

KENYA - MAASAI MARA - MAASAI MARA STARTING AT KO 8

ITINERARY

Day 1

Light aircraft flight to the Mara

Transfer to Camp

Your professional safari guide, Gordie Church, will meet you at the Mara airstrip for a game drive to the private-canvas mobile camp arriving in time for lunch.



Transfer to Camp

Afternoon

The afternoon is spent settling in to camp, followed by a short ride or game drive.

Riding distance: 5-10 km.

After dinner there is time to relax with a drink around the camp fire.



Afternoon

The following is the proposed itinerary but please note that the itinerary may vary due to local conditions. On occasions, should the weather be unkind, you may find that you are unable to move camp when expected. This decision is always made with your best interests in mind.

Overnight Kampi Ya Simba K08 Camp. The camps are moved by the support crew with your luggage to the most beautiful areas usually under a canopy of trees or overlooking a stream. The mosquito-proof tents are simply furnished in traditional safari camping style with double or single beds, carpets and bedside tables.

Egyptian cotton sheets and warm feather duvets make for a great night's sleep.

A separate canvas shower and loo is placed behind each tent.

This camp is situated on the banks of the Olare Orok stream and is named after George Adamson's famous Camp of the Lions.



Day 2

Morning and afternoon exploring this magical corner of the Mara. There is an abundance of wildlife here including giraffe, warthog, zebra, hartebeest, topi, wildebeest and with a little luck, cheetah and leopard too.



This is exceptional riding country, where two large prides of lion make this area their home, allowing for a sensational big-cat experience.



Bloody Marys in the morning and Pink Gins for 'sundowners' in the evening. All-in-all, a heavenly first day on safari.

Riding distance: 10-15 km.

Overnight Kampi Ya Simba K08 Camp.

Day 3

Our first full day in the saddle, we ride in a westerly direction across Maternity Plain. Stunning views in every direction and excellent going for the horses. We cross the Mara River on horseback and enter the famous Mara Triangle.



Picnic lunch is enjoyed in a patch of thick forest often occupied by elephant.



After lunch, a short ride, followed by an ascent on foot, to the top of the escarpment.

Riding distance: 20-25 km.

Overnight Out of Africa Camp. This camp is situated on the top of the Sirai escarpment with views over the Mara and to the Serengeti in the distance.



Day 4

Options to ride and drive in the triangle with magical views looking down towards the Serengeti in the distance.



This corner of the ecosystem is blessed with croton thickets, forest and endless tall grasslands, the perfect environment for rhino, elephant, buffalo and lion. In the late afternoon we may visit a small traditional homestead of our local Masai hosts.



Riding distance: 10-15 km.



Overnight Out of Africa Camp.

Day 5

After a 'full-monty' breakfast we descend the escarpment on foot and ride back over the Mara River, skirting the large village of Rianta and onwards, to a lovely picnic in a patch of forest called Bilashaka.



Lunch in a forest clearing

After lunch we ride down to the banks of the Mara River with its' large pods of hippo and the odd monster crocodile.



Viewing Hippo from the banks of the Mara.

Riding distance: 20-25 km.

Overnight Mara River Camp.



Day 6

A stunning area to traverse by horse or vehicle. We may ford the Mara River and ride under the iconic Siria Escarpment.



Crossing the Mara River.

The concentration of game is breathtaking and with plenty of opportunity to jump fallen trees created by the resident elephant.



Waterbuck, eland, jackal, hyena and lion occur, as do many other wildlife species.

Riding distance: 10-15 km.

Overnight Mara River Camp.

Day 7

Today we head due east through spectacular wildlife country with impala, gazelle, elephant, buffalo, ostrich and more. After a long siesta we ride over the Nkilenya Plain and to our new camp.

Riding distance: 20-25 km.



Overnight Nkilenya Camp. Nkilenya Camp is in the Lemek Conservancy and is situated by a small stream used by the Masai to water their cattle.

Day 8

Morning and afternoon exploring the riverine forests and vast open plains of Lemek. Wonderful opportunities to enjoy long canters across the savanna with the wildlife. We hope to go out after supper, by vehicle, with a spotlight to discover the nocturnal creatures.

Riding distance: 10-15 km.



Overnight Nkilenya Camp.

Day 9

Early Morning - Final Morning Ride

Our last morning ride in this stunning country. After a hearty brunch we say our goodbyes to the horses and camp crew. Riding distance: 10-15 kms.



Morning - Transfer back to the airstrip

Return flight to Nairobi