

Governors' Camp  
MASAI MARA

Fact Sheet

**Governors' Camp** nestles in the forest along the winding banks of the Mara River, its waters teeming with bird-life, hippos and crocodiles, in the heart of Kenya's Masai Mara.

## CONTACTS

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## Highlights

- The first and original permanent luxury tented camp in Africa.
- Unfenced and in the heart of the action. Frequent visits from elephants.
- Located along the Mara River, in an area of abundant wildlife and spectacular scenery.
- Perfect for 'first timers' to Africa', couples, families, large and small groups, special occasion groups.

## About

Governors' Camp is **Africa's first permanent luxury tented camp**, remaining in its original site since 1972.

Deliberately unfenced so as to create no barrier between the camp and this prime wildlife location, guests enjoy intimate and thrilling animal experiences even from the comfort of their tent.

Created in 1972, we pioneered the luxury camp standard by putting emphasis on comfort and service, complimented by the sort of delicious cuisine which would have been impossible in the bygone days of the grand safari. With wonderful views over the Mara River and over the Mara plains, Governors' Camp is visited and re-visited by guests who find its consistent excellence, incredible location, personal style and family atmosphere a 'home' to return to, again and again.

All guest tents are canvas, preserving the authentic, traditional safari experience. Daily meals, in true Governors' fashion, are enjoyed al fresco under the shade of the riverine forest trees. At night, our guests are treated to the orchestral sounds of the bush, while grazing animals brush up against their tents.

This camp has been awarded a GOLD Eco Rating by Eco-Tourism Kenya for our sustainable tourism practices in place.



## ACCOMMODATION

- Total of 25 x tented accommodations in total.
- 16 x classic safari tents (twins and doubles) (32m<sup>2</sup>), with views over the Mara River and 8 x family tents (40m<sup>2</sup>) with views over the Mara plains. All tents are ensuite with private verandahs.
- 1 x Suite (the 'Justus Suite') (56m<sup>2</sup>).
- 4 x guide tents available.

## FACILITIES

- 'Mongoose Club' (activities for kids).
- Spa tent offering a range of treatments.
- Charging facilities in all tents and main areas.
- Universal sockets.
- 24hr power, generator/inverter, 220 volt.
- Hair dryers available in guest tents.
- Wi-Fi throughout and phone signal.
- Bar / Dining / Gift shop.
- Laundry is included.
- Purified drinking water (Reverse Osmosis)
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express accepted.
- Musiara Airstrip is a 10 min drive from camp.
- Tea and coffee with morning wake-up call.

## ACTIVITIES

### Daily Game Drives

Traditional (shared) game drives with a dedicated, highly qualified and experienced guide, are available three times daily in our open or closed vehicles. Included in the accommodation price.

### Balloon Safari

For an unforgettable and surreal experience, lift off in a hot air balloon at sunrise and drift over the Masai Mara landscape as the day breaks with a kaleidoscope of colours. Flight lasts approximately one hour depending on weather conditions. The experience ends with a delicious bush breakfast cooked on balloon burners, with sparkling wine and a leisurely game drive back to camp. This is an optional extra activity which can be booked in advance (suggested) or when in camp.

### Bush dinners

For a very unique experience, enjoy the excitement of a bush dinner in the wild. Arrive at our special secluded location on the banks of the Mara river. A welcoming drink awaits by the warming campfire, followed by a delicious meal prepared by our chefs, served under the stars, with the soft lights of safari lanterns and accompanied by the sounds of the African night and the grunting Mara River hippos. Bush breakfasts and bush lunches are also available. Charged as an extra.

### Cultural Visits

The Maasai people are a sight synonymous with Kenyan safaris. Maasai cultural experiences at a Maasai village (manyatta) can be arranged from camp or pre-booked, with a fee payable direct to the community.

### Community Projects

Visits to our responsible tourism projects can be organised from camp. The Mara Rianda Primary School and Mara Rianda Medical Centre are inspirational projects supported by Governors' Camp Collection. There is no cost to visit the project/s but a donation of any kind is welcome.



## *The Masai Mara*

One of the most remarkable African safari destinations, the Masai Mara is near unrivalled in its richness of wildlife.

The distinctive mottled landscape is a haven to an abundance of transitory and resident animals year-round. The beautifully dramatic setting combines with the game to make it a favourite for wildlife photographers and filmmakers alike.

The area around Governors' Camp, in particular, is renowned for its consistently excellent game viewing with elephants wandering right through the camp and big cats taking down their prey just a short distance away.

Our resident lions, the Marsh Pride, whose story has been the focus of renowned wildlife documentaries including Big Cat Tales and BBC Earth's *Dynasties*, have been featured time and time again, with Governors' always being the top choice of accommodation for filmmakers and photographers.

As well as other big cats including leopards and cheetahs, many elephants and a profusion of plains game ensure one of the most incredible safari experiences to be had.

From July to October the Mara becomes a backdrop for one of the last great natural wonders of the world, when 1.5 million wildebeest and over 200,000 zebras surge up from the Serengeti plains in their annual search for the seasonal grasses that sustain them.

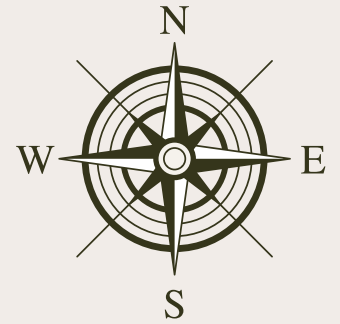
The Great Migration is a wildlife spectacle like no other; as the vast herds cross rivers and sweep through the golden grasses, this journey is punctuated by individual struggles with the predators, which are in turn drawn to take their part in this dramatic event.



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## AND SURROUNDING CONSERVANCIES



KENYA

THE SERENGETI  
(TANZANIA)

## SEASONS

Governors' Camp is open all year round.

HIGH SEASON	MID SEASON	GREEN SEASON
1st July – 31st October 16th – 31st December	1st January – 31st March 1st November – 15th December	April - June inclusive

## GETTING THERE

**Governors' Aviation:** Daily scheduled flights from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Musiara Airstrip. Clients are met on arrival and transferred by game vehicle to the camp (approx. 5-10 minutes). Please see [www.governorsaviation.com](http://www.governorsaviation.com) for more details.

Other flight options: Air Kenya ([www.airkenya.com](http://www.airkenya.com)) or Safarilink ([www.flysafarilink.com](http://www.flysafarilink.com)) which both go daily from Wilson Airport in Nairobi.

Charter flights: Available with Governors' Aviation and other suppliers from most airports/airstrips in Kenya to Musiara Airstrip.

Luggage restrictions: Maximum **15 kg luggage restriction per person** (inclusive of hand luggage), in soft bags, for small aircraft.

Road transfer: duration approx. 5 - 6 hours (depending upon road conditions) from Nairobi.

### Family travel and children

Children of all ages are welcome and catered for with activities and flexible meals. We have specially designed Family Tents which are perfect for keeping your little ones close at night. We also offer the Governors' 'Mongoose Club' - a kid's club - designed to excite and inspire our younger guests through fun and informative activities, providing your children with many happy lifetime memories.

### Rates, inclusions and exclusions

**Rate includes:** Local airstrip transfers, accommodation, meals, all soft drinks, beers, house wines and 'non-premium' spirits, up to three game drives daily and laundry.

**Rate excludes:** Flights, champagnes, selected fine wines, premium spirits and liqueurs, park fees, community fees and anything of a personal nature e.g. gratuities, gift shop, spa etc.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Camp coordinates** -1.297003, 35.038178

### Weather

Dry season: the driest months are from late June to October. Rainy season: The long rains in the Masai Mara are from April to May while November (and the start of December) is known as the short rains.

The warmest month is February with an average maximum temperature of 28°C (82°F). The coldest month is July with an average maximum temperature of 24°C (75°F).

### Climate

- Altitude: The Masai Mara is around 6,000 ft.
- Due to the altitude, the climate in the Masai Mara is slightly colder and wetter than might be expected this close to the equator. Daytime is pleasant with temperatures in the mid to upper twenties, while it cools off significantly at night. Mornings are chilly.

### Health and vaccines

We do have a Travel Planning section on our website which covers this aspect of travel in good detail; please take a look. Alternatively please request it from us.

### Visas

It's important to note that from 1st January 2021 all travellers requiring a visa will need to apply for an e-visa in advance. For more information visit [www.evisa.go.ke](http://www.evisa.go.ke) Please see the Travel Planning section on our website, which covers more on visas.

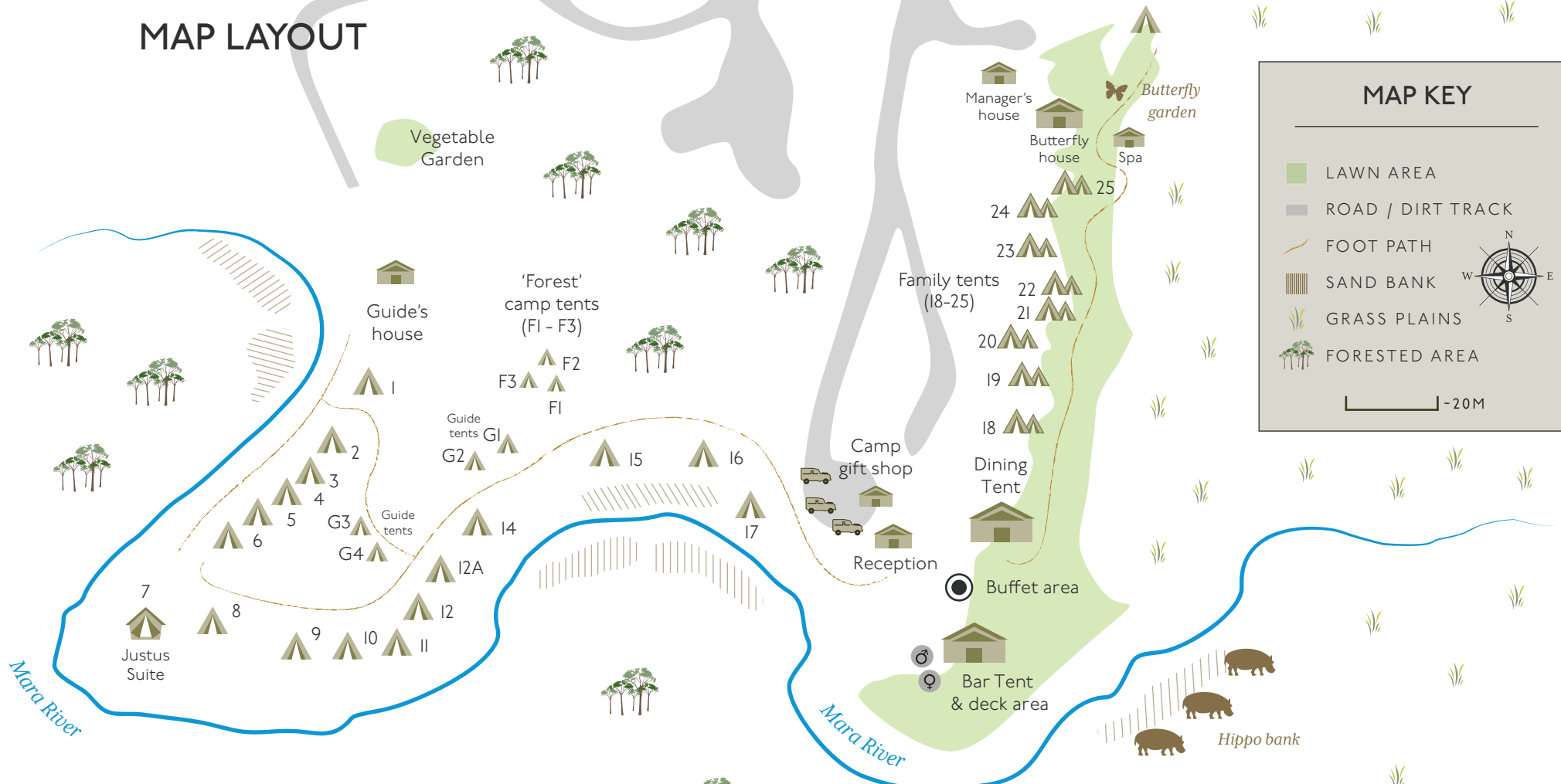
### Suggested packing list

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# GOVERNORS' CAMP

## MAP LAYOUT

# MARA RESERVE



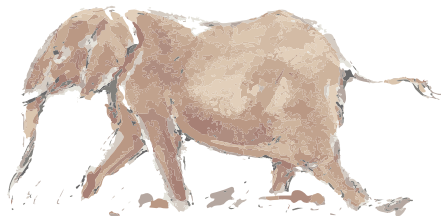
### MAP KEY

- LAWN AREA
- ROAD / DIRT TRACK
- FOOT PATH
- SAND BANK
- GRASS PLAINS
- FORESTED AREA

Scale: - 20M

Compass rose showing North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W).

MAP IS NOT TO SCALE. FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY.



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# MARA TRIANGLE



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MASAI MARA LAIKIPIA GREAT RIFT VALLEY