



Fact Sheet

**Governors' Il Moran Camp** is widely regarded as one of the premier camps in the Masai Mara, with the best game viewing right on your doorstep.

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# Highlights

- A luxury camp, small and personable in nature, tucked away within riverine forest that hugs the banks of the Mara River.
- Unfenced and in the heart of the action. Resident warthog families in camp and frequent visits from elephants.
- Perfect for couples, honeymooners, older families and small groups.

# About

Il Moran is small and intimate, with added touches that place this camp at the top of the safari accommodation range. This is the camp for those who want that extra bit of luxury.

Hidden under ancient trees deep in the forest, are just ten tents which line the winding banks of the Mara River. Hippos wallow in the river waters below, elephants wander through camp and the night time is punctuated by hyena whoops and lion calls.

Each tent enjoys a private location from which to enjoy the beautiful and serene setting. The rooms are expansive and furnished to a superior standard. Beautiful recycled old wood furniture and muted natural tones are a natural extension of the environment around. Each stylish bathroom boasts a Victorian style bath, while a large verandah at the front is designed for relaxing in comfort within the peaceful surroundings.

Meals are served on the raised wooden decking of the main mess and dining tent which offers a bird's eye view of the snorting hippos below. The main feature is a sunken fire pit which is lit with hot coals in the evenings - the perfect spot to sit back with a cocktail of your choice.

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







# **ACCOMMODATION**

- Total of IO x luxury tents in total (56m2) with private verandahs and views over the Mara River.
- There are 5 doubles, 5 convertible twin/double.
- Each tent has a shower and a beautiful Victorian-style bath and shower.
- 2 x guide tents available.

# **FACILITIES**

- 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.
- Spa treatments are offered from the comfort and privacy of the guest tents.
- · Laundry 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.
- Binoculars are loaned to guests for use on game drives at no extra cost.

## **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' Il Moran Camp, in particular, is renowned for is 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 fimmakers 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 I.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.



# MASAI MARA

AND SURROUNDING CONSERVANCIES





# **SEASONS**

Governors' Il Moran Camp is open all year round.

HIGH SEASON	MID SEASON	GREEN SEASON
Ist July – 3Ist October	lst Jan – 3lst March	April - June
I6th – 3Ist December	Ist November – 15th December	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-I0 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 **I5 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 aged 8 years and over are welcome and catered for with activities and flexible meals.

#### Rates, inclusions and exclusions

**Rate includes**: Local airstrip transfers, accommodation, 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 -1.277809, 35.039838

#### 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.evi-sa.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.



