumba Camp has a large and well equipped kitchen with a proficient cook. There is a fridge freezer, a cooker and oven.

PARK ENTRY FEES:

Regarding park entrance fees, please note they are to be paid before arrival at Ithumba, as there is no payment system for park entrance fees at the Ithumba KWS gate. For more information please contact the office. Below is a guide to the current park entry fees per day.

Tsavo East National Park	Citizen		Resident		Non - Resident	
	Adults KSH	Child KSH	Adults KSH	Child KSH	Adults USD	Child USD
	515	215	1030	515	52	35



TABLE OF FACTS

Booking rules	Booking of this property is for foster parents only
Minimum Night Stay	2 nights
Number of Bedrooms	4
Maximum Guests	8
Children over 5	Yes
Child minding	No
Triples	None
Driver /Guides Accommodation	Available
Twin Beds/ Double Beds	4 twins
Air Conditioning	No
Mosquito Nets	No (Sealed tents)
Bath	No
Lodge Pool	No
Outdoor Shower	Yes
W.C in outside bathroom	Yes
In Room Safe	No (safe available in office)
Telephone	No (intermittent mobile reception)
Hairdryer	No
Laundry	Yes
Wheelchair access	Yes
Internet Access	Yes
Check In	After 10am
Check Out	9.30am
Power	220v 50hz Solar and Battery
Air Strip Co-Ordinates	2°13'02" S 38°23'13" E
Camp Co-Ordinates	2°13'13" S 38°23'25" E

Lodge inquiries & reservations: info@sheldrickwildlifetrust.org

