SAND RIVER MASAI MARA

KENYA

Fact Sheet



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MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Vintage Glamour & Riverside Serenity

Resting on the banks of Sand River, deep in Masai Mara National Reserve is a tented camp that will whisk you away to the classic era of African adventure.





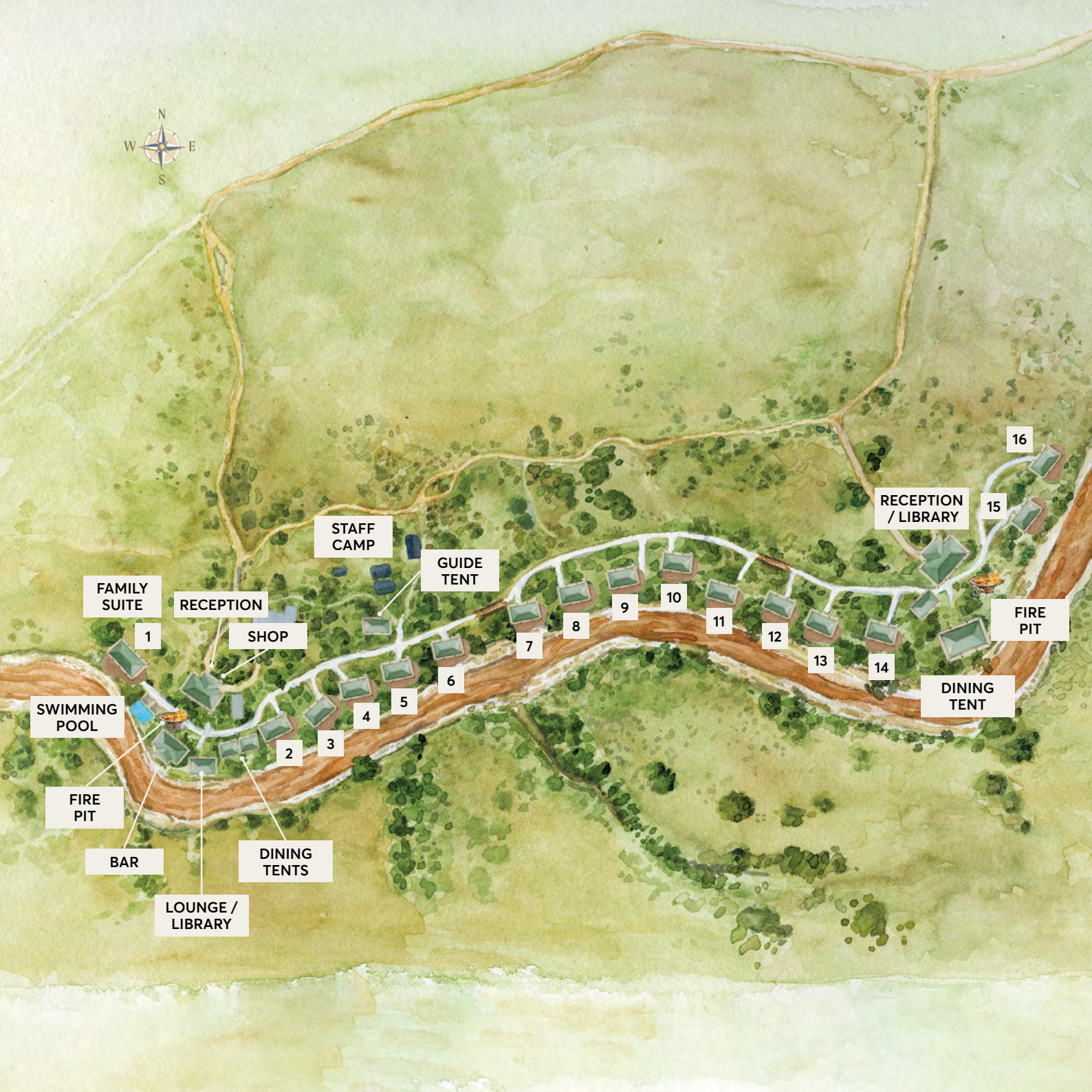




Sand River Masai Mara is an elegant step back in time, echoing the romance and style of the 1920s. Set under a canopy of indigenous trees along the river's edge, the camp features classic canvas structures, ornate dark-wood furnishings, and brass accents that evoke a bygone era of exploration. It is a place where the atmosphere of a permanent film set meets the high-stakes drama of the Great Migration, providing a luxurious and nostalgic retreat where the gentle murmur of the river provides a constant, soothing soundtrack.

Fast Facts

Location	• Southern Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya
Global Coordinates	• 1°37'14.0"S 35°09'45.0"E
Access	• Keekorok airstrip is a 45 minute flight from Wilson Airport, and a 45 minute drive from camp • Serviced by scheduled flights offering twice-daily departures, with services increasing up to three times daily during high season, flying directly from Nairobi's Wilson Airport.
Check-in	• From 13:00
Check-out	• 10:00
Lodge Facilities	• 24-Hour Power • Bar & Lounge • Child-Friendly Amenities • Children's Menu • Complimentary Wi-Fi • Credit Cards Accepted • In-Tent Charging Facilities • In-Tent Spa Treatments • Laundry Service • Restaurant • Room Service • Secure Parking • Shop • Swimming Pool • Wheelchair Access (Little Sand River Dining Area)


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RECEPTION / LIBRARY
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FIRE PIT
DINING TENT
SWIMMING POOL
FIRE PIT
BAR
LOUNGE / LIBRARY
DINING TENTS



Key Highlights

Private & Secluded Location

Tucked away in a tranquil corner of the Masai Mara National Reserve, the camp offers an intimate wilderness escape completely removed from busier circuits, giving guests the feeling of having the Mara all to themselves.

Picturesque Sand River Setting

Directly overlooks the Sand River, presenting a dramatic landscape of sweeping sandbanks, ancient rock formations, and riverine forest - the ideal backdrop for private sundowners and scenic bush breakfasts.

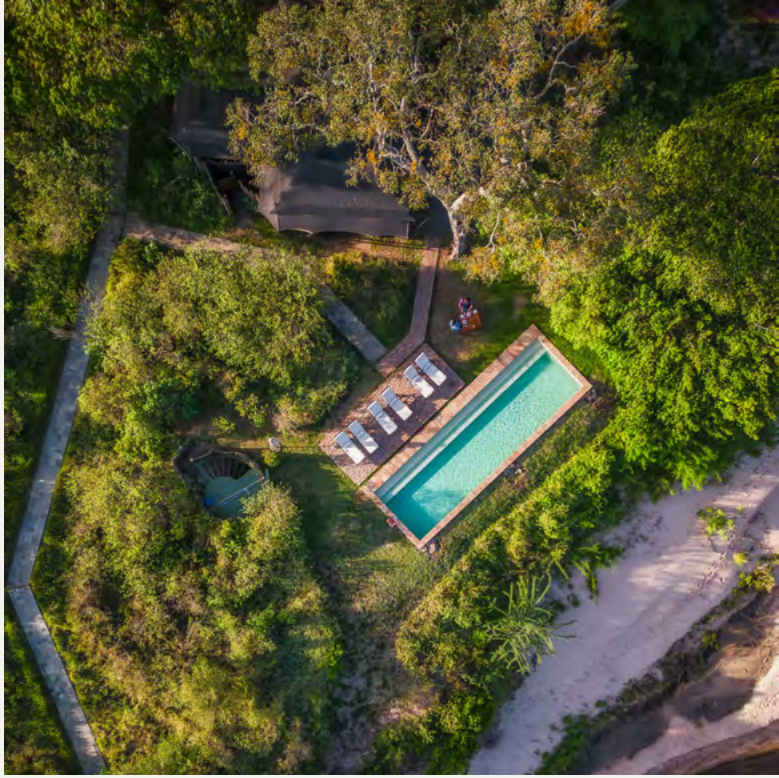
Prime Wildebeest Migration Route

Positioned directly on the Great Migration corridor, offering an exceptional vantage point where guests can witness dramatic wildebeest and zebra river crossings from the privacy of their tent verandah.

Luxurious Classic Camp Design

Evokes the romantic golden age of African safaris through a sophisticated aesthetic, combining curated antique furnishings and high-end finishes with timeless old-world charm and modern comfort.











Classic & Timeless

The tents at Sand River Masai Mara are a tribute to the traditional safari aesthetic, combining privacy and old-world charm with modern luxury. Each expansive tent features distinct living and sleeping areas furnished with handcrafted pieces and private verandahs overlooking the river, offering a refined sanctuary set against the wild beauty of the Mara plains.

- **15 Safari Tents (49.0m²):** Expansive, vintage-inspired canvas tents overlooking the river (comprising 11 dedicated double tents and 4 flexible twin tents).
- **1 Family Suite (87.0m²):** A generous family layout featuring two en-suite bedrooms joined by a central shared lounge area.
- **Two Private Camps:** The property is divided into two self-contained camps - Sand River (10 tents) and Little Sand River (6 tents) - each featuring its own private dining tent and main lounge.
- **Wheelchair Accessibility:** Tents 3, 6, and 16 are wheelchair accessible.

Thoughtfully spaced along the riverbank for complete seclusion, each tent offers a peaceful vantage point to observe wildlife and passing herds during the Great Migration.

A secluded and picturesque site with all the romance of a Hollywood film, this is the ideal destination to enjoy awe-inspiring game viewing.







Follow the thundering herds of the Great Migration, enjoy a private bush breakfast as the sun rises over the savannah, or watch the resident lion prides prowl through the tall grass from the comfort of your private deck.



Activities

Select activities and excursions require advance booking and may carry additional charges. Should you have any questions or require further information, our team is available to assist.

Guided Game Drives
Embark on morning or late-afternoon game drives with expert guides across the rolling Mara plains, tracking the Big Five and experiencing spectacular wildlife sightings.

Bush Sundowners
Gather at a vantage point as the day ends to watch the African sunset over the vast horizon. Enjoy chilled drinks and curated canapés as the wilderness gently transitions into dusk.

Cultural Excursions
Visit a neighbouring village for an authentic glimpse into Maasai culture, learning about ancient customs, intricate beadwork, and vibrant traditional songs and dances.

Hot Air Balloon Safaris
Take off before dawn to float silently over the Mara at sunrise, taking in breathtaking aerial views before landing for a classic champagne bush breakfast.

Picnic Bush Dining
Enjoy full-day game drives without returning to camp, using beautifully packed picnic breakfasts and gourmet lunches to dine amidst the wild backdrop of the reserve.

Evening Campfire Gatherings
Gather around the traditional fire pit as night falls to swap safari stories, enjoy a nightcap, and listen to the gentle sounds of the nearby river.

Wellness, Massage & Swimming
Cool off with a refreshing dip in the camp's swimming pool between game drives, or book a rejuvenating massage treatment set within the tranquil riverine forest.

Leisure & Board Games
Unwind in the main lounge with a selection of classic board games, soaking in the relaxed, sophisticated pace of a traditional 1920s safari retreat.











Children's Activities

- **Warrior & Bush Training**
  Learn essential natural navigation alongside local guides.
- **Traditional Bow & Arrow Skills**
  Master traditional archery techniques and target skills under the guidance of resident askaris.
- **Cookie Decorating**
  Unleash your inner baker during a fun culinary workshop decorating sweet treats.
- **Mini Twitcher Bird Walk**
  Learn to spot, track, and identify colourful local bird species.
- **Stargazing & African Folklore**
  Discover southern constellations while listening to captivating night-sky legends.
- **S'mores & Bush Tales**
  Roast marshmallows over the campfire while listening to engaging traditional African folklore.
- **Giant Lawn Jenga**
  Test your balance with an oversized game where each block reveals a fun wildlife fact.
- **Homemade Playdough**
  Mix, mould, and sculpt colourful creations during a hands-on crafting session for rainy afternoons.















The Culinary Experience

At Sand River Masai Mara, local produce meets the historic spice trade. Ingredients from the land are lifted with aromatic spices that have travelled through Kenya for centuries, bringing warmth and depth rather than heat to a menu grounded in tradition and open to creativity.

Breakfast can be enjoyed in camp, packed for an early departure or transformed into a bush breakfast in the wilderness. Lunch and dinner are served à la carte, with fresh seasonal dishes taking centre stage.

As evening falls, guests gather around the fire pit for bitings before dinner, surrounded by the sounds of the Mara - a relaxed yet elegant expression of safari dining shaped by Kenyan ingredients and generations of culinary influence.

Sustainability & Conservation

A low-impact luxury camp driven by solar energy, circular resource management, and long-standing community partnerships in the Masai Mara.

Environmental Stewardship

- **Accreditations:** Certified with a Gold Eco-Rating by Ecotourism Kenya and signatory of the Glasgow Declaration, powered by solar energy with ongoing carbon tracking.
- **Resource & Circular Waste Management:** Zero-tolerance single-use plastic policy, biological wastewater treatment to protect the river ecosystem, and off-site recycling through TakaTaka Solutions.
- **Auditing & Protection:** Audited regularly by the Land & Life Foundation to ensure our operational footprint remains minimal and protects the surrounding riverine habitat.

Community & Local Legacy

- **Education Support:** Providing ongoing infrastructure development, classroom materials, and essential educational supplies to nearby Embiti Primary School.
- **School Scholarships:** Funding full secondary education scholarships for high-achieving, disadvantaged local students to foster future community leaders.
- **Long-Term Impact:** Investing in local educational infrastructure to ensure the benefits of sustainable tourism create a lasting legacy for Maasai Mara families.





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