

MARA PLAINS CAMP

OLARE MOTOROGI CONSERVANCY | MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE



Mara Plains Camp is a one-of-a-kind camp located in the private Olare Motorogi Conservancy, on the Maasai Mara National Reserve's northern boundary.

This intimate camp, one of Kenya's only three Relais & Châteaux properties (the others being its sister properties ol Donyo Lodge and Mara Nyika Camp), blends the finest in wildlife viewing with the absolute best of safari hospitality and guiding.

Guests at Mara Plains Camp enjoy access to the private Olare Motorogi Conservancy as well as the world-renowned Maasai Mara Reserve.

Each guest at Mara Plains contributes considerably to the success of the Olare Motorogi Conservancy's flourishing ecosystem; conservation fees paid to safeguard this habitat while supporting over 1,000 Maasai families. This partnership agreement ensures the survival of an astounding volume and variety of wildlife.

The camp is nestled in a lush forest on the meandering bends of the Ntiakitiak River, with careful thought given to every detail. The camp is not an imposition on the landscape, but rather a subtle refuge among the wild. Its presence does not detract from the ecosystem's visual beauty but incorporates it with sweeping views across the plains and careful position among the riverine forest. It is captivating on arrival.

Each of the suites has deep canvas canopied ceilings, rough-hewn wood floors and accents of East Africa's rich safari history. Thick Lamu wood doors, deep reds, and brass accents – these small details transport guests to a time and land far away. The well-appointed en-suite facilities (including a deep copper bath) and extensive private verandah complete what is genuinely a stunning concept. These stylistic details and thoughtful environmental design features, such as solar power and the absence of cement, make Mara Plains a modern-day safari retreat.

The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains, an intimate, two-bedroom exquisite, tented suite, is built entirely under canvas and is a perfect partner to the safari experiences at Mara Nyika Camp, The Sambuk Suite at Mara Nyika and ol Donyo Lodge. It is on raised, recycled railway sleeper decking and offers guests incredible views of the steady stream of wildlife parading past whilst discreetly tucked away under the tree canopy.



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The Olare Motorogi Conservancy is reputed to have the lowest vehicle density in the Maasai Mara region, while also having the highest concentration of big cats anywhere in Africa. The camp is a sanctuary for resident species by day and night, including many of the Maasai Mara's 300 bird species. After dark, larger mammals frequent the camp and Maasai warriors escort guests to and from their suites. Hippos snorting and leopards barking often provide the night's chorus.

CAMP FEATURES

Mara Plains Camp can accommodate a maximum of 10 adult guests (excluding the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains).

Total Number of Bedrooms:

5 double or twin configuration suites;

The private two-bedroom Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains can accommodate a family of 5 with 2 adults and 3 children (aged 6 – 15 years), or 4 adults traveling together;

1 Guide room with a double bed and a bathroom.

Type of Lodge:

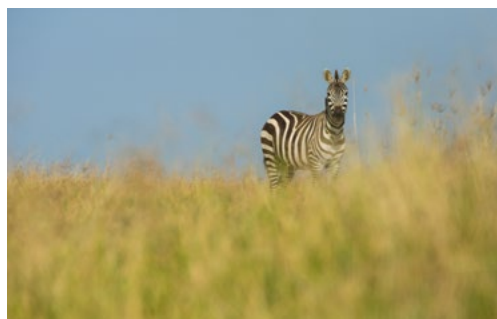
Réserve-Collection Safari Camp

Lodge Season & Opening:

Year Round

Ideal length of stay:

3 / 4 Nights



CHECK OUT TIME

We maintain a high level of flexibility when it comes to check-out times at our camps. However, due to some air transfer schedules, there are instances where we may kindly request guests to check out of their suites by 9:00am. In such situations, our lodges and camps are set up to ensure that guests can utilise the facilities located in the central area. This includes access to Wi-Fi, the provision of complimentary drinks and lunch in the event of any unexpected delays, and access to hides or other activities if available.

CAMP COORDINATES

1°20'33.6"S 35°09'50.7"E

ACCESS DIRECTIONS

Scheduled Flights

- Scheduled aircraft transfers to the nearby Olare Motorogi (Olaré Orok) airstrip, from Nairobi's Wilson domestic airport (flying time 1hr 15mins) and other locations in Kenya;
- Mara Plains Camp is an approximate 30-minute drive from the airstrip, often with wildlife viewing opportunities en route;
- Olare Motorogi (Olaré Orok) airstrip coordinates: S1°19'25.2", E35°14'27.3";
- Olare Motorogi (Olaré Orok) Airstrip length: 1300m;

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Private Charters

- Private charters can land at the nearby Weavers Airstrip;
- Weavers Airstrip coordinates: S01 21'48.85" E035 11'18.67;

ACTIVITIES

Wildlife viewing

Early morning, late afternoon/ evening or even full-day safari drives take place in some of the Mara's most luxurious wildlife-viewing vehicles. Each Toyota Land Cruiser safari vehicle is open-sided, canopied and customised for photographers (fold-down screens, raised roofs, photographic bars, multi-plug inverters). Each vehicle is also stocked with a fridge with drinks and snacks, ready for longer days out if the wildlife viewing is exciting and just too hard to leave.

We choose to accommodate four guests (or two couples) on a safari vehicle; however, if a family or group travels together, we would easily accommodate up to six guests.

Every day on safari brings a unique and distinct experience. Safari drives typically start at sunrise, return for lunch and depart again in the mid-afternoon before returning just after sunset. However, with a packed breakfast and lunch, we often go out all day deep into the Maasai Mara National Reserve or the private Olare Motorogi Conservancy.

Our safaris will often continue into the evening, made possible by our location on a private conservancy. Night drives are incredibly prolific in the Olare Motorogi Conservancy, and while they require patience, sightings often include lesser-known nocturnal species and occasionally lion or hyena hunts.

Our schedule is flexible, and guests are encouraged to create their own itinerary according to their interests with guidance and recommendations from our professional guides.

Hot Air Ballooning

Hot air ballooning is available at an additional cost and should be booked in advance, subject to availability. Departures are very early in the morning to allow time to transfer to the nearest launching point.

Great Plains Foundation Guest Experiences

Guests at Mara Plains Camp can take part in inspiring initiatives supported by the Great Plains Foundation. Visit a Great Plains Bridge, which safely connects communities across floodplains during the rainy season, or spend time at a partner school, meeting students and contributing to education programmes. Guests may also take part in Conservation Roots, planting an indigenous tree as a lasting symbol of restoration, and visit a local women's group, where Maasai women share their traditions and artistry through beadwork.

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Photography

Each of Mara Plains' guest suites has a professional camera set, including a camera body and 100-400mm and 24-70mm lenses. Photos will be downloaded to a memory stick on guests' departure. Each suite comes with a pair of high-quality binoculars for guest use as well.

Private vehicle option

Available for more flexibility upon request at extra cost, not compulsory for families travelling with children.

Private Guides

Private guides are encouraged and welcomed.

CENTRAL FACILITIES

- Dining room, wine room and bar;
- Main lounge and library on raised decks, uniquely framing the landscape;
- Coffee and tea station;
- Outdoor fire pit with seating;
- Great Plains Safari Boutique: Selling locally and regionally produced crafts, many of which support local community projects in the nearby Maasai communities.

The Boutique also stocks the d&b clothing line:

Dereck and Beverly Joubert have inspired this bespoke range of clothing they typically wear, and which is perfect and cool while on safari yet elegant when in the city. All materials are responsibly sourced.

Visit dbexplorercollection.com

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Our world-class meals are Relais & Châteaux recognised;
- All meals included and prepared by our Executive Chefs and their teams in a state-of-the-art kitchen that guests are welcome to visit;
- All drinks and beverages are included, including imported spirits and champagnes;
- Group meals or individual tables, with à la carte menu options
- Indoor and outdoor dining;
- Private dining on guests' verandah on request;
- All dietary requirements are catered for from regular to vegan to children; prior notice required;
- We are extremely flexible on timings. Picnic breakfasts or lunch (or both) are the norm due to very active safari drives, often delivered to the bush!



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ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Bedroom features

- 5 Guest tented suites with private verandah all measuring about 700 sq. ft. in size;
- Suites are olive green in colour with high ceilings and netted windows, so are light and bright;
- The 2-bedroom private Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains with private swimming pool, private safari vehicle & guide;
- Desk and dressing area as well as small lounge;
- Mini bar with drinks of choice;
- Tea and coffee station;
- Overhead and standing fans;
- Mosquito net;
- Honeymoon suite is Suite 4;
- Either twin or double bed configuration.

Bathroom features

- En-suite with flush loo, shower (indoor), copper bathtub and double basins;
- Hot and cold running water;
- Soap, shampoo, conditioner and lotion provided;
- Power system does not support hairdryers, shavers or any high wattage device (low voltage hairdryers provided).



ACCOMMODATING CHILDREN AND SHARING ACCOMMODATION

- We look forward to welcoming children aged six years and older;
- Triples for children sharing with adults may be possible upon request;
- The private Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains can cater for a maximum of four adults sharing or two adults and up to three children (aged 6 – 15), sharing in two separate bedrooms;
- Families with children may be accommodated in the same vehicle as other guests unless a private vehicle is booked and paid for;
- Young children must be supervised as the camp is open, with high predator densities in and around camp and there is a river nearby;
- Great Plains Young Explorers programme – thoughtfully designed to explore a range of experiences and topics from birding to cooking to art to tracking wildlife.

SPA TREATMENTS

Wellness spa with locally inspired treatments is available.

FITNESS

- Yoga mats, light weights and bands are provided in each suite;
- Stationary exercise bikes.

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LAUNDRY

Included in nightly tariff - next day service, weather permitting.

POWER AND COMMUNICATION

Power

- The camp is run by an impressive solar farm;
- This system produces 240V, 24-hour electricity to the suites and main area;
- Plug points in each suite;
- Type of plug: large British three-pin. Converters available for most international plugs;
- The power system does not support hairdryers, shavers or any high wattage device (low voltage hairdryers provided).

INTERNET & MOBILE

- Mobile reception is generally reliable;
- Complimentary Wi-Fi is available in each guest suite;
- To maintain the peaceful safari atmosphere, we ask that cell phones and computers not be used in public areas or on safari vehicles. Phones may be used for photography only.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Health

- Malaria: Minimal exposure risk - Malaria prophylaxis is recommended if guests are concerned; however, this is a remote area with little occurrence;
- Kenya is considered a Yellow Fever Zone. Consult your medical practitioner prior to travel;
- Guests must hold comprehensive medical insurance and emergency evacuation insurance;
- All senior staff have first aid training;
- Nearest decent medical facility is in Nairobi.

Possibility of Disabled Access

- The camp layout is conducive to guests who use wheelchairs due to interconnected raised decking and pathways between suites and the main area. There are a few steps between the main entrance and arrival bridge, but our staff will be on hand to assist;
- For the walking impaired, Suites 1 and 3 are close to the main area with minimal steps.

Safety

- The camp is unfenced, allowing wildlife to move through the property especially at night. Security guards are armed with traditional Maasai spears;
- Fire extinguishers in each suite.

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MONEY MATTERS

Safes

Safes are provided in every suite.

Accepted Payment on Location

- Staff gratuities can be paid in Kenyan Shillings, US Dollars, Euro and British Pounds - preferably in cash - to the staff member concerned who has truly exceeded expectations in terms of hospitality, service, and experience;
- Credit card facilities are available in camp (except American Express), subject to 3.5% charge, for payments of additional items such as boutique store purchases, spa treatments etc.

The Team

Lodge Owners

Great Plains Conservation

FOUNDATION INITIATIVE

Conservation Education

Engaging youth in local communities living alongside conserved land is critical to long-term conservation. Our conservation education programmes engage youth with the natural world at a pivotal time in their lives. Great Plains Conservation believes that through thoughtful engagement, environmental education, fun and mentorship, youth in communities that surround our protected wildlife areas can learn to appreciate the uniqueness of their ecosystems and become champions for conservation.

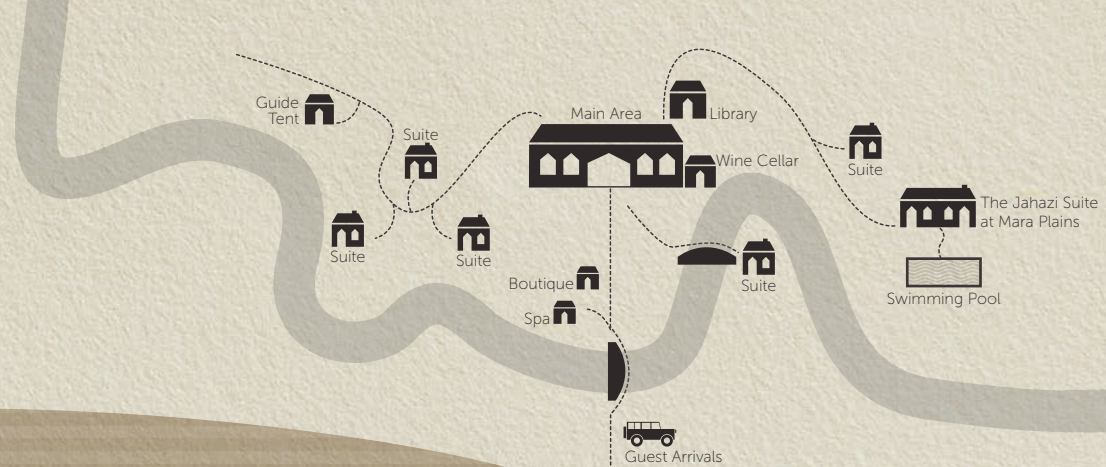
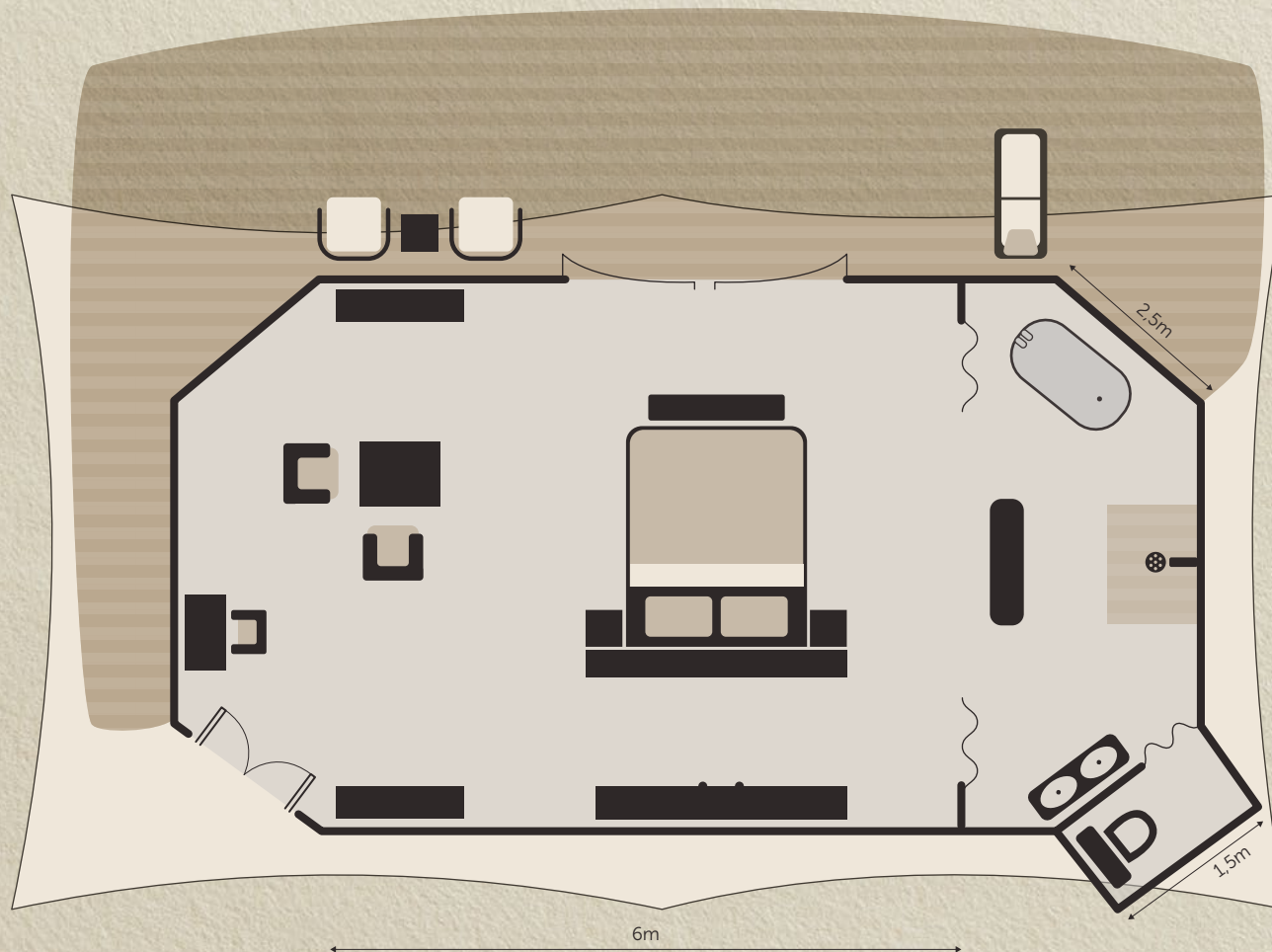
Great Plains Student Conservation Camps are one of our longest-running community programmes. Since the program began more than ten years ago, hundreds of children have benefited from the program in both Kenya and Botswana.

Learn more at www.greatplainsfoundation.com

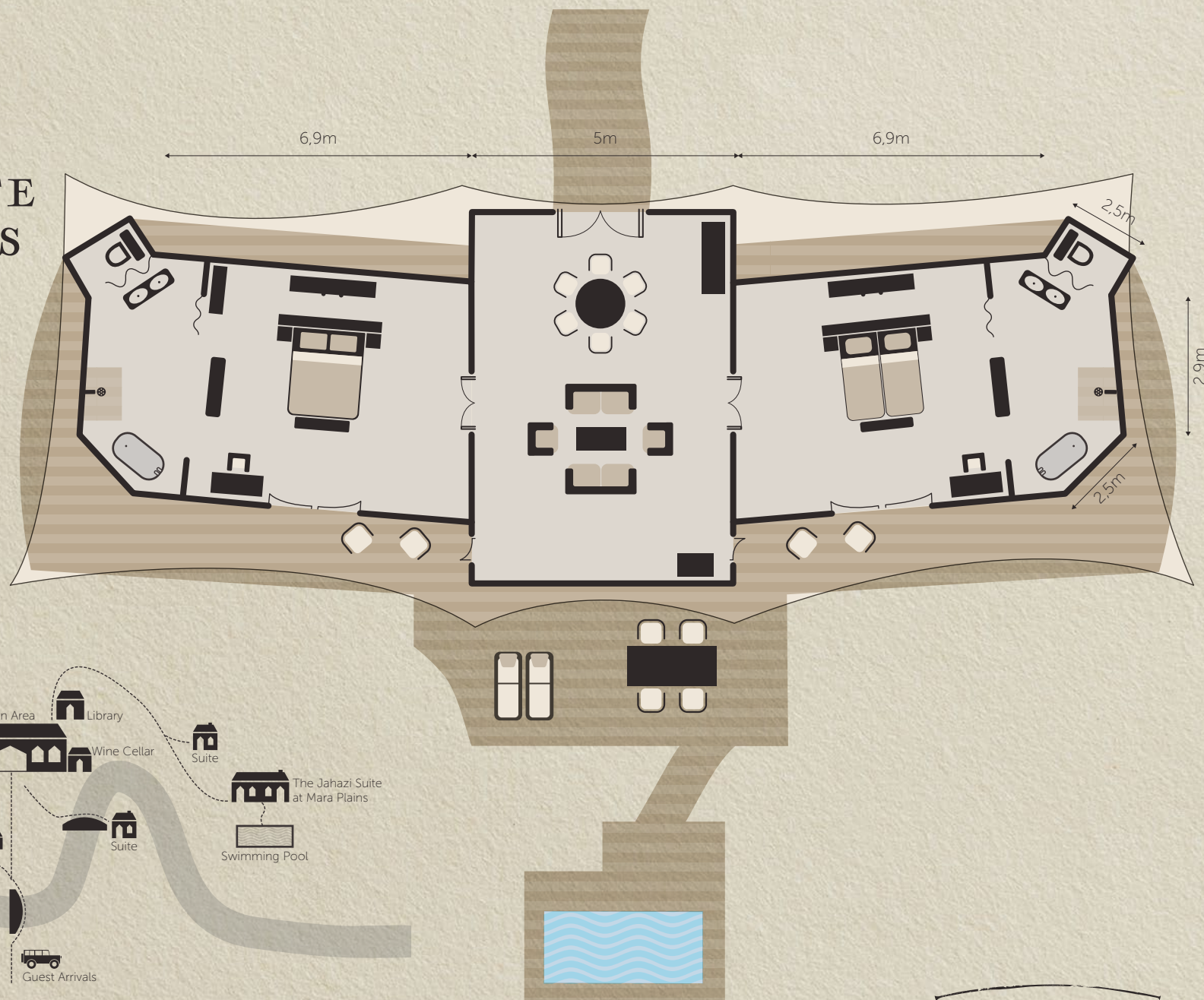
In addition to our own programmes Great Plains Foundation keeps a list of school needs in the countries where we work. Needed items can be hand-carried by travellers or we can help purchase them locally. To learn more or to help support students and educators as part of your trip, please reach out info@greatplainsfoundation.com



GUEST SUITE



THE JAHAZI SUITE AT MARA PLAINS



GREAT PLAINS

CONSERVING AND EXPANDING NATURAL HABITATS



GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION
STIVES TO FIND THE RIGHT FORMULA OF
CONSERVATION, COMMUNITIES AND COMMERCE
THAT MAKES A LASTING, SUSTAINABLE DIFFERENCE
TO THE WORLD'S ICONIC WILDLIFE HABITATS

Mara Toto Tree Camp
Zamara Private
Mara Expedition Camp
Mara Triangle
Mara Plains Camp & The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains
Mara Nyika Camp & The Sambuk Suite at Mara Nyika

Maasai Mara
Reserve

Serengeti
National Park

Shompole

ol Donyo Lodge

Tanzania

Mount Kilimanjaro

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QUICK CAMP FACTS



KENYA CAMPS

ACTIVITY	OL DONYO LODGE	MARA PLAINS CAMP & THE JAHAZI SUITE AT MARA PLAINS	MARA NYIKA CAMP & THE SAMBUK SUITE AT MARA NYIKA
Camp Classification	Réserve-Collection	Réserve-Collection	Réserve-Collection
Location and size	Mbirikani Group Ranch	Olare Motorogi Conservancy	Naboisho Conservancy
Additional traversing area	n/a	Maasai Mara National Reserve	Maasai Mara National Reserve
Number of Suites / Tents	8 Suites	5 Suites	4 Suites
Family Accommodation	One 2-bedroom suite	The 2-bedroom Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains	The 2-bedroom Sambuk Suite at Mara Nyika. One two-bedroom family suite
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years
Day Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes
Night Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cultural Experience	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Vehicle (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Guided Walks (to be pre-booked)	Yes	n/a	n/a
Horseback Riding	Yes	n/a	n/a
Hot Air Ballooning (at an additional charge)	n/a	Yes	Yes
Mountain Biking	Yes	n/a	n/a
Hide	Yes	n/a	n/a
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	Yes (Main Pool & Private Plunge Pools)	Yes (Jahazi Suite only)	Yes (Sambuk Suite only)
Shower	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor	Indoor
Bath	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hairdryers (low voltage)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mosquito Nets	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fans	Standing fan	Overhead & standing fan	Overhead & standing fan
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes	Yes (In-room only)
Fitness	Gym & In-Room Equipment	In-room Equipment	In-room Equipment
Boutique on site	Yes	Yes	Yes

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KENYA CAMPS

ACTIVITY	MARA TOTO TREE CAMP	ZAMARA PRIVATE	MARA EXPEDITION CAMP
Camp Classification	Réserve-Collection	Réserve-Collection	Explorers Collection
Location and size	Maasai Mara National Reserve	Maasai Mara National Reserve	Maasai Mara National Reserve
Additional traversing area	Mara North Conservancy	n/a	Mara North Conservancy
Number of Suites / Tents	4 Suites	6 Suites	5 Tents
Family Accommodation	n/a	Triple suites	One 2-bedroom family tent
Children can be accommodated from:	6 Years	6 Years	6 Years
Day Drives	Yes	Yes	Yes
Night Drives	Yes (water level dependent)	n/a	Yes (water level dependent)
Cultural Experience	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Vehicle (at an additional charge)	Yes	n/a	Yes
Guided Walks (to be pre-booked)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Horseback Riding	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hot Air Ballooning (at an additional charge)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bicycling	n/a	n/a	Yes
Hide	n/a	n/a	n/a
Main Swimming Pool / Private Plunge Pools	n/a	Main swimming pool and Private Plunge Pools at master suites	Main swimming pool
Shower	Indoor	Indoor & Outdoor	Indoor
Bath	Yes	Yes	n/a
Hairdryers (low voltage)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mosquito Nets	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fans	Overhead & standing fan	Overhead	Standing fan
Wi-Fi – in-room (complimentary)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Safe - In-room	Yes	Yes	Yes
Spa treatments (at an additional charge)	Yes (In-room only)	Yes	Yes (In-room only)
Fitness	In-room equipment	Gym and in-room yoga mats	In-room equipment
Boutique on site	Yes	Yes	Yes