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The house, online.

Everything you need to know about your new website: what it is, how it works, where it lives, who owns each part of it, what we still need from you, and how we take it from here to going live.

9 CHAPTERS · ABOUT 15 MIN · THE HANDOVER OF THE LOLLDAIGA RIVER HOUSE WEBSITE, FOR IVO SAIO, FROM WRK(ETC.) & CO. 8 NOVEMBER 2026.

In short. A website for Lolldaiga River House in five languages, with seven pages, 37 photographs and a small editor of its own, called Studio, where you can change texts, photos and contact details yourself or ask Claude to do it for you. It is finished and running on a staging address. To go live it needs a domain in your name, your answers to a short list of open questions, an email address for enquiries, and a native-speaker read of the translations. We propose to host and look after it for CHF 20 a month, including two hours of our time every month.

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What we built.

A complete website for a private house on the Timau River in Laikipia, on the edge of the Lolldaiga Hills Conservancy: 12 acres, four en-suite bedrooms, room for eight. You can see it today at lolldaiga.by.wrketc.com.

PAGE	WHAT IT DOES
Home	The house in one screen: the river, the conservancy, Mount Kenya, and the way to enquire
The House	The four bedrooms and bathrooms, the living spaces, the verandah, what is provided and the house rules
The Area	Laikipia, the Lolldaiga Hills, wildlife, day trips and places to eat
Gallery	All 37 photographs, laid out in a steady rhythm
Map	Where the house is, how to get there, and the distances that matter
Good to Know	The practical answers: power, water, weather, health, roads and arrival
Enquire	The enquiry page and booking bar (see below: nothing is sent yet)

Every page is in English, German, French, Italian and Swahili.

Checked against the listing

CONTENT

Every fact on the site was taken from, and checked against, the Airbnb listing as it stood on 7 November 2026, and the 37 photographs come from it too. Where the listing was silent or unclear, we did not guess: those points are in the chapter “Still to confirm”.

The design

DESIGN

The look takes its cue from Tengile at Mala Mala: calm, generous, led by the photographs. The header, footer, buttons and type (Newsreader, Geist and Geist Mono) come from our own hotel starter, with a paper-grain texture made for this site. Along the way we also made two design explorations, at lolldaiga-samara.vercel.app and lolldaiga-pebble.vercel.app; they are sketches, not part of the delivery.

Studio, your own editor

STUDIO

At /studio, behind a password, you can change any text on the site in any of the five languages, swap or add photographs, and set the contact details. There is also a chat with Claude: describe the change in plain words (“make the hero say…”, “use the river photo on the home page”) and it makes it for you, using exactly the same tools as the editors.

Every change, yours or Claude's, is saved as one entry in a log and can be undone with one click. Your changes sit on top of the original site rather than replacing it, so nothing you do in Studio can break the site, and clearing your changes always brings back the original.

The booking bar and enquiry form are not live yet

NOT YET

Both are in place and look finished, but neither is connected to anything: no enquiry is sent and no booking is taken. Until an enquiry address is set, guests should contact you by email. The chapter “Bookings” sets out what we recommend next.

How it works.

In plain words, for you, and in enough detail for any developer you might bring in later. The words in bold are explained in the glossary at the end.

Pages made in advance

`Next.js 16 · React 19 · TypeScript`

The site is built with Next.js, the most widely used framework for sites of this kind. Every page is prepared in advance, in every language, so it opens quickly anywhere, including on a slow connection in Kenya. When you change something in Studio, the affected pages are rebuilt on the next visit (this is the **cache** being refreshed), so your change shows within moments.

Content kept as data

`content/{en,de,fr,it,sw}.ts · content/property.json`

The words of each language live in their own file, and every fact about the house (rooms, beds, distances, rules, prices) lives in one file, the facts pack. Each fact records where it came from, and each section lists what is still to confirm. The site reads from these files, so a fact is changed once and is right everywhere.

Your changes, stored separately

`Vercel Blob · lolldaiga-cms`

What you change in Studio is stored as an **override**, in a small storage space attached to the site called a **Blob store**. Your uploaded photos live there too. Every save keeps a new version, and the last 100 versions are kept.

Hosting and measurement

`Vercel · Vercel Analytics · next/font`

The site runs on **Vercel**, a fast global hosting network. Fonts are served with the site itself, not from a third party. Visits are counted with Vercel Analytics, which uses no cookies and does not identify anyone.

Where it lives.

The site is deployed today on our Vercel account, on a staging address, ready to move to its own domain.

	TODAY
Vercel project	lolldaiga-river-house, in the WRK team (wrketc)
Staging address	lolldaiga.by.wrketc.com
Second address	prvatelywild.by.wrketc.com: [confirm the "prvatelywild" spelling]
Blob store	lolldaiga-cms: your text and photo changes, and uploaded photos
Claude chat	Our Anthropic API key, held as an environment variable in the project, never in the code
Chat cost guard	At most $1 per chat message; measured at $0.01 to $0.13 for a typical change
Final domain	[the final domain name]

Your Studio password

SECURITY

The password for Studio is stored in the project's environment, not in the code and not in this document. We send it to you separately. If you would like it changed, or think someone else may know it, tell us and we change it the same day.

The chat and its cost

Each message to Claude costs a few cents in usage, which we cover within the hosting fee. A guard stops any single message from going past $1, so a long or confused conversation can never run up a bill. If your use ever grows well beyond occasional edits, we will tell you before anything changes.

Who owns what.

A careful handover says plainly where each part of the site lives and whose it is. The short version: the house, the listing and the domain are yours; we host the rest for you, and you can take it elsewhere at any time.

ACCOUNT OR ASSET	WHERE	OWNER
Domain	To be registered	You, in your name
Vercel project	WRK's Vercel account	Hosted by WRK for you
Blob store	Inside the Vercel project	Your content, hosted by WRK
Anthropic API usage	WRK's API key	WRK; cost-guarded per message, covered by the hosting fee unless usage grows
GitHub repository	Not yet created	WRK creates it and invites you
Analytics	Vercel Analytics, inside the project	Stays with the project
Airbnb listing	Airbnb	You

Data and backups

There are three layers, and each is kept safe in its own way. The **repository** is the master copy of the site and its original texts and photos. Your Studio changes are versioned: the last 100 are kept, and the most recent can be undone in Studio with one click; older versions we can restore for you. Uploaded photos are kept in the Blob store, and removing a photo in Studio does not delete the file.

Analytics data

Vercel Analytics counts anonymous page views: which pages, how many, from which countries and devices. It sets no cookies and stores nothing that identifies a visitor, which is why the site needs no cookie banner. The data stays inside the project and is not shared with anyone; we can send you a summary whenever you like.

Still to confirm.

The site says nothing it cannot stand behind, so where the listing was silent we left the point out or kept it general. These are the open points, from the facts pack; each one marked in orange needs an answer from you. Most take a line.

RATES AND TERMS

- ○ Nightly rate by season (Airbnb shows prices only for open dates): [rates by season]
- ○ Minimum stay: [minimum stay]
- ○ Cleaning fee, or included in the rate: [cleaning fee]
- ○ Security deposit, and payment terms for direct bookings: [deposit and payment terms]
- ○ Cancellation terms for direct bookings: [cancellation terms]

THE HOUSE

- ○ Exact coordinates for the map pin: [exact coordinates]
- ○ Altitude in metres: [altitude]
- ○ Hair dryer (not on the Airbnb list): [hair dryer]
- ○ Dishwasher (not on the Airbnb list): [dishwasher]
- ○ Drinking water: filtered, bottled, or bring your own: [drinking water]
- ○ Mobile coverage at the house, network and strength: [mobile coverage]
- ○ Wifi speed, and whether it is good enough for video calls: [wifi speed]
- ○ Whether the solar system limits high-draw appliances such as hair dryers and kettles: [solar limits]

SERVICES AND RULES

- ○ Whether a cook can be arranged, and at what cost: [cook]
- ○ Airport or airstrip transfers: [transfers]
- ○ Game drives in Lolldaiga: vehicle, guide, and cost: [game-drive arrangements]
- ○ Laundry beyond the washing machine: [laundry]

- [ ] Parties and events: [parties and events]
- [ ] Quiet hours: [quiet hours]
- [ ] Children: any age limits (none stated): [children]

HEALTH, ROADS AND EATING OUT

- [ ] The hospital you recommend in Nanyuki: [hospital name]
- [ ] Your view on malaria risk at the house: [malaria note]
- [ ] Whether a 4×4 is needed on the last stretch in the rains: [4×4 in the rains]
- [ ] Road condition and drive time in the long rains (April to May): [road in the long rains]
- [ ] Transfers from Nanyuki airstrip: who to book, and the cost: [transfer providers]
- [ ] Your own restaurant picks, and which are worth the drive: [restaurant picks]

FOR THE SITE

- [ ] The email address enquiries should go to: [enquiry email]
- [ ] The domain name the site should live on: [the final domain name]
- [ ] Whether the site presents the host as Hetty, as on Airbnb, or as you: [Hetty or the owner]
- [ ] Who will read the German, French, Italian and Swahili versions as a native speaker: [translation reviewers]

Going live.

Six steps from the staging address to the house's own domain. Nothing changes for guests until the last one.

PLAN

STEP 1

The repository

The code is not on GitHub yet. We create the repository and invite you, so you hold a full copy of the site from the start.

STEP 2

Hosting

We deploy and host the site through WRK's Vercel account. We propose this because of what Studio adds: the Blob store, the Claude API key and the page refresh after each change all need setting up and watching. If you would rather host it elsewhere, yourself or with someone else, we will gladly help set that up.

STEP 3

CHF 20 a month

Hosting through WRK costs CHF 20 a month. It covers watching over the site and keeping it up, keeping the code and its software up to date, and two hours of our time every month for new pages, features or any changes.

STEP 4

The domain

The domain is registered in your name, and we point it at Vercel together with you.

STEP 5

The open points

Your answers to the chapter “Still to confirm” go in, the enquiry email is set, and the translations are read by native speakers.

STEP 6

Go-live

We switch the domain over, check every page in every language, and the staging address steps aside.

HOSTING THROUGH WRK	INCLUDED
Hosting on Vercel, with the Blob store and the security certificate	✓
Watching over the site and keeping it up	✓
Code and software kept up to date	✓
The Claude chat in Studio, at today's usage	✓

HOSTING THROUGH WRK	INCLUDED
Our time: new pages, features, any changes	2 h
Every month	CHF 20

Booking direct.

This version of the site does not take bookings or payments. Guests contact you by email, and the booking is arranged from there.

We recommend taking bookings on the site itself. People commit far more readily with a form and a button than by writing an email and waiting for a reply, and some are lost at exactly that step. An automated system also takes less of your time.

What it would do

Guests would see availability, choose their dates and book the house directly on the site, while the calendar stays in step with Airbnb, Booking.com and any other channel: one calendar, and no double bookings.

What it would take

We have already researched how to handle the whole booking flow ourselves. It is about the same amount of work again as the site so far, and it runs within the hosting set-up described here. Studio was built with this step in mind, so nothing needs to be rebuilt. We will quote it whenever you would like.

Who to call.

One person to call, who knows the site inside out.

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Design, build and hosting of the site, and your contact for anything about it.

Email

m@wrk.inc

Best for changes, questions and anything that can wait a day.

Phone

+41 76 240 56 62

Call or message if the site is down or something is urgent.

	RESPONSE
Questions, changes, new pages	within one working day
The site is down or broken	the same day

The words, explained.

The technical terms in this document, in a sentence each.

TERM	WHAT IT MEANS
Vercel	The hosting company the site runs on: a global network of servers that delivers the pages quickly wherever the visitor is.
Blob store	A small storage space attached to the site, where your Studio changes and uploaded photos are kept.
Repository, GitHub	The repository is the master copy of the site's code and original content, with its full history. GitHub is the service where it is kept.
Environment variable	A setting kept with the hosting rather than in the code, used for anything secret, such as passwords and keys.
API key	A secret code that lets the site use an outside service, here Anthropic's Claude, and on which its usage is billed.
Cache, revalidation	Pages are prepared in advance and kept ready (the cache). Revalidation refreshes them when something changes, so a Studio edit shows within moments.
DNS	The internet's address book: the setting that sends visitors who type your domain to the site on Vercel.
Staging	A private working address where the site runs before it goes live on its own domain.
CMS, Studio	A CMS (content management system) lets you edit a site without touching its code. Studio is yours, at /studio.
Override	A change made in Studio, stored on top of the original. Clearing all overrides returns the site to its original state.

Asante sana. It has been a pleasure to build a site for a house this beautiful. Send us your answers when you can, and we will take it from here to its own domain.

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