

HEMINGWAYS

RIVER CAMP MARA



ACTIVITIES
BROCHURES



Staying at Hemingways River Camp Mara is more than a safari, it's a deeply personal journey into one of the most exclusive corners of the Maasai Mara.

Discover the Maasai Mara: Privacy, Wildlife, and Purpose

Located in the private Mara North Conservancy, the camp enjoys a peaceful riverside setting, home to abundant wildlife and frequent big cat sightings. With just eight tents and no other camps in sight, River Camp offers one of the Mara's most intimate and unhurried safari experiences.

The camp is guided by a strong ethos of conservation and community. Originally founded by the Roberts family and now part of the Hemingways Collection, River Camp is known for its warm hospitality, longstanding local partnerships, and thoughtful conservation initiatives. Guests are invited to connect not only with nature, but with the people who protect it, gaining a richer understanding of the land, wildlife, and culture that define this extraordinary region.



TOP ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

CAMPFIRE EVENINGS

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Share stories with your guide and fellow guests around the campfire. With no other camps nearby, the night skies and silence are unmatched.

PRIVATE GAME DRIVES IN MARA NORTH CONSERVANCY

Explore the game-rich plains of Mara North in complete privacy. With your own guide and vehicle, drives are fully tailored to your interests, from searching for big cats to lingering with a herd of elephants at golden hour.

RIVERBANK WILDLIFE VIEWING

The camp's location on the Njageteck River means wildlife often comes to you. Lions, elephants, and plains game are frequent visitors to the riverbanks near camp.

CANDLELIT DINNERS UNDER THE STARS

Toast the end of the day in a scenic spot with sundowner drinks, or enjoy a private candlelit dinner under the stars, an unforgettable experience in the heart of the bush.

TOP OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

HOT AIR BALLOON
SAFARI

NATURE, WILDLIFE & CULTURE

HOT AIR BALLOON SAFARI

A signature Mara experience, drifting silently above the plains at sunrise as the landscape comes to life from a new perspective. The flight ends with a Champagne breakfast served in the bush. Pre-booking required.

VISIT TO A MAASAI VILLAGE

Gain a deeper understanding of Maasai culture with a respectful and authentic visit to a nearby village. Guests are invited to learn about traditional customs, daily life, and the community's relationship with the land and wildlife. Visits are guided and arranged in partnership with local elders to ensure they are meaningful and appropriate.

VISIT TO A LOCAL COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL

Visit a nearby school or community initiative supported by the camp and its partners, in combination with a visit to a local village. Learn how tourism and conservation work hand in hand to uplift and support local education, development, and cultural preservation.

GUIDED NATURE WALKS

Subject to availability and guest preference, enjoy a slower-paced walk focused on flora, birdlife, and the smaller details of the ecosystem, ideal for photographers and naturalists.

A large group of hippos are in a river, with several heads and ears visible above the water. The water is a muddy brown color. The hippos are dark grey with some reddish-brown patches on their heads.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EXPERIENCES

RIVERSIDE WILDLIFE

River Camp Mara provides a nurturing environment for families, with gentle experiences that introduce children to the rhythms of the bush:

KID-FRIENDLY GAME DRIVES

Short, engaging drives tailored to keep younger guests intrigued.

BUSH WALKS AND NATURE TRACKING

Identify tracks, animal signs, and local plants on easy guided trails.

CREATIVE NATURE ACTIVITIES

Wildlife art, nature journaling, and quiet games in the open-air lounge.

BOW AND ARROW

A fun activity at the front of the mess area where children can be taught how to make a bow and arrow and test their skills.

RIVERSIDE WILDLIFE SPOTTING

Observe hippos wallowing in the river, elephants and buffalo along the banks, and a rich variety of birdlife drawn to the water's edge.

SAMPLE ITINERARIES



SUNDOWNERS

DAY 1

ARRIVAL, WILDLIFE & FIRESIDE DINING

MIDDAY

Pick up from the airstrip with a game drive en route to camp. Be warmly welcomed on arrival, settle into your tent, and enjoy a leisurely lunch on the lawn.

AFTERNOON

Tea is served at 4:00 pm, followed by a game drive at 4:30 pm across the conservancy's open plains.

SUNDOWNER

Pause at a scenic spot for drinks as the sun sets and the bush comes alive with evening sounds.

DINNER

Return to camp for dinner under the stars, followed by stories and relaxation around the fire.

DAY 2

SUNRISE SAFARI & RELAXED AFTERNOON

EARLY MORNING

Depart at 6:30 am for a game drive with a picnic breakfast in the bush, surrounded by wildlife at its most active time of day.

MIDDAY

Return to camp for a relaxed lunch at around 1:00–1:30 pm. The afternoon is free for a massage, browsing the boutique, or simply unwinding.

DINNER

Return to camp for a delicious dinner and time by the fire.

AFTERNOON

Depart for another 4:30 pm game drive, complete with sundowners in the wild.

DAY 3

MARA RIVER, VILLAGE VISIT
& NIGHT DRIVE

EARLY MORNING

Set out at 6:30 am for a game drive to the Mara River, with a picnic breakfast overlooking hippos and crocodiles in their natural habitat.

LATE MORNING

On your return, stop at a local Maasai village to meet the community and learn about their traditions.

LUNCH

Enjoy lunch at camp before preparing for your afternoon adventure.

AFTERNOON

Embark on a guided bush walk at 4:30 pm, returning for an early dinner at 6:30 pm.

EVENING

Head out again for a night drive, witnessing nocturnal wildlife and the thrill of the bush after dark.



GAME DRIVE

DAY 4

HOT AIR BALLOON, CHAMPAGNE
BREAKFAST & SUNDOWNERS

EARLY MORNING

Depart camp at 4:00 am for a hot air balloon safari, drifting over the Mara as dawn breaks. After landing, enjoy a Champagne breakfast on the plains before meeting your guide.

MIDDAY

Return to camp on a slow game drive, then unwind with sleep or a soothing massage after your early start. A light lunch is served at camp.

AFTERNOON

Tea is served at 4:00 pm, followed by a 4:30 pm game drive and sundowners in the wild.

DINNER

Return to camp for a delicious dinner and time by the fire.

HOW TO BOOK

Speak to our onsite team to book any of these experiences or to tailor your stay. Our Camp Manager will be happy to advise and assist with planning your itinerary.

LOCATION & CONTACT

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