

# ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

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## GAME VIEWING

Safaris in Kenya are guaranteed to be filled with exciting wildlife sightings. Wild animals roaming the Olare Motorogi Conservancy include lions, elephants, wildebeest, zebra, leopards, cheetah, giraffe, hippopotamus, hyena and many more.

Here are five great ways you can see the game, and experience the indescribable wild beauty of the African bush. All activities are included in your room rate unless otherwise mentioned.

## GAME DRIVES

On a typical game drive at Mahali Mzuri you'll spot many of the animals listed above plus an abundant and diverse range of bird life.

There are two daily game drives, one leaving early in the morning and one leaving mid-afternoon. Being a private conservancy, we can also offer game drives at night on request, opening up a whole new world with the chance to see predominantly nocturnal game including aardvarks and honey badgers.

Private vehicles are available and can be pre-booked subject to availability, and for an additional charge.



## FULL-DAY SAFARI DRIVES

Full day excursions with a packed lunch give us the flexibility to explore the conservancy's most remote locations, and for the curious, we can also organise day trips to the Maasai Mara National Reserve. A daily access park fee per person will apply.

## THE GREAT MIGRATION

The annual Great Migration, or Great Wildebeest Migration to be more accurate, is one of the world's greatest natural spectacles.

The wildebeest and accompanying zebra make up the bulk of the migration, but they aren't the only players. Lions, hyenas, cheetahs, leopards, and other predators take full advantage of the passing buffet and exploit every opportunity in search of a decent meal!

The herds arrive anytime from July to September, departing from around October to November for the return journey to the Serengeti in Tanzania.





### BUSH WALKS WITH MAASAI WARRIORS

Walking in the African bush is a sensory experience like no other. The sounds and smells of the bush all around you, the proximity to big game, spotting the birdlife and small animals you wouldn't see on a game drive - it makes for a wonderfully thrilling few hours.

You'll be led by a Maasai warrior guide, who'll point out flora and fauna, teach you to track, and explain Maasai cultures and traditions as you go. Active guests can enjoy a faster version, doubling up as bush exercise. Bushwalks are complimentary to our guests and available on request.



### HOT-AIR BALLOON SAFARI

Hot air balloons, drifting serenely over the Mara, are a magical way to see and appreciate the grandeur of the landscape and the wildlife scattered across its plains.

Although we don't offer flights ourselves, we can arrange them for you on request through a third party for an additional charge.

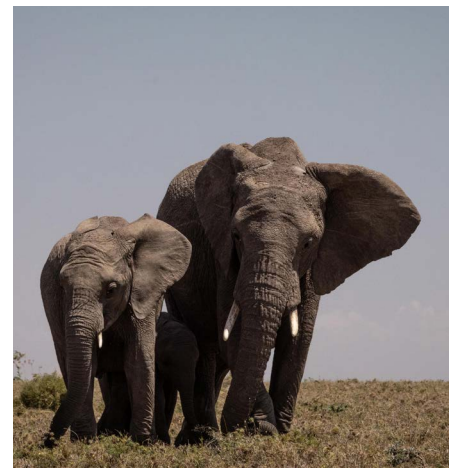
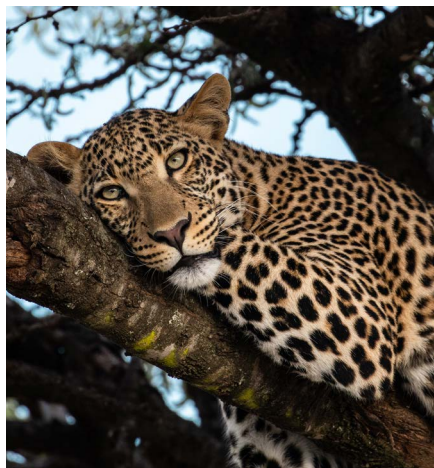
This once-in-a-lifetime experience starts with a 4am pick up from our camp to ensure you are airborne to see the sunrise – an unforgettable sight that's well worth getting out of bed for! It takes about 1hr – 1hr 30 mins to get to the take-off site, and the flight lasts around an hour. After your flight, you'll be treated to a champagne breakfast and a game drive on the way back.



### BUSH DINING

Another unforgettable way to appreciate the bush is an outdoor bush dining experience. On request, we can set up a delicious bush breakfast or dinner for you at one of our of our spectacular locations around the conservancy. We have two designated bush dinner sites, one close to camp and another about 1km away.

If you don't fancy dining out in the bush, you could instead opt for sundowners at Lone Tree Hill - or a secret location known only to your guide. An experience not to be missed!



## COMMUNITY TOURS & EXCURSIONS

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Our specially created community tour first takes you to visit the local Maasai village, or 'manyatta'. The Maasai tribe nearest to our camp is one of the few in Kenya to have remained true to its ancient traditions – and we feel very honoured and privileged that we can share this with you.

Upon arrival, expect a warm and memorable welcome to the village by Maasai dressed in traditional regalia, before meeting local families and touring their homes. Depending on the time of day, you can help milk the cattle (mornings), or herd cattle, goats and sheep back to their enclosures for the night (evenings).

You are then treated to a performance of the 'Adumu' dance, a traditional fire-making demonstration, and a Maasai beading workshop where you can make a Maasai ornament or item of jewellery. You may also purchase authentic handicrafts made by the villagers themselves.

The second part of the tour takes you to visit the Enkenju - Enkoirien Primary School – built by Inua Jamii – where you tour classrooms, meet the children\*, and can even join a game of football!

The tour explains the inspiring history of the school, exciting developments planned, and how it is helping secure a better future for the children, the community and the long-term conservation of the Mara's unique ecosystem.

50% of the tour costs go directly to the families of the village and 50% goes to a bursary kitty that supports the schoolchildren with secondary school and college fees after they leave our school.

Many of our guests tell us the community tour is one of the highlights of their stay with us – and a great experience for their kids too. Children on the tour not only learn about the importance of community and conservation, but also come away with a deeper appreciation for how lucky they are.

*\*The children are not at school during their school holidays, so may not be present for your tour if you visit at this time.*



### VISIT THE WEEKLY MARKET

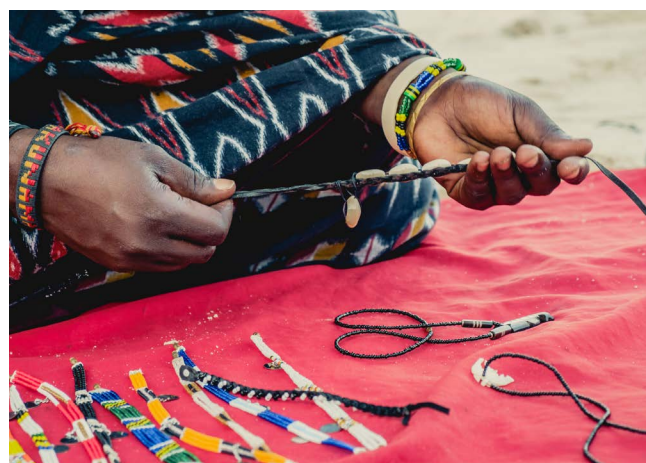
Every Thursday, generally between 10am and 3pm, the Maasai from the surrounding area bring their cattle, goats, and sheep to sell along with local produce. The market is about a 20-minute drive from camp, and a visit can easily be combined with your morning game drive. There is no charge, and we recommend taking some local currency to purchase items while you are there.

### VISIT THE MAA TRUST

The Maa Trust undertakes invaluable community projects around the Olare Motorogi Conservancy, from building schools and hospitals to rainwater harvesting tanks and troughs for cattle watering. They also play a critical role in supporting local female empowerment, notably helping to reduce the FGM of local Maasai girls. Inua Jamii supports the trust through contributions on behalf of each guest staying at the Mahali Mzuri camp.

On this tour to learn more about the trust and its work, you'll visit a commercial beading workshop that supports over 100 women from the local community, which is operated by the trust. The sophisticated Maasai beadwork requires expertise, but you can try your hand at making a simple bracelet or necklace to take home as a souvenir.

The center is 30-40 minutes' drive away, and the trip is complimentary for guests.





## BACK AT CAMP

Beyond the thrills of game drives, bush walks and meeting the colourful Maasai, there's still plenty to do back at camp. All activities are included in your room rate unless otherwise mentioned.

### MAIN TENT

When you're not sipping drinks and watching the game from our terrace outside, you may feel like simply relaxing inside. Our Main Tent features an open but snugly lounge area with fireplace, a library of books, iPads, and a TV.

### SWIMMING

If you feel like something more active, or just a refreshing dip after some time in the African bush, we have a 12-metre outdoor heated infinity pool with views out over the plains so you can wildlife watch from the water.



### NASARO SPA

What better way to relax in between game drives than at Nasaro, which means 'refuge' or 'relaxation' in Maa (the language of the Maasai). Nasaro is an intimate private spa treatment room located down near the valley floor - a secluded setting in which to be pampered with views out across the bush.

A range of treatments are available, from hydrating facials to relaxing massages, perfect for dealing with travel fatigue or sore muscles post-game drive, and of course those essential grooming rituals. We use a range of products from Africology, an eco-friendly brand whose ethical skin care products capture the rejuvenating and healing essence of Africa.

### SHOPPING

Our onsite gift shop features a curated selection of locally-made arts, crafts, small gifts and clothing ranging. It's the perfect place to buy a little something for your friends, family or even yourself, and has all the bits and pieces you may need when on holiday.

### MAASAI SKILLS GAME

If you (or your kids) fancy yourself as a Maasai warrior, you can test your skills by playing some traditional Maasai games. The games involve spear and club throwing, and bow and arrow archery Maasai style. Anyone over 12 years old can participate. This complimentary 1-hour activity is available on request, and takes place at the outdoor earth tennis court near the camp.

### STAR GAZING THE MAASAI WAY

The Mara's sky at night is studded with a billion stars, with no light pollution to dull what is a truly breathtaking sight. Our stargazing experience allows you to not only appreciate the magnificence of the Milky Way, but to learn the Maasai's traditional way of understanding the night sky.

This complimentary, hour-long experience takes place at a special site near the camp's helipad, subject to the weather and the availability of a Maasai guide.



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