

Masai Mara Wildebeest Migration Safari With Wild Eye Camp



Why our Masai Mara tour:

- **Maximum 12 clients** on the tour
- **Exclusive Camp** based on the banks of the Mara River & close to the major crossing points
- **Maximum 4 clients** per 4x4 Land Cruiser
- **Flexible Game Drive times** – you are only restricted by the parks regulations! (No limits!!!)
- **BEST location to see river crossings** (most river crossings take place early mornings and late afternoons)
- **Professional Safari guides**

Dates available for departure (12 clients per group):

Special: Book and pay your deposit before end of June and qualify for a set exchange rate of R10.00 to the Dollar!

Masai Mara Migration Safari departure dates:

14 – 20 September 2014

Masai Mara Migration Photographic Safari departure dates:

24 – 30 August 2014

21 – 27 September 2014

	Price per adult	+Airport Taxes	Total p/person
Per person sharing	R46 864.00	R3 086.00	R49 950.00
Per person in Single tent	R46 864.00	R3 086.00	R49 950.00

Exchange rate used (bank selling rate): R10.00 to US\$1.00

*** Maximum of 1 single person per group aloud without paying a single supplement**

*** The Photographic safaris have two dedicated photographers that host the experience with guests, moving between the vehicles and assisting guests with their photography.**

Itinerary overview

Day 1 – Nairobi airport to Masai Mara National Reserve (flight)

Day 2 – Masai Mara NR

Day 3 – Masai Mara NR

Day 4 – Masai Mara NR

Day 5 – Masai Mara NR

Day 6 – Masai Mara NR

Day 7 – Masai Mara NR to Nairobi (flight)

INCLUDED in the Safari Itinerary:

DAY 1

Johannesburg / Nairobi Airport / Masai Mara National Reserve

Meet and greet by a representative of eXplore Plus Travel & Tours at OR Tambo airport at the **Kenya Airways** check-in counter (+/- 3 hours before the scheduled departure time).

The fare includes return economy airfare with **Kenya Airways** from **Johannesburg** to **Nairobi Airport (depart: 00h40 – Arrive: 05h40)**. Meet and greet at the airport for your transfer to Wilson Airport (domestic airport) for your scenic flight to the Mara airstrip (you only take your camera and personal belongings, the luggage is sent with a vehicle to the camp). Meet and greet by your safari team on arrival to start with your **first game drives** in the Mara National Reserve with a pack lunch. Return late afternoon to camp where your luggage will await you.

Overnight at the **Wild Eye Mara Camp** with breakfast, lunch, dinner and a selection of drinks included.

Masai Mara Game Reserve

The Masai Mara is one of the best-known and most popular reserves in the whole of Africa. Bordering the Serengeti National Park, Masai Mara offers a wide variety of wildlife—and your best opportunity to see lions (some with gorgeous, long black manes) and cheetah. In one day alone, you can see lions, hippos, crocodiles, antelope, giraffes, wildebeests, warthogs, baboons, hyenas, jackals, zebras, Cape buffalo and dozens of birds. Every year, millions of wildebeests and zebras migrate into the Mara in search of water. The timing of this phenomenon varies, depending on the rains. Whether you see the migration or not, wildlife watching is good year-round, and the Mara will leave you with a good impression of Kenya. The landscape of rolling plains is crossed by rivers and dotted with lone acacia trees.

DAY 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6

Masai Mara National Reserve



The prime location of the camp (on the banks of the Mara River) makes it possible for you to explore the banks of the river at first light, something a lot of the other lodges cannot do due to the proximity to the river, and put you in the perfect position to photograph the massive herds of wildebeest as they build up and ultimately start crossing the Mara River. Enjoy days in the Masai Mara National Reserve with **morning and afternoon game drives (or a full day game drive – you're choice)**. The annual highlight is the Great Wildebeest Migration; creating one of the world's supreme natural wonders. The wildebeest entrance into the Mara makes a breathtaking spectacle, as they cross the crocodile infested waters of the Mara River.

Overnight **5 more nights** at the **Wild Eye Mara Camp** with breakfast, lunch, dinner and a selection of drinks included.

DAY 7

Masai Mara National Reserve / Nairobi / Johannesburg

Enjoy a **morning game drive** before returning to camp for a farewell **lunch**. Depart with en-route game viewing to the Mara airstrip for your scenic afternoon flight back to Nairobi. On arrival your driver meets you for your transfer to Jomo Kenyatta International Airport for your flight home, departing at **20h30**, arriving in Johannesburg at **23h50**.

End of service

Also INCLUDED in above itinerary and price:

- Return economy airfares with **Kenya Airways** from Johannesburg to Nairobi airport
 - **SA & Kenya airport taxes**

- Return **charter flight** from Nairobi (Wilson airport) to Masai Mara National Reserve
- Return transfers between Nairobi airport and Wilson airport
- Transfer from the airstrip to the camp, return
- **6 Nights** accommodation at **Wild Eye Mara Camp** including:
 - Breakfast, lunch and dinner
 - Soft drinks, water, wine and beer (excluding premier brands)
 - Laundry (excluding smalls)
 - Armed Kenyan Wildlife guards at camp (as camp is unfenced)
- All **game drive activities**
- Land Cruisers with large windows and pop-up roof (**maximum 4 clients per vehicle**)
- Vehicles are equipped with a cool box, binoculars and wildlife reference books
- English speak safari guide/driver
- National Park fees
- Travel information pack
- **Free postage** of travel documents

NOT INCLUDED in above itinerary and price:

- Entry visa to Kenya (SA passport holders do not require visas)
- Yellow fever inoculation – COMPULSARY (+/- R500-00)
- Travel Insurance (Highly recommended)
- Drinks not specified
- Gratuities to the driver/guide and hotel staff
 - Driver guide – suggested at USD \$10 per person per day
 - Waiters at lodges, porters & room stewards - \$1.00
- All expenses of a personal nature

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Exchange rate used (bank selling rate): R10.00 to US\$1.00**
- *As your package is partly in US Dollars all prices are subject to exchange rate fluctuations and are subject to change without prior notice. The exchange rate on the date of **final payment** will be used as the basis of the cost of your tour package.*
- *Price quoted is based on a cash (EFT) discounted price. For any other means of payment contact us for an updated price.*
- **Kenya Airways flight prices**
 - Price quoted are based on T-Class seats (special contract rate to eXplore Plus), if these seats are not available the airfare will increase to the next higher fare level
- **Flight Taxes quoted are current and subject to change**
- **Luggage allowance on charter flights is 15kg per person** (separate vehicle with luggage will be send from and to the Masai Mara)

Masai Mara Balloon safari



Balloon Safari cost per person

***US\$480.00**

**Can be pre-book and paid or arranged and paid on arrival*

The Balloon Safaris are an opportune moment to capture the vast Masai Mara plains on a bird's eye view! The balloon safari takes place at the crack of dawn to ensure that you are part of the spectacular sunrise, which is totally magical. Anything and everything can be expected as the balloon takes off the ground with the gas burners warming you up from the early morning chill. Lions would be hunting, elephants panting and running off scared of the burners, hyenas laughing and the birds of prey hanging out on the large indigenous African greenheart trees.

The balloon will float over the Mara River and hundreds of hippopotamus lay in and on the banks of the river ignorant of the huge basket floating by. It is a breathtaking experience that ends with a sumptuous champagne breakfast cooked out in the savannah. It is also the time to see the extension of the greater Mara into the Serengeti.

During the great migration, guests can capture the wildebeest attempting to cross the Mara River from Serengeti into Masai Mara as crocodiles, lions, hyenas, jackals; vultures eagerly wait to have a good meal!

The hot air balloon safari is a once in a lifetime experience that surpasses your expectation beyond the mind's imagination. The flight takes about **one hour** depending on conditions. The pilot will award a certificate to each guest in memory of this exhilarating adventure.

Masai Village



Cost per person

*Can only be arranged with the camp during your stay

***US\$50.00**

The Masai people are one of the 42 tribes in Kenya. A visit to the Masai village to experience the lifestyle of this tribe is a must for every one!! The villages are small circular huts in huge thorny-fenced enclosures where the Masai people live with their herds of cattle, sheep and goats. Masai warriors will welcome the guests with song and dance and even dare them to join in their sky leaping jumps that is both thrilling but breathlessly difficult.

Guests learn about their craftsmanship from the village blacksmith who specializes in metal wares, aluminum bangles, spears, and machetes. The Masai people live with their goats, sleep on sheep's' or cowhides and feed on meat, milk and blood from their cows. The Masai women are intriguing, beautifully adorned in colourful clothing, beaded jewellery and will happily trade the beads with the guests.

Description of accommodation:

Wild Eye Mara Camp

Rating: Authentic Tented Camp



There is nothing like spending the night camped out in one of Kenya's premier conservation areas. The Wild Eye Mara Camp is located on the banks of the Mara River, in the Mara Triangle. Staying on the banks of the river means that you are often the first to arrive at a sighting, and the last to leave the sighting. The location along the river also means that you're never far from the action and that you can follow up on potential crossings. Apart from the game viewing perks, the sounds of Mara River provides the ideal soundtrack to this authentic African Safari. The aim is to provide a comfortable authentic base from which to explore and experience the Masai Mara during the peak of the wildebeest migration.

Total rooms: **6 tents**

Hotel Facilities	Room Facilities	Activities
- Central dining area - Bar - Electricity: Solar power and generators - Media tent for charging of, Camera Batteries, cellphones, etc. - Open fireplace	- Authentic Canvas Safari tents - Size: 3m x 3m - Folding cupboard - Bedside table - Camping chairs under a veranda - Comfortable mattresses on a raised wooden base & headboard - Washing station outside each tent - Separate shower and toilet facilities shared by 2 tents - Hot and Cold water is provided	- Game drives - Balloon safaris - Masai Village visit

Safari Vehicles:



Best Time to visit Kenya

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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The best time to travel

A good time to travel

Travel is not recommended

Travel is possible, but this is not the best time of year

With only a slight fluctuation in weather, pretty much anytime is a good time to visit the Kenya's National Parks. With May being the only month to really avoid, your trip to Kenya can be arranged around your schedule.

How to get to Nairobi airport (NBO)

AIRLINE	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SON	FROM SA	FROM JRO
Kenya Airways	✈	✈	✈	✈	✈	✈	✈	10h55 – 16h20	09h10 – 12h20

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SAA								09h40 – 14h45	16h00 – 19h15

Passport and visa's:

SA passport holders DO NOT require a visa for **Kenya**. Other nationalities need to check with the Kenyan High Commission.

Travel Insurance:

We highly recommend that you take out **adequate Travel Insurance** for the duration of your holiday for peace of mind and to avoid the high costs related to medical emergencies!

Yellow Fever & Malaria:

A Yellow Fever inoculation **IS compulsory** for Kenya. Kenya is malaria risk areas - speak to your doctor/travel clinic for advice.