

Governors' Balloon Safaris

Governors' has been pioneering immersive and transformational safaris in the Mara since 1972.

We were the first operators to be permanently based inside the Mara, our site was chosen for its prime location and was the designated "getaway" for the colonial Governors of Kenya. Unfenced and right in the heart of the action, our camps are located in some of the best and most precious wildlife locations in the world. We are a family with a colourful **cast of characters** that embodies the spirit of safari, while placing the care of the environment, community and conservation at the heart of everything we do.

The Adventure Of A Lifetime

The Mara from a balloon is one of the most spectacular sights on earth!

We offer the unique experience of a balloon safari over the plains, forest and river of the Masai Mara Game Reserve, famous for its abundance of wildlife throughout the year. Lions, elephants, buffalo, hippos, crocodiles and prolific numbers of plains game are regularly seen, as are the countless species of birds both in flight and atop their lofty perches in the trees. The annual migration of the Wildebeest from July to October is a sight that, viewed from the vantage point of a balloon, is never to be forgotten ...

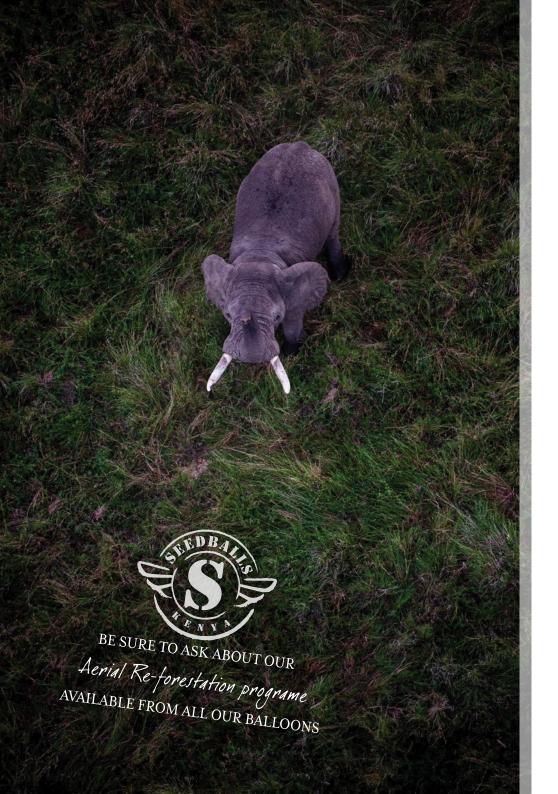
What to expect

Departure is from Little Governors' Camp, which has a perfect natural launch site and offers easy access for the take off before sunrise. Flames from the balloons' burners light the darkness as the crews inflate their craft. As the first rays of sunlight flicker across the skies, the inflated balloons begin to rise. Suspended in a basket beneath the rainbow coloured canopy, you're off for a game viewing adventure with an entirely different perspective. The flight lasts about 45 minutes to an hour (dependent on conditions), with ample opportunities for photography and video filming. After landing there is a full English breakfast, cooked on the balloon burners in the middle of the rolling plains of the Masai Mara, complete with sparkling wine! The balloon safari ends with a leisurely game drive through the Mara Triangle, and then back to your camp (please note that this can be a quick game drive if you are catching a flight out of the Mara).









Governors' Balloon Safaris - what you need to know:

- Best location fly over the Masai Mara!
- Balloons take off from Little Governors' Camp.
- Enjoy pre-dawn inflation of rainbow coloured balloons.
- Takeoff at dawn and watch the sunrise from the balloon.
- Approximately 45 minutes to an hour flight over Masai Mara plains and Mara River.
- Stunning views and exceptional game viewing from the balloon.
- Excellent photographic opportunities.
- Full breakfast cooked on the balloon burners, with sparkling wine.
- Game drive back to your camp after breakfast.
- Balloon safaris can either be prebooked before arrival or in camp subject to availability.

Please note:

There are no special requirements for participation in a balloon safari, although the participants should generally be fit, have had no recent major surgery, have no major back or neck issues and should not be pregnant. For **safety reasons** children must be eight years old and above and taller than 1.2metres to participate in the hot air balloon safari.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Transfers to and from **nearby** camps / lodges.
- 45 minutes to an hour balloon flight.
- Full breakfast with sparkling wine.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

- Balloon landing fees payable by guest.
- AMREF cover payable by guest.

