



KICHECHE

SAFARI CAMPS

BUSH OLARE

CAMP FACTSHEET





KICHECHE BUSH OLARE

is a low-impact, elegant tented camp offering one of the most exclusive safari experiences in the greater Masai Mara. Nestled in a wildlife-abundant corner, it combines seclusion and comfort with an unbroken connection to the wilderness.

LOCATION

Kicheche Bush Olare is set in the heart of the Olare Motorogi Conservancy, a 35,000-acre wilderness bordering the Masai Mara Reserve. This exclusive conservancy offers exceptional year-round wildlife viewing, with one of the highest densities of big cats in Africa and over 300 bird species, including 50 raptors. **GPS 1°21'33.38"S 35°12'49.29"E**

OLARE MOTOROGI CONSERVANCY

It is the first private Conservancy in the Masai Mara eco-system. The Conservancy not only offers outstanding wildlife viewing it also offers an uncrowded wilderness. There are 35,000 acres of rolling grassland, hills, escarpment, and the Motorogi plains located immediately to the north of the Ol Kiombo area of the Reserve within Olare Motorogi there is a great walking country and also the opportunity to overnight in a fly camp. The Conservancy is a pioneering partnership between over 300 local landowners, creating one of East Africa's richest ecosystems and setting a benchmark for sustainable tourism.

ACCESS

BY AIR:

A scheduled one-hour flight from Nairobi's Wilson Airport to Mara Olare Orok airstrip. Flights depart at 0900, 1000, 1300, and 1500. With Safarilink or Air Kenya. Flights are also available from Nanyuki, Naivasha, and Mombasa. The camp is a 30-minute game drive from the airstrip.

Note: Luggage allowance is 15kg per person only, in soft luggage bags. Excess luggage is charged at approx \$5 per kilo.

BY ROAD:

5½ hours drive from Nairobi.

YOU ARE HERE





FACILITIES

GUEST TENTS

The camp is a classic, intimate, luxury bush camp with only six tents (including one family suite), completely unfenced. The custom-designed tents are spacious, fully insect-proof, and equipped with Podocarpus beds, Egyptian cotton linen, bedside tables, luggage racks, and Indian rugs. Bathrooms are en-suite and are equipped with a dresser, shower, a flushing toilet, and a wash basin with running water. There are very comfortable chairs on the veranda of each tent where you can watch the world go by. One tent can be converted to a triple on request.

LOUNGE TENT

A large open-sided dining tent, overlooking the plains also hosts a relaxing lounge area with a selection of reference books and a small curio shop.

MEALS AND DRINKS

All meals and drinks are included in your stay and taken al-fresco, beneath the shade of the acacia trees or underneath the stars, or in our dining tent. We have a fully stocked bar with a range of wines. Drinks are included with the meals. Picnic breakfasts and lunches are also available on game driving excursions.

LAUNDRY

Included in the rate is a daily laundry service. Please note this is a bush laundry that cannot cope with delicate items of clothing.

POWER & LIGHTING

There is no mains power however each tent has its own 24-hour solar lighting system. Camera and Video batteries can also be charged on the central system in the dining tent. The inverter system is backed up with a generator.

SAFETY

Safety is of paramount importance and therefore askaris (night watchmen) patrol the camp at regular intervals after dark. Guests are advised to remain in their tent after dark and will be escorted between their tent and the lounge/dining areas by a staff member. Each tent is equipped with a whistle to call for assistance in case of emergency and there is also a walkie-talkie in each guest tent that can be used throughout the day and night if guests wish to communicate with askaris or management. Each vehicle is equipped with a radio for communications with the camp and the camp is in contact with the Nairobi office daily. Flying Doctors' medical evacuation planes can be called in the event of an emergency.





CHILDREN

We accept children above 7 years and parents must be aware that our camp is not fenced and no additional facilities are available to occupy them outside our normal excursions. No baby equipment is provided.

SOUVENIRS

There is a camp souvenir shop with a selection of clothing, maps, and miscellaneous items.

TIPPING

It is customary in East Africa to tip your lodge/camp staff. As a guideline allow approx. \$20 - \$40 per person per day, to be split between your guide and camp staff. However, it is not compulsory and tips should only be given if you are satisfied with the service provided. We accept tips through credit cards.

PAYMENTS AT CAMP

Kicheche Camps is cashless and accepts VISA, MASTER CARD, AMEX at all camps. The camp has a safety deposit box where all valuables can be kept.



PREPARATION

COMMUNICATIONS

There is a variable mobile signal at camp however usage is restricted in the camp public areas and on game drives. There is an unreliable e-mail connection at camp bushcamp@kicheche.com therefore all communications should be copied to the Nairobi office sales@kicheche.com.

In the event of an emergency, the camp number is +254 736 699 952 but is not a reliable connection; therefore we recommend you contact the Nairobi Duty mobile phone: +254 736 888 055 / +254 700 888 055. Kenya is GMT +3 hours and does not have summertime/daylight savings.

There is Wi-Fi available in the guest tents only (40mbps).





ACTIVITIES

DAILY ROUTINE

Guests are woken with tea, coffee or hot chocolate and biscuits brought to their tent. An early morning game drive sets off at sunrise and returns to the camp late morning. Breakfast is a leisurely affair taken outside in the morning sunlight. Lunch is also served al-fresco in the shade of an acacia tree. During the heat of the day, relax and appreciate the silence, punctuated only by birdcalls. Alternatively, utilise our reference library in the lounge tent, which has a good selection of books. An afternoon game drive departs around 16h00 after tea and returns after sundowners. Freshen up before joining other guests around the campfire for a pre-dinner drink. Dinner is served by candlelight al-fresco or in the dining tent. Take a nightcap by the fire before retiring. Rigid daily schedules are not on our agenda, there are no hard and fast rules at Kicheche so guests can decide on the duration and frequency of their drives but this is much easier if you have booked exclusive use of a vehicle. Picnic breakfasts, lunches, and sundowner drinks are popular options to include on game drives.

GAME DRIVES

Early morning and late afternoon are the most productive hours for game drives and, our safari customised 4WD vehicles and a photographic vehicle give everyone a perfect view. Watching wildlife at close range, but without encroaching on their space, is endlessly fascinating and our guides' instincts and experience provide superb photo opportunities of wild animals.

Game driving is available throughout the area and your program is arranged daily with your guide. Game viewing drives are conducted in open-sided and open-roofed customised 4WD Land Cruiser vehicles. Game drives are shared with other guests, though exclusive use of a vehicle is available at an extra charge. Our vehicles are superbly designed for photographers, all our fleet is open-sided with open roofs. Cameras can be rested on the roof, with supplied beanbags, or on the armrests lower down, to which we can mount simple platforms for larger lenses. For complete flexibility, it is recommended that you take a vehicle on an exclusive use basis at US\$400 per vehicle per night in peak season and US\$350 in regular and mid-season. A modified photography vehicle is available providing photographers an extra lower edge to enable them to capture their memorable and award-winning shots.

GUIDED BUSH WALKS

A different perspective is gained through escorted walks on the savannah. Our interpretive guides will point out the spoor of a leopard, the nest of a rare bird or signs of recent migration activity that would pass unnoticed by the eyes of strangers. Walks are included in our tariff. A different perspective is gained through escorted walks on the savannah. Our interpretive guides may point out the spoor of a leopard, the nest of a rare bird, or signs of recent migration activity that would pass unnoticed by the eyes of a stranger. Walks are included in our tariff.

VILLAGE VISITS

Guests can visit one of the local Maasai villages to see first-hand their way of life. A village guide or your Kicheche guide will give you an interpretive talk during your visit. There is sometimes dancing and traditional souvenirs are on sale. There is a charge of \$30 per person.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Kicheche Community Trust supports local schools and medical clinic. When schools are open it is possible to pay a visit to the schools – Aitong Primary & Secondary and Olkimitare Secondary. Any educational gifts or donations towards academic material are an enormous help.

HOT AIR BALLOONING

This is a popular excursion in the Masai Mara. Balloons take off early each morning at sunrise and glide over the plains for approximately an hour before landing. Upon touchdown, a champagne breakfast is set up before you. The excursion finishes with a game drive back to camp. Trips can be booked through your tour operator or with the balloon operator.

FLY CAMPING

Kicheche Camps offers escorted walking safaris with overnight stays in a fly-camp in the bush. These excursions are led by one of Kicheche's senior guides and an armed ranger. It is an outstanding opportunity to see the Mara from a completely different perspective and also offers some welcome exercise whilst on safari.

Kicheche Bush Olare is closed in April and May.



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