



MARA EXPLORER

Maasai Mara National Reserve

Location

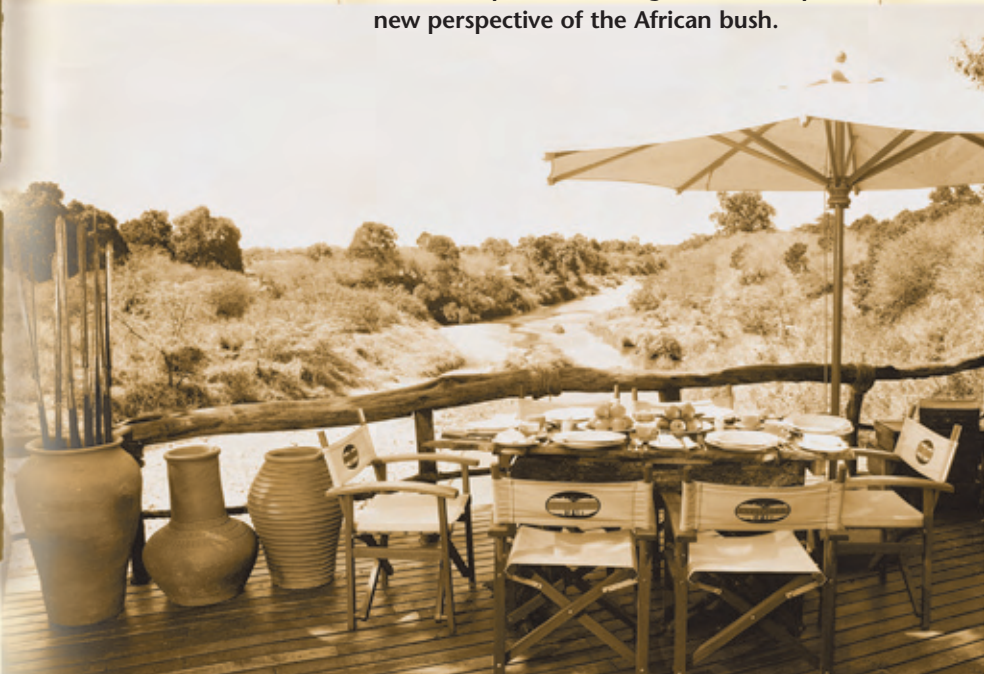
This luxurious tented camp lies at the confluence of the Maasai Mara's four main game-viewing areas, and enjoys prime views of the spectacular wildebeest migration between July and September. During the remainder of the year, herds of watering elephant, giraffe and other animals can often be seen from your private veranda. Mara Explorer's own all-weather airstrip means you can be in camp less than an hour after leaving the bustle of Nairobi. The well-maintained road from the capital provides a scenic journey of just under six hours.

Accommodation

This exclusive five-star camp offers 10 luxurious and well-spaced tents, each with its own private river frontage and views over the Talek's wildlife-rich southern banks. Seven of the tents have giant double beds, while three have twin beds. Each tent is furnished in a classic 'Explorer' style, with fine hand-carved mahogany furniture, antique chests and historic prints, and equipped with a luxurious en suite bathroom with twin basins and all modern amenities. The tents have been specially designed to open up to the sky and, on a deck on one side, a Victorian claws-foot bathtub offers secluded open-air bathing – and a unique new perspective of the African bush.

New luxury in the world's oldest wilderness

Mara Explorer is situated on a broad, thickly forested bend of the Talek River in the very heart of the Maasai Mara National Reserve



Public areas

An intimate dining area looks out over the river close to the camp entrance. Meals are served from our own kitchens, using fresh vegetables and herbs grown in the camp gardens. (Meals can also be enjoyed on your veranda, or at one of a series of specially-selected 'bush sites' close to the camp.) Next door, the camp bar offers sweeping views over the river, and a quiet place for reading, playing board games, or swapping safari tales.

Ecotourism

Mara Explorer was constructed as an eco-friendly camp, and its operations are designed to have a minimal impact on the fragile Talek ecosystem. All biodegradable waste is mulched for compost, while water-heating is fuelled by briquettes made from used coffee husks. Together with its sister camp, Mara Intrepids, Explorer helps to build and equip primary schools and medical clinics in the area. Guests are invited to visit these facilities as well as the villagers' own manyattas, which offer a fascinating insight into traditional Maasai life.

Services

- Personal butler on 24-hour call
- Full laundry and valet services
- Early morning calls with tea or coffee
- Safety deposit boxes for valuables
- Foreign currency exchange service
- Mineral water & insect repellent in tents
- Sockets for battery-charging
- Telephone and e-mail by arrangement
- Resident doctor available 24 hours.



Facilities

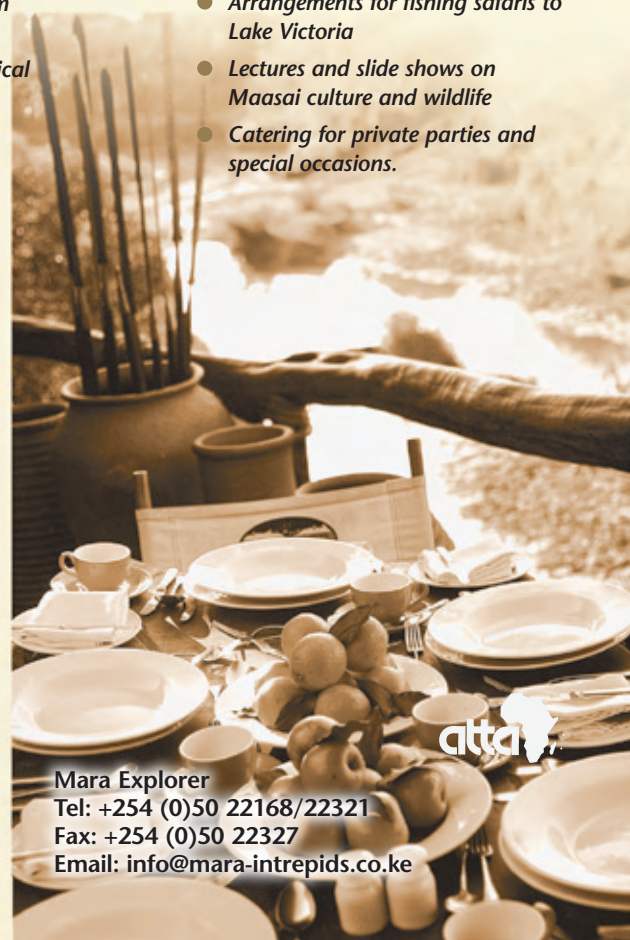
- Riverfront dining area and luxurious lounge
- Private bar with well-stocked guests' library
- Large secluded verandahs with chaise longues
- Custom-built four-wheel-drive safari vehicles
- Personal radio communications in each tent
- Board games, playing cards and other pastimes
- All-weather airstrip 2km from camp
- Reliable 240-volt electrical supply
- Swimming pool at our sister camp.

Activities

- Private game drives with experienced personal guides
- Walking safaris in the Mara Conservation Area
- Bush breakfasts and dinners under the stars
- Romantic sundowners in spectacular selected sites
- Visits to Maasai communities supported by the camp
- Transfers for early-morning hot air balloon rides
- Arrangements for fishing safaris to Lake Victoria
- Lectures and slide shows on Maasai culture and wildlife
- Catering for private parties and special occasions.



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