

IL Ngwesi Lodge is located in the Il Ngwesi Group Ranch which lies north of Mount Kenya and covers an area of 16,500 hectares. The ranch is far from any towns and on the edge of Kenya's Laikipia Plateau. The ranch is not a ranch in the traditional sense of the word. Rather it is a huge tract of land owned by many Masai villages.

IL Ngwesi Lodge can be accessed by daily schedule flight from Wilson Airport (Nairobi) to Lewa Downs followed by an hour and a half road transfer or by private charter flight direct to the Il N'gwesi airfield, or by road via Ngare Ndare.)

Il N'gwesi Lodge is sited on a rocky outcrop in the north-eastern part of the Il Ngwesi Group Ranch. From its position atop the kopje it looks over miles and miles of wilderness. The only sounds you will hear are the birds or perhaps the trumpet of the elephant, the only sight, natural wild Africa, and at night, the stars are the only lights you will see.

On top of the kopje the main IL Ngwesi Lodge houses an open air dining room, with a hand-carved table. All the furniture in the lodge is built by the Masai from local materials. All of it is beautiful. There is a small pool overlooking a waterhole and from here, sandy paths lead through the bush to the bandas.

IL Ngwesi Lodge has six bandas built around the hillside. Each is different and built around the trees and contours of the hill. The bandas are all spacious and have wooden floors, hand-carved beds covered in Masai fabrics and panoramic views. Trees support the thatch roof and hand-made chairs look onto the view. The en suite bathrooms are open air (you will often find birds obsessed with the mirrors!) and the showers are under the stars.

Activities from Il N'gwesi include game drives, nature walks and time spent in local Masai villages. For a wilderness experience, you simply can't beat it.