

## Serengeti Serena Serengeti

This is a fantastically designed hotel, all constructed in an East African-inspired design from local rock and wood and thatch. Makonde carvers have shaped and polished and carved seemingly every door handle and rail, and rooms are wonderfully shaped into unusual but superbly comfortable pixie houses that resemble mushrooms.

The rooms feel very private, with just three extremely spacious and comfortable rooms in each, and most have good, uninterrupted views across the surrounding Serengeti Plains. Views are also good from the central dining room and the separate cosy bar, both of which are arranged slightly higher on the hill beneath impressively lofty makuti thatch.

These are just a stones throw from the Serengeti Serena's crowning feature, a magnificently situated drop-off pool surrounded by shady tree and sun beds set out in private areas. The restaurant is notably good, with fantastic nightly buffets and much of the food cooked before your eyes in the open-air kitchen.

The management and staff are friendly and attentive, and can arrange for numerous extras, such as flowers, fruit and champagne to greet guests on arrival.

The Serena is located right in the heart of the Serengeti in a region known as the Seronera Valley. This region is famous for its consistently good wildlife a result of the highly impressive resident game, including a high density of the big cats!



- In the Seronera Valley of the Serengeti.
- 66 en-suite rooms.
- A good sized and well positioned swimming pool.
- Family friendly.

### Our View

This is a beautiful hotel that has a very personal feel to it and a great location in the park. It has the edge on other hotels of its size, as the small huts allow for a real sense of privacy and feeling of being out in the bush.

It is a perfect place to spend a few days year round, but particularly during the migration months of May through to July, if you are looking for a hotel in the more conventional sense. Due to the Serena's location in the heart of the Seronera Valley good game viewing can almost be guaranteed; when we last visited the lodge we had three different leopard sightings in the space on 2 hours! Unfortunately this very point means that large numbers of visitors can also be guaranteed so if you are looking more a more secluded safari then it might be worth while looking at other options.

