

CLASSIC MAASAI MARA FLYING SAFARI WITH A WEEK ON DIANI BEACH



Highlights:

This is a short tailor made flying Safari to the Maasai Mara the location of many spectacular wildlife documentaries. The Maasai Mara is an area that defies description: undoubtedly the spectacular migration of Wildebeest and Zebra searching for lush grazing following the rains, stalked by the omnipresent predators, is one of the world's greatest wildlife marvels. But the migration is by no means the only feature – this fascinating eco-system is home to enormous herds of plains game, the Big Cats and Elephant as well as colourful birds, small game, riverine wildlife and stunning scenery.

We will be based at an excellent tented camp on the Mara River in the Mara North Conservancy adjacent to the unfenced National Reserve with game drives both in the reserve and on the conservancy.

The second part of our journey is to the South Coast and the palm fringed white sands of Diani beach where we will be staying in an air conditioned cottage on the sea front in the charming Waterlovers Beach Resort, a perfect place to relax or enjoy some water sports after our exciting safari.

Day 1

You will be met off your flight at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Wilson Domestic Airport for your scheduled charter flight to the Maasai Mara.

You will be met off your flight and transferred to the excellent Karen Blixen Camp where you will be based for four nights on a full board basis including all meals, soft drinks, beers and house wines, conservation fees and game activities.

KAREN BLIXEN CAMP

Karen Blixen Camp is set on the bank of the Mara River in a private concession of land leased from a Maasai landlord. The location is spectacular, with the great Mara plains behind the camp and the impressive escarpment and Mara River in front. Zebras, elephants and hippos are found drinking from the river throughout the day.

Twenty two spacious en-suite tents are set up for providing a luxurious and stylish retreat. The tents are set on large mahogany platforms, each with a spacious veranda and cushion filled day bed from which one can enjoy a relaxing view of the wonderful surroundings. Tents can be configured for either double or twin occupancy. The open plan dining area is beautifully located on the banks of the Mara River overlooking the resident hippo pod. Pan-African, Italian, Asian and gourmet cuisine are served alongside a comprehensive selection of wines. The reception area has been decorated with accurate copies of Karen Blixen's own furniture. A swimming pool with sun-beds and umbrellas is located in a quiet corner behind the dining area.

Lion, cheetah, leopard, buffalo, elephant, rhino, giraffe, various antelopes, wildebeest, zebra and warthogs can often be seen on game drives in the area. The birdlife is also excellent around the camp and surrounding environs. From the camp you can explore the quiet corner of the Mara ecosystem of the Mara North Conservancy where visitor numbers are strictly controlled. The conservancy is home to the famed Leopard Gorge which has provided the stage for numerous BBC, National Geographic and Discovery Channel documentaries including the Big Cat Diaries. As the camp is located on a private conservancy, it enjoys the benefits of both unfenced access to the Maasai Mara Game Reserve and private game viewing within the conservancy..

View at <http://www.karenblixencamp.com/>



Day 5

Morning game activity, then after lunch you will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight to Ukunda at 1400 hours with Mombasa Air Safaris. You will be met off the flight and transferred to Waterlovers Beach Resort, your base for the next six nights.

WATERLOVERS BEACH RESORT

Waterlovers is an owner managed and charming little hotel located on the palm fringed, white sands of Diani Beach, about 35 km south of Mombasa.

Diani's long white sandy beach stretches along a breathtakingly beautiful stretch of 25 kilometres that are framed by crystal waters and coconut palm groves. The coral reef is home to sea turtles, dolphins, and numerous tropical fish.

The beach is bordered by lush green rainforest full of colourful birds and the rare Colobus Monkeys, a black and white monkey, unique to this area of East Africa.

Waterlovers comprises eight cottages all equipped with air conditioning, fan, mosquito nets, security box, tea and coffee kettle and SIM card to use in your personal mobile phone for international and local calls. Both double and triple rooms are available. Every cottage has a spacious private veranda overlooking the ocean and the style of the interior design is a blend of Swahili culture and Mediterranean style.

There is also a two bedroom family cottage available.

Accommodation is normally booked on a half board basis giving guests the option of taking lunch at the Waterlovers own "Tides Restaurant" overlooking the ocean or at other nearby restaurants in Diani.



View at <http://www.waterlovers.it/lang-eng/home.html>

Day 11

You will check out of your room at 1000 hrs and later transfer by road to Moi Airport for your return flight.

TOTAL PRICE PER PERSON SHARING ON A NAIROBI TO MOMBASA BASIS

11th January to 31 st January and March 2012 US\$3880 (£2586)

1st June to 30th June 2012 US\$3603 (£2402)

1st July to 31st July and 1st September to 31st October 2012 US\$4035 (£2690)

1st August to 30th August 2012 US\$4186 £2791

1st November to 15th December 2012 US\$3880 £2586

Early booking discount:

Clients who confirm a booking before 31 st December 2011 will be entitled to a 5 per cent discount on the above prices

What's included:

Transfers as per itinerary

Internal Flights

Domestic Departure Taxes

Full Board Accommodation at Karen Blixen Camp

Half Board accommodation at Waterlovers Beach Resort

Soft Drinks, beers, house wines and locally branded spirits at Karen Blixen Camp

All scheduled game activities

Conservancy Fees

One entry fee to the National Reserve

What's not included:

International Flights

Visa fees

Laundry

Tips and gratuities for guides and camp staff

Purchases of a personal nature

Lunch and drinks at Waterlovers

Wildlife Sightings

Africa's wildlife is free ranging and moves according to seasonal availability of food and water therefore no sighting is guaranteed. The following species can be found in the areas visited on this safari and guests can expect to see many of them.

Elephant, Giraffe, Black Rhino, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Spotted Hyena, Jackal, African Wildcat, Serval, Caracal, Civet, baboon, Vervet Monkey, Bush Baby, Genet, Mongoose, Porcupine, Aardvark, Pangolin, Wart Hog, Bush Pig, Cape Buffalo, Zebra, Wildebeest, Impala, Bushbuck, Eland, Duiker, Kongoni, Topi, Waterbuck, Lesser Kudu, Grants Gazelle, Thompsons Gazelle, Hippopotamus, Crocodile, Monitor Lizard, Ostrich, Bat Eared Fox. Also many bird and reptile species.

When to go:

This Safari can be enjoyed at any time of year but it can be wet in April and May. The game viewing is good all year round and is spectacular in the Maasai Mara during the annual wildebeest migration between late July and late October. Guests are advised that it gets cold in the Maasai Mara at night from June to August but the days are generally warm and sunny.

The weather at the coast is tropical and ideal for scuba, snorkeling and fishing between October and March, but, is also warm and sunny at other times often with a breeze and occasional rain.

Who should go:

Perfect for a first safari or first time visitors to Kenya and also for clients with limited time looking for an intensive “Big Five” safari experience. Waterlovers is ideal for clients who like the idea of a small idyllic beach resort where guests are treated like friends.

We Say:

“Classic Maasai Mara Flying Safari” is an intensive and good value “Big Five” safari with an excellent chance of seeing big cats, which will suit the independently minded traveler. Why not take a champagne breakfast hot air balloon ride (Extra at cost) over the Maasai Mara to make your safari even more special. Karen Blixen Camp is a high quality camp at a reasonable price offering a first class game experience with good guiding.

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