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Laragai House lies just 27 kilometres north of the equator and 6,000 feet above sea level, on Borana Conservancy. Our position allows us to enjoy views of Mount Kenya to the south, and a panorama of the Wamba Mountains and desert to the north.

This unique geographical location makes the 32,000 acre ranch a haven for a wide diversity of wildlife: buffalo, eland, hartebeest and herds of plains game. Reticulated giraffe are commonly seen nibbling the acacias, while the cooler forests shelter bush buck, colobus monkey, the endangered Patas monkey and elephant. Predators are also found here, but not in large numbers, including large packs of wild dog, leopard, lion and cheetah.

Set off in search of wildlife in our open land rovers, on horseback, bicycle, on foot, by plane or even in a helicopter. In addition to this multitude of activities available at our house, the Conservancy offers a host of incredible trips; from exploring turquoise pools at the bottom of waterfalls, walking above a canopy of 200 year old trees, night-time fly camping, cultural experiences, fishing on mountain tarns as well as paragliding.

The interior of the house features beautiful local furniture with luxurious carpets from Rajasthan, fabrics from London and art we have collected over the years. Our friendly and professional staff will do everything possible to ensure your stay is special and tailored to your needs. Meet the rangers and wildlife scouts that protect one of Africa's most iconic species, the rhino and create memories that will last forever.

We look forward to welcoming you very soon,

Our best wishes,

*George & Lucilla Stephenson*



## A BRIEF HISTORY

The story of how the Stephenson family came to own a house in this remote part of Kenya goes back to two English Lords - Michael & Valentine Cecil.

The Cecil's built Laragai House as an idyllic weekend get-away in 1993. Both sets of owners have been heavily involved in Africa for many many years and Laragai House is very much a product of their love for the continent.

## LAY OF THE LAND

Translated to mean "The Place To Be", Laragai House sits on the edge of a 3,000 foot escarpment with staggering views of Mount Kenya (17,057 feet) and the Northern Frontier District. Besides and beyond it's 'playground' Borana Ranch, Laragai is in the heart of the Ewaso ecosystem spanning some 2 million acres of unblemished wilderness.

## STAYING AT LARAGAI

The house is best described as 'African Baronial' with a palm fringed thatched roof, and filled with an exquisite collection of furnishings and decor. Custom-made ebony furniture, dark-wood antiques, grand bronzes of rhino and elephant, antique swords mounted on the walls, charming family photographs, all dominated by large 19th-century gold mirrors and wildlife paintings from all over Africa. The extensive game room can keep the whole family entertained with table tennis, croquet and boules. There is also a clay tennis court with racquets and balls provided.

## CONSERVATION

One of the few areas in the world where wildlife is increasing, Borana's conservation programme, with big game living in harmony with the human population, is unique and hugely successful. In 2013, the non-profit organisation added 50% more habitat to the neighbouring Lewa Wildlife Conservancy — helping it to become East Africa's largest rhino sanctuary, with 98 black rhinos and 67 white rhinos.

HOME \ *hom* \ *n.*  
a dwelling place together with the family; an environment  
offering security and happiness.



On an unassuming hillside  
that rises above arresting scenes are the superbly thatched  
bungalows that consist of six double rooms, two twin rooms, a  
large lounge area, dining room, tv room, wireless internet  
access throughout, a fantastic sound system,  
a manager and a staff of sixteen.



*“A unique house in both style and situation...”*





*“Room aplenty, an intimate home-away-from-home.”*



*Eminently comfortable and traditonally English,  
all double rooms are ensuite and twin rooms share a bathroom.*





← The main focus →  
of the house is a huge, baronial sitting room  
with great open, inglenook fireplaces at each  
end and a stunning deck that opens out over  
the escarpment.



*Steeped in character, the rope chandelier-bedecked dining room aesthetic speaks of wooden textures, old English manor fabrics, bronze sculptures, silver candle sticks and a wine list worthy of it's setting.*



*Laragai's dining experience is personalised and creative.*

*Farm-to-table menus are based around locally-sourced ingredients from adjacent Kabati Regenerative Farm, a 100-acre organic agriculture operation. The combination of the freshest fruit and vegetables with holistically raised, grass fed meat from the Conservancy result in delicious and healthy home style cuisine.*

*Laragai's opulence is delightfully out-of-place with the rugged terrain.  
The air is filled with the smell of warm dust, a scent as indivisible from the African plains as freshly-cut grass is from  
the English summer.*





*You can be as active or as inactive as you might like, you can enjoy an increasingly rare opportunity to be genuinely at one with nature, or share the experience with your family and closest friends.*





*Opportunities for wildlife watching abound all across the Conservancy.*

*Keep an eye out for oryx and Grevy's zebra, some of North Kenya's most iconic and rare species.*



*To see herds of Boran cattle grazing alongside giraffe, zebra and antelope is truly a unique sight. The two land uses are beneficial to each other in many ways...*

*"A protected wilderness area for the better future of different ethnic groups,  
and for the wildlife that inhabits it."*

Michael Dyer - Conservationist and owner of Borana





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