



MARA INTREPID

Maasai Mara National Reserve

Location

Mara Intrepids is a short drive from the Mara River, where more than a million wildebeest and zebra make their perilous migration crossing every July and August. For the remainder of the year, the camp offers some of the world's finest game viewing, with large local populations of plains game, elephants, rhinos, buffalos, and all the Big Cats. In 2004, some 75% of the footage for the BBC's famous Big Cat Diary was shot in the vicinity of the camp. Mara Intrepids is 298 kilometres and a six-hour drive from Nairobi, while our all-weather airstrip enables guests to be at the camp within 45 minutes of leaving the capital.

Accommodation

Our 30 luxury tents are widely spread across a large riverside site to ensure guests the optimum of privacy and peace. Each tent is furnished in the classic style of the grand African safaris, with large four-poster beds and handsome reproduction furniture, offset by modern en suite bathrooms with hot showers, flush toilets and all modern amenities. Each tent sits on a shady raised platform, with sweeping views over the riverbanks where a large variety of animals come to drink.

*The most famous name
in the world's most
famous wilderness*

Overlooking the Talek River, at the very confluence of the Mara's four game-viewing areas, Mara Intrepids enjoys one of the most spectacular locations in the world's best-known wilderness



Public areas

Mara Intrepids is divided into four distinct areas, each with its own open-air dining area and 'mess tent' where private meals and functions can be arranged. Dinner is usually served in a large dining room under a traditional makuti thatch roof, while breakfast and lunch are hosted on a breezy terrace beside the riverfront swimming pool. Beside the main bar is a fully equipped conference room, where our Maasai naturalists deliver evening slide shows on the local culture and wildlife – and where corporate and team-building groups can indulge in a spot of 'bush business'.

Ecotourism

As one of the Mara's most established camps, Mara Intrepids enjoys a very close relationship with the local Maasai community, from which most of our staff hail. Together with our sister camp, Mara Explorer, we channel part of our fees into local community initiatives, including environmental awareness training, the establishment of medical clinics, and financial support for primary schools, churches and women's groups. The camp itself is run on strict eco-principles, with hot water generated by burning used coffee husks, biodegradable waste mulched for compost, and all wastewater recycled through our own on-site constructed wetland.



Activities

- Three game drives daily with personal guides
- Escorted walking safaris outside the reserve
- Bush breakfasts and dinners under the stars
- Romantic sundowners on the Mara plains
- Visits to neighbouring Maasai communities
- Arrangements for dawn balloon safaris
- Transfers for fishing trips to Lake Victoria
- Private parties on the champagne terrace
- Lectures & slide shows on culture and wildlife
- Heritage's famous Adventurers' Club for kids and Young Rangers' Club for intrepid teenagers.

Services

- Catering for private dinners and BBQs
- Boiled water and insect repellent in tents
- Telephone, e-mail, fax and postal services
- Foreign currency exchange at reception
- Single-day laundry and valet services
- Early morning calls with tea or coffee
- Complimentary airstrip transfers
- Wet towels and drinks on check-in
- Resident doctor available 24 hours
- Flex body therapy for half or one hour.

Facilities

- Luxurious modern tents with secluded verandahs
- Small riverfront dining areas with private catering
- Freeform swimming pool with sunbathing terrace
- Conference room with business and video facilities
- Elevated game-viewing platform with bar service
- Custom-built four-wheel-drive safari vehicles
- Reliable 240-volt generator electricity supply
- Safety deposit boxes for guests' valuables
- Board games and guests' reference library
- Boutique with souvenirs and safari essentials.



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