

# The Masai Mara Ride, 8 night ride, Kenya

## Day 1

Meet your fellow riders at Nairobi Wilson Airport and be given a brief overview of the week ahead.

Your flight departs Wilson Airport at approximately 10:30 and arrives in the Mara at 11:15.

Your professional safari guide, Gordie Church, will meet you in the bush for a game drive to your private mobile camp arriving in time for lunch.

During the afternoon you have a safety briefing and after settling into camp you have a short ride to familiarise you with the horses.

Lunch and dinner in camp. Riding distance: 5 – 10 kms.

Overnight at a private tented camp at Nkilenya, Lemek Conservancy.

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.



The ridden route can be run in either direction and the order of camps and the particular camps used may change.

## Day 2

Both morning and afternoon are spent exploring the riverine forests and open plains of Lemek.

There is an abundance of wildlife here including giraffe, warthog, zebra, hartebeest and with a little luck, cheetah and leopard too.

Bloody Marys might be served in the morning and Pink Gins for 'sundowners' in the evening.



All meals in camp. Riding distance: 15 – 20 kms.

Overnight for a second night at Nkilenya, Lemek Conservancy.

## Day 3

Your first full long day in the saddle takes you through spectacular wildlife country with impala, gazelle, elephant, buffalo, ostrich and more.

Picnic lunch is enjoyed in a patch of forest called Olomai. After a siesta you ride down the banks of the Mara River with its large pods of hippo and the odd monster crocodile.

Breakfast and dinner in camp. Picnic lunch in the bush. Riding distance 20 – 25 kms.

Overnight in a private tented camp at Mara River, Mara North Conservancy.

## Day 4

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

The concentration of game is breath-taking and there are also plenty of opportunities to jump fallen trees knocked down by resident elephants (jumping is optional). Waterbuck, eland, jackal, hyena and lion occur in this area, as do many other wildlife species.

Enjoy all meals in camp. Riding distance 10 - 15 kms.

Overnight a second night at Mara River, Mara North Conservancy.

## Day 5

After a 'full-monty' breakfast you ride in a southerly direction across Maternity Plain. There are stunning

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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.

Breakfast and dinner in camp. Picnic lunch in the bush. Riding distance 20 - 25 kms.

Overnight at Out of Africa Camp, Mara Triangle.

Day 6



Today provides you with 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 you may visit a small traditional homestead for our local Masai hosts.

All meals in camp. Riding distance 10 - 15 kms.

Overnight a second night Out of Africa Camp, Mara Triangle.

Day 7

Today you descend the escarpment on foot and head due east, riding back over the Mara River, skirting the village of Rianta and onwards to a lovely picnic lunch under scattered acacia trees.



After a long siesta you ride over the Koiyaki Plain and to a new camp on the Olare Orok Stream which is used by the Masai to water their cattle.



Breakfast and dinner in camp. Picnic lunch in the bush.

Riding distance 20 - 25 kms.

Overnight in a private tented camp at Kampi Ya Simba KO8, Mara North Conservancy.

Day 8

Morning and afternoon ride in this stunning area. This is a magical corner of the Mara and exceptional riding country. Two large prides of lions make this area their home and so this is the big-cat experience.

Later after supper you may go out by vehicle, with a spot-light, to discover the nocturnal creatures.



All meals in camp. Riding distance 15 – 20 kms.

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Overnight a second night at KO8, Mara North Conservancy.

Day 9

Your last morning ride in this stunning country.

Riding distance 10 – 15 kms.



After a hearty brunch you sadly have to say your “goodbyes” to the horses and camp crew.

You will then be transferred to the airstrip for your flight back to Nairobi. This flight normally departs the Mara at approximately 14:45 arriving into Nairobi Wilson at 16:15.

On arrival in Nairobi you will be met and transferred to JKIA for your international flight home or to your hotel.

Dinner en-route to the airport is optional and payable locally.

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