

THE JHAZI SUITE AT MARA PLAINS

OLARE MOTOROGI CONSERVANCY | MAASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE



The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains is a spectacular, private 2-bedroomed Suite located to one side of Mara Plains Camp.

Mara Plains Camp is a one-of-a-kind safari camp located in the private Olare Motorogi Conservancy, which lies just to the north of Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve's northern boundary. Mara Plains Camp and the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains are proud members of Relais & Châteaux, one of only three such members in Kenya. The others are its sister properties, namely Ol Donyo Lodge and Mara Nyika Camp. Safaris here blend the finest in wildlife viewing with the absolute best of safari hospitality and guiding.

Guests staying at the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains enjoy access to private conservancy land in the Olare Motorogi Conservancy as well as the world-renowned Maasai Mara Reserve.

The two-bedroomed Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains, offers guests a private yet intimate stay. It is built entirely under canvas and raised on recycled railway-sleeper decking, complete with a wrap-around verandah and private swimming pool. The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains, which offers incredible views of the steady stream of wildlife parading past whilst discreetly tucked away under the tree canopy, is a perfect partner to the safari experiences at Mara Nyika Camp, The Sambuk Suite at Mara Nyika and Ol Donyo Lodge.

At the heart of the Jahazi Suite is an indoor dining area flanked by two spacious bedrooms with well-appointed ensuite facilities consisting of a flush loo, double basins, indoor shower and luxurious deep copper baths. 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.

A short walkway from the main area leads to a private swimming pool. Being under the trees and sweeping canvas roof, the Suite is perfect for rest and relaxation. When residing at the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains, guests automatically enjoy the services of a private safari vehicle and guide.



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Set just downstream from the main camp, the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains offers an exclusive and deeply private safari experience. Nestled beneath a canopy of trees along the Ntiakitiak River, it is elevated on recycled railway-sleeper decking and designed to sit gently within the landscape. Its soft canvas lines, earthy palette and open views across the plains create a sense of harmony with the surrounding wilderness — a sanctuary that feels both refined and entirely at peace with nature.

Each guest at the Jahazi Suite contributes considerably to the success of the Olare Motorogi Conservancy's flourishing ecosystem. The nightly conservation fees are 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.

CAMP FEATURES

Total Number of Bedrooms:

The 2-bedroom private 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 certain 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 Orok airstrip, from Nairobi's Wilson domestic airport (flying time 1hr 15mins) and other locations in Kenya;
- Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains is an approximate 30-minute drive from the airstrip with often 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: 1,300 m.

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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 ;
- Weavers Airstrip length: 800 m;
- The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains is an approximate 15-minute drive from the airstrip often with wildlife viewing opportunities en route;
- It is an unmanned airstrip and landing fee applies.

ACTIVITIES

Wildlife viewing

Early morning, late afternoon/ evening or even full-day safari drives occur in some of the Mara's most luxurious wildlife-viewing vehicles. The Suite's private safari vehicle (Toyota Land Cruiser) is open-sided, canopied and customised for photographers (fold-down screens, raised roofs, photographic bars, multiplug invertors). The 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.

Every day on safari brings a unique and distinct experience. Safari drives typically start at sunrise, return for lunch and depart again in the midafternoon 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.

Very often, our safaris will continue into the night, a possibility because of our location on a private conservancy. Night drives are incredibly prolific in the Olare Motorogi Conservancy, and while they take patience, sightings commonly include lesser-known nocturnal mammals and even lion and 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 of The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains are invited to explore the Great Plains Foundation's community and conservation partnerships in the Maasai Mara. Experience a Great Plains Bridge, linking remote villages and schools; visit a local school to engage with students and teachers; and join Conservation Roots by planting a tree to support habitat restoration. A visit to a local women's group adds a cultural dimension, where guests meet Maasai women artisans and learn about the beadwork that sustains their families and traditions.

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Photography

The Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains 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. The suite also comes with a pair of high-quality binoculars for guest use.

Private vehicle option

Included as standard.

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 and/or individual tables, 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's meals - with 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!

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Bedroom features

- The 2-bedroom private Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains includes the services of a safari vehicle & guide;
- The Suite is olive green in colour with high ceilings and netted windows, so are light and bright;
- Indoor dining area;
- Private swimming pool;
- Prominent outdoor verandah;
- Coffee and tea station;
- Desk and dressing area as well as small lounge;
- Mini bar with drinks of choice;
- Mosquito net;
- Overhead ceiling and standing fan;
- Either twin or double bed configuration.



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Bathroom features

- Each bedroom of the Jahazi suite is en-suite with flush loo, indoor shower, 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

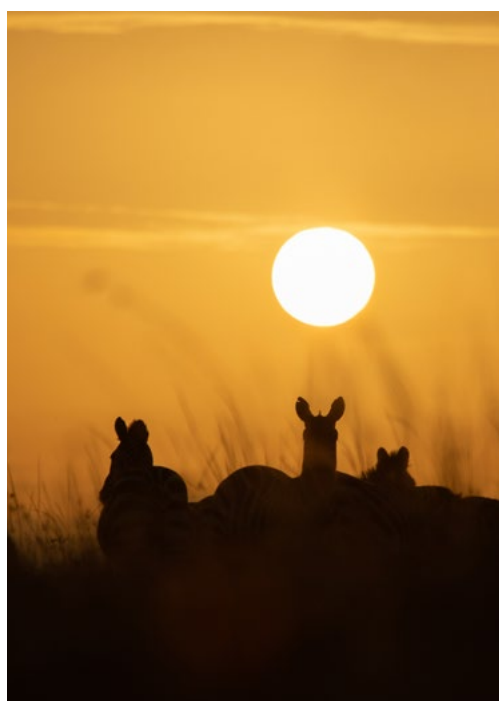
- We look forward to welcoming children aged six years and older;
- The private Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains can cater for a maximum of four adults sharing or two adults and up to three children (aged 6 – 15), sharing in two separate bedrooms;
- Young children must be supervised as the Jahazi Suite is unfenced, the pool is not covered, there are high predator densities in and around camp and there is a river nearby;
- Great Plains Young Explorers Kids' 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 as well as stationary exercise bikes.



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;
- 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.

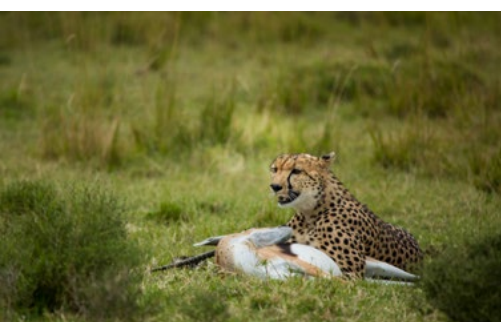
HEALTH AND SAFETY

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;

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- 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.

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 are available in each suite.

MONEY MATTERS

Safes

Safes are provided in the Jahazi Suite at Mara Plains.

Accepted Payment on Location

- Staff gratuities can be paid in Kenyan Shillings, US Dollars, 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

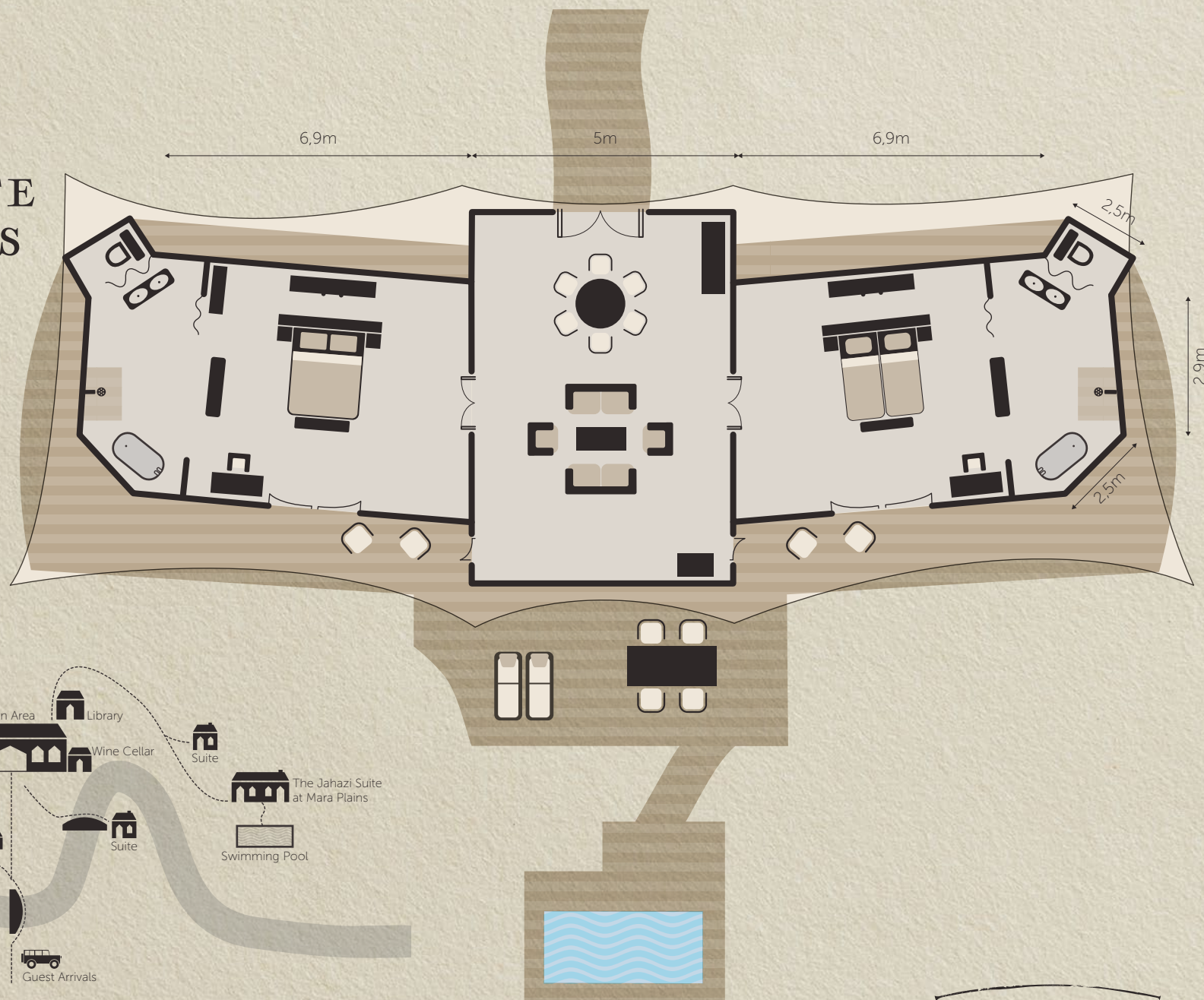
Great Plains Conservation

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 programme began more than ten years ago, hundreds of children have benefitted 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

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GREAT PLAINS

CONSERVING AND EXPANDING NATURAL HABITATS



GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION
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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

Kenya

Nairobi

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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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QUICK CAMP FACTS



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