



Ol Donyo Lodge in Kenya's Chyulu Hills has a view of Mt. Kilimanjaro from each suite and looks out on an oasis used by the world's largest African elephants and other wildlife

This once-in-a-lifetime experience, with excellent service and unique game drives, has placed Ol Donyo Lodge on Travel + Leisure's 2012 "World's Best Hotels" list once again.

Read the [Travel + Leisure review](#), and see what Ol Donyo Lodge offers:



"There is a great traditional and romantic quality to the **safari style of East Africa** that in many ways sets itself in our collective conscious. It comes from another era and from a generational appreciation of the land, the people and in some ways doesn't apologize for a colonial past," says Great Plains Conservation CEO and filmmaker, **Dereck Joubert** (at left, with photographer wife **Beverly Joubert**).



At Great Plains Conservation's Ol Donyo Lodge, a partnership with the original owners of the land, guests are staying in a **new luxury version of the historic Ol Donyo safari lodge**, keeping the essence of the old.



The Great Plains Conservation hospitality and service has been fine-tuned to a natural art. **Designed and decorated for unique comfort**, the lodge delivers great food and service in the bush with morning and afternoon walking, riding or driving safaris led by trained local safari guides.



Ten large bedroom suites embrace East African culture, with their natural stone floors and tall, traditionally thatched roofs. The décor, by photographer and part-owner Beverly Joubert, is a blend of **African colors combined with contemporary and cultural pieces**.



The lodge staff has particular knowledge of their **African heritage** and are experts on the wildlife, birds, flora and fauna of the **Amboseli National Park and Kenyan customs**. (At left in traditional wear, safari guide Jeremiah with guests.)



One of the biggest attractions at ol Donyo is the many activities for guests and families. The riding stables have accomplished instructors and a variety of horses to **ride out on the plains amongst wild animals**. Camping on horseback and bicycling trips are available on request.



ol Donyo Lodge is a 275,000-acre private group ranch founded by **Richard Bonham** in the eighties, surrounded by **stunning landscapes of expansive plains, volcanic hills and snow-capped Mt. Kilimanjaro**. The wilderness can be experienced outside the game vehicle, when accompanied by experienced walking guides or riding instructors.



Sun-downer cocktails atop the rocky kopjes (small hills rising like islands), facing a **violet-orange sunset**, are offered nightly. When game spotting on the return to the lodge, it is possible to see a rare aardwolf, a striped hyena or a zorilla, the night-creatures that thrive in the foothills of the Chyulu Hills.



After riding on horseback in the early morning, guests are served a Colonial-style cooked breakfast on English china with linen napkins. Private **lantern-light dinners can be arranged outside under the stars**.



The cool waters of each suite's **private plunge pool** are refreshing after a couple hours of bicycle riding in the plains alongside the zebras and giraffes, or a hike through lava-carved tube caves in the hillsides.



Uniquely safe for guests and designed by Great Plains Conservation is the game-watching log hide, by the lodge's waterhole in front of ol Donyo. The hide has seating under a sunshade, **ideal for viewing wildlife**. Massive bull elephants, some of the largest specimens in Africa, and other wildlife drink throughout the day.



The Lodge's vehicles are open-sided Toyota Land Cruisers that allow for **game viewing and wildlife photography**. Traditional day game drives are enhanced with the option of night excursions that reveal another side of the African bush.



Bicycling through the savannah provides an **up-close view of both wildlife and local culture**.



Rooftop suites have a romantic bed for guests who want to **slumber under the starry African sky**.



ol Donyo Lodge invites you to [join us](#) and share the magic of the Chyulu Hills in East Africa.

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