

KENYA - MAASAI MARA | SAFARIS UNLIMITED - MAASAI MARA STARTING AT KO 8

ITINERARY

Day 1

The meeting point on day one of the safari is Nairobi Wilson Airport at c. 9am for a flight to the Mara departing at c.10:30.

You are recommended to arrive into Nairobi the day before. We will arrange for you to be met on arrival and transferred to your accommodation. On the morning of your safari you will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Wilson Airport.

On the last day of the safari your flight from the Mara arrives back to Nairobi Wilson at c.16:00. If you intend to fly home that evening we recommend booking international flights departing after 22:00. Transfers from Wilson Airport to the international airport or to your Nairobi hotel are included.

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

The afternoon is spent settling into 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.



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. Two large prides of lion make this area their home and so you may have 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

Your first full day in the saddle as you ride in a westerly direction across Maternity Plain towards your next camp. Stunning views in every direction and excellent going for the horses. You 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 Siria Escarpment with views over the Mara and to the Serengeti in the distance.



Day 4

Today there is normally an option either to ride or to do game drives in the Mara 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 you may visit a small traditional homestead of your local Masai hosts.



Riding distance: 10-15 km.



Overnight Out of Africa Camp.

Day 5

After a 'full-monty' breakfast you 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 you 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. At Mara River Camp each tent is placed on the bank of the river making it a magical place to relax in the evenings.



Day 6

This is a stunning area to traverse by horse or vehicle. You may ford the Mara River and ride under the iconic Siria Escarpment.



Crossing the Mara River.

The concentration of game is normally breathtaking and, for those who want to, there may be an opportunity to jump fallen trees created by the resident elephant.



Waterbuck, eland, jackal, hyena and lion are seen here, as well as many other wildlife species.

Riding distance: 10-15 km.

Overnight Mara River Camp.

Day 7

Today you head due east through spectacular wildlife country with impala, gazelle, elephant, buffalo, ostrich and more. After a long siesta you ride over the Nkilenya Plain and to your 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 are spent exploring the riverine forests and vast open plains of Lemek. There are wonderful opportunities to enjoy long canters across the savanna with the wildlife.



After supper it may be possible to go out by vehicle, with a spotlight, to discover the nocturnal creatures.



Riding distance: 10-15 km.

Overnight Nkilenya Camp.

Day 9

Your last morning ride in this stunning country. Riding distance: 10-15 kms.

After a hearty brunch you say your goodbyes to the horses and camp crew.



You will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight back to Nairobi. This flight departs the Mara at approximately 14:45 and arrives into Nairobi Wilson at 15:30.

Safaris Unlimited will transfer you onto your accommodation in Nairobi or the international airport.

