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Included in your stay

Airstrip Transfer

On touchdown at our Privately Owned airstrip you will be greeted by a Mara Gypsy representative and escorted to the camp.

3 Meals A Day

Our menu is international and inspired by Africa with the fresh local produce it provides, our cuisine is sure to be one of the highlights of your stay. However, should you have any special dietary requirements; halaal, kosher or vegetarian, let us know in advance, and we'll do our utmost to make sure we have exactly what you need. Should specific items need to be flown in, it is best if advance knowledge of this requirement is known in order for us to cater for you

Beverages

Bottled water, soft drinks, house wines and local spirits are included.

Fine wines and spirits available for purchase.

Vintage wines, champagne, please ask and we will try and source a specific wine for you. – Charges apply.

Activities

2 Game Drives Daily

Overnight Wildcat Watches· Hill Top Star Gazing· Maasai Manyatta Visit· Sun Downers

Maasai School Visit· Private Bush Dining· Botanical Wonder· Bird Watching Point·

Tree Top Massage

Guided Nature Walks· Resident Leopard Watch· Maasai Weaponry·

Jungle Pedicure and Manicure

Golf Driving Range

Mountain Biking· Lounge enjoy and purchase African artifacts ·

Daytime Mara Picnics

Children's fresh water crabbing and fishing

If you would like to hire your own private safari vehicle and guide please enquire,
(Extra charge will apply)

Park Fees are not included in your stay, however, can be pre-arranged,
currently Park fees are \$40 per person per day and Conservation Fees of \$40 per day.
(Fees are subject to change)

PRIVATE BUTLER SERVICE, PRIVATE SAFE, LAUNDRY/VALET SERVICE

Length of Stay

We recommend a minimum of 3 to 4 nights stay to fully appreciate the game drives and luxury tented experience.

Children

Children are welcome, however, you will need to speak to our agent in the first instance.

Security

Visitors should take the same care as they would normally take in any other destination worldwide. A safe is located in your tent for your personal use, and there will be a Ranger on site at all times for your personal safety. Every precaution is taken for our guest's safety; therefore we have ample security on site 24 hours a day

Wedding Requirements

Your Personal Mara Gypsy Wedding Co-ordinator on hand every step of the way.

When planning your Wedding Safari, the following needs to be considered:

The couple must spend at least 2 working days in Nairobi before the wedding.

The wedding can only take place after a 4 day stay in Kenya
Original passport and birth certificate are needed in Kenya

Prior to your wedding we will require the following documents:

- Copy of passport of bride and groom
- Copy of birth certificate of bride and groom
- Affidavit that bride and groom are single
- If divorced: decree absolute

All details above are correct at time of print

Your personal Mara Gypsy Wedding Coordinator or our Travel Agent will be happy to assist you further with any of the above.



MARA GYPSY

THE LUXURY SAFARI CAMP

Travel Requirements

Our Travel Agent and Mara Gypsy will be happy to arrange your flights

Airport International: Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Nairobi
Airport Local: Wilson Airport Nairobi for internal flights.

There are direct flights from many European cities to Nairobi. Visitors from the Americas will find connections via these European cities. For those coming from Australia and Asia there are flights via Johannesburg and the Middle East. Indian travellers will be able to fly direct from Delhi and Mumbai to Nairobi.

On arrival at the airport our representative will meet you and will have arranged for your transfer to the hotel or close by Wilson Airport in Nairobi where you will be flown directly to our private airstrip

With its privately owned airstrip, a 45-minute flight from Nairobi or Mombasa will see you touch down in this arena of nature, as long as there are no elephants on the run way!

Alternatively, a 5-6 hour drive from Nairobi will see you here. The majority of the roads (80%) are Man-made and graded. The other 20% will be a fun filled bumpy roller coaster safari ride. Though the drive is longer it is filled with spectacular sights of local villages, Maasai Manyattas and wildlife, not forgetting the awe-inspiring 'Great Rift Valley' a sight not to be missed.

Your passport will need to be valid for at least 6 months from the date of departure.

Residents from most countries are required to have a 3-month multiple entry visa to enter Kenya. This can be obtained for a fee, on entry at the airport, or contact your local Kenyan Embassy or Consulate for rules applying to you.

Medical

Kenya enjoys a healthy and invigorating climate. Visitors need feel no concern for their general health during their stay. If you are on regular medication e.g. diabetic, please ensure you have adequate supplies to last, as the correct type may not be readily available in Kenya.

As vaccination requirements change from time to time, we suggest you consult your local doctor or health department for the latest health precautions. Some of these treatments require a course of injections so don't delay, give yourself time.

Anti-malarial precautions are required. As there are various types of medication to help prevent malaria, we would advise that you contact your Doctor before departing on your trip.

During your stay it is still important to cover up with insect repellent.

Insurance

You will need to have a comprehensive travel insurance policy. You must make sure that it will cover you for safaris and any other hazardous activities you may wish to take part in such as ballooning, diving etc. If you are unsure that your policy is adequate contact your insurer.

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Packing Essentials

Due to Kenya's varied terrain the weather can vary. Out on the Mara, the climate is generally hot and humid; however, the evenings can become quite cold.

To cover the wide range of temperatures you will require lightweight clothing for the day with warmer items for the evening. It is advisable to wear layers of clothing that way you would be able to regulate your body temperature more easily. Even during the monsoon seasons the sun is still very strong. You are advised to wear a broad rimmed hat, sunglasses and UPV protection as there is no shelter out on the Mara Plains. As it is possible to have rain you would also need to have a lightweight wind/waterproof jacket. Trainers (sneakers) are fine for safari walks.

You can wear whatever you prefer around the lodge and dining rooms. Formal wear isn't always practical, but of course it's up to you.

Cameras, Mobiles and Laptops

Photography

Cameras a must! This trip will leave you with some awesome memories and there'll be an abundance of opportunities to catch the moment on film or digital. If you are bringing a digital camera we recommend a good optical zoom (8x or more) - this is ideal for game photography.

Certain tribes will accept being photographed, usually in exchange for a small sum of money. The Maasai are more reticent than the others and our guides will advise you.

Mobiles

Mobiles - remember the intention is to be submerged in nature and not to intrude on your magnificent host so although we have facilities to charge your mobile and laptop hopefully you will not be needing to use it them that extensively.

Email and Internet facilities will be available, however due to the remoteness, connection maybe intermittent.

Power supply

Kenya uses the British 240-volt system and 3-pin plugs. Electrical goods designed for 220 volts can be used safely. There will be facilities for recharging video and camera batteries.

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Kenya

Sitting across the equator and on the east coast of Africa, Kenya has a varied terrain. On the coast you will find tropical sandy beaches and coral reefs, while inland the terrain is more arid and teeming with wildlife. A safari holiday in Kenya provides the opportunity to watch this wild life.

Best time to visit

Any time! The landscape changes with every season so each visit will give you a different perspective of the African bush.

Migration

The migration of over two million animals in Kenya (Maasai Mara National Reserve) is from about June until October. The exact timing is unpredictable as it varies according to the rains.

Local time

UTC/GMT +3 hours

Currency/Money

Kenyan Shilling

You will find ATMs in most major towns and they usually support Master Card, Visa and Visa Plus. With traveller's cheques you maybe charged commission usually about 1%.

Generally you will not need cash, as at Mara Gypsy almost everything is included in your room rate. You are welcome to pay in cash for any extras such as souvenirs from the gift shop or beauty treatments, champagnes etc or we can just charge these to your room. We accept all major credit cards to cover any of your additional expenses.

Language

English and Swahili

Mara Gypsy or our Travel Agent, who is registered with IATA, KATA, UFTAA (Universal Federation of Travel Agent's Association) will be happy to assist you with any further questions or queries via our contact page.