

'Ol Gaboli' Lodge meaning fig tree in the Masai language is situated on the 15,000 acre Naibunga conservancy (Il Motiok Group Ranch). Located 40 miles from Nanyuki in Kenya, Il Motiok is surrounded by private and community group ranches that are home to a huge variety of wildlife including elephant, rhino, giraffe, lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, and zebra.

OI Gaboli Lodge is the only tourism facility owned by an all-women's pastoralist group in Sub-Saharan Africa. The lodge is an excellent base for rafting, canoeing, mountain biking, walking, trekking and rock climbing. With over 2 million acres of wonderful African wilderness visitors can enjoy the vast expanses of Laikipia exclusively.

OI Gaboli Lodge has 7 rooms (Bandas) that are built from local stone with traditional thatched roofs. Each banda can accommodate between 2-8 people, depending on sleep arrangements.

OI Gaboli Lodge can accommodate a maximum of 35 guests at a time and it offers only self catering. There is a large separate lounge, a comprehensive library with nature, wildlife and social studies books, and a shop selling cultural items. OI Gaboli also has a self contained house with 2 large rooms each with a loft. The house can accommodate 2 families conformably or large groups up to 35 guests, and can be booked together with the existing facility or as a separate entity.

OI Gaboli Lodge has seven cabins – or bandas with en-suite solar showers, nestle alongside a shop, verandah, library and dining, chill-out building with huge snobby cushions. Overlooking the muscular Ewaso Nyiro River, it's the perfect sundowner spot. Hot water and light is provided by solar power.

OI Gaboli Lodge has a spacious dining room which ac be used as a conference hall for groups who which to hold a workshop or a seminar in a remote settings. The facility is ideal for team building and bonding. Accommodation is on self catering basis however catering services can be provided on prior arrangements.

For large groups, Crocodile Racers can offer a facility rate at **OI Gaboli Lodge**. OI Gaboli, owned by the Il Motiok women's group and run in partnership with Rift Valley Adventures, is one of several ranch projects financed by the EU. You'll also find a cultural Boma (Masai Village), bee-keeping enterprises and locally trained wildlife scouts.

Your visits generate funds that can send kids to the new primary school, buy livestock or help women set up small businesses including making beaded jewellery. And the lodge also plays a vital role in conservation. Il Motiok's Masai community can now see direct financial benefit from preserving wildlife.

Once seen purely as food or a threat to humans and grazing cattle, Lions, Gazelles and Elephants now bring in tourists and the Naibunga Conservancy has been established with surrounding ranches.