

THE JAHAZI SUITE AT MARA PLAINS

OLARE MOTOROGI CONSERVANCY | MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE



The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains is a spectacular, private 2-bedroomed Suite located to one side of Mara Plains Camp.

Mara Plains Camp is a one-of-a-kind safari camp located in the private 13,300-hectare Olare Motorogi Conservancy, which lies just to the north of Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve's northern boundary. Mara Plains Camp and the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains are proud members of Relais & Châteaux of which there are only three such members in Kenya. The others are its sister properties, namely Ol Donyo Lodge and Mara Nyika Camp). Safaris here blends the finest in wildlife viewing with the absolute best of safari hospitality and guiding.

No other Maasai Mara-based safari camp offers the extensive traversing area of Mara Plains Camp, with access to a total of 40,000 hectares of private conservancy land and the world-renowned Maasai Mara, home to the Great Migration.

The two-bedroomed Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains, offers guests a private yet intimate stay. It is built entirely under canvas and raised, recycled railway sleeper decking complete with wrap-around veranda and private swimming pool. The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains, which offers incredible views of the steady stream of wildlife parading past whilst discreetly tucked away under the tree canopy, is a perfect partner to the safari experiences at Mara Nyika Camp, The Sambuk Suite at Mara Nyika and Ol Donyo Lodge.

Central to the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains is an indoor dining area flanked by two large bedrooms with well-appointed ensuite facilities consisting of a flush loo, double basins, indoor shower and luxurious deep copper baths. Each of the suites has deep canvas canopied ceilings, rough-hewn wood floors and accents of East Africa's rich safari history. Thick Lamu wood doors, deep reds, and brass accents – these small details transport guests to a time and land far away.

A short walkway leads off the main area to a private swimming pool. Being under the trees and sweeping canvas roof, the Suite is perfect for rest and relaxation. When residing at the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains, guests automatically enjoy the services of a private safari vehicle and guide.



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Mara Plains Camp is nestled in a lush forest on the meandering bends of the Ntiakitiak River, with careful thought given to every detail. The camp is not an imposition on the landscape, but rather a subtle refuge among the wild. Its presence does not detract from the ecosystem's visual beauty but incorporates it with sweeping views across the plains and careful position among the riverine forest. It is captivating on arrival. These stylistic elements and thoughtful environmental elements, such as solar power and no cement, make Mara Plains a modern-day safari retreat.

Each guest at Mara Plains contributes considerably to the success of the Olare Motorogi Conservancy's flourishing ecosystem. The nightly conservation fees are paid to safeguard this habitat while supporting over 1,000 Maasai families. This partnership agreement ensures the survival of an astounding volume and variety of wildlife.

CAMP FEATURES

Total Number of Bedrooms:

The 2-bedroom private Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains can accommodate a family of 5 with 2 adults and 3 children (aged 6 – 15 years), or 4 adults traveling together;

1 Guide room with a double bed and a bathroom.

Type of Lodge:

Réserve Collection Safari Camp



Lodge Season & Opening:

Year Round

Ideal length of stay:

3 / 4 Nights

CHECK OUT TIME

We maintain a high level of flexibility when it comes to check-out times at our camps. However, due to some scheduled air transfer schedules, there are instances where we may kindly request guests to check out of their suites by 9:00am. In such situations, our lodges and camps are set up to ensure that guests can utilise the facilities located in the central area. This includes access to Wi-Fi, the provision of complimentary drinks and lunch in the event of any unexpected delays, and access to hides or other activities if available.

CAMP CO-ORDINATES

1°20'33.6"S 35°09'50.7"E

ACCESS DIRECTIONS

- Scheduled aircraft transfers to the nearby Olare Motorogi airstrip, from Nairobi's Wilson domestic airport (flying time 1hr 15mins) and other locations in Kenya;
- Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains is an approximate 30-minute drive from the airstrip with often wildlife viewing opportunities en route;
- Private charters can land at the Camp's private strip;
- Co-ordinates: S1°19'25.2", E35°14'27.3"
- Airstrip length: 1300m

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ACTIVITIES

Wildlife viewing

Early morning, late afternoon/ evening or even full-day safari drives occur in some of the Mara's most luxurious wildlife-viewing vehicles. The Suite's private safari vehicle (Toyota Land Cruiser) is open-sided, canopied and customised for photographers (fold-down screens, raised roofs, photographic bars, multiplug invertors). The vehicle is also stocked with a fridge with drinks and snacks, ready for longer days out if the wildlife viewing is exciting and just too hard to leave.

Every day on safari brings a unique and distinct experience. Safari drives typically start at sunrise, return for lunch and depart again in the midafternoon before returning just after sunset. However, with a packed breakfast and lunch, we often go out all day deep into the Maasai Mara National Reserve or the private Mara North and Olare Motorogi Conservancies.

Very often, our safaris will continue into the night, a possibility because of our location on a private conservancy. Night drives are incredibly prolific in the Olare Motorogi Conservancy, and while they take patience, sightings commonly include lesser-known nocturnal mammals and even lion and hyena hunts.

Our schedule is flexible, and guests are encouraged to create their own itinerary according to their interests with guidance and recommendations from our professional guides.

Hot Air Ballooning

Hot air ballooning is available but should be booked in advance and is subject to availability and additional cost. Departures are very early in the morning to allow time to transfer to the nearest launching point.

Cultural Experience

The Naboisho Women's Group cultural experience is supported by the Great Plains Foundation, enabling the group to purchase raw materials in bulk including a tailor hired to work on leather products. Available to guests staying at Great Plains Conservation camps all profits from the sale of their wares are ploughed back into the women's business training to ensure this group is self-sustainable. Items available for purchase include, but are not limited to, beaded & leather products, coasters, bracelets, necklaces, belts, dog collars, earrings, and decorated dawa sticks for example.

Photography

The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains has a professional camera set, including a camera body and 100-400mm and 24-70mm lenses. Photos will be downloaded to a memory stick on guest's departure. The suite also comes with a pair of high-quality binoculars for guest use. Photographic tuition can be arranged for guests (at an additional cost) and we recommend prior booking if possible. Tuition can be either on company cameras or own guests' personal cameras.

Private vehicle option

Included as standard.

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Private Guides

Private guides are encouraged and welcomed.

CENTRAL FACILITIES

- Dining room, wine room and bar;
- Main lounge and library on raised decks, uniquely framing the landscape;
- Coffee and tea station;
- Outdoor fire pit with seating;
- Great Plains Safari Boutique: Selling locally and regionally produced crafts, many of which support local community projects in the nearby Maasai communities. The Boutique also stocks the d&b clothing line: Dereck and Beverly Joubert have inspired this bespoke range of clothing they typically wear, and which is perfect and cool while on safari yet elegant when in the city. All materials are responsibly sourced.

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FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Our world-class meals are Relais & Châteaux recognised;
- All meals included and prepared by our Executive Chefs and their teams in a state-of-the-art kitchen that guests are welcome to visit;
- All drinks and beverages are included, including imported spirits and champagnes;
- Group meals and/or individual tables, a la carte menu options;
- Indoor and outdoor dining;

- Private dining on guest's private verandah on request;
- All dietary requirements are catered for from regular to vegan to children; prior notice required;
- We are extremely flexible on timings. Picnic breakfasts or lunch (or both) are the norm due to very active safari drives, often delivered to the bush!

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Bedroom features

- The 2-bedroom private Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains includes the services of wildlife viewing vehicle & guide;
- The Suite is olive green in colour with high ceilings and netted windows, so are light and bright;
- Indoor dining area;
- Private swimming pool;
- Prominent outdoor verandah;
- Coffee and tea station;
- Desk and dressing area as well as small lounge;
- Mini bar with drinks of choice;
- Overhead ceiling fan;
- Either twin or double bed configuration.

Bathroom features

- Each bedroom of the Jahazi suite is en-suite with flush loo, shower (indoor), copper bathtub and double basins;
- Hot and cold running water;
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner and lotion provided;
- Power system does not support hairdryers, shavers or any high wattage device (low voltage hairdryers provided).



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ACCOMMODATING CHILDREN AND SHARING ACCOMMODATION

- We look forward to having children stay with us that are 6 years and older;
- The private Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains can cater for a maximum of four adults sharing or two adults and up to three children (aged 6 – 15), sharing in two separate bedrooms;
- Young children must be supervised as the Jahazi Suite is unfenced, the pool is not covered, there are high predator densities in and around camp and there is a river nearby;
- Great Plains Young Explorers program – thoughtfully designed to explore a range of experiences and topics from birding to cooking to art to tracking wildlife.

SPA TREATMENTS

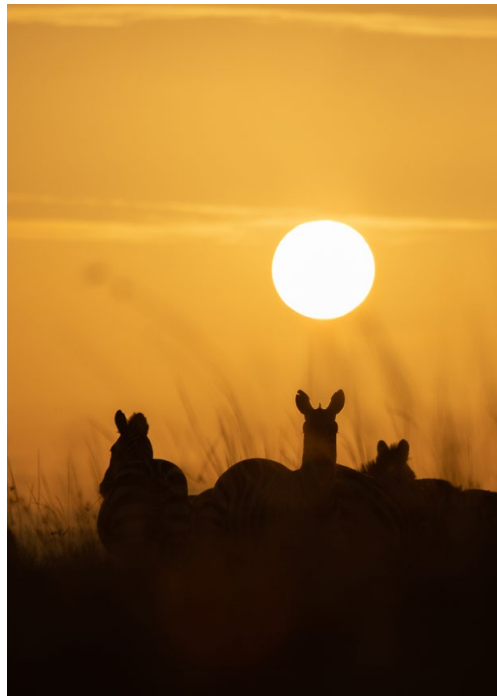
Wellness spa with locally inspired treatments is available for in-room treatments.

FITNESS

Yoga mats and bands are provided in each suite.

LAUNDRY

Included in nightly tariff - next day service, weather permitting.



POWER AND COMMUNICATION

Power

- The camp is run by an impressive solar farm;
- This system produces 240V, 24-hour electricity to the suites and main area;
- Plug points in each suite;
- Type of plug: Universal plug points;
- Power system does not support hairdryers, shavers or any high wattage device (low voltage hairdryers provided).

INTERNET & MOBILE

- Cell service is relatively good;
- Wi-fi available in guest suites;
- No cell phones or computers are allowed in the public areas of camp or on safari vehicles, only in the privacy of guest suite.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health

- Malaria: Minimal exposure risk– Malaria prophylaxis are recommended if guests are concerned; however, this is a remote area with little occurrence;
- Kenya is considered a Yellow Fever Zone. Consult your medical practitioner prior to travel;
- Guests must hold comprehensive medical insurance and emergency evacuation insurance;
- Senior staff all has first aid training;
- Nearest decent medical facility is in Nairobi.

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Possibility of Disabled Access

The camp layout is conducive to guests who use wheelchairs due to interconnected raised decking and pathways between suites and the main area. There are a few steps between the main entrance and arrival bridge, but our staff will be on hand to assist.

Safety

- The camp is unfenced to wild animals that do move through the property especially at night. Security guards are armed with traditional spears;
- Fire extinguishers in each suite.

MONEY MATTERS

Safes

Safes are provided in the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains.

Accepted Payment on Location

- Staff gratuities can be paid in Kenyan Shillings, US Dollars or GB Pounds;
- Credit card facilities are available in camp (except American Express) subject to 3.5% charge.

The Team

Lodge Owners

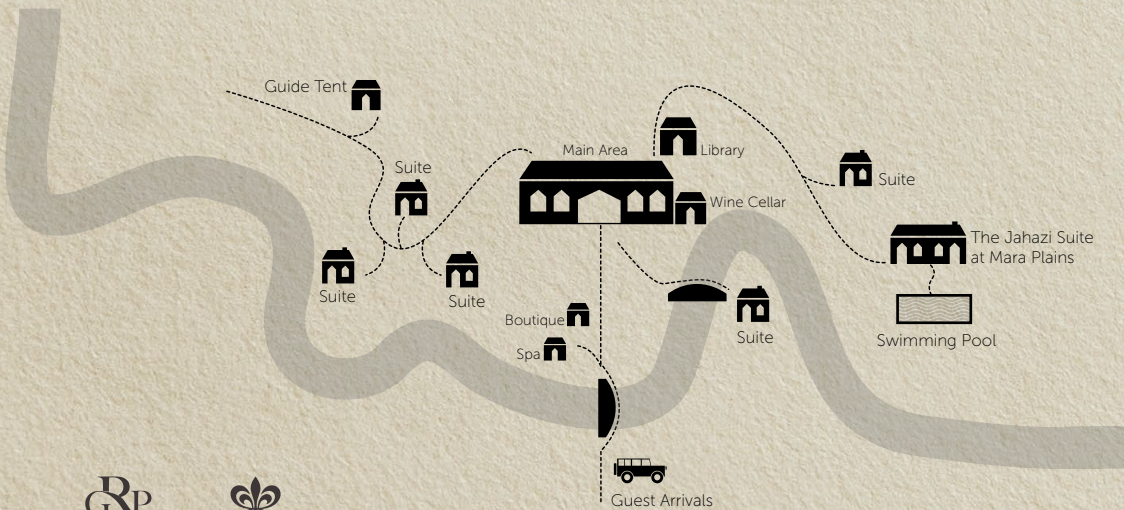
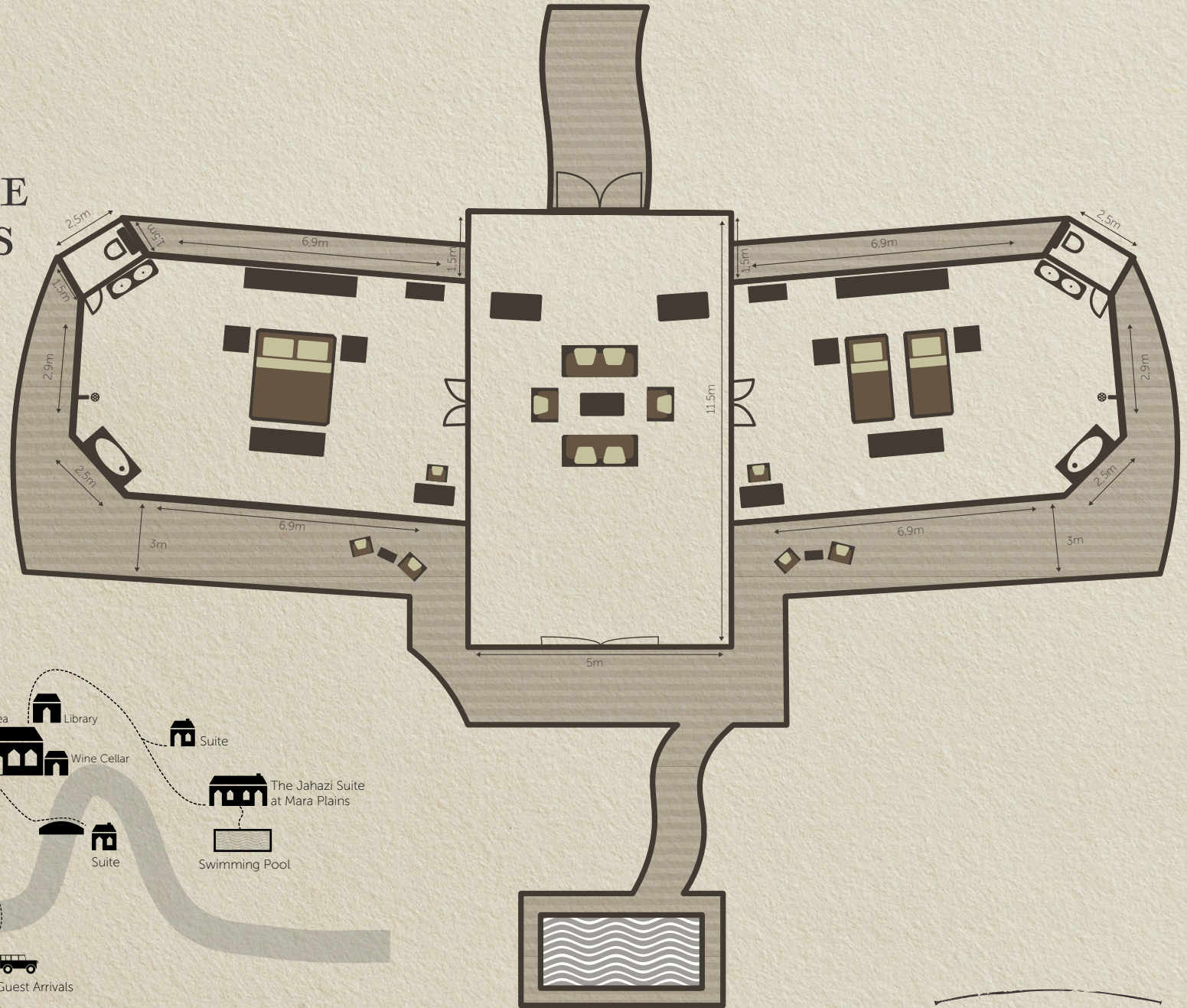
Great Plains Conservation

FOUNDATION INITIATIVE Conservation Education

Engaging youth in local communities living alongside conserved land is critical to long-term conservation. Our conservation education programs engage youth with the natural world at a pivotal time in their lives. Great Plains Conservation believes that through thoughtful engagement, environmental education, fun and mentorship, youth in communities that surround our protected wildlife areas can learn to appreciate the uniqueness of their ecosystems and become champions for conservation. Great Plains Student Conservation Camps are one of our longest-running community programs. Since the program began more than ten years ago, hundreds of children have benefitted from the program in both Kenya and Botswana. Learn more at www.greatplainsfoundation.com

In addition to our own programs Great Plains Foundation keeps a list of school needs in the countries where we work. Needed items can be hand-carried by travelers or we can help purchase them locally. To learn more or to help support students and educators as part of your trip please reach out info@greatplainsfoundation.com

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GREAT PLAINS

CONSERVING AND EXPANDING NATURAL HABITATS

GREAT PLAINS - KENYA



GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION STRIVES TO FIND THE RIGHT FORMULA OF CONSERVATION, COMMUNITIES AND COMMERCE THAT MAKES A LASTING, SUSTAINABLE DIFFERENCE TO THE WORLD'S ICONIC WILDLIFE HABITATS



Mara Toto Tree Camp • Mara Plains Camp & The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains
Mara Expedition Camp • Mara Nyika Camp & The Sambuk Suite at Mara Nyika

Mara Triangle
Maasai Mara Reserve

Serengeti National Park

Shompole

Tanzania

Mount Kilimanjaro

Ol Donyo Lodge

Tsavo East National Park

Tsavo West National Park

Kenya

Shompole

Lake Nyanza

Lake Naivasha

Amboseli National Park

Ol Donyo Lodge

Ngorongoro Crater

KENYA CAMPS

ACTIVITY	OL DONYO LODGE	MARA PLAINS CAMP & THE JAHAZI SUITE AT MARA PLAINS	MARA NYIKA CAMP & THE SAMBUK SUITE AT MARA NYIKA	MARA TOTO TREE CAMP OPENING JULY 1, 2024
Camp Classification	Réserve-Collection	Réserve-Collection	Réserve-Collection	Réserve-Collection
Location	Mbirikani Group Ranch	Olare Motorogi Conservancy	Naboisho Conservancy	Maasai Mara National Reserve
Size of concession / reserve	110 000 Hectares / 275 000 Acres	13 300 Hectares / 33 000 Acres	20 000 Hectares / 50 000 Acres	28 000 Hectares / 69 000 Acres
Traversing	Mbirikani Group Ranch	Olare Motorogi Conservancy & Maasai Mara National Reserve	Naboisho Conservancy & Maasai Mara National Reserve	Mara North Conservancy & Maasai Mara National Reserve
Number of Suites / Tents	8 Suites	5 Suites	4 Suites	4 Suites
Family Accommodation	One 2-bedroom suite	The 2-bedroom Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains	The 2-bedroom Sambuk Suite at Mara Nyika. One two-bedroom suite	n/a
Children can be accommodated from:	5 Years	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years
Day Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Night Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (water level dependent)
Cultural Experience	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Vehicle (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guided Walks (to be pre-booked)	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a
Horseback Riding	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hot-Air Ballooning (at an additional charge)	n/a	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mountain Biking	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hide	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	Yes (Main Pool & Private Plunge Pools)	Yes (Jahazi Suite only)	n/a	n/a
Shower	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor	Indoor	Indoor
Bath	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hairdryers (low voltage)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mosquito Nets	Yes	Yes (On all tent sides)	Yes (On all tent sides)	Yes (On all tent sides)
Fans	Standing fan	Overhead fan	Standing fan	Standing fan
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes	Yes (In-room only)	Yes (In-room only)
Fitness	Gym & In-Room Equipment	In-room Equipment	In-room Equipment	In-room equipment
Boutique on site	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

KENYA CAMPS

ACTIVITY	MARA EXPEDITION CAMP
Camp Classification	Explorers Collection
Location	Maasai Mara National Reserve
Size of concession / reserve	28 000 Hectares / 69 000 Acres
Traversing	Mara North Conservancy & Maasai Mara National Reserve
Number of Suites / Tents	5 Tents
Family Accommodation	One 2-bedroom family tent
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years
Day Drives	Yes
Night Drives	Yes (water level dependent)
Cultural Experience	Yes
Private Vehicle (at an additional charge)	Yes
Guided Walks (to be pre-booked)	n/a
Horseback Riding	n/a
Hot-Air Ballooning (at an additional charge)	Yes
Bicycling	Yes
Hide	n/a
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	Main swimming pool
Shower	Indoor
Bath	n/a
Hairdryers (low voltage)	n/a
Mosquito Nets	Yes (On all tent sides)
Fans	Standing fan
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	n/a
Fitness	Yoga mats
Boutique on site	n/a