

KENYA | SAFARIS UNLIMITED
MARA RIDE 8 NIGHTS (9 DAYS)

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Safaris Unlimited, pioneers of riding safaris across Masailand, offer exciting eight night rides through the stunning and wildlife rich Masai Mara.



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This itinerary takes you to four different parts of the Mara which gives a wonderful insight in to the area. Riding through rolling savannah, acacia woodland and riverine forest, guests will enjoy the scenic and wildlife highlights of this quintessentially East African landscape. It is quite likely that you will find yourself cantering alongside impala, zebra, buffalo and giraffe to name but a few, and when not on horseback there's the opportunity for wildlife drives and nature walks.

- Luxurious riding safari through Kenya's Masai Mara
- The opportunity to wildlife view from horseback, vehicle and on foot
- Responsive, well-schooled horses
- Ride between four and eight hours a day through stunning East African scenery
- Comfortable tents in beautiful, private locations
- Supremely knowledgeable guides and excellent support staff
- Access to private wildlife conservancies and exclusive campsites
- Superb wildlife viewing in one of Africa's most famous wildlife areas
- An eight night/nine day riding safari with a maximum group size of 12 guests on set departure trips to ensure a highly personal experience



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Please note this is a sample itinerary only and locations / camps may change depending on weather and wildlife movements.

Days 1 and 2 - Nkilenya, Lemek Conservancy

On arrival into Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport today (details to be confirmed), having cleared immigration and collected your luggage, make your way through to the arrivals hall. Here you will be met (our representative will be holding up a board showing your name) and driven to Wilson Airport (Nairobi's domestic airport). You then meet the scheduled flight departing for the Masai Mara (flying time one hour).

Your riding safari guide will meet you at the airstrip and take you on a game drive to Nkilenya private mobile camp (Lemek Conservancy), arriving in time for lunch. The afternoon is spent settling in, followed by a short ride or game drive.

The following day you explore the riverine forests and open plains of Lemek. There is an abundance of wildlife here including giraffe, warthog, zebra, hartebeest, topi, wildebeest and with a little luck, cheetah and leopard too. Today you will ride between 10 and 15 kms.

In the evenings you relax with sundowners before your evening meal in camp.

Days 3 and 4 - Mara River, Mara North Conservancy

After breakfast this morning you head out with the horses on your first full day in the saddle. Riding through spectacular wildlife country, you stop off in the Olomai forest for a picnic lunch and siesta before heading down to the Mara River, with the chance to view large pods of hippo and also crocodile. Today you ride for around 20 to 25 kms, arriving at Mara River Camp in time for supper.

The next day you ford the Mara River and ride under the iconic Siria Escarpment. The concentration of wildlife here is breathtaking and with plenty of opportunity to jump fallen trees created by resident elephant. Riding distance today is 10 to 15 kms.



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Days 5 and 6 - Out of Africa Camp, Mara Triangle

This morning, after a hearty breakfast, you leave the Mara River and ride in a southerly direction across Maternity Plain. With stunning views in every direction, and excellent going for the horses, you cross the Mara River and enter the famous Mara Triangle. A picnic lunch is served under the shade of a thick forest, before an ascent on foot, to the top of the escarpment. Riding distance today is between 20 and 25kms.

The following day you can go on a morning ride or game drive in the Mara Triangle, with beautiful views looking down towards the Serengeti in the distance. This corner of the ecosystem is blessed with croton thickets, forest and endless tall grasslands, the perfect environment for rhino, elephant, buffalo and lion. In the late afternoon there is time to visit a small traditional homestead of the local Masai hosts. Riding distance today is 10 to 15 kms.

Days 7 and 8 - KO8, Mara North Conservancy

This morning you descent the escarpment on foot and head due east, riding back over the Mara River, skirting the large village of Rianta and onwards to a lovely lunch spot, with time for a siesta. You ride over the Koiyaki Plain to reach your camp on the Olare Orok Stream, where the Masai come to water their cattle. Riding distance today is 20 to 25 kms.

The following day you have the opportunity of a morning and afternoon ride, drive or walk, exploring this magical corner of the Masai Mara. This is exceptional riding country, which two large prides of lion have made their home. In the evenings there is the chance of a night drive to search for nocturnal creatures. Riding distance today is 15 to 20 kms.

Day 9

This morning you have the opportunity to go on your last ride, walk or wildlife drive before heading back to camp for a substantial lunch. You are then taken on a short drive to the airstrip where you meet the flight back to Nairobi.



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K08 MARA NORTH – PRIVATE MOBILE CAMPS**

You will sleep in traditional safari tents which are located in beautiful, private areas usually under a canopy of trees or beside a stream. The mosquito-proof tents are simply furnished with either double or single beds, carpets, solar lights and bedside tables. A separate canvas shower and loo unit is placed behind each tent. You will eat delicious home cooked meals around a table in the dining tent.

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2023 TRAVEL DATES (8 NIGHTS)

22 June
12 July
01 August
01 September
01 October

2023 SCHEDULED DEPARTURE COSTS (USD \$)

Per person sharing a tent (based on five and more guests) is \$9,995

Single supplement is \$2,400 per person

Please note if four guests or less travel you will split the following cost:

Small group safari fees: \$40,000 plus conservancy fees of \$1,440 per person

2023 PRIVATE DEPARTURE COSTS

Please enquire directly

**Please note that mobile safari operators in Africa generally price in US dollars. We've therefore presented the cost in dollars to avoid disparities due to currency fluctuations. The cost in sterling is dependent on the day's exchange rate. For an accurate quote in GB pounds, please contact us.*

RIDING SAFARIS

Please note that Safaris Unlimited have a maximum weight limit of 14 stone / 90kgs / 200lbs, please let us know if you are close to this

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Please note that if you are willing to share your accommodation with another guest (of the same sex) you will not be charged a single supplement fee. Do let us know if you are not willing to share, so we can advise you of the costs of the single supplement.

THE ITINERARY INCLUDES

Internal Masai Mara return flight (note: strict 15kg baggage allowance per person including hand luggage. Soft bags only - no wheels or rigid frames allowed)

Airport transfers

Other transfers

Accommodation and meals as stated

Drinks as stated

Laundry as stated

Activities as stated

National Park and concession fees

Immediate Concession or

Reserve fees in the Masai Mara area

THE ITINERARY EXCLUDES

International and regional flights

Neighbouring Concession and Reserve fees in the Masai Mara area

Visas

Travel insurance

Tips and gratuities

Other personal spending

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MARA RIDE 8 NIGHTS (9 DAYS)**Horse type**

Percheron-Boerperd, Friesian-Boerperd, Arab-French-Somali crossbreds, Appaloosas and thoroughbreds

Saddles used

English general-purpose saddles

Maximum number

12 riders

Hours in the saddle per day

Between 4 and 8

Standard of riding required

Confident at all paces, intermediate level of riding and fitness

Children accepted

Yes

When to go

All year except April, May and November

Non-riders welcome

Yes

Activities other than riding

Day and night wildlife drives, birding and walking safaris
