

# ANGAMA MARA

## *From Hello to Goodbye*

WE ARE OFTEN ASKED THE QUESTION:  
'WHAT MAKES A PERFECT ANGAMA MARA STAY?'



We find this quite difficult to answer because guests wake up each day and decide what they want to do. And the team makes it happen. Simple really, but there is a gentle rhythm to each stay and perhaps four nights in our lovely lodge might look something like this...

### HELLO DAY

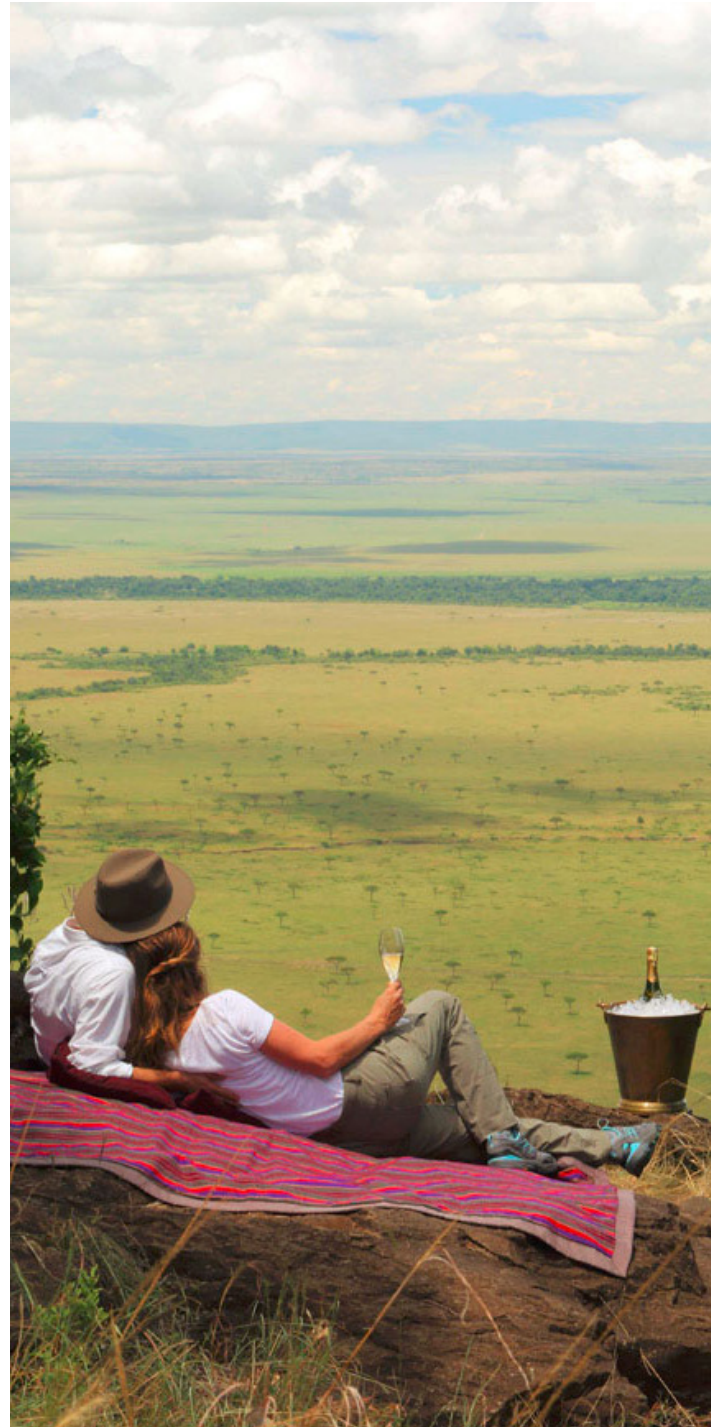
- The first glimpse of the lodge as guests come into land at the lodge's private airfield – sweeping canvas flysheets tucked into the forest and hanging on to the very edge of the world
- After a short 5-minute drive to the lodge (or a 15-minute stroll for those who might feel like stretching their legs) the staff awaits with a warm Kenyan welcome
- And it's straight to the tents and the view simply takes their breath away
- First on the to-do list is settling in, unpacking, and enjoying an ice-cold Tusker beer whilst gazing again at the Mara spread out below
- Lunch is on the deck of the guest area, but before that the Camp Host will share what the guests might like to do and how things work around here – over a gin and tonic, perhaps?



- Maybe there is time for a quick visit to the Photographic Studio for any assistance needed with your camera before meeting your Safari Guide and heading off down the lodge's private road into the Mara Triangle, a 10-minute drive to the park entrance
- Back to the lodge by sunset, followed by a long, hot shower and pre-dinner cocktails and bitings (snacks) at the lodge
- Dinner is an elegant affair – candles, starched linen, gentle service and delicious safari food
- Close the mesh sliding doors but leave the glass sliding doors open – the night chorus us not to be missed. And do leave the blinds up ...

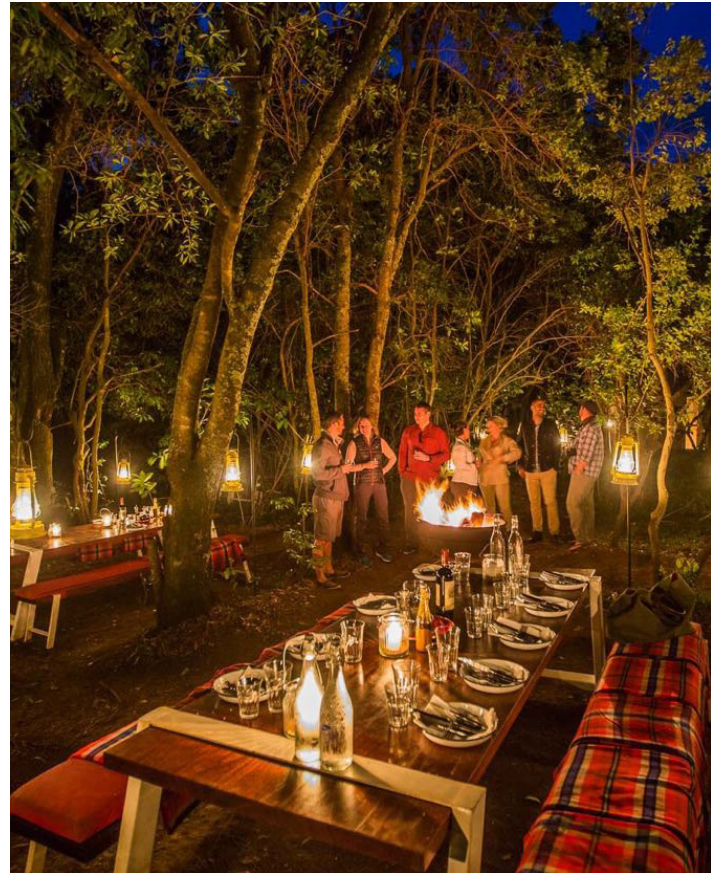
## DAY TWO

- ... because you wouldn't want to miss the sun rising at the foot of your bed and the hot air balloons as they float gently by
- This morning, it's up early and off down to the Reserve for a game drive with a safari breakfast packed and ready to go. A long, lazy late lunch back at the lodge awaits. Don't worry, there is always something to eat leaving the camp, on safari and returning to camp
- Catch-up time with a great book at the pool or on the red rocking chairs on the guest tent decks. There is a selection of African reading and browsing in the Library, and of course, a copy of Karen Blixen's *Out of Africa* in each tent
- This inspires guests to take a gentle walk up the kopje where many of the lovely scenes from the movie were filmed and there they might find a romantic picnic tea laid out, just for two
- As the sun dips behind the escarpment, guests stroll back down the hill to the Sundowner Boma to toast the end of the day with a Pimm's or Dawa (classic East Africa mojito) and test their jumping skills....
- Tonight, guests might decide to experience Angama Mara's signature Forest BBQ – it really is one of a kind
- And on their return to the lodge, another surprise awaits...



### DAY THREE

- The butler gently wakes guests by leaving steaming coffee, orange juice and something freshly baked in the tent's butler's lobby for a very early departure for a sunrise hot air balloon flight journeying over the plains of the Mara, followed by a champagne breakfast in the heart of the Reserve
- A gentle game drive back to the lodge and maybe a pre-lunch siesta or an in-room massage on the deck of the tent?
- Wander through the Shamba (kitchen garden) picking and tasting as you go. Afterwards, enjoy a private garden-to-fork lunch under the shady moth trees. The leaves and vegetables which you have foraged are washed and readied for the freshest salads imaginable, paired with crusty bread, local cheese and chilled rosé wine
- Dinner this evening is romantic – watch the moon rise over the Maasai Mara whilst enjoying a private in-room dinner on the deck



## DAY FOUR

- Today it's a full day double-picnic safari down to the Tanzanian border with breakfast and lunch both enjoyed in the middle of nowhere. This one of the loveliest game drives of all and guests probably won't see another soul
- Before dinner, meet the Maasai Mamas in the Beading Studio and try your hand at this ancient craft. Perhaps even have the Maasai ladies create a bespoke piece to take home?
- Decisions for dinner – back to the BBQ or a quiet dinner in the lovely lodge guest area? It doesn't matter when guests decide to do what – the team is always ready and waiting

## GOODBYE DAY

- A lazy lie-in with breakfast served on the tent deck, one last early morning safari in the Mara, or perhaps a walk along the Escarpment? These are led by a Maasai naturalist and an opportunity to learn about the smaller details – the plants, birds and insects that play a role in the ecosystem, customs and culture.
- Tuck into breakfast back at the lodge – be sure to ask about the Chef's Special.
- Last touch and farewell to the Angama Mara family before heading back to the airfield and the onward flight

***Having said that, at Angama Mara, we are so much better at hellos than goodbyes...***



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