

Kalacha Camp is situated in the Chalbi Desert North Eastern Kenya. Kalacha Camp sits on the edge of a permanent oasis. The Camp has been funded by the European Union Farm Africa and the Estate of the late John Sutton who used this area as a base for his bird shooting safaris. Kalacha Camp is set up as a community based project for the Gabbra people of this area providing them with a further source of income and is managed by Tropic Air.

It is a very simple camp, built using local materials, including dhom palm trunks for the poles, and leaves woven into mats which have been used for the roofs and walls. The camp consists of 4 bandas with twin beds, and each banda has its own bathroom, with flush toilet and cold shower. The bandas have a small veranda on the front, and overlook the oasis. The mess area is a circular building, and consists of the main living area and dining area.

Activities include:

- A kidney shaped swimming/plunge pool which partly enters into the mess area – and is an extremely refreshing escape from the hot and dry desert weather.
- Watch herds of livestock replenish with water at the oasis. Visit the village to gain an insight into Gabbra traditions.
- Go to Kalacha town where there is a small Catholic church – the interior lined with amazing biblical paintings.
- Enjoy Gabbra dancers and plays, demonstrating traditional Gabbra marriage ceremonies.
- Visit the ancient 'rock art' of giraffe, elephant and antelope.
- Take sundowners in the desert on the edge of the lava flows.
- The area is famous for Sand grouse. In the early morning huge flights of Sand grouse arrive at the water holes from surrounding desert areas. Shooting seasons are 1st February to 31st March and 1st July to 31st October.