



Maasai Mara,
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Expedition to the Mara, wildlife bucket list #1





DURATION : 6 Nights and 7 Days



Start & finish destinations
Nairobi - Maasai Mara - Nairobi

 **Destinations**
1. MAASAI MARA

TOUR OVERVIEW

With the growing population of wildlife enthusiasts, nature lovers and photographers around the world, Kenya has become one of the prominent destinations in Africa. The best wildlife destination in Kenya, where one gets to experience diverse wildlife and varied topography is Maasai Mara. Even to date whenever one hears the words "The Great Migration" of the wildebeest, the first name comes to mind is Maasai Mara. Many leading photographers and travel specialists will vouch for the words "It is so hard to resist the temptation of Maasai Mara that many keep visiting the place repeatedly."

Maasai Mara National Reserve, named in honor of Maasai people, was established as wildlife sanctuary with just 200 square miles, today stretches 580 square miles (1,510 sq. kms) and rises 1,500 - 2,170 meters (4920 - 7120 feet) above sea level.

This is one of the few national parks in Africa, where one can get to see all members of the Big Five (Lion, Leopard, African Elephant, Cape buffalo & Black Rhinoceros) plus popular species like Zebra, Giraffe, Hyena, Cheetah, Eland, Gazelle and many more.

To put it in simple words, what makes Maasai Mara an exclusive option is diversity of wildlife, the big cat population, different topography, scenic views, plenty of birds (more than 470 species of birds have been identified in the park) and of course Mara Tribal people, who still value tradition and ritual as an integral part of their everyday lives.

This Maasai Mara exclusive trip has been formulated keeping in mind the requirements of the guests, like powerful 4x4 vehicle with sufficient legroom and space for equipment, a trained naturalist cum driver (or a separate guide /naturalist wherever there is a need), comfortable stay, suitable drive timings to cover the maximum wildlife actions with an opportunity to shoot sunrise and sunset from different locations for different perspectives. In some safari zones, we will get permission from the park authorities to take the guests to a more comfortable position to sight the animals without disturbing their freedom and the ambience.

A six nights and seven days tour will give ample opportunities to see THE BIG FIVE and Cheetahs, Hippos, Antelopes, Zebras, Giraffes, Birds and many more.



Day 1 -

Arrival in Nairobi. Guests will be picked up from Nairobi airport and dropped to the hotel for the night's stay. Assuming guests arrival will be at different times, it is convenient to stay overnight in Nairobi and leave the next day for Mara. It will be an opportunity to meet other group members, share views and experience over dinner and get set with the equipment. You can ask for the Lobby manager for any last minute essentials from local shops including the conversion of currency if required. We have an early dinner so that we are fresh for the next day early morning start. Day 1 lunch and dinner will be left to the choice of the guests as they will check in at different times.

Day 2 -

We will assemble for an early breakfast in the restaurant. After checking out and handing over the luggage to our drivers, there will be a briefing about the trip just

before we leave for Mara. This journey (300 kms) will be six hours drive with a break for refreshments (Guests can opt to convert currency, buy snacks, beverages and fill the bean bags with grains). We will reach our resort inside the game reserve just in time for lunch. A quick check-in, lunch, important briefing by the local team leader and we will be ready for a short game drive around the resort. Guests will not be disappointed with sightings. The late evening drive gives ample opportunities to sight Zebras, Antelopes, Giraffes, Elephants and some cats too with some luck. With good weather, we get to see a beautiful sunset before getting back to resort. Dinner will be served by 8.00 PM. Guests can retire for the day by 9.00 PM to get ample rest for an exciting next day.

Day 3 to Day 6 -

The next 4 days routine will be identical except that we will plan different areas, based on information collected from our

contacts about the sighting of cats and their movements to maximise our chances for more sightings.

Wake up will be at 5.30 AM. We will assemble for morning coffee/tea at 6 AM. Morning drive from 6.30 AM (may vary based upon sunrise time and distance to the place) we will take packed breakfast with us to save the travel time. There is an option to go on full-day safari with packed lunch too, which we will decide on each day based on the sightings. Typically, one returns to the resort for freshening up and lunch between 1.00 and 1.45 PM. Afternoon coffee/tea at 3.00 PM. We can have afternoon drive from 3.15 PM onwards till sunset. We will return to the resort around 7.30 PM. Dinner will be served by 8.00 PM. Early to bed for the next day morning drive.

Day 7 -

Today we will have our last drive of the trip with a packed breakfast. We will check out from the rooms in time to leave for Nairobi for a journey back home. A packed lunch will be carried with us for the way.



THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

1. 1 night stay in Nairobi.
2. 5 nights stay in Maasai Mara.
(All accommodations are on a twin sharing basis. Please enquire for single occupancy rate)
3. All meals during the stay in Maasai Mara plus last day packed lunch *(lunch and dinner in Nairobi on the first day is not included).*
4. All internal transports by a 4 x 4 Toyota Land Cruiser safari vehicle (Nairobi airport - Nairobi hotel - Maasai Mara - Game drives - Nairobi airport or hotel as scheduled) with 3 / 4 people in a vehicle.
5. First day afternoon drive, 4 days of game drives, last day morning drive.
6. Services of a team leader, local guide and experienced driver for the entire trip.
7. All forest entry fees, guide fees and vehicle charges including Off-road permits wherever applicable.

PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

1. Mineral water, soft drinks, and beverages (All guests will be provided one refilled mineral water bottle during each drive and rooms will be served with one bottle of water every day).
2. Travel Insurance, Medical expenditures of any personal nature.
3. Food ordered other than what is provided in packed meals or buffet.
4. Still camera, lens and video camera fees in the park (Will be charged at actuals).
5. Any other incidental expenditures not included and specified in the cost.

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