



Travel Itinerary

Classic Maasai Mara Safari Adventure

4 Nights / 5 Days **Safari**

	Destination	Maasai Mara – Kenya	Valid until June 2027
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Cost Summary

GROUP SIZE	ADULT PRICE PER PERSON (USD)				ADDITIONAL AMMOUNT FOR SINGLE ROOMS	TRAVELING WITH CHILDREN
	January 1st – April 31st	May 1st – June 30th	MIGRATION SEASON (1st July – 31st October)	SHOULDER SEASON (15th November – 20th December)		
1 PERSON	USD 2,430	USD 2,190	USD 2,930	USD 2,690	INCLUDED	ADDITIONAL & SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS AVAILABLE!
2 PEOPLE	USD 2,150	USD 1,950	USD 2,650	USD 2,450	USD 128-USD 160	
3 PEOPLE	USD 2,120	USD 1,920	USD 2,620	USD 2,420	USD 128-USD 160	
4 PEOPLE	USD 2,110	USD 1,910	USD 2,610	USD 2,410	USD 128-USD 160	
5 PEOPLE	USD 2,095	USD 1,895	USD 2,595	USD 2,395	USD 128-USD 160	
6 PEOPLE	USD 2,090	USD 1,890	USD 2,590	USD 2,390	USD 128-USD 160	
7 PEOPLE	USD 2,085	USD 1,885	USD 2,585	USD 2,385	USD 128-USD 160	

Accommodation Gallery



Aruba-Mara Camp, Talek River, Maasai Mara



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
Talek River, Maasai Mara	Aruba-Mara Camp, Talek River, Maasai Mara	Upper Mid-range Tented Safari Camp with 15 Tents and Campground	4



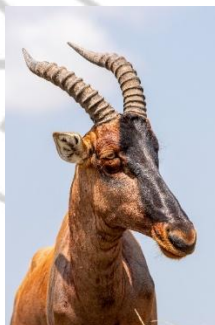
Daily Itinerary

Day	Description	Travel
Day 1	<u>ARRIVAL IN NAIROBI & TRANSFER TO THE MAASAI MARA</u> Upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, you will be met by our representative and transferred to Wilson Airport, Nairobi's domestic airport, for your onward flight to the Maasai Mara. Your flight to the Mara is included and offers a convenient and scenic way to begin your safari, taking you from the city into the heart of Kenya's spectacular wilderness. Upon landing at the Maasai Mara airstrip, you will be met by your safari guide, who will welcome you and begin your Maasai Mara adventure. From the airstrip, you will enjoy your first taste of the Mara as you make your way towards Aruba Mara Camp, with the possibility of spotting wildlife along the way. Your destination is Aruba Mara Camp, a welcoming tented camp situated along the banks of the Talek River, close to Talek Gate, offering an excellent location for exploring the Maasai Mara National Reserve. Its riverside setting provides a peaceful and atmospheric base, while its proximity to the reserve means you can spend more time enjoying the wildlife and less time travelling to and from the park. The location is particularly well placed for encountering all three of Africa's iconic big cats – lion, leopard and cheetah – often within a remarkably close proximity, making it an excellent base for big-cat enthusiasts. On arrival at camp, in time for lunch, settle into your comfortable tent and take some time to unwind after your journey. Enjoy lunch, refreshing drinks, relax on your private veranda, or simply take in the sights and sounds of the surrounding wilderness. At around 4pm it is time to head out on your first game drive in the Maasai Mara with your safari guide. As the afternoon cools and the golden light spreads across the plains, wildlife becomes increasingly active, offering an exciting introduction to this world-famous reserve.	 

Return to **Aruba Mara Camp** as the sun sets over the Mara. Enjoy a delicious dinner and a relaxing evening before settling into your comfortable tent for your first night in the African bush.

As darkness falls, listen to the sounds of the wilderness around you and enjoy the anticipation of the days ahead. **Your Maasai Mara safari has officially begun.**

Day 1
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THREE DAYS OF 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 from your comfortable base at **Aruba Mara Camp**.

Each day brings a new opportunity to discover the Mara's incredible wildlife and landscapes. Your safari routine 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 resting among the grass, elephants making their way to water, and vast herds of wildebeest and zebra beginning their day.

Other potential sightings include giraffes, Topi, Jackson's hartebeest, buffalo, warthogs, hippos, crocodiles, jackals, bat-eared foxes and several species of mongoose, among a plethora of other wildlife. With the Mara's diverse habitats supporting an extraordinary variety of species, every game drive offers the possibility of a new and memorable encounter.

After your morning adventure, return to camp for **a delicious breakfast** and some time to relax. Enjoy the **peaceful riverside setting**, take a refreshing break in camp, or simply soak up the atmosphere of the Mara before heading out again.

Alternatively, you can discuss the option of taking out a picnic breakfast with your guide and the other guests in your vehicle, this will give you the opportunity to stay out a little longer and coming back for lunch. During the migration season you might also come back for breakfast and then head out again afterwards if there is a good chance of witnessing a crossing between late morning and early afternoon.

Between drives you can enjoy meals and some downtime in Camp.

In the evening head back into the reserve for another **game drive**. The cooler temperatures bring renewed activity across the plains, offering another chance 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 providing a spectacular backdrop for photography. With your experienced safari guide, there is always something new to discover, and no two game drives are ever quite the same.

Return to camp after your evening exploration, where you can **enjoy dinner and relax around the campfire** before retiring to your tent. **Listen to the sounds of the African night** as the wilderness comes alive around you.

Day 2 - 4



Day 2 – 4 (Continued)	Optional activities include: • Visit a local Maasai Village to see how the modern Maasai lives in the modern day. You will have the chance to ask questions and learn about their culture and make friends whilst you are at it. There will also be various locally made crafts available for purchase including beadwork, carvings, traditional shields, spears and knives made in the village. This is included with your stay! • 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. You will likely need to depart at about 4:30am +/- from camp, so dress up warm. The flight is roughly 1 hour long and the landings can be very bumpy on occasion. However, once you land, you can expect an incredible breakfast in the savannah with your balloon crew including Bucks Fizz and Sparkling Wine! Price is \$550 per person and booking in advance is necessary. If you do this you must ensure your insurance adequately covers this activity as you will need to sign a liability waiver before you launch. • Walking Safari – For \$240 for up to 4 people and \$60 for additional people, book a walking safari with a knowledgeable guide and an armed ranger. A great opportunity to learn more about the eco-system, tracking and the smaller plants and wildlife you otherwise might miss if you only game driving. • Guided Nature & Birdwatching Walks – Between drives you can request a short guided walk from camp and along the river to look for birds as well as Hippos and Crocodiles. Price is \$10 per person. • School & Church Visit – Gain a deeper understanding of daily life in the local community through a visit to a nearby school and church. Feel free to donate directly any books, clothes, toys, stationary and footballs etc that you may have brought for this purpose. This is a free activity but a donation of any kind to then school is expected if you do this. Over these three full days, there will be plenty of time to slow down, disconnect from everyday life and immerse yourself in the natural rhythm of the Maasai Mara. Whether you spend your days tracking wildlife, meeting the local community, enjoying a bush breakfast or simply relaxing beside the river. Your time here is all about experiencing Kenya’s remarkable wilderness while enjoying a comfortable and well-paced safari routine. As game drives are shared with other guests, morning and afternoon drives generally follow a regular schedule unless otherwise agreed.	 
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	<i>Please note: Optional activities are not always available and pre-booking necessary.</i>	
Day 5	<u>FAREWELL TO THE MAASAI MARA & RETURN TO NAIROBI</u> Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at Aruba Mara Camp and savour your final moments surrounded by the sights and sounds of the Maasai Mara. Take some time to relax and enjoy the peaceful riverside setting before checking out by 10am. Before departing, remember to collect your picnic lunch from Reception, which is included and will be provided for you to enjoy during your onward journey. Depending on your flight schedule, you may have the opportunity for a short final game drive or some additional time at camp before heading to the airstrip. Note that you will need to be at the airstrip by 11am or else you will be liable for an extra day of park fees. 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 you leave the magical Mara plains behind. 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 and unforgettable moments in the Maasai Mara. Safari memories made. Until next time, Kenya!	   
Day 5 (Continued)		

What's Included

- 4 nights' accommodation at Aruba Mara Camp on a Full Board basis, excluding drinks.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout your stay at camp.
- All applicable Maasai Mara National Reserve park fees for Days 1–4.
- Shared vehicle game drives in the Maasai Mara with an experienced, 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.
- Transfers between the Maasai Mara airstrip and Aruba 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.
- Bottled drinking water during game drives.

What's Not Included

- International flights (available upon request).
- Kenya tourist visa (we recommend applying online before travel).
- Gratuities for guides and hotel staff.
- Peak season surcharges, including Christmas, New Year and Easter periods.
- Departure-day game drive in the Maasai Mara, available on request at an additional cost.
- International flights, available on request.
- 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:
 - A final early morning game drive on Day 5 will be available at an additional cost. This will require an additional Maasai Mara park fee of USD 100 per person between January and June, and USD 200 per person between July and December. Park fees are subject to change without notice.
 - Bush breakfast, picnic lunch, bush dinner and sundowners.
 - Maasai village, school and church visits.
 - Hot-air balloon safari. USD 550 per person.
 - Guided nature and birdwatching walks.
 - Conservation talks by local organisations, including the Mara Elephant Project, Mara Meru Cheetah Project and Mara Predator Conservation Programme.



Add-On Experiences

Optional Safari Extensions

Want to make your African adventure even more memorable? We can extend or customise your itinerary with additional destinations, experiences and accommodation upgrades, all available **on request and at an additional cost.**

Every journey can be tailored around your interests, travel style and available time.

- **Extend Your Stay in Nairobi** – Add extra nights to experience the energy, culture and *spice of life* in Africa's fastest-growing city, with its vibrant food scene, art, history and nearby wildlife experiences.
- **Kenyan Coast Beach Escape** – Add **3–5 nights in a private beachfront villa** along Kenya's beautiful coast, travelling by train or air. Relax on white-sand beaches, swim in the warm Indian Ocean and experience the laid-back coastal lifestyle.

- **Laikipia & Samburu – Kenya's Northern Frontier** – Venture north into dramatic landscapes and discover unique **desert-adapted wildlife and species** that are not found on your current itinerary.
- **Private Conservancies & Conservation Experiences** – Explore private conservancies in the **Maasai Mara, Laikipia or Chyulu Hills** and gain an insight into practical, community-focused approaches to modern conservation across East Africa.
 - **Mombasa & Swahili Heritage** – Discover **Mombasa, one of Kenya's oldest cities**, and experience the Swahili culture that continues to thrive in the historic Old Town. Visit the Portuguese-built **Fort Jesus** and explore the complex history of trade, conflict and cultural exchange between the Portuguese, Omani Arabs, Indian traders and the communities of the East African coast.
- **The Great Rift Valley Lakes** – Explore **Lake Naivasha, Lake Nakuru, Lake Elementaita and Lake Baringo**, discovering the spectacular variety of landscapes and ecosystems found along the Great Rift Valley. Depending on the location and season, encounters may include **rhinos, flamingos and big cats**, alongside exceptional birdlife.
- **Kenya's Southern Wilderness** – Extend your safari to **Lake Magadi, Shompole, Amboseli, Tsavo, the Chyulu Hills or Shimba Hills** for dramatically different scenery, landscapes and wildlife across Kenya's southern safari frontiers.
- **Off-the-Beaten-Track Kenya** – Travel beyond the traditional tourist routes into **Central and Western Kenya**, where agriculture, fishing and rural communities form an important part of everyday life. Discover the beautiful highlands of Kenya's **tea and coffee country** and experience parts of the country that remain largely untouched by tourism. Continue to remote **Lake Baringo** for a peaceful lakeside escape, endless horizons and unforgettable sunsets.
- **Uganda & Tanzania Extensions** – Continue your East African adventure with a journey to Uganda to experience the mountain gorillas, or travel to Tanzania for unforgettable chimpanzee encounters.
- **Luxury Accommodation Upgrades** – Upgrade selected nights along your existing itinerary to **more exclusive luxury lodges and camps**, subject to availability.

Your Africa, Your Way

These are just some of the possibilities. Whether you want to add more wildlife, immerse yourself in local culture, relax on the coast, explore remote landscapes or upgrade your accommodation, we can create a journey that is uniquely yours.

All add-on experiences and bespoke itinerary requests are available upon request.



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Characteristics of the Different Types of Accommodation

In Maasai Mara – Aruba Mara Camp Experience

Set along the **banks of the Talek River**, just beside **Talek Gate**, Aruba Mara Camp offers a comfortable and authentic safari experience in the heart of the Maasai Mara. Its strategic location provides easy access to the **Maasai Mara National Reserve**, allowing guests to spend more time exploring the reserve and experiencing its extraordinary wildlife.

Accommodation is provided in **comfortable, spacious safari tents**, designed to offer a relaxing retreat while maintaining an authentic connection with the surrounding wilderness. The tents feature **en-suite bathroom facilities, comfortable beds and private verandas**, with the riverside setting adding to the peaceful atmosphere. The camp's restaurant and bar provide welcoming spaces to enjoy freshly prepared meals and drinks, while the surrounding grounds offer beautiful views and opportunities to simply relax between game drives.

One of the special features of Aruba Mara Camp is its **riverside location**. The Talek River is an important part of the local ecosystem and attracts wildlife throughout the day. From camp, guests may hear and sometimes see **hippos and other wildlife along the river**, creating a wonderful sense of being immersed in the Mara even when you are relaxing at camp.

Aruba Mara Camp is ideally placed for **morning and afternoon game drives**, with the reserve's rich wildlife just a short distance away. The Maasai Mara is renowned for its exceptional concentrations of wildlife, including **lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, buffalo, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest and hyenas**, as well as an incredible variety of birdlife. During the Great Migration season, the area can also provide opportunities to witness the spectacular movement of vast herds of wildebeest and zebra across the Mara ecosystem.

Beyond traditional game drives, guests can enhance their stay with a selection of **optional safari and cultural experiences**, including bush breakfasts, picnic lunches, bush dinners, sundowners, guided nature and birdwatching walks, hot-air balloon safaris and visits to a local Maasai village, school or church.

Aruba Mara Camp strikes a wonderful balance between **comfort, location and authentic safari atmosphere**. Its position beside the Talek River, close to one of the reserve's main gates, makes it an excellent base for discovering the Maasai Mara while still providing a peaceful place to return to after a day of adventure. As evening falls, relax at camp, enjoy a delicious dinner and listen to the sounds of the African bush around you — a fitting end to another unforgettable day in the Mara.



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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