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MARA EXPLORER CAMP, MASAI MARA RESERVE

LOCATION

Coordinates
GPS [S 1 24.739; E 35 07.414]

This luxurious tented camp lies at the confluence of the Masai Mara's four main game-viewing areas, and enjoys prime views of the spectacular wildebeest migration between July and September. During the remainder of the year, herds of watering elephant, giraffe and other animals can often be seen from your private veranda. Mara Explorer's own all-weather airstrip means you can be in camp less than an hour after leaving the bustle of Nairobi

Why Mara Explorer?

- Ten luxury river-facing tents, with hand crafted four-poster king size beds
- The wildest out-door bath tubs in the Masai Mara
- Unbridled view of many animals from the comfort of the camp
- Connectivity with our sister camp in Samburu and luxury resorts in the coast for complete safari circuits
- Located in the middle of the four game viewing areas of the Masai Mara Reserve
- Good game viewing and birding all year through
- Own airstrip just a quick 3-minute drive from the camp and 45 minutes flight from Nairobi
- Open sided safari jeeps for best game viewing 3 drives in the game reserve daily
- Knowledgeable and gold-certified guides

ACCOMMODATION:

This exclusive five-star camp offers 10 luxurious and well-spaced tents, each with its own private river frontage and views over the Talek's wildlife-rich southern banks.

The tents have been specially designed to open up to the sky and, on a deck on one side, a Victorian claws-foot bathtub offers secluded open-air bathing – and a unique new perspective of the African bush.

HOTEL CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

Normal checkout time is 10am.

GETTING THERE

Mara Explorer is 298 kilometres and a six-hour drive from Nairobi, while our all-weather airstrip, OI Kiombo, enables guests to be at the camp within 45 minutes of leaving the capital. The airstrip is serviced twice daily by both Safarilink and Air

Kenya from Wilson Airport in Nairobi.

The Board basis is usually all inclusive, which includes three lip-smacking meals, alcoholic and soft beverages, accommodation in our en suite luxury tents, three game drives a day in our open-sided Land Rover jeeps, laundry and either a bush breakfast or bush dinner during the duration of stay. A typical stay is usually 3 days (2 nights), but a longer stay is advised for better incursion in the Maasai country and immersion into their culture and to fully enjoy the safari experience.

FACILITIES

- Riverfront dining area and luxurious lounge
- Private bar with well-stocked guests' library
- Large secluded verandas with chaise longues
- Custom-built four-wheel-drive safari vehicles
- Personal radio communications in each tent
- Board games, playing cards and other pastimes
- All-weather airstrip 2km from camp
- Reliable 240-volt electrical supply
- Swimming pool at our sister camp.

SERVICES

- Personal butler on 24-hour call
- Full daily laundry and valet services
- Early morning calls with tea or coffee
- Safety deposit boxes for valuables
- Foreign currency exchange service
- Mineral water & insect repellent in tents
- Electric sockets for battery-charging
- Telephone and e-mail by arrangement
- Resident doctor available 24 hours.

ACTIVITIES

- Private game drives with experienced personal guides
- Walking safaris in the Mara Conservation Area
- Bush breakfasts and dinners under the stars
- Romantic sundowners in spectacular selected sites
- Visits to Maasai communities supported by the camp
- Transfers for early-morning hot air balloon rides
- Astronomy with resident naturalist with cultural interpretations
- Lectures and slide shows on Maasai culture and wildlife
- Catering for private parties and special occasions.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

AIRPORT DEPARTURE TAX AND SERVICE CHARGE

Airport departure taxes are now included in price of the international flight ticket for all three East African countries. It is also the policy of most travel agencies to quote domestic fares inclusive of airport taxes.

CLIMATE

The equator divides Kenya: Seasons run as follows
Summer: September - April 34°C/194°F 20°C/68°F
Winter: May - August 25°C/77°F 11°C/52°F
Rainfall: April - May (long rains), November - Mid December (short rains)

WHAT TO WEAR

Cotton shirts, skirts and khaki shorts or pants. Carry a jacket, warm sweater/fleece and socks, especially for early morning game drives.

Additionally, one can pack safari hats, sun cream, sun glasses, insect repellent and swim wear.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY

It's 220/240 v 50hz.
Plugs are 3 point square.
Those coming from North America with IIOv/60hz appliances should be sure to use an appropriate transformer.

Power is by generator, which is switched on at 5.00 am till 4.00pm, and 6.00 pm till 12 midnight. It is possible to re-charge your electrical appliances, including video camera batteries, laptops, tablets, cell phones, etc in your room, as well as use appliances like hair dryers. Extra batteries, chargers and camera memory cards can be bought at the hotel's boutique.

HEALTH

Vaccines commended for travellers to Africa include those against – check with travel agent at time of travel:

- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Polio
- Typhoid
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Yellow fever*
- Rabies
- Meningitis

Certificates are required for entry into, or travel between, some African countries

Several of these vaccines require more than one dose, or take time to become effective. Seek advice on immunisation well in advance, best 6 weeks before departure.

In Kenya, excellent medical facilities are available in Nairobi but at a fee. There is NO free health care provided. Our hotels have a camp doctor and nurse on duty but in case of specialized treatment, evacuation has to be arranged.

Malaria

This is a disease spread by the female anopheles mosquitoes that bite mainly at dusk and at night. It is advisable that every traveler to Africa consult with their doctor before arriving. We provide mosquito nets for night protection, as well as repellents for use during the day.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

Please check the validity of your insurance against personal injuries and any loss. Heritage Hotels will not accept liability against injury or loss.

TIME ZONE

Kenya is GMT + 0300 hours.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official languages of the Republic of Kenya are Kiswahili and English.

BANKS

Most banks are open from 09:00 to 16.00 from Monday to Friday and half day on Saturdays except at the airport where the services are available 24 hrs. Banks with branches in major shopping malls open longer.

CURRENCY

The official currency of the Republic of Kenya is the Kenya Shilling (Ksh).

Major currencies like the US Dollar, British pounds and Euro are accepted (enquire at the hotel for daily exchange rates). However, US Dollar bills printed between 1996 and 1999 are generally not accepted in Kenya due to excessive forgery.

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city.

Heritage accepts Visa, MasterCard, Amex and PayPal.

