



Luxury Maasai Mara Safari Escape

4 Nights / 5 Days **Safari**

	Destination	Maasai Mara – Kenya	Valid until December 2027
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Cost Summary

GROUP SIZE	ADULT PRICE PER PERSON (USD)		ADDITIONAL AMMOUNT FOR SINGLE ROOMS	TRAVELING WITH KIDS
	MIGRATION SEASON (15th July - 15th October) and CHRISTMAS (20th December - 3rd January)	SHOULDER SEASONS (4th January - 14th July and 16th October - 19th December)		
1 PERSON	USD 7,025	USD 5,390	INCLUDED	ADDITIONAL & SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS AVAILABLE!
2 PEOPLE	USD 5,520	USD 4,330	USD 788- USD 1140	
3 PEOPLE	USD 5,490	USD 4,310	USD 788- USD 1140	
4 PEOPLE	USD 5,480	USD 4,290	USD 788- USD 1140	
5 PEOPLE	USD 5,470	USD 4,280	USD 788- USD 1140	
6 PEOPLE	USD 5,465	USD 4,275	USD 788- USD 1140	
7 PEOPLE	USD 5,460	USD 4,270	USD 788- USD 1140	

Accommodation Gallery



Sentinel Mara Camp, Mara River, Maasai Mara National Reserve



Accommodation Information

(Click on the blue links to view photo galleries)

Location	Accommodation (Click on the link to view the gallery)	Classification	Number of Nights
Maasai Mara National Reserve, Maasai Mara	Sentinel Mara Camp, Mara River, Maasai Mara	Luxury Tented Safari Camp with only 10 tents	4



Daily Itinerary

Day	Description	Travel
Day 1	<u>ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI & TRANSFER LUXURY MAASAI MARA SAFARI</u> Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, you will be met by our representative and assisted with your transfer to Wilson Airport, Nairobi's domestic airport, for your onward flight to the Maasai Mara. Your flight to the Mara is included, offering a convenient and scenic journey from the city into the heart of Kenya's spectacular wilderness. Upon landing at the Maasai Mara airstrip, you will be warmly welcomed by your safari guide, who will introduce you to the Mara and begin your safari adventure. From the airstrip, enjoy your first glimpse of the reserve as you make your way towards Sentinel Mara Camp, with the possibility of encountering wildlife along the way. Nestled along the banks of the Mara River, Sentinel Mara Camp offers an intimate and beautifully situated base from which to experience the Maasai Mara. Surrounded by nature and tucked beneath the shade of indigenous trees, the camp combines the atmosphere of an authentic tented safari with thoughtful comforts and attentive and service. Arriving in time for lunch, settle into your beautifully appointed tent and take some time to unwind after your journey. Enjoy a leisurely lunch, relax on your private veranda, or simply soak up the sights and sounds of the surrounding wilderness. In the afternoon, it is time to head out on your first game drive in the Maasai Mara. As the heat of the day begins to ease and the afternoon light takes on a golden glow, wildlife becomes increasingly active. With your experienced safari guide, begin exploring the Mara's rich plains and riverine landscapes, watching for lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest and the many other species that call this remarkable ecosystem home. Return to Sentinel Mara Camp as the sun begins to set, with the Mara transforming beneath the warm evening skies. Enjoy a delicious dinner and a relaxed evening around camp before retiring to your comfortable tent.	 

As darkness settles over the wilderness, listen to the sounds of the African bush surrounding you and enjoy your first night beneath the stars. **Your luxury Maasai Mara safari has officially begun.**



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THREE DAYS OF LUXURY SAFARI LIFE IN THE MAASAI MARA

For the next three days and nights, **settle into the rhythm of safari life** as you explore the extraordinary Maasai Mara National Reserve, with Sentinel Mara Camp providing your intimate and comfortable base in the wilderness.

Located in a prime position within the reserve, along the Mara River and close to the Musiara Marsh, Sentinel Mara Camp offers an exceptional setting for experiencing the Maasai Mara. With **just 10 tents**, the camp has a wonderfully **small and intimate atmosphere**, while **full-board accommodation and drinks are included** throughout your stay.

Each day offers a new opportunity to **discover the Mara's incredible wildlife and landscapes**. As game drives are shared with other guests, morning and afternoon drives generally follow a regular schedule, allowing everyone to enjoy a well-paced safari experience. **Your day will typically begin with an early morning game drive**, when the bush is cool and wildlife is at its most active.

As the first light spreads across the savannah, you may encounter Lions returning from a night of hunting, Cheetahs scanning the plains, Leopards stalking in the riverine woodlands, Elephants making their way to the Marsh, and even vast herds of Wildebeest and Zebra within season.

Other potential sightings include Giraffes, Topi, Jackson's Hartebeest, Buffalo, Warthogs, Hippos, Crocodiles, Jackals, Bat-Eared Foxes, Impalas, Gazelles, Mongooses among a plethora of other wildlife including some incredible Vultures, Eagles and other birdlife. With the Mara's diverse habitats supporting an extraordinary variety of species, every game drive offers a new and memorable encounter.

After your morning adventure, return to Sentinel Mara Camp for a **delicious breakfast** and some time to relax or head out on a **second short game drive** before lunch.

If you would like to spend longer out in the reserve, you can request a **longer game drive with either a picnic breakfast or picnic lunch**. A picnic breakfast is recommended to maximise your game-viewing time during the cooler early morning hours, while a picnic lunch can be a particularly good option during migration season, when you may wish to spend several hours waiting for a river crossing. Your guide will do their best to accommodate your request, while taking into consideration the preferences and plans of the other guests sharing the vehicle.

In camp and between drives, you can **enjoy the peaceful riverside setting** with a book, a stroll or simply taking in the scene and the sights and sounds of the surrounding wilderness.

In the afternoon, head back into the reserve for your **evening game drive**. As temperatures cool, wildlife activity increases once again,

Day 2 - 4



offering another opportunity to search for predators, elephants, giraffes, buffalo, hippos, crocodiles and the Mara's abundant plains game.

The evening light can be particularly magical, with the golden savannah creating a spectacular backdrop for photography. With your experienced safari guide sharing their knowledge of the ecosystem, every drive brings the possibility of something unexpected.

Return to Sentinel Mara Camp after your evening exploration for a **delicious dinner** and a relaxing evening. Before dinner, gather around the **campfire** with your guide and fellow guests, sharing stories and highlights from the day as you enjoy a drink under the African sky. Then settle in for a wonderful meal before retiring to your tent. As darkness settles over the Mara, listen to the sounds of the African night and enjoy the feeling of being immersed in the wilderness.

Over these three days, there will be plenty of time **to slow down, disconnect from everyday life and embrace the natural rhythm of the Maasai Mara**. Whether you are tracking wildlife, exploring on foot, enjoying a sundowner, experiencing the local Maasai culture or simply relaxing at camp and having a siesta, these days offer the perfect balance between adventure, culture, wildlife and comfort and an authentic immersion in to one of Kenya's most remarkable wild habitats.

DISCOVER THE MARA ON FOOT

One of the included special experiences available at Sentinel is a guided nature walk around camp. Accompanied by your guide, slow down and discover the smaller details of the ecosystem that can easily be missed from a safari vehicle. Look out for colourful birds, tracks, insects, plants and other fascinating signs of life while learning more about the Mara's riverine woodland eco-system.

Optional experiences include:

- **Maasai Village Visit** – Meet members of the local Maasai community and learn about their traditions, culture and way of life. This experience may need to be pre-booked, so please contact us in advance if you would like to include it. There will be an **additional cost of USD 20 per person** for this experience.
- **Hot-Air Balloon Safari** – Rise before dawn for an unforgettable aerial perspective of the Maasai Mara, floating silently above the plains as the sun rises. This experience is available at an additional cost of **USD 550 per person**.
- **Guided Walking Safari** – Experience the Maasai Mara from a completely different perspective on foot, accompanied by



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one of the area's top walking guides and an armed ranger for added safety. A walking safari offers an opportunity to slow down and discover the smaller details of the ecosystem, from tracks and plants to insects and birds, while learning about the landscape and wildlife on foot. This is an early morning 2-3 hour activity which culminates in a breakfast in the bush. Available at an additional cost of **USD 100 per group** of up to 6 people for the armed ranger. If you intend to walk please ensure your insurance covers the activity as you will need to sign a liability waiver in order to partake in the same.

- **Conservation and Culture Talks** – If interested request a talk about conservation challenges and solutions in the Mara from the Sentinel Team. Alternatively they do a great job of explaining Maasai culture and traditions as well. If you would like to hear from some of the conservation NGO's in this landscape such as the Mara Meru Cheetah Project, Mara Elephant Project, The Mara Raptor Project, The Maa Trust or our very own Philanthropy Project to safeguard the Mara's community owned wildlife conservancies from future collapse, then please let us know and we can see what we can arrange and at what costs this might incur for this non-typical but enlightening experience. Usually this will range between \$300 to \$1000, part of which will cover logistics and part of which might form part of a donation to their projects.



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Day 5	<u>FAREWELL TO THE MAASAI MARA & RETURN TO NAIROBI</u> Enjoy a leisurely final morning at Sentinel Mara Camp, taking time to savour your last moments surrounded by the sights and sounds of the Maasai Mara. After breakfast, relax and enjoy the peaceful setting of camp before preparing for your departure. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have the opportunity to enjoy a short final game drive or spend a little more time at camp before making your way to the airstrip. A picnic lunch will be provided for you to enjoy during your journey, allowing you to make the most of your final hours in the Mara. You will then be transferred to the local airstrip for your return flight from the Maasai Mara to Nairobi's Wilson Airport. Sit back and enjoy the changing scenery as the Mara's golden plains gradually give way to the landscapes surrounding Nairobi. Upon arrival at Wilson Airport, you will be met and transferred by taxi to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) for your onward international flight. As your safari comes to an end, take with you the memories of incredible wildlife encounters, breathtaking landscapes, magical sunsets and unforgettable moments spent in the Maasai Mara. Safari memories made. Until next time, Kenya!	 

What's Included

- 4 nights' accommodation at Sentinel Mara Camp on a Full Board basis, including drinks.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout your stay at camp, including a Bush Breakfast and Sundowners.
- All applicable Maasai Mara National Reserve park fees for 4 nights.
- Shared vehicle game drives in the Maasai Mara with a highly experienced and professional safari guide.
- Return scheduled flights between Nairobi's Wilson Airport and the Maasai Mara.
- Airport transfers between Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) and Wilson Airport.
- Guided nature walks or bird walks around the camp.
- Transfers between the Maasai Mara airstrip and Sentinel Mara Camp.
- Authentic Maasai village visit, offering an opportunity to learn about the local Maasai culture and way of life.
- Picnic lunch on the day of departure from the Maasai Mara.

What's Not Included

- International flights (available upon request).
- Kenya tourist visa (we recommend applying online before travel).
- Gratuities for guides and hotel staff.
- Premium Alcohol, Champagne and Cigars.
- Peak season surcharges, including Christmas, New Year and Easter periods.
- Visas and visa processing fees, available on request.
- Comprehensive travel and medical insurance – mandatory and available on request.
- Any services, activities, meals or expenses not specifically included in the itinerary.
- Optional at an additional cost:
 - Maasai village, school and church visits. Donation Recommended.
 - Hot-air balloon safari. USD 550 per person.
 - 2–4 hour walking safari with an armed ranger and guide – USD 100 per group of up to 6 people.
 - Conservation talks by local organisations, including the Mara Elephant Project, Mara Meru Cheetah Project and Mara Predator Conservation Programme, The Mara Raptor Project, Wild Orchid Philanthropy. POA.

Optional activities are not included in the safari cost and must be pre-booked in advance, subject to availability.



Add-On Experiences

Extend your Kenyan Adventure!

Your Maasai Mara safari can be extended or enhanced with a range of optional experiences, allowing you to discover more of Kenya's diverse landscapes, wildlife, cultures and communities.

Speak to us about adding any of the following to your itinerary:

EXTEND YOUR STAY IN NAIROBI

Add a few extra nights in Nairobi and experience **the energy and spice of Africa's fastest-growing city**. Discover its vibrant food scene, cultural attractions, galleries, markets and neighbourhoods, while enjoying a different side of Kenya beyond the safari.

KENYAN COAST – BEACHFRONT VILLA ESCAPE

Extend your safari with **3–5 nights in a private beachfront villa** along Kenya's beautiful coast. Travel conveniently by train or air and unwind beside the Indian Ocean, combining your safari adventure with sun, sand and Swahili hospitality.

LAIKIPIA & SAMBURU – KENYA'S NORTHERN FRONTIER

Venture north to **Laikipia and Samburu**, where dramatic landscapes meet some of Kenya's most unique wildlife. Discover arid wilderness and encounter **desert-adapted species and wildlife not found on the Maasai Mara** itinerary, while experiencing a quieter and more rugged side of Kenya.

PRIVATE CONSERVANCIES & CONSERVATION

Extend your safari into one of Kenya's **private wildlife conservancies**, either in the Maasai Mara, Laikipia or the Chyulu Hills. Go beyond traditional safari experiences and learn about **the practical approaches being used in modern conservation**, including community partnerships, habitat protection and wildlife management across East Africa.

MOMBASA & THE SWAHILI COAST

Travel to Mombasa, Kenya's historic coastal city, and explore the ancient Swahili culture that continues to thrive today. Wander through the atmospheric **Old Town**, visit the Portuguese-built **Fort Jesus**, and discover the complex history of trade, conflict, ivory and slavery involving the Portuguese, Omani Arabs, Indian traders and other cultures that shaped the East African coast.

THE GREAT RIFT VALLEY LAKES

Explore the spectacular diversity of Kenya's **Great Rift Valley lakes**, including **Lake Naivasha, Lake Nakuru, Lake Elementaita and Lake Baringo**. Depending on the route, enjoy encounters with rhinos, flamingos, big cats and a fascinating variety of landscapes and birdlife.

KENYA'S SOUTHERN WILDERNESS

Discover Kenya's southern safari frontiers with an extended journey through **Lake Magadi, Shompole, Amboseli, Tsavo, the Chyulu Hills and Shimba Hills**. Experience dramatic changes in scenery, from volcanic landscapes and open plains to **swamps, arid bush country, forests and coastal wilderness**, accompanied by diverse wildlife and spectacular views.

BEYOND THE TOURIST TRAIL – CENTRAL & WESTERN KENYA

For a truly different perspective of Kenya, venture into **central and western Kenya**, where subsistence and commercial agriculture, fishing and local communities form an important part of everyday life.

Explore the beautiful **tea and coffee-growing highlands**, meet local communities and discover parts of Kenya that remain largely untouched by conventional tourism. Continue towards **Lake Baringo** for a remote lakeside experience in the Great Rift Valley, where vast horizons, peaceful surroundings and unforgettable sunsets offer a completely different side of Kenya.

GORILLAS IN UGANDA & CHIMPS IN TANZANIA

Take your East African adventure beyond Kenya with an extension to **Uganda for an unforgettable mountain gorilla experience**, or travel onwards to **Tanzania to encounter chimpanzees in their natural habitat**. These can be combined with your Maasai Mara safari to create a truly multi-country East African adventure.

UPGRADE YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Prefer something even more exclusive? **Upgrade selected stays to luxury lodges and camps** along the same itinerary. We can tailor the accommodation to your preferred level of luxury, from intimate boutique camps to some of East Africa's most exclusive safari properties.

Your safari, your way. Whether you want to add a few relaxing days on the coast, venture into remote wilderness, discover Kenya's communities and cultures, or continue exploring East Africa, we can tailor your itinerary around your interests and available time.

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Characteristics of the Different Types of Accommodation

In Maasai Mara – Sentinel Mara Camp Experience

Set in a **prime location within the Maasai Mara National Reserve**, along the banks of the **Mara River and close to the Musiara Marsh**, Sentinel Mara Camp offers an intimate and authentic safari experience surrounded by some of the Mara's most wildlife-rich landscapes. Its location places guests deep within the reserve, providing excellent opportunities to explore the wilderness and spend more time enjoying the incredible wildlife.

Sentinel Mara Camp is a **small and exclusive tented camp with just 10 tents**, creating a peaceful and personal atmosphere. Accommodation is provided in beautifully appointed safari tents, designed to combine the romance of classic tented safari with the comforts expected of a luxury camp. The camp's setting beneath the trees and alongside the river creates a wonderful sense of connection with the surrounding wilderness.

The camp operates on a **full-board basis, including drinks**, allowing guests to relax and enjoy their stay without having to worry about the details. Meals are served in an intimate and atmospheric setting, with the natural surroundings adding to the overall safari experience.

One of Sentinel's special features is its position **along the Mara River and near the Musiara Marsh**. This area is particularly rich in wildlife and is known for attracting elephants, hippos, crocodiles, birds and a wide variety of plains game. The sounds of the river and surrounding bush provide a constant reminder that you are staying in the heart of the African wilderness.

The camp provides an excellent base for **morning and afternoon game drives** throughout the Maasai Mara. The reserve is renowned for its exceptional concentrations of wildlife, including **lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, buffalo, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, Topi, Jackson's hartebeest, hyenas, warthogs and numerous other species**. Depending on the season, guests may also witness the spectacular movement of wildebeest and zebra during the **Great Migration**.

For those wishing to experience the Mara beyond the safari vehicle, Sentinel also offers the opportunity to enjoy **guided nature walks around camp**, allowing guests to discover the smaller details of the ecosystem, from birds and insects to plants, tracks and other fascinating signs of wildlife.

Additional experiences can also be arranged during your stay, including **sundowners, Maasai village visits and hot-air balloon safaris**. Maasai village visits may require advance booking, while the hot-air balloon safari is available at an additional cost.

Sentinel Mara Camp strikes a wonderful balance between **exclusivity, comfort and authentic wilderness**. With only 10 tents and a superb location within the Mara, it offers an intimate safari experience where the surrounding landscape and wildlife take centre stage. As evening falls, return from your game drive, enjoy a delicious dinner and relax beneath the sounds of the African night – surrounded by the very wilderness you came to experience.



Health and Recommended Vaccinations

- Travelers from the European Union are recommended to ensure that all routine vaccinations are up to date prior to travel to Kenya.
- Vaccination against **Hepatitis A** is strongly recommended.
- Depending on the duration and nature of your stay, vaccinations for **Hepatitis B, Typhoid, and Yellow Fever** may be advised.
- A **Yellow Fever vaccination certificate** may be required if you are travelling from or transiting through a country where Yellow Fever is endemic. Please also note that some countries require travellers to present a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate if they have recently visited Kenya. We strongly recommend checking the latest entry and vaccination requirements with your **own country's official travel advice and health authorities** before travelling, as requirements can vary.
- Preventative treatment and protective measures against **Malaria** are recommended.
- **Comprehensive travel and medical insurance is mandatory for all travellers.** This insurance **must be purchased prior to travel** and at the traveller's own expense and should provide adequate cover for medical treatment, emergency evacuation, trip cancellation, and other unforeseen circumstances.
 - **Please note** that the Kenyan Government has announced a new requirement for non-resident visitors to obtain travel insurance from an authorised Kenyan insurance company. At the time of writing, this requirement has not yet come into effect. Travellers are therefore advised to check the latest requirements before purchasing independent travel insurance, as the new regulations may affect which policies are accepted once implemented.

Health recommendations may vary slightly between EU countries, so travellers should consult their doctor or a travel health clinic well in advance of departure.

For official guidance, please refer to your national health authority or the **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**.



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