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MARA INTREPIDS – 5 STAR EXPERIENCE AT MAASAI MARA

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Let your imagination soar

Journey overview

Maasai Mara

Situated in the southwest of Kenya, covering an area of 1 510 square km (583 square miles), the Maasai Mara National Reserve is a land of breathtaking vistas, abundant wildlife and endless plains.

The quintessential Maasai Mara safari delivers many attractions, as the reserve is home to an excellent year-round concentration of game, including the more than two million wildebeest, zebras and other antelopes that make up the famous Great Migration.

Maasai Mara is one of Africa's Greatest Wildlife Reserves. Together with the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, it forms Africa's most diverse, incredible and most spectacular eco-systems, and possibly the world's top safari big game viewing eco-system. It hosts over 95 species of mammals and over 570 recorded species of birds. This is the **World Cup of Wildlife**.

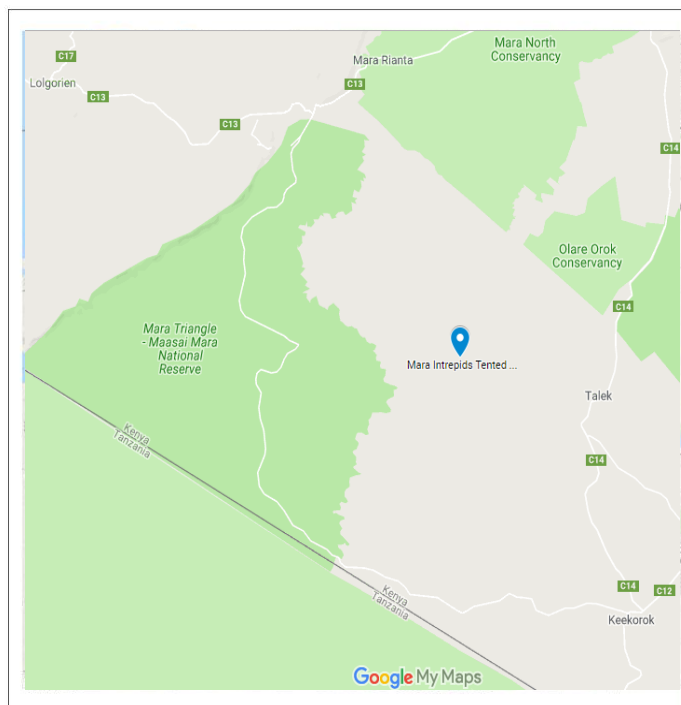
Due the amount to be seen in the reserve we feel a THREE to FOUR day safari is suitable for just the Maasai Mara. If you are interested in photography, the longer you stay, the more chance of getting the ultimate photographs. The reserve is a photographer's and naturalist's paradise, with abundant elephant, buffalo, giraffe, lion and cheetah alongside the migratory wildebeest and zebra. Leopards are frequently encountered, endangered black rhino hide in the dense thickets and large rafts of hippo and enormous crocodiles are found in the Mara River.

Specially created for

- Wildlife enthusiasts
- Luxury adventure travelers
- Families



At a glance



3 nights / 4 days

2 Guests

DAY	PROGRAMME
Day 1	Transfer from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Nairobi Wilson Airport Scheduled flight from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Olkiombo Airstrip Overnight: Mara Intrepid's Camp
Day 2	Overnight: Mara Intrepid's Camp
Day 3	Overnight: Mara Intrepid's Camp
Day 4	Scheduled flight from Olkiombo Airstrip to Nairobi Wilson Airport Departure

Expect the extraordinary

Mara Intrepids Camp

Maasai Mara, Kenya

Day 1

Pickup from Nairobi hotel, residence or airport and transfer to Nairobi Wilson Airport to board a flight to Mara. The flight will take you to Olkiombo Airstrip, from where your transfer could well be the first game drive! An Intrepid safari offers a unique game-viewing adventure, including three daily game drives with experienced guides, and trips to Maasai villages where we support several community development projects.

Evening game drive and return to camp for dinner and overnight.

Day 2

Awake to the noisy calls of the birds. After an early breakfast, Embark on a full day game drive in the Maasai Mara National Park with picnic lunch.

Game drives are always a delight here as they don't get much better than in this central triangle of the Maasai Mara. Lion, cheetah, buffalo, spotted hyena, black-backed jackal, bat-eared fox and various antelope are conspicuous in the plains that divide the rivers, whose confluence lies close to the main crossing point used by tens of thousands of wildebeest during the annual migration.

This part of the reserve receives fewer visitors than the eastern part and as such it is possible to drive long periods without seeing another vehicle.

Return to camp for dinner and overnight.

Day 3

Early breakfast then a full day of game viewing within the reserve. Elephant and buffalo abound in the riverine forests, while out on the grasslands impala and Thompson's gazelle can be seen together with their attendant predators such as lion, cheetah, hyena and jackal. Lesser-known species such as topi, hartebeest, waterbuck, eland and as well as many small mammals and bird species create a kaleidoscopic picture of wildlife.

Return to camp for dinner and overnight.

DEPARTURE

Day 4

Final early morning game drive, breakfast and then transfer to the airstrip for the 11am flight to Nairobi's Wilson airport (arriving at 12.15h).



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Mara Intrepids Camp

Maasai Mara, Kenya

Mara Intrepids is located in a special Leopard spotting zone of the Maasai Mara. Sitting above a sweeping bend in the Talek River at the confluence of the Maasai Mara's four game-viewing areas, Mara Intrepids enjoys one of the most spectacular locations in the Maasai Mara ecosystem. The camp is a short drive from the Mara River, where more than a million wildebeest and zebra make their perilous migration crossing every July and August. For the remainder of the year, the camp offers some of the world's finest game viewing, with large local populations of elephants, rhinos, buffalos, and many species of antelopes. The riverine woods are home to some of the famous cats in the Big Cat Diaries, including leopards, cheetah and lions.

Each tent is furnished in the classic style of the grand African safaris, with large four-poster beds and handsome reproduction furniture offset by modern en suite bathrooms with hot showers, flush toilets and all modern amenities.

Each tent sits on a shady platform, with sweeping views over the riverbanks where a wide variety of animals come to drink.

Dinner is usually served in a large dining room under a traditional makuti thatch roof, while breakfast and lunch are hosted on a breezy terrace beside the riverfront swimming pool. The main bar overlooks a suspension bridge, where our most exquisite residents make an appearance most evenings. Beside the bar is a fully equipped conference room, where our Maasai naturalists deliver evening slide shows on the local culture and wildlife - and where corporate groups can indulge in a spot of 'bush business'.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT MARA INTREPID CAMP

The camp is run on strict eco-principles, with hot water generated by burning used coffee husks, biodegradable waste mulched for compost, and all wastewater recycled through our own on-site constructed wetland.

Mara Intrepids is specially recommended for families on safari with children. There is an Adventurers Club for children which offers a special family programme at no extra cost designed for children accompanying their parents on safari. This provides the chance for children to learn about the wilds from Maasai naturalists who specialize in plants, wildlife and survival skills. Children participate in various activities at the camp including an obstacle course that portraying the challenges faced by wild animals.



Journey overview

Rate From: USD 1 600 per person

SEASONS	ADULT SHARING
High (1Aug - 31 Oct; 22 Dec - 2 Jan 2020)	\$2,300
Low (1 Nov - 21 Dec)	\$1,600

Flights

DETAILS	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL
Nairobi Wilson Airport to Olkiombo Airstrip	09:00am	10:15am
Olkiombo Airstrip to Nairobi Wilson Airport	11:00am	12:15pm

Accommodation

DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Maasai Mara	Mara Intrepids Camp	1x Tented Camp(s)
		All meals

Journey overview

What's included:

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals as specified
- Scheduled flights as specified in the itinerary
- Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Private/Scheduled game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary
- Concession and landing fees where applicable
- Domestic departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips unless otherwise stipulated
- Naturalists to look after the children
- Children activities like: interaction with Maasai from children to village elders, making campfires, throwing spears, basic Kiswahili lessons, tracking and spoor-casting, traditional dancing and much more.

What's not included:

- National Park Fees (USD 80 per person per 24 hours)
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Drinks
- Laundry
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- International flights to and from Nairobi and other flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- National parks and concession fees not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Visa fees (please be sure to check if visas are required)

Note:

- Additional nights may be added or reduced subject to availability.
- Child prices and single supplements can be inquired for.

Add to your stay

- i. Add a Hot Air Balloon Safari across the vast plains of the Great Maasai Mara to your package for only \$490 per person.



- ii. Add a 3 night stay to your Mara Intrepid's package at some of East Africa's most luxurious hotels:

HOTEL	LOCATION	PRICE PER PERSON SHARING
The Residence	Zanzibar	\$ 2,200
Hemingway's	Watamu	\$ 1,500
The Sands at Nomads	Diani	\$ 1,500
Swahili Beach Resort	Diani	\$ 1,000

NB:

- All return flights and transfers to resorts are included.
- Option for more or less nights are available upon request.
- Extra activities at resorts can be organized at a separate cost.
- All hotels are booked on Full Board Meal plan.
- More hotel options available upon request.



The Residence



Hemingway's



Sands at Nomads



Swahili Beach

The details are in the fine print

Kenya

INSURANCE

It is essential that adequate travel insurance be taken out prior to departure. It is important to note that it is recommended to purchase travel insurance within 14 days from paying your deposit. This should cover any medical situation such as hospitalization, as well as cancellation, curtailment of arrangements and baggage.

CHECK-IN TIMES

In accordance with global practice, all hotel and lodge check-in/out times are as follows:

Check-in: 14h00; Check-out: 11h00

LANGUAGE

The national language in Kenya is Swahili, although English is widely spoken.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Bring sufficient memory cards and batteries as these are not always readily available. Remember to ask permission before taking a photograph of any local resident.

The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones) is not allowed in any of the conservation areas, until such time as their impact on wildlife and anti-poaching initiatives can be assessed. This rule applies throughout Africa.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note that local laws, religious beliefs and cultural practices in parts of Africa may be more conservative than those in your country of origin. As these must be observed and adhered to, we suggest that guests carry out due diligence on any areas of concern to them and exercise their discretion when travelling in the region.

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MONEY

Banks and foreign exchange bureaus are available at all international airports and in all main towns.

Officials may not be in a position to issue change, so please carry small denominations of cash where possible. Most hotels and lodges accept Visa and MasterCard. In addition to credit cards, travelers should bring USD cash. Small denominations are recommended as high denomination notes may not be accepted or change may not be available. Credit card transactions could take anything up to a few months to go through, especially from more remote areas. USD are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2006 are no longer accepted.

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CLIMATE

Hot and humid at the coast; temperate inland; very dry in the north; warmest period is February and March and the coolest July and August; rainfall in April, May and November

Generally temperatures are pleasant averaging 26°C (78°F) during the day; sometimes rising above 30°C (86°F) in the coastal and northern regions

DIETARY

Most dietary requirements can be catered for. Please advise us of any specific dietary requirements before you travel and these will be communicated to all properties.

WHAT TO PACK

As a general guide, comfortable, casual wash and wear clothes are recommended. Muted colors are recommended for game-viewing. Game-drives are conducted in the early morning and late afternoon, which can be very cold, especially in winter.

The most practical items to pack for safari are:

- Khaki, green, beige and neutral colors (dark blue and black should be avoided, as it attracts Tsetse flies)
- Shirts with long sleeves (even in summer, as protection from the sun, mosquitoes and Tsetse flies)
- T-shirts
- Shorts or a light skirt
- Jeans or safari trousers for evenings and cooler days
- A jacket and sweater is recommended for early morning and evening game drives
- Lightweight water-proof jacket
- Swim and beachwear
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sun block, sunglasses, hat, moisturizer and lip-salve are all essentials
- Strong insect repellent like Mozzie Guard
- Binoculars and camera equipment

Laundry: Most lodges, camps and hotels do their best to deliver a same day laundry service, weather permitting. Dry cleaning can be arranged at most hotels but is not available at lodges. At the lodges soap suds are generally provided in your room for delicate items. Please be mindful that, due to culture and customs in many of the areas in which we operate, some lodges/camps do not wash underwear. While most lodges/camps can arrange for your shoes to be polished, we regret that we are unable to provide a service for these to be washed.

The details are in the fine print

PLASTIC BAGS ILLEGAL IN KENYA

Kenya joins over 40 countries that have made plastic bags illegal, in a positive effort to reduce the impact on our environment.

The ban applies to carrier bags with handles (and with or without gussets), and flat bags without handles and without gussets.

If you are travelling to Kenya, plastic bags that match the above description, including duty free bags, will be confiscated at the airport. However, there is a bigger risk that if anyone is caught using these plastic bags, the fine is KSh4 000 000 (approximately USD 38 000) or a prison sentence of up to four years. If you are travelling to Kenya, please refrain from using all forms of 'disposable' plastic bags in both main luggage and hand luggage, to avoid inconveniences and possibly prosecution.

ELECTRICITY

220/240 volts AC, 50Hz. It is possible that lodges in more remote areas do not have electricity and run on generator or solar power.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please consult your physician for advice on **malaria** precautions before travel to East Africa.

Anyone who takes any special medication should take enough supplies to last the visit.

Yellow Fever:

Swahili Eco Safaris' Terms and Conditions require you to obtain advice from your medical practitioner or travel clinic before traveling to any destination to determine if you are required to get a Yellow Fever vaccination, no less than 10 days prior to travel. If required you must be able to produce a Yellow Fever certificate as proof of vaccination. Depending on which countries you are traveling to prior or post your stay in Kenya the certificate will be required. The certificate may also be required when re-entering your country of origin, or other African countries, if you have visited a destination within the Yellow Fever belt. For more information you may consult the following website but we must reiterate that we advise you to visit your medical practitioner or your closest travel clinic for further information. <http://www.who.int/ith/vaccines/yf/en/>

Swahili Eco Safaris recommends that travelers entering Kenya directly from non-endemic countries receive the vaccination in their home country. Kenya health officials can be inconsistent in enforcing the correct regulations; however, when they do, and travellers do not have the required documentation, this can result in refusal of entry and unnecessary delays.

Additionally, it is essential for those travelling from the Masai Mara (Kenya) to the Serengeti (Tanzania), via Migori and Tarime, to obtain a Yellow Fever certificate. Tanzanian health officials have held guests at the Isibania Border for extended periods of time, due to lack of certificates. Failure to provide a Yellow Fever certificate, at these specific destinations, may result in refusal of entry. For more information about Yellow Fever endemic countries, please see the list provided by the World Health Organisation: https://www.who.int/ith/ith_country_list.pdf

Ticks:

Ticks can be found in Africa's wilderness areas. To avoid getting bitten when going on bush walks, guests are advised to take precautions by wearing long trousers, socks and boots. Please note that there is a possibility that tick bites could lead to tick bite fever. Symptoms include fever, headaches and painful, enlarged lymph glands in the area of the bite. If you experience these symptoms after returning home, please visit your doctor and advise them of the possibility of tick bite fever.

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SAFETY

Like anywhere else in the world, visitors must always take reasonable precautions as opportunistic crime does happen and it can be best described as when an opportunity presents itself and subsequently tempts a person to steal.

Most accommodations offer in-room or reception safes to secure your valuables.

Visitors are advised not to leave their belongings or personal property unattended.

Do not carry large sums of money or valuables on your person.

Always buy your excursions from a licensed operator, your hotel or travel agent representatives can assist you with verification.

FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS

Check-in is 1 hour prior for domestic departures and 2 hours prior for international departures.

Due to particularly stringent security measures at airports in Kenya, guests are required to arrive an additional hour prior to their departure time:

- 3 hours prior to international departures
- 2 hours prior to domestic departures

Scheduled regional and inter-lodge flights may involve multiple stops before reaching the final destination. Flights are operated as “shuttle transfers” and therefore departure times may vary up to 1 hour. Times are subject to change without notice.

In the event of bad weather, airlines reserve the right to drop guests off at the nearest serviceable airstrip which may mean a road transfer for guests to get to their final destination. Any costs resulting from such diversions would be for your own account. Aircrafts used on inter-lodge flights are small and interior space limited. In addition, some activity and scenic air operators may also have weight and/or height restrictions. For the sake of your own comfort, please advise us at time of booking if you are particularly bulky or tall and we will do our best to accommodate you. Additional costs may apply.

Swahili Eco Safaris cannot be held responsible should airlines discontinue flights or change scheduled times resulting in missed connections etc. Should an amendment in a routing or itinerary be necessary, we will re-quote accordingly

LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS - KENYA

As you will be travelling in vehicles and aircraft with limited space, luggage is required to be packed in a soft bag weighing a maximum of 15kg (33 lbs) which includes hand luggage and camera equipment.

Type of luggage & dimensions: Soft bags with maximum dimensions of 35cm (13.7 inches) wide x 40 cm (15.7 inches) high and 70 cm (27.5 inches) long. Wheels on a bag are only permissible if they are not part of a solid frame or rigid structure. No hard suitcases are allowed and oversized bags may not be carried on your lap. An additional seat can be booked for extra luggage, subject to availability.

When travelling to any of our destinations in Africa, please remember that possession of wildlife trophies is illegal. A wildlife trophy is defined as “any protected animal, game animal, or game bird, alive or dead and any bone, claw, egg, feather, hair, hoof, skin, tooth, tusk or other durable portion whatsoever of that animal or bird or fish or other aquatic life whether processed, added to or changed by the work of man or not, which is recognizable as such a durable portion”. Any person found in possession of these restricted items, without the necessary permits, will be liable to a fine and/or prison term, with the said item being confiscated. In Kenya, certain items made from the ostrich and crocodile skin, both of which are being reared for the purpose, would be permitted as proper permits are issued by the dealers.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that you have at least 2 consecutive blank visa pages (not endorsement pages) in your passport. Our recommendation is 3 or even 4 blank pages if you are travelling through more than one country. If there is insufficient space in the passport then entry could be denied.

The details are in the fine print

Visa applications to enter Kenya can be done online via <https://immigration.ecitizen.go.ke/index.php?id=5> .Visas can also be acquired upon arrival. Where visas can be obtained at port of entry, fees are payable in USD, cash only, we recommend small denominations of bills not older than 2008. Officials are not in a position to give change. It is recommended to obtain visas prior to arrival as there is a likelihood of long queues at all airports.

If guests are travelling to Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya, they can apply for a multi-entry East Africa Tourist Visa for all three countries, prior to arrival, at a cost of USD 100. This visa is valid for 90 days. The East African Visa is valid for multiple entries into Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. It is for use only within these three countries. The issuing country has to be the first point of entry. Should one leave the three countries, the visa is not valid for re-entry into any of the three. This is particularly important for itineraries that run Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda or vice versa. As Tanzania is NOT a signatory to this visa, it cannot be used for re-entry.

Kenya Single Entry Visa - Visitors who have obtained a visa for Kenya and then leave the country to travel to either Tanzania, Rwanda or Uganda will not need a re-entry visa to return to Kenya. The single entry visa will still be applicable, and will only cease to be acceptable if the re-entry is more than 30 days from the first issue or you go beyond the boundaries of East Africa.

Guests travelling from Tanzania to Kenya must obtain a valid Kenyan visa before travel in order to confirm domestic flights between Nairobi and the Masai Mara National Park. This is due to the delays in the processing of visas for guests connecting between Arusha, Tanzania and Nairobi, Kenya and the knock on effect on domestic flight schedules. Guests arriving at Dar es Salaam and Kilimanjaro Airports (Tanzania) and subsequently traveling to Kenya are required to obtain a Kenyan visa before travel.

Depending on nationality and country of origin, visa requirements may vary or change without notice. We advise checking with the appropriate consular authority prior to departure. Should the appropriate authority confirm that visas can be obtained on arrival, please ensure you have the applicable fee available.

Get in touch with us

Request for a tailor-made safari based on your requirements [HERE](#).

Should you require any further assistance, kindly do not hesitate to contact us.

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