

MARA SERENA SAFARI LODGE FACT SHEET



The Mara Serena Safari Lodge is the ultimate safari destination, set high on a hill with commanding views over one of Africa's most dramatic wildlife arenas - the scene of the annual migration of over one million wildebeest.

Location

Mara Serena Safari Lodge is located at the very centre of the famous Mara Triangle of the Masai Mara National Reserve, which lies 320 kilometres from Nairobi.

Accommodation

The tastefully presented accommodation is made up of en suite rooms, each of which is accommodated in twin 'wings' which radiate out from the central building. Each spacious modular room is set slightly in front of its neighbour, thus allowing uninterrupted views of the famous Mara River, the heart of the Masai Mara.

Total number of rooms:

- 75 including 8 sets inter-connecting rooms
- 1 suite (The Mara Suite)
- 28 Double rooms (king size beds)
- 38 twin rooms
- 8 triple rooms (on request basis)

Room Amenities

- Ceiling fan
- Telephone
- Free Wi-Fi
- Mosquito nets
- 24-hour room service
- Complimentary mineral water and toiletries
- Valet, laundry, shoe-shine
- Hair dryers and safes (from reception)
- 240V/3-pin (square) sockets and shaver socket

Guest Services & Facilities

- Maisha Safari Spa and Gym
- Swimming pool and sundeck
- Forex, travel and 24-hour medical services
- Central dining room, internal and external bar
- Gift shop and business centre
- Satellite TV (in communal areas only)
- Free Wi-Fi

Activities

- 2 game drives daily with dedicated driver guides
- Night game drives with night-viewing binoculars
- Guided bird and nature walks
- Safari sundowners
- Bush dining
- Fly high over the Mara in a hot air balloon
- Board games and library of Africana books
- Cooking lessons
- Swahili lessons
- Educational & Cultural talks
- Wildlife movies
- Tree planting

Child Policy

Babysitting services, cots, additional beds & children's menus available.

Child under 2 years sharing a room with 1-2 adults is accommodated on a complimentary basis. Child 2 to 12 years of age sharing a room with 2 adults is charged 50% of the per person adult rate. If own room is required 75% of the adult rate is charged. Young adult 13 to 17 years of age is charged 75% of the per person adult rate whether sharing or on their own.

Maisha Spa

In the Masai Mara, this is a uniquely panoramic and spacious gym facility with running machines, cross-trainer, exercise bikes and a series of benches and multi-station weights. The gym also offers a steam-room, sauna, male and female changing/shower rooms, juice bar and candle-lit relaxation area.

The Masai Mara Safari Spa offers two dedicated treatment rooms with en suite showers, access to sauna, steam, relaxation area and juice bar. All treatments are administered by trained professionals and include a wide range of massages, body-brush or scrubs, facials, manicures, pedicures, reflexology, aromatherapy and specially tailored holistic spa indulgences.

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Dining

The Masai-inspired dining room overlooks both the rooms and the pool and offers magnificent views across the plains of the Masai Mara and down to the river. Decorated with traditional Maasai motifs, it offers open-plan seating (inside and outside) and a relaxed atmosphere. Linked to the dining room is a welcoming bar area, which also offers exterior seating around the campfire.

Breakfast and lunch are presented in buffet-style and feature a wide range of international choices. In typical safari style, we offer a 'full English Breakfast' as well as European options while our lunch menus will typically include meat, poultry, fish and vegetarian options.

The five-course table d'hôte dinner menus feature a wide array of choices and vegetarian options are always available.

For those that have dreamt of dining in the wilds of the Masai Mara, the Bush Dining experiences are incomparable. Serena are expert in arranging breakfasts, lunches, dinners and cocktails in the bush. With a number of dedicated sites (by the hippo pool, on panoramic Look-out Hill or on the savannah plains), which are typically presented with tables, safari chairs, 'bush bar' and a 'bush kitchen', where a broad range of meats, poultry, fish and vegetables are cooked on-site (supplemented by fresh soups, salads and desserts from our hotel kitchens). In the evenings, 'sun-downer' cocktails are traditionally served in a number of venues – some around a campfire with long views over the Mara, others by the famous Mara River. Sundowners can also be followed by a lamp-lit bush dinner.

Highlight of a Stay

Staying in the Mara Triangle's premier positioned property with views over two migration crossing points.

The Masai Mara

World renowned for the breath-taking spectacle of 'the greatest wildlife show on earth', the awe inspiring annual wildebeest migration, the Mara is Kenya's most visited protected area. Technically an extension of Tanzania's renowned Serengeti National Park, the Mara constitutes only 4% of the entire Serengeti ecosystem but its rolling grasslands, meandering rivers and towering escarpments offer one of the world's most rewarding and evocative wildlife arenas.

Offering an abundance of herbivores, the Mara makes the ideal hunting ground for Kenya's famous 'big cats' and hosts her largest population of lions. It also offers the best chance of spotting a leopard in the wild. Other predators include cheetah and spotted hyena. In the Maa language, the common tongue of the Il-Masai clans, the word 'Mara' means 'spotted' and is thought to refer to the patchy mosaic of bushes and trees that define the Mara plains.

Climate

The Reserve receives the highest rainfall (average 1000 mm pa) in the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem. Rain falls throughout the year but peaks in December, January and April.

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