

Beautiful Kenya > Want to hear the music of nature, check this camp out

If you adore the outdoors, you'll have great time here

Camp, just a stone's throw from Lake Nakuru, offers the marvels of mother nature unadulterated

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Located only 15 kilometres from Nakuru town on the Nairobi-Nakuru highway, Punda Millias camp is the perfect get away for couples and adventure lovers with a palate for the outdoors.

Seated on 10 acres of land, the camp provides an escape from the hustle and bustle of city life and an experience of true bush adventure.

The camp derived its name from 'Punda milia,' the Swahili word for zebra. The area was originally teeming with zebras in the early 1980s before human settlement reduced their numbers.

A home where only the music of nature plays its tune all day, the camp is free of modern technology gadgets that interrupt one from enjoying the 'natural' environment. Here, there is no music, no television or internet connection.

Visitors can instead enjoy an evening bonfire while listening to beautiful bird rhythms that fill the air from the neighbouring Soyambu conservancy, just five kilometres away is the Lake



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A section of Punda Millias camp, which offers an authentic experience of the African bush. The facility eschews all modern contraptions so that guests can enjoy the marvels of nature.

Nakuru National Park. "Our safari tents are the ultimate in luxury camping," says

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Ms Queen Wambui, Manager

Ms Queen Wambui, a manager at the camp, "While at the camp, you will really feel like you are sleeping in the African bush."

The tents and the cottages are accessorised with naturally-sourced furniture and a private veranda area to sit out and enjoy the glorious vista stretching out in front of you. The nights are ideal for star-gazing with the comfort of a camp fire. It also offers outdoor showers.

"We have used natural decor," says Ms Wambui.

According to the management, the camp can host up to 260 people in one night.

The cottages are built in a private secluded area of the

camp with a personal driveway and parking spaces.

The charges range from Sh10,000 to Sh17,000 but vary depending on the size of the group.

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Some of the cottages come complete with a self-catering kitchen for guests who enjoy preparing their own meals in their own private space. Most of the guests hosted there are from outside Africa.

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Some of the satchets of suspected cocaine found hidden among bags of sugar imported from Brazil at Mombasa port on Friday. The drug haul has a street value of more than 360 million.

Only one container found with cocaine, says police boss

BY MOHAMED AHMED

Verification of four containers that were seized at the Mombasa port over drugs suspicion has been completed.

A team of detectives including Interpol and anti-narcotic police unit finished the operation on Saturday night.

According to police sources, out of the four containers that were being inspected, only one of them was found to be having cocaine.

The 90kg cocaine with a street value of more than 360 million was seized when the inspection operation was launched last Friday.

The team of detectives recovered the cocaine concealed in bags of sugar. Each of the four containers had 520 bags of brown sugar.

"The exercise is over and we are currently consulting with different teams on the ground on the way forward," said Coast regional Police Commander Francis Wanjohi.

Police sources at the port said the suspected hard drugs have been taken to Nairobi for further analysis. According to documents seen by the *Nation*, the discharge agent of the said cargo is a logistic firm located at the New Cannon Towers II, which is along Moi Avenue in Mombasa.

A Kenya Port Authority clerk who was working with

At a glance

THE SUSPICIOUS CARGO

The consignment was intercepted on Thursday last week at around 4am. It was offloaded from MSC Posetano at berth number 16 within the port. The cargo was from Santos, Brazil and was on transit to Uganda.

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the logistic company to clear the cargo is currently being interrogated.

"Also being questioned is owner of the Mediterranean Shipping Company. We are following crucial leads on this thing, just relax," said a police source. Sources also indicated that Interpol had been tracking the vessel from Brazil after getting reports that it had suspicious cargo.

Speaking on Saturday at a security conference, Mombasa County Commissioner Maalim Mohamed said: "We do not want to pre-empt the investigations, but as the government we will be happy to announce if what was found is drugs," he said.

Maendeleo boss denies funds misuse allegations

BY OMAR KIBULANGA

Maendeleo ya Wanawake Organisation chairperson Rahab Mwikali has denied claims that she embezzled funds and used the group's title deed to ask for a loan.

Addressing the media yesterday at Maendeleo House in Nairobi, she dismissed the claims made at a demonstration last week by a section of the organisation's officials over the claims.

"They are insulting me

for nothing, now my family members is upset. Today I have come to show you the title deed. Here it is, we have not stolen any money. Don't insult us," she said.

She accused the patron Jane Riako and vice chairperson Sureya Roble of sabotaging her efforts to revolutionise the organisation.

Speaking to *Nation*, the patron said she had no personal issues against the officials but insisted that they should be transparent.