

CAPTURED IN
AFRICA
EXCLUSIVE SAFARIS



MARA TO VIRUNGA

8 nights | Maasai Mara | Virunga

Price: \$6449 per person sharing



FAMED BIG CATS TO FRIENDS IN THE JUNGLE

Watching those famous wildlife documentaries, wishing your dreams away to the same places, sights and sounds and watching those same cats or sighting those same primates... well here's the opportunity you've dreamed about.

In this once-in-a-lifetime itinerary, experience the plains of the Maasai Mara, as you discover just why those iconic wildlife documentaries were set here. Beyond that, Rwanda, famed for its endangered Mountain Gorilla and known as being a truly beautiful country.

An itinerary for those wishes to finally come true!

GOVERNORS CAMP | MAASAI MARA

5 NIGHTS

The setting is magical. So much so that almost a century ago it was reserved, exclusively, for Kenya's colonial Governors. Governors' Camp nestles in the forest along the winding banks of the Mara River, its waters teeming with bird-life, hippo and crocodile, in the heart of Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve.

Governors' Camp has 37 luxury tents and is located right in the heart of the best game viewing area of the Maasai Mara.

The entire camp is under canvas with all of the comforts of a luxury hotel. The tents are big, bright and allow in lots of natural light. All tents have verandahs, some with views across the sweeping plains of the Maasai Mara, others look over the banks of the meandering Mara River. All tents are classic safari style each with en-suite bathrooms and a private verandah.

Some of the 37 tents line the riverbank, tucked into the forest they enjoy uninterrupted views over the Mara River, others have views across the sweeping plains of the Maasai Mara. Created in 1972 Governors' Camp set new standards in luxury for a tented camp. Today it's still Africa's best.

Governors Camp has just been awarded a Silver Eco Rating from Eco- Tourism Kenya due to our sustainable tourism practices in place in camp.

WILDLIFE

Nowhere in the world is there a movement of animals as immense as the wildebeest migration, over two million animals migrate from the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania to the greener pastures of the Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya during July through to October.

...and it's not just the excitement of the annual migration, the Mara also plays host to spectacular predator action from January each year when the calving season begins... remember, it's the wildebeest that migrate, not the cats!

ACTIVITIES

Game viewing in custom built 4wd vehicles (included, hot air balloon safaris (additional cost), Maasai cultural visits, Lake Victoria day trips, great wildebeest migration, spa treatments in camp, specialist guiding, ornithology, Bush Breakfasts, Bush Dinners and Sundowners.

BIG CAT DIARY

Governors Camp was the base for renowned BBC Television series Big Cat Diary. Each series followed the daily lives of a lion pride, a cheetah family and a leopard family, with names being given to each to help people associate with the animals... an association which wildlife lovers continue with to this day.



KIGALI SERENA HOTEL | KIGALI

1 NIGHT

Ideally located on one of Kigali's most charming boulevards, the five-star Kigali Serena Hotel is built around a polished granite atrium, which showcases the very best of Rwandese cultural art.

Relaxed yet elegant, the hotel features an Executive Lounge and Bar, which opens onto a wide sundeck overlooking the newly refurbished swimming pool. Also overlooking the pool, the popular Milima Restaurant offers a wide range of all-day buffet choices, while the relaxed Sokoni Café offers inside and outside poolside seating.

SABYINYO SILVERBACK LODGE | VIRUNGA

3 NIGHTS

The main lodge building comprises reception, sitting room with snug area, dining room, library / games room, a responsible tourism / community awareness room, shop and bathrooms. Three large fireplaces provide warmth and all rooms are finished with a polished wooden floor. Two patio areas afford wonderful and dramatic views to the Virunga Volcanoes and the surrounding lowland farmland.

ACTIVITIES

The main attraction of Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge is its proximity to the Virunga Mountains and the Parc National des Volcans where clients trek on foot to see the magnificent Mountain Gorilla. Gorilla trekking is perhaps one of the most dramatic, thrilling and poignant wildlife experiences possible.

There are, however, plenty of other natural, cultural and social excursions on offer to help you make the most of your stay. At Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge we offer specialized massage treatments designed to relax refresh and re-juvenate you after a hike to see the mountain Gorillas. From the lodge we offer escorted bird watching walks, escorted walks and escorted mountain bike excursions in the local area. Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge is located on the edge of the Volcanoes National Park and a 15 minute drive from the parks headquarters where all activities in the Park start from. Activities on offer in the Volcanoes National Park include Gorilla trekking, treks to see the Golden Monkeys, as well as lots of treks and hikes to view the volcanoes and its hidden treasures.

QUICK ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrive into Kenya and Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, where you will be transferred to nearby Wilson airport for your flight to the magical Mara.

DAY 1 TO 5

Accommodation, game drives and other activities at Governors Camp, Maasai Mara

DAY 6

Wave goodbye to Maasai land as you transfer back to Wilson Airport and JKIA for your flight to the 'Land of a Thousand Hills' ... Rwanda! Overnight at Kigali Serena Hotel not far from Kigali International Airport

DAY 7

Depart your hotel and be transferred to Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge

DAY 7 TO 9

Accommodation and activities at Sabyinyo, including gorilla trekking



DAY 10

The end of a thrilling journey, but not the end of the memories which have only just started. Transfer back to Kigali for either your return flight to Nairobi for your return home, or a direct flight home from Kigali.

FROM BIG CATS TO GORILLAS, AMAZING...

INCLUDED:

- Transfer from JKIA to Wilson airport return
- Schedule flight from Wilson to Maasai Mara return
- Airstrip transfers in the Mara
- Five nights at Governors Camp
- Full board accommodation
- 3 meals per person per night booked
- 3 game drives per day
- Visits to the Maasai Village (Manyattas) and to local schools (entrance fee payable on arrival)
- Laundry
- Bottled water
- Transfers Kigali airport to Kigali Serena and return Kigali to Sabyinyo Silverback Lodge
- Overnight at Kigali Serena on bed and breakfast basis
- Three nights stay in Sabyinyo Silverback lodge & community fees
- Exclusive use of vehicle
- One Gorilla Permit per person
(additional permits can be purchased at \$750 per permit, pre-booking essential)

EXCLUDED:

- International airfare to Nairobi (Please arrange your flight to arrive/depart Jomo Kenyatta International Airport).
- Maasai cultural visits (\$20 paid directly to Maasai).
- Other items of a personal nature.
- Excess baggage
- Visa, entry, departure fees (if applicable. Please note updated Visa requirements for Kenya)
- Comprehensive medical/travel insurance.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY

DON'T FORGET, ALL OUR SAFARIS CAN BE TAILORED TO YOU!