



STEP AFRICA TRAVELS

5 DAYS PREMIER ITINERARY KENYA SAFARI EXPERINCE

Itinerary Highlights:

- 2 nights stay in **Masai Mara Reserve**. Overnights at **Governors IL Moran Camp**.
- 2 nights stay in **Masai Mara North Private Conservancy**. Overnights at **Ngare Serian Camp**.
- Game drives and outdoor activities in two different areas of the Masai Mara giving you the best wildlife viewing and nature experience on both sides of the county government controlled and private Maasai community conservancy owned land of the Masai Mara.
- Two scenic scheduled safari charter flights allowing time saving and convenient access to the wilderness.
- Expert and highly experienced safari guide driving a camp/lodge 4x4 vehicle with an **option** to upgrade to a private vehicle to allow for maximum flexibility, independence and personalization especially during the Masai Mara-Serengeti Great Wildebeest Migration.
- **Option** to add an early morning **hot air balloon safari** over the Masai Mara plains.
- **Option** to add on an overnight in Nairobi, depending on your international flight arrival and rest time required.
- Ability to **customize** and add more days to the existing program in Kenya e.g. Lake Victoria relaxation experience, Mombasa, Malindi or Lamu beach vacation or Swahili cultural coastal experience.

ARRIVAL - DAY 1 & 2 - MASAI MARA RESERVE

Upon arrival at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, our airport guest relation's officer will personally meet all arriving guests. We will be standing outside the arrival section holding a signboard with your name on it. You are assisted with your luggage and transferred to the secondary airport, Wilson, where you will check in for your out bound flight to Kenya's wilderness parks and reserves.

Fly from Nairobi to the heart of the **Masai Mara Reserve** arriving at the airstrip where your specialist Masai Mara safari guide will meet you on arrival. Offering superb plains scenery, unmatched safari activities and diverse wildlife, Masai Mara National Reserve is considered Kenya's best park and one of Africa's highest wildlife density region for predators. The reserve covers 583 square miles (1510 square kilometers) of outstanding wilderness in southwest Kenya. The location, wildlife, activities and comfortable moderate climate puts Mara at the top of the list, even for the most discerning Step Africa Travels traveler to Kenya. The Masai Mara is a critical part of the route used by wildebeests and zebras during the Great Migration that traverses the Masai Mara via the Serengeti National Park during late July through late October - approximately. Recognized as one of the most spectacular wildlife events on the planet, the migration is a continuous route that is followed by an over 1.5 million wildebeests and thousands of zebras, gazelles and elands. In their never-ending pursuit for the finest grazing and watering grounds, the gnu relocate on an almost constant basis. The perseverance of these wildebeests is demonstrated in their ability to mate while on the move, and many cows are pregnant during part of the migration. Additionally, even the youngest wildebeest calves are expected to keep up with the herd. Standing and walking within minutes are critical to its survival. Additionally, the Masai Mara offers year-round game viewing. The reserve and surrounding conservancies offer diverse resident species experiences during your safari excursions. You will frequently see impalas, topis, giraffes, elephants, zebras, buffalos, warthogs and other grazing herbivores. With so many prey animals, Masai Mara is a veritable bonanza for large predators, such as lions, cheetahs, leopards, crocodiles and other stealthy, powerful hunters. The abundance of terrestrial animals is enhanced by the presence of more than 450-winged species, including 57 birds of prey.

Masai Mara Reserve Accommodation

Set along the Mara River in the heart of Masai Mara National Reserve is Governor's IL Moran Camp, a secluded, premium accommodation for your customized East African plains tour. As a guest at the camp, you receive impeccable service and utmost privacy in a splendid setting. Because the camp is sited within a natural riverine forest, you will feel completely immersed in this natural bounty of Kenya's outback country. Governor's IL Moran Camp offers only 10 luxury tents with an average of twenty beds; therefore, expect to receive the individualized attention you desire for your safari holiday in Masai Mara Reserve. Each tent is tastefully designed to evoke the yesteryear romance and adventure of the African bush. Lanterns, native wood furnishings, ethnic rugs and other design

elements evoke the romance and adventure. Masai Mara begins with aromatic coffee and tea brought to your tent to gently awaken you. These invigorating beverages are complemented with an assortment of freshly baked shortbread cookies. Put on your most comfortable safari clothes and meet with your guide. Because you are already inside the reserve, your safari vehicle is one of the first to the best vantage points.

Overnight Accommodation: [Governors IL Moran Camp](#)

DAY 2 & 4 - MASAI MARA PRIVATE CONSERVANCY

Proceed to **Masai Mara Private Conservancy**. The establishment of Kenya's conservancies that encircle Masai Mara National Reserve advanced wildlife management strategies that are core to Step Africa Travels' preservation values. The conservancies essentially extend the protected land for flora and fauna. The Mara conservancies are the result of a brilliant approach to wildlife management – work with local Maasai landowners to set aside land and help communities benefit from the generated revenue. Under the conservancy agreements, landowners establish zones that are not to be used for grazing and agriculture. Instead, these zones are allowed to return to a natural and pristine state. Once flora re-establishes in the zone, grazing and foraging herbivores return, along with many species of avi-fauna. These prey animals in turn attract predators, including birds of prey, scavengers and Kenya's powerful hunters – lions, cheetahs, leopards, hyenas and wild dogs. The conservancies in the greater Mara also offer many advantages to landowners, local communities and Step Africa Travels guests. Within each conservancy are lodges and camps that offer exclusive access to safari activities. These accommodations generate revenue. Landowners, in turn, receive monies from leasing their land. Portions of the revenue are also dedicated to local community projects in Masai Mara, such as medical facilities, schools, micro-financing and much more. Our guests benefit by spending time in Masai Mara's pristine wilderness country and partaking of wholesome safari activities. The conservancies offer a more extensive range of activities than what is allowed in the reserve, such as night game drives, safari walks and off-road game drives, to name a few of the outdoor activities that are unique to the conservancies. Additionally, the conservancies restrict the maximum number of guests and rooms, so seeing many safari vehicles during game drives is lessened compared to the public reserve.

Masai Mara Private Conservancy Accommodation

Located within 4000 acres of private land, the Ngare Serian Camp offers an intimate and private hideaway for discerning guests especially honeymooners who desire an upscale bush accommodation. With only 4 boutique tents, Step Africa Travels lodgers can also reserve the camp on an exclusive basis for the utmost privacy and immersion amidst the remote bush of Kenya. The superb service of the staff, delectable food and exceptional location are complemented by the lavish and ultra-comfortable guest tents. Each tent is bathed in rich colors, such as honey-gold wood flooring and furnishings, chocolate brown and crisp white curtains and subtle hints of jewel tones. The bed is well-placed to give you views from the moment you wake up until you quietly fall asleep to the sounds and scents of East Africa. A small writing desk, bench, small daybed, sofas and other small pieces make you feel right at home. Your tent is built upon an elevated solid-wood deck that includes a shady private verandah from which you observe the hippos and other animals at the river. All of the luxury tents are well-placed on the property to maximize views and privacy, but some are more secluded than others.

Overnight Accommodation: Ngare Serian Camp

DAY 5 - DEPARTURE DAY - AIRPORT TRANSFER OR CONTINUE ON AN OPTIONAL SAFARI EXTENSION

Breakfast. Morning activity. Thereafter, transfer to the airstrip for your flight to Nairobi. Upon arrival, connect to your international flight back home or continue on with an extension safari, tour or beach trip within Kenya.

COST OF VALUE TIER 3 - BEST OF MASAI MARA SAFARI

Step Africa Travels recommends you plan and book your Kenya safari at least 5 to 7 months prior to your arrival. Safari accommodations are almost fully booked all year round due to limited rooming capacity and high demand.

Please contact us to customize your safari and request prices based on your travel preference.

*Price guide is per person sharing a double or twin room. Single room and holiday season supplements may apply for certain travel months and accommodations

MONTH OF TRAVEL	VALUE EXPERIENCE
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January (After Holidays)	\$3500
February	\$3500
March	\$3500
April	\$3190
May	\$3190
June	\$3260
July	\$4230
August	\$4410
September	\$4410
October	\$3680
November	\$3500
December (Before Holiday Season)	\$3500
December (During Holiday Season)	\$4410

What Is Included:

- Knowledgeable program expertise, pre-planning resource guidance along with firsthand experience.
- Professional safari guiding services. All guides are native experts in African wildlife, game driving, culture and history, many of whom speak other European languages.
- Accommodation in a standard double or twin room - sharing.
- Full board meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast) when staying the night during the safari.
- Selected drinks and beverages when at safari camps and lodges.
- Internal airlines as indicated.
- Game viewing activities are included with your overnight stay.
- Arrival and departure meet, greet and transfer services as in the itinerary.
- All park and reserve entry fees, airstrip transfers, VAT, government levies, service charges and hotel taxes for the services booked.
- Step Africa Travels office and cellular emergency contact details.

What Is Not Included:

Other services, tours, activities, drinks and meals that are outside the included offerings, personal expenses such travelers' insurance, medical evacuation, communication charges, gratuities - tips, visas, airport specific passenger charges, international airfares, that are extra and NOT part of the included itinerary.