

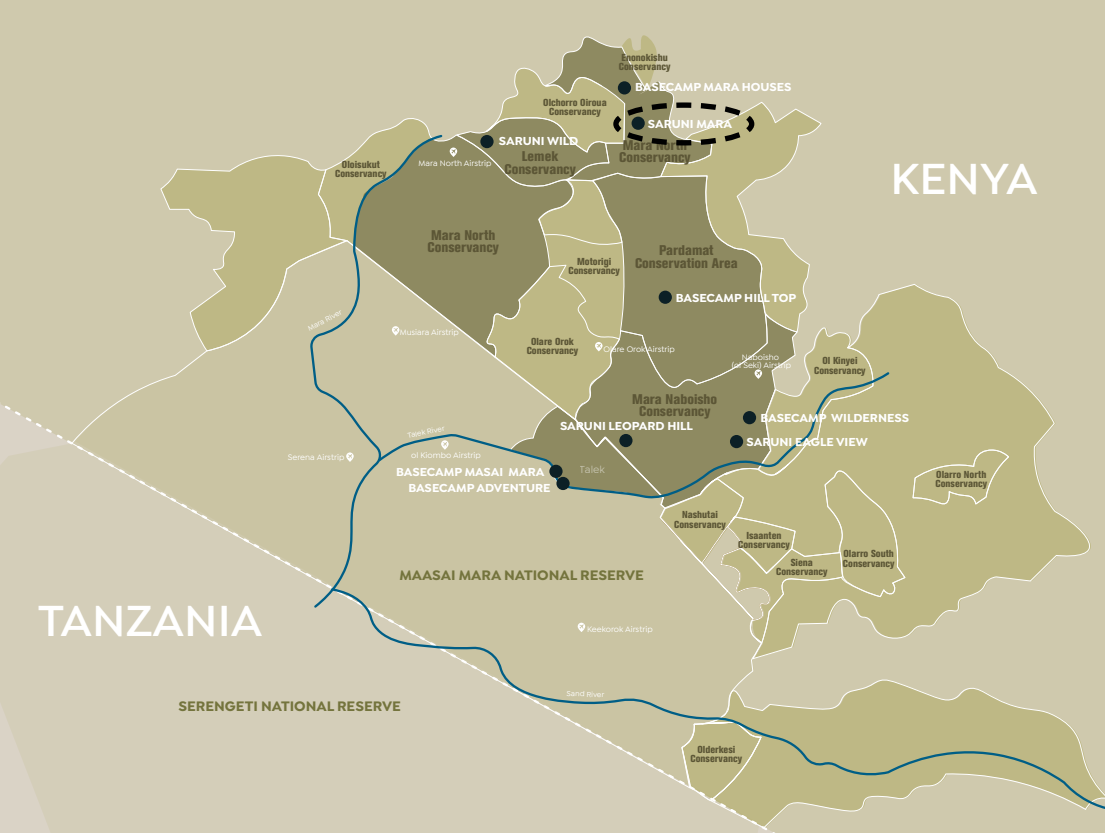
# SARUNI BASECAMP

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SARUNI MARA
















# INTRODUCING SARUNI MARA

A small boutique lodge in the Masai Mara, Saruni Mara offers an intimate secluded space from which to explore one of Africa's most iconic wilderness areas. The backdrop to the unforgettable Great Wildebeest Migration, the Mara landscapes are both immediately recognisable and endlessly intriguing. Being situated in the Mara North Conservancy adjacent to the Masai Mara National Reserve offers the best of both worlds: exclusive traversing areas far away from the crowds, and easy access to the National Reserve. The resident wildlife of the Mara is prolific; factor in the Migration and the Mara offers unsurpassed wildlife viewing experiences. The Mara is a true bucket list destination, and Saruni Mara is the perfect Mara safari lodge.

## SARUNI MARA AT A GLANCE

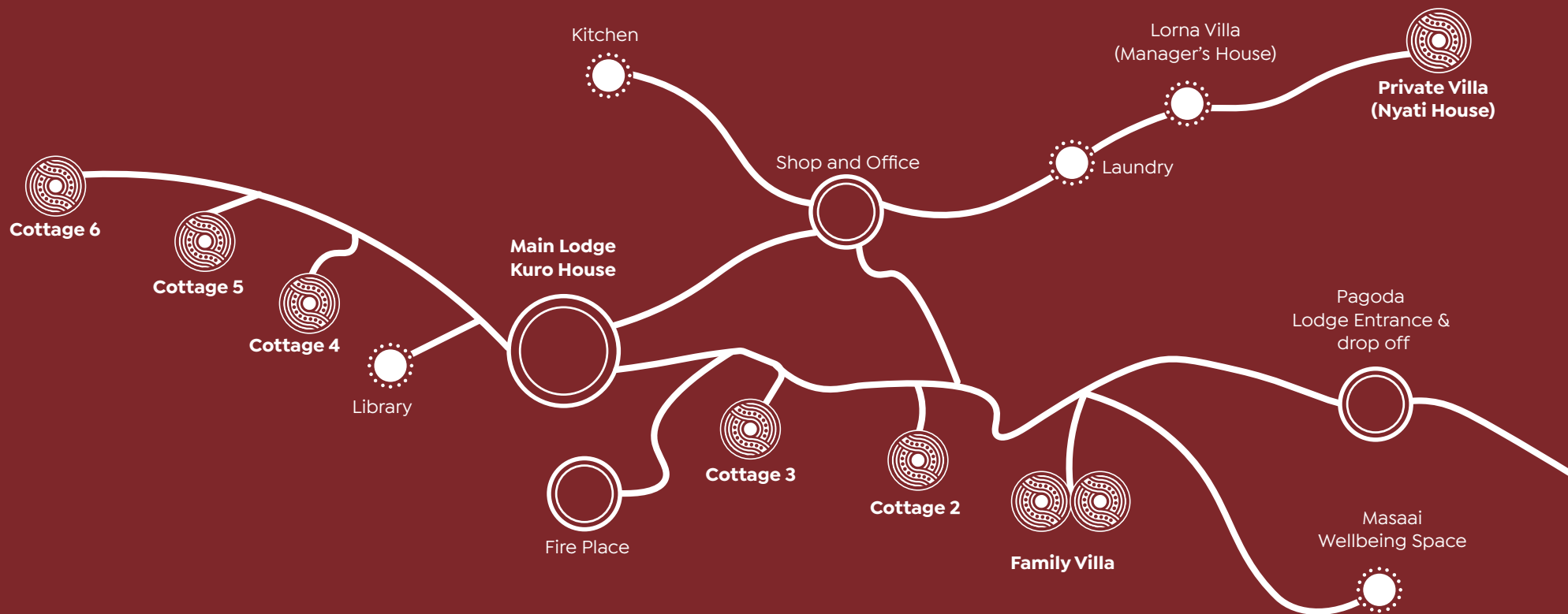
	Mara North Conservancy, Masai Mara, Kenya
	Lodge
	Best for Great Wildebeest Migration
	Guest cottages and uillas
	Children welcome
	Solar power
	No annual closure dates

## HIGHLIGHTS

	Unique, secluded location
	Local Maasai warriors as guides
	Wildlife photography
	Authentic Cultural Experiences
	Night Game Drives



# SARUNI MARA BASECAMP



## VIEW OVER THE VALLEY & MARA NORTH CONSERVANCY

### KEY FOR COTTAGES

- Cottage 2 | The Artist's Studio
- Cottage 3 | The Observatory
- Cottage 4 | The Literary Room
- Cottage 5 | The Photographer's Studio
- Cottage 6 | The Love Shack

# LODGE LAYOUT

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## SARUNI MARA DETAILS

Location	Mara North Conseruancy, Masai Mara, Kenya	
Road access	✓	4x4 vehicles only
Self-drive access	✓	5 hours' drive from Nairobi
Air access	✓	One nearby airstrips (around 50 minutes' drive from Saruni Mara, with daily scheduled flights from Nairobi and Mombasa. Private charters are also an option.
Traversing area	69,000 acres	
Views	Mara plains	

### GEOGRAPHY & CLIMATE

Altitude	5,500 – 6,400ft
Days	Warm, dry
Nights	Cool
Humidity	Zero
Annual rainfall	760mm

### LODGE AMENITIES

Architecture	Luxury cottages and uillas	
Construction	Uniquely themed	
Maximum guests	18	
Minimum age requirement	X	
Can be booked on an exclusive-use basis	✓	
Shared spaces (loung, dining room, deck) – Kuro House	✓	
Electricity – 220V	✓	Solar Power
Back-up generator	✓	
International adaptors	x	3-point British plugs
Hairdryers supplied	✓	
Complimentary Wi-Fi	✓	Guest rooms only
Mobile phone signal	✓	Safaricom – signal strength varies
Pool	x	
Wellbeing Space	✓	Treatments and massages - payable extra





## ACCOMMODATION & ROOM AMENITIES

En suite	✓	
Classic cottages – double	2	
Classic cottages – twin	2	Can be converted into doubles
Honeymoon cottage	1	
Family villa (two en-suite rooms – 1 double, 1 twin)	1	Twin room can be converted into a double
Private Villa – Nyati House	1	In its own secluded valley close to the main lodge; available for exclusive bookings
Optional extra bed for child under 16	✓	One per cottage/villa only
Indoor shower	✓	
Outdoor shower	x	
Indoor bath	✓	Nyati House only
Private verandah	✓	
Private pool	x	
Yoga/exercise mat	x	

## FOOD & DRINK

Full-board accommodation (breakfast, lunch, dinner)	✓	Meals prepared by Maasai chefs
Cuisine		Italian-inspired
Dietary requests and allergies accommodated	✓	
Shared dining area	✓	Request in advance
In-cottage dining (optional)	✓	
Bush meals, picnics & sundowners	✓	
Complimentary bottled mineral water	✓	
Complimentary refillable water bottle	✓	
Complimentary local drinks	✓	
Premium/imported drinks	✓	Payable extra
Languages spoken		English, Kiswahili







#### VEHICLE ACTIVITIES IN OPEN-SIDED GAME VIEWERS

Shared game drives	✓	
Exclusive use of vehicle	✓	Payable extra – daily cost

#### ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES – INCLUDED

Local Maasai guides	✓	
Guided day game drives	✓	
Guided night game drives	✓	
Guided bush walks	✓	
Bush meals and sundowners	✓	
Drive atop Mount Kilileoni	✓	
Cultural visit to local village market	✓	
Birdwatching	✓	
Warriors Academy	✓	Special bush skills and animal tracking programme, bookable in advance
Tribal storytelling through song and dance	✓	On occasion only
The Library	✓	Sit back and get lost in over 400 vintage books

#### ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES – OPTIONAL (PAYABLE EXTRA)

Maasai Wellbeing Space treatments and massages	✓	One complimentary 30-minute back & neck massage per room per stay included.
Gift shop (artisanal crafts)	✓	
Migration river crossing	✓	Bookable in advance
Visit to the Ol Chorro Rhino Sanctuary	✓	
Hot air balloon scenic flights	✓	Bookable in advance
Entrance into Masai Mara National Reserve		
Traditional ceremonies and blessings	✓	Bookable in advance



### ACCEPTED PAYMENTS IN CAMP

Cash – KSH	✓	
Cash – USD	✓	Only notes newer than 2013
Cash – EUR	✓	
Cash – GBP	✓	
Credit cards – Visa	✓	Surcharge applies if settling accommodation costs
Credit cards – Mastercard	✓	Surcharge applies if settling accommodation costs
Debit cards	✓	

### GRATUITIES (DISCRETIONARY)

Recommended per day – guide	US\$10	Please pay any gratuities in cash
Recommended per day – staff	US\$5–10	

### HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

Malaria risk	Extremely Low
Sun protection	Recommended

### RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

Saruni Basecamp believes fully and invests significantly in community development and conservation.

More than 80% of Saruni Mara's employees are Maasai from the local communities. They are trained and employed so that the local communities benefit directly from the lodge being in their area.

- Saruni Mara has formed a local women's group, where the ladies are encouraged to sell their artifacts through the Saruni shop.
- Saruni Basecamp sponsors young Maasai to train as guides at the Koiyaki Guiding School, and lead future generations of conservationists and safari guides.
- The lodge protects the northern corridors of the Masai Mara ecosystem and contributes to the preservation of the Lemek and Mara North Conservancies.







## SARUNI MARA – IN A NUTSHELL

Exceptional wildlife & diverse landscapes	Life transforming experiences	Positive impacts for the land and its people
Prime game viewing with abundant wildlife all year round	Diverse activities – something for everyone	The Maasai are the custodians of their community land
Opportunity to view nocturnal animals	Exclusive game viewing	Maasai and Samburu camp management, with 80%+ local staff
Home of the Great Wildebeest Migration	Maasai Wellbeing Space	Tourism revenue is the main source of commercial income for the community
Situated in the private Mara North Conservancy - 69,000 acres of protected wilderness	Immersive and transformative cultural experiences	Guests contribute to conservation projects through daily conservancy fees
Nestled in a remote, secluded acacia valley with views over the Mara plains	Warriors Academy	Eco-friendly lodge built by local artisans

Book your Saruni Mara adventure today!



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