

Governors' Camp
MASAI MARA

Fact Sheet

Governors' Camp nestles in the forest along the winding banks of the Mara River, its waters teeming with bird life, hippos and crocodiles, in the heart of Kenya's Masai Mara.

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Highlights

- The first and original permanent luxury tented camp in Africa.
- Unfenced and in the heart of the action. Frequent visits from elephants.
- Located along the Mara River, in an area of abundant wildlife and spectacular scenery.
- Perfect for 'first timers' to Africa', couples, families, large and small groups, special occasion groups.

About

Governors' Camp is Africa's first permanent luxury tented camp, remaining in its original site since 1972.

Deliberately unfenced to create no barrier between the camp and this prime wildlife location, guests can enjoy intimate and thrilling wildlife encounters from the comfort of their tent.

Governors' pioneered the "luxury tented camp" standard by emphasising comfort and service, complimented by the sort of delicious cuisine which would have been impossible in the bygone days of the grand safari. With beautiful views over the Mara River and the open plains, Governors' Camp is visited and re-visited by those who find its consistent excellence, incredible location, personal style and family atmosphere a 'home' to return to again and again.

All the tents are crafted from canvas, preserving the authentic, traditional safari experience. Daily meals are enjoyed al fresco under the shade of a riverine forest in true Governors' fashion. At night, our guests are treated to the orchestral sounds of the bush while grazing animals brush up against their tents.

Governors' Camp has been awarded a **GOLD** eco-rating by Eco-Tourism Kenya, a membership organization that champions responsible and sustainable tourism practices.







ACCOMMODATION

- Total of 24 x tented guest accommodations:
- 19 x classic safari tents (twins and doubles) (32 sq m) with views of the Mara River.
- 5 x family tents (174 sq m) look on to the plains. Each unit comprises two en-suite bedrooms which are connected by a central living area.
- 4 x guide tents available.
- Accessible tent numbers: 01, 03, 14, 16 & 18

FACILITIES

- The Governors' Cub Club (activities for kids)
- Spa tent offering a range of massages
- Charging facilities in all tents and main areas
- Universal sockets
- 24-hr solar power, generator back up, 220 volts
- Hair dryers available in guest tents
- Wi-Fi throughout and phone signal
- Bar / Dining / Gift shop
- Laundry is included
- Purified drinking water (Reverse Osmosis)
- Visa, MasterCard, American Express accepted
- Musiara Airstrip is a 10 min drive from camp
- Tea and coffee with morning wake-up call

ACTIVITIES

Daily game drives

Traditional (shared) game drives with a dedicated, highly qualified, and experienced guide. Up to three drives (per full day) are included in the accommodation price.

Balloon safari

For an unforgettable and surreal experience, lift off in a hot air balloon at sunrise and drift over the Masai Mara landscape as the day breaks with a kaleidoscope of colours. The flight lasts approximately one hour, depending on weather conditions. The experience ends with a delicious bush breakfast cooked on balloon burners, with sparkling wine, and a leisurely game drive back to camp. This is an optional extra activity that can be booked in advance (suggested) or when in camp.

Bush dinners

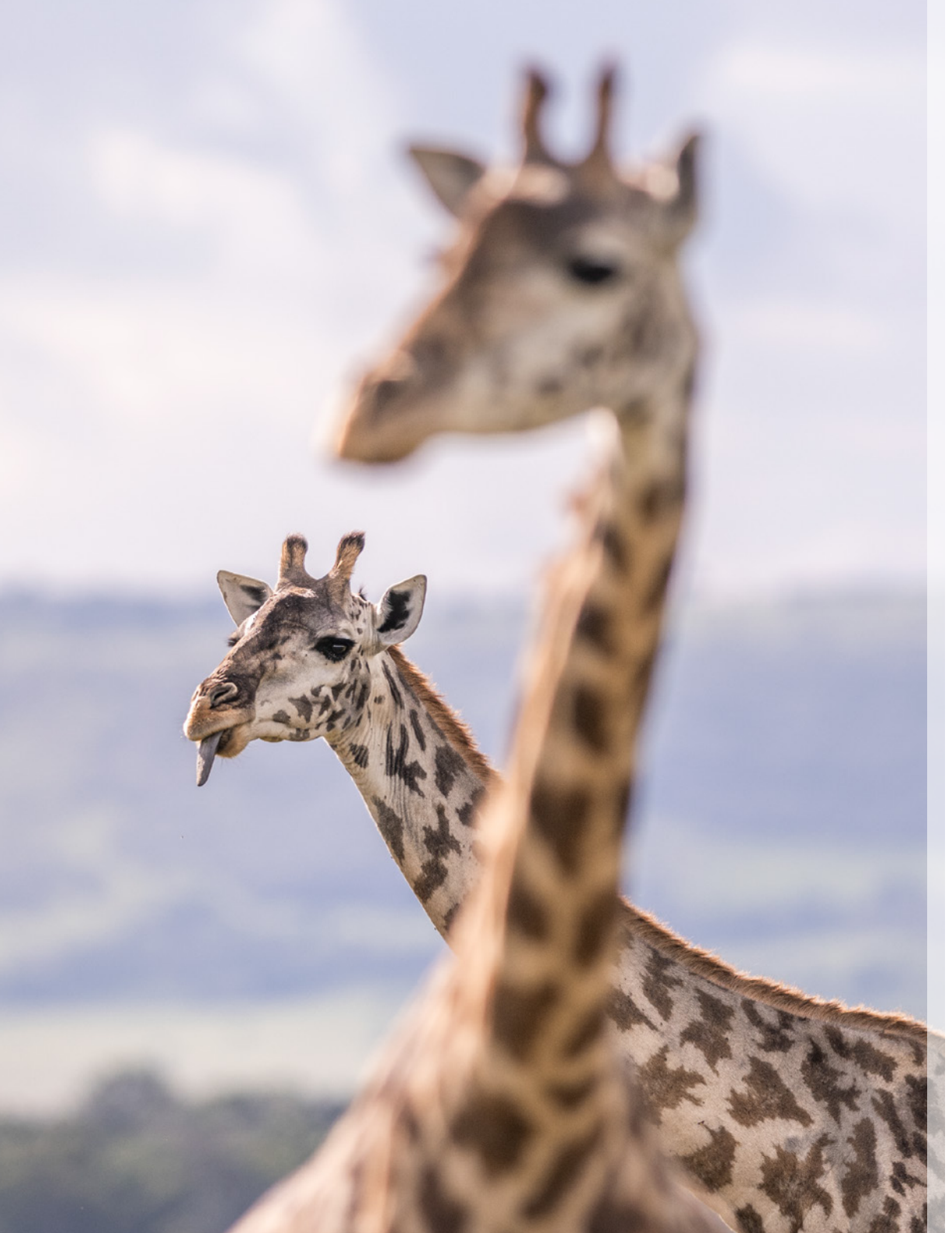
For a unique experience, enjoy the excitement of a bush dinner on the banks of the Mara River. A welcoming drink awaits by the warming camp-fire, followed by a delicious meal prepared by our chefs. The meal is served under the stars, with the soft lights of safari lanterns, accompanied by the sounds of the African night and the grunting Mara River hippos. Bush breakfasts and bush lunches are also available. They are charged as an extra.

Cultural visits

Maasai cultural experiences at a nearby village (manyatta) can be arranged from camp or pre-booked, with a fee payable directly to the community.

Community projects

Visits to our responsible tourism projects can be arranged from camp. The Mara Rianda Primary School and Mara Rianda Medical Centre are inspirational projects supported by Governors' Camp Collection. There is no cost to visit the project, but donations of any kind are welcome.



The Masai Mara

One of the most remarkable African safari destinations, the Masai Mara is nearly unrivalled in its richness of wildlife.

The distinctive mottled landscape is a haven for an abundance of transitory and resident animals year-round. The beautifully dramatic setting combines with the game to make it a favourite for wildlife photographers and filmmakers alike.

The area around Governors' Camp, in particular, is renowned for consistently excellent game viewing. Elephants wander right through the camp, and big cats take down their prey just a short distance away.

Our resident lions, the Marsh Pride, whose story has been the focus of renowned wildlife documentaries, including Big Cat Tales and BBC Earth's Dynasties, have been featured repeatedly. Governors' has always been the top choice of accommodation for filmmakers and photographers. Other big cats, including leopards and cheetahs, many elephants, and a profusion of plains game ensure one of the most incredible safari experiences to be had.

From July to October, the Mara becomes a backdrop for one of the last great natural wonders of the world, when 1.5 million wildebeest and over 200,000 zebras surge up from the Serengeti plains in their annual search for seasonal grasses. ** Migration movements are never guaranteed ***

The Great Migration is a wildlife spectacle like no other; as the vast herds cross rivers and sweep through the golden grasses, this journey is punctuated by individual struggles with the predators, who are, in turn, drawn to take their part in this dramatic event.

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AND SURROUNDING CONSERVANCIES





SEASONS

Governors' Camp is open all year round.

HIGH SEASON	MID SEASON	GREEN SEASON
1st July – 31st October 16th – 31st December	1st January – 31st March 1st - 30th June 1st November – 15th December	April - May inclusive

GETTING THERE

Governors' Aviation: Daily scheduled flights from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Musiara Airstrip. Clients are met on arrival and transferred by game vehicle to the camp (approx. 5-10 minutes). Please see **www.governorsaviation.com** for more details.

Other flight options: Air Kenya (www.airkenya.com) or Safarilink (www.flysafarilink.com) go daily from Wilson Airport in Nairobi.

Charter flights: Available with Governors' Aviation and other suppliers from most airports/airstrips in Kenya to Musiara Airstrip.

Luggage restrictions: Maximum **15 kg luggage restriction per person** (inclusive of hand luggage), in soft bags, for small aircraft.

Road transfer: duration approx. 5 - 6 hours (depending upon road conditions) from Nairobi.

Family travel and children

Children of all ages are welcome and catered for with flexible meals and specially designed Family Tents, which are perfect for keeping your little ones close at night. We also offer the "Governors' Cub Club" (a kid's club) designed to excite and inspire our younger guests through fun and informative activities, providing your children with many happy lifetime memories.

Inclusions and exclusions

Rate includes local Musiara Airstrip transfers, accommodation, meals, soft drinks, beers, house wines and 'non-premium' spirits, as well as up to three game drives (per full day) and laundry.

Rate excludes flights, champagnes, selected fine wines, premium spirits and liqueurs, park fees, community fees, and anything of a personal nature, e.g., gratuities, gift shop, spa, etc.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Camp coordinates -1.29864, 35.03915

Weather

Dry season: The driest months are from late June to mid October. Rainy season: The long rains in the Masai Mara generally last from April to May, while November (and the start of December) are known as the short rains. The warmest month is February, with an average maximum temperature of 28°C (82°F). The coldest month is July, with an average maximum temperature of 24°C (75°F).

Climate

- Altitude: The Masai Mara is around 6,000 ft.
- Due to the altitude, the climate in the Masai Mara is slightly colder and wetter than might be expected this close to the equator. Daytime is pleasant, with temperatures in the mid to upper twenties, while it cools off significantly at night. Mornings are chilly.

Health planning and packing list

Our website has a TRAVEL section that covers health planning and suggested packing list for your safari; please take a look or request it from us.

Travel and Health Insurance

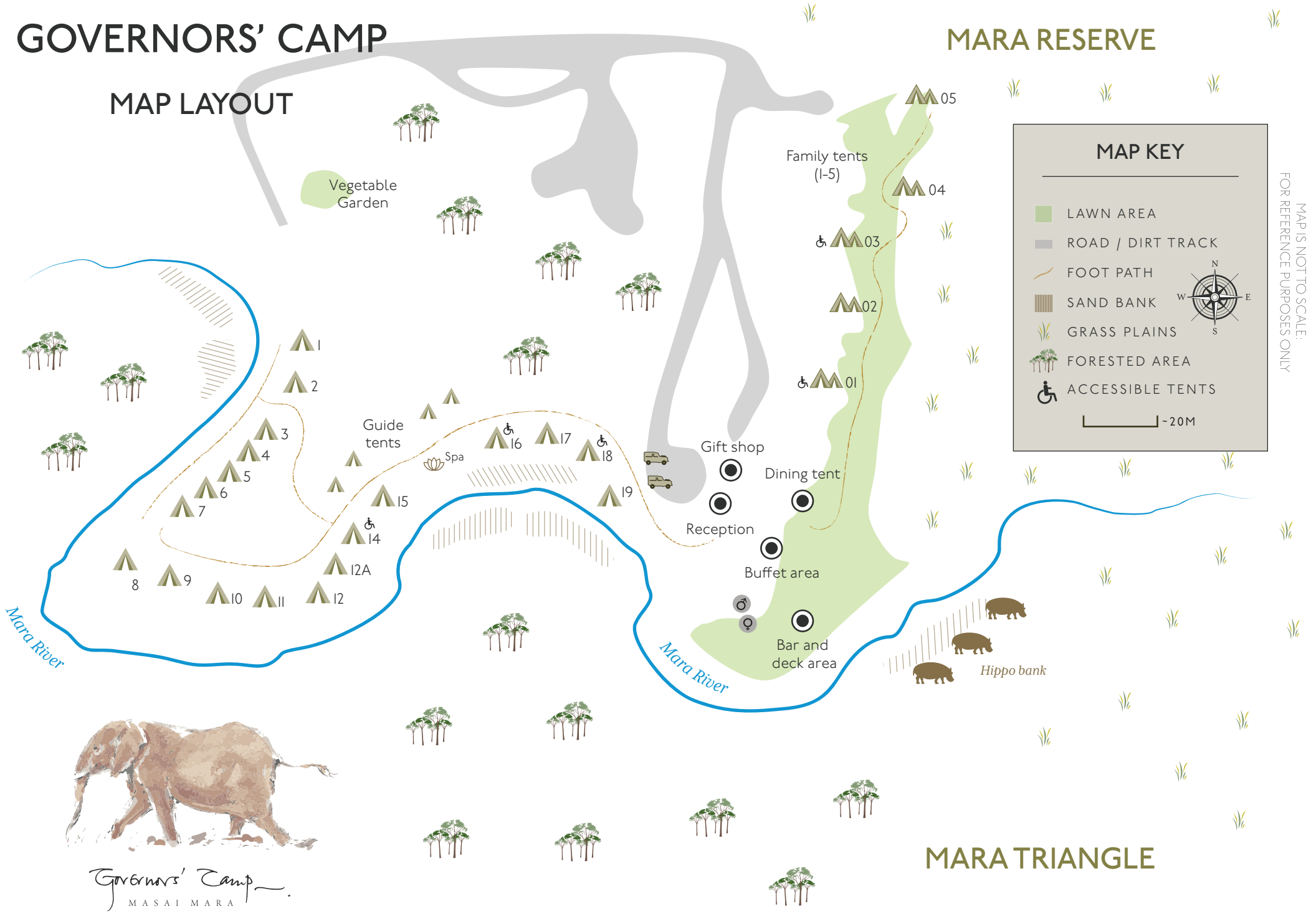
Guests must have international comprehensive travel and health insurance for their safari that covers any expenses in the event of a medical emergency, trip interruption, or loss. Please note that Kenya has introduced a Mandatory Travel Health Insurance, which must be purchased in addition to your international comprehensive travel and health insurance. See the TRAVEL section on our website for details.

Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA)

Kenya replaced its eVisa system with an Electronic Travel Authorization system (eTA). Please find more information on how to apply at **www.etakenya.go.ke**

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MAP LAYOUT




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GREAT RIFT VALLEY | MASAI MARA