



Little Governors' Camp
MASAI MARA

Fact Sheet

Little Governors' Camp is intimate in character, with just 17 en-suite tents that are tucked around a central marsh area teeming with both birds and wildlife, in the Masai Mara.

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Highlights

- Classic safari camp set in the heart of the action, in Kenya's Masai Mara.
- Unfenced and idyllically positioned around a seasonal marsh frequented by a variety of game. Expect regular visits from elephants passing through.
- Perfect for 'first timers' to Africa', couples, families, large and small groups, special occasion groups.

About

Originally built in 1976, Little Governors' Camp is a **traditional tented camp** with an **excellent setting**; sleep under canvas, immersed in the wild.

Located on the edge of the Masai Mara National Reserve and with a constant pageantry of game, Little Governors' casts its spell over all who visit, from honeymoon couples to former presidents!

Getting here is an adventure in itself; the camp is accessed by a very short boat ride across the Mara River, then an escorted walk through the riverine forest. Vehicles are left on the far river bank and the camp is therefore quiet and undisturbed. The 17 guest tents are all en-suite, tastefully furnished and have large wooden deck verandahs.

In keeping with safari tradition, we have subtle safari lighting and candlelight; as dusk falls, the flickering lights in the forest make the camp a peaceful and atmospheric place. Meals are enjoyed, as is our style, al fresco under the cool shade of the Warburgia trees during the day and by candle-light in the dining tent at night. Fall asleep to the chorus of the African bush as hippo, buffalo and elephant graze around you.

Little Governors' runs on 100% solar power and has been awarded a GOLD Eco-Rating from Eco-Tourism Kenya due to our sustainable tourism practices in place in camp.



ACCOMMODATION

- Total 17 x tented accommodations, all facing on to the central marsh area which is frequented by game and a haven for birdlife.
- There are 10 x doubles and 7 x twins (32m²) each with private verandahs, standing showers.
- Tent no.17 is the furthest along in the line of tents and is often requested by 'honeymooners'.
- 2 x guide tents available.

FACILITIES

- Charging facilities in all tents and main areas.
- Universal sockets.
- 24hr power, 100% solar powered, 220 volt.
- Hair dryers available in guest tents.
- Wi-Fi throughout and cell reception.
- Bar / Dining / Gift shop.
- Spa treatments are offered from the comfort and privacy of guest's tents.
- Laundry is included.
- Purified drinking water (Reverse Osmosis).
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express accepted.
- A hot air balloon safari launch site is located just behind Little Governors' Camp.
- 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, where a welcoming drink awaits by the warming campfire. Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by our chefs and served under the stars, with the soft lights of safari lanterns 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 Little 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.

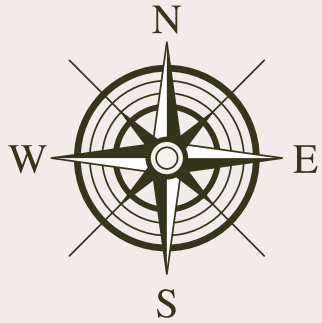
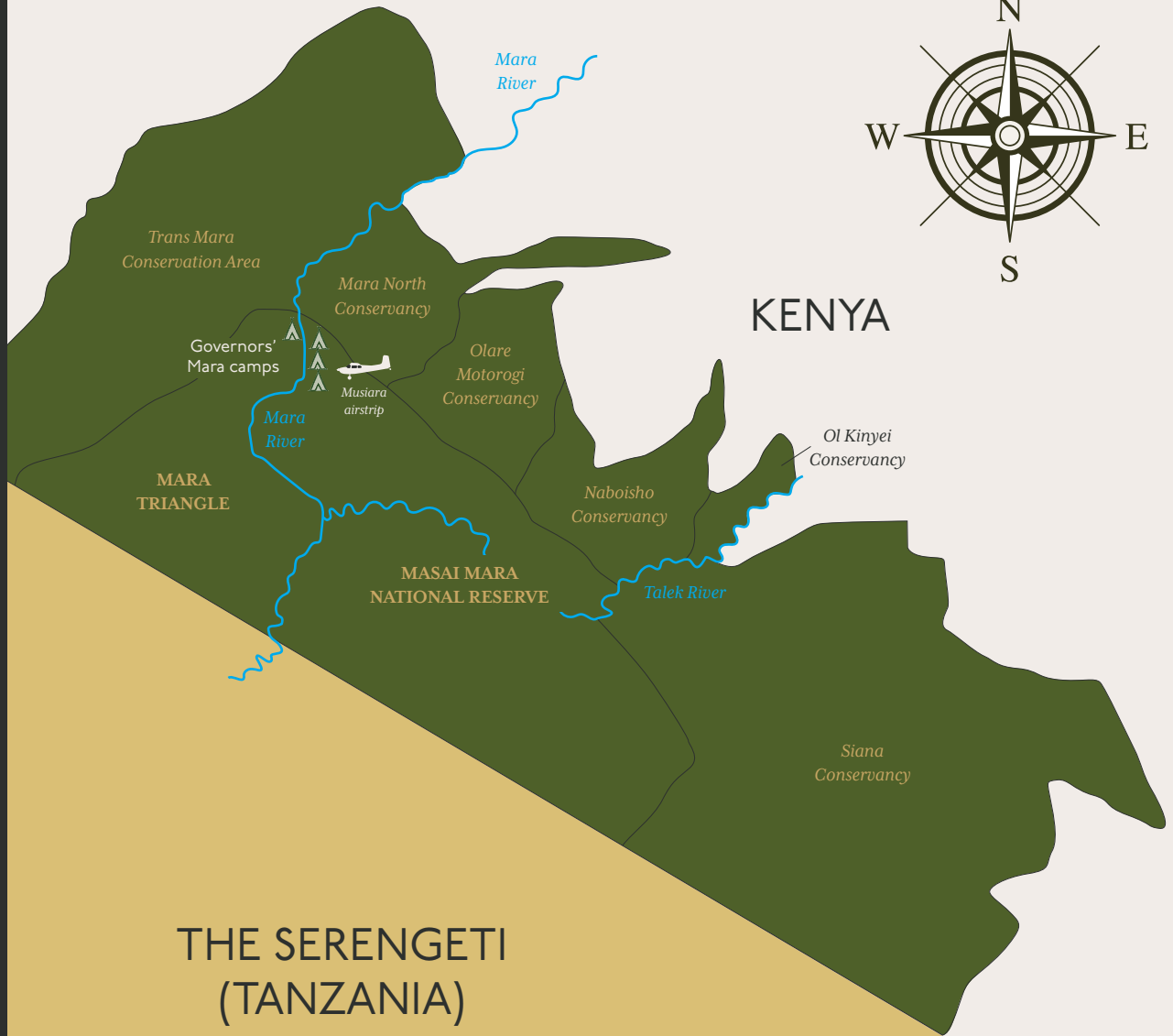
The Great Migration is a wildlife spectacle like no other; as the vast herds cross rivers and sweep through the golden grasses, this journey is punctuated by individual struggles with the predators, which are in turn drawn to take their part in this dramatic event.



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MASAI MARA

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KENYA

THE SERENGETI (TANZANIA)

SEASONS

Little 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 for more details.

Other flight options: Air Kenya (www.airkenya.com) or Safarilink (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.

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 -1.279974, 35.035797

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

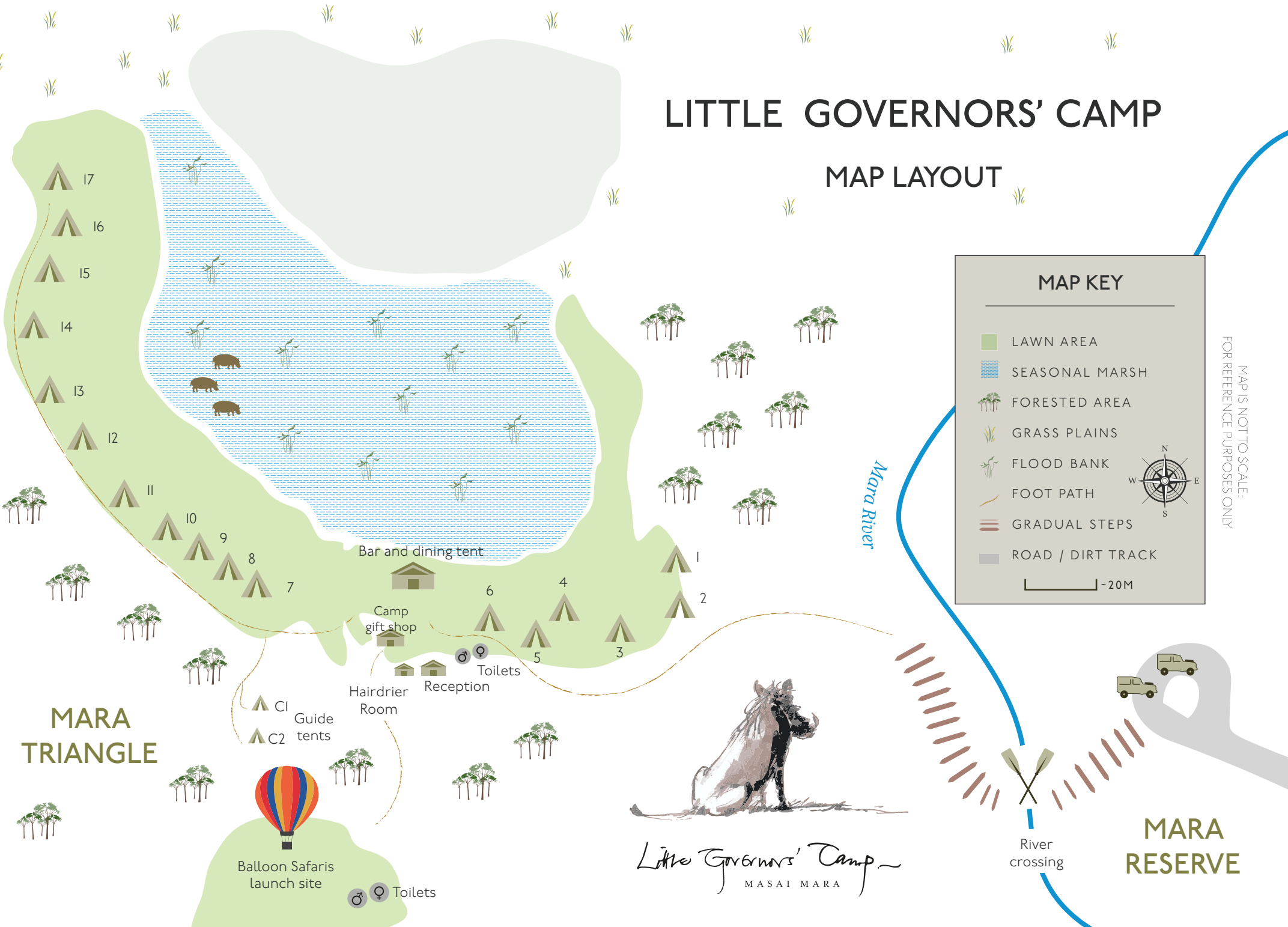
It's important to note that from 1st January 2021 all travellers requiring a visa will need to apply for an e-visa in advance. For more information visit www.evisa.go.ke Please see the Travel Planning section on our website, which covers more on visas.

Suggested packing list

Again, please locate the Travel Planning section on our website which provides a guideline packing list with our suggestions, or request it from us by email.

LITTLE GOVERNORS' CAMP

MAP LAYOUT



MAP KEY

- LAWN AREA
- SEASONAL MARSH
- FORESTED AREA
- GRASS PLAINS
- FLOOD BANK
- FOOT PATH
- GRADUAL STEPS
- ROAD / DIRT TRACK

MAP IS NOT TO SCALE:
FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY

MARA TRIANGLE

Balloon Safaris launch site

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MARA RESERVE

River crossing

C1 Guide tents
C2 Guide tents

Hairdrier Room
Reception
Toilets

Camp gift shop
Toilets

Bar and dining tent

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