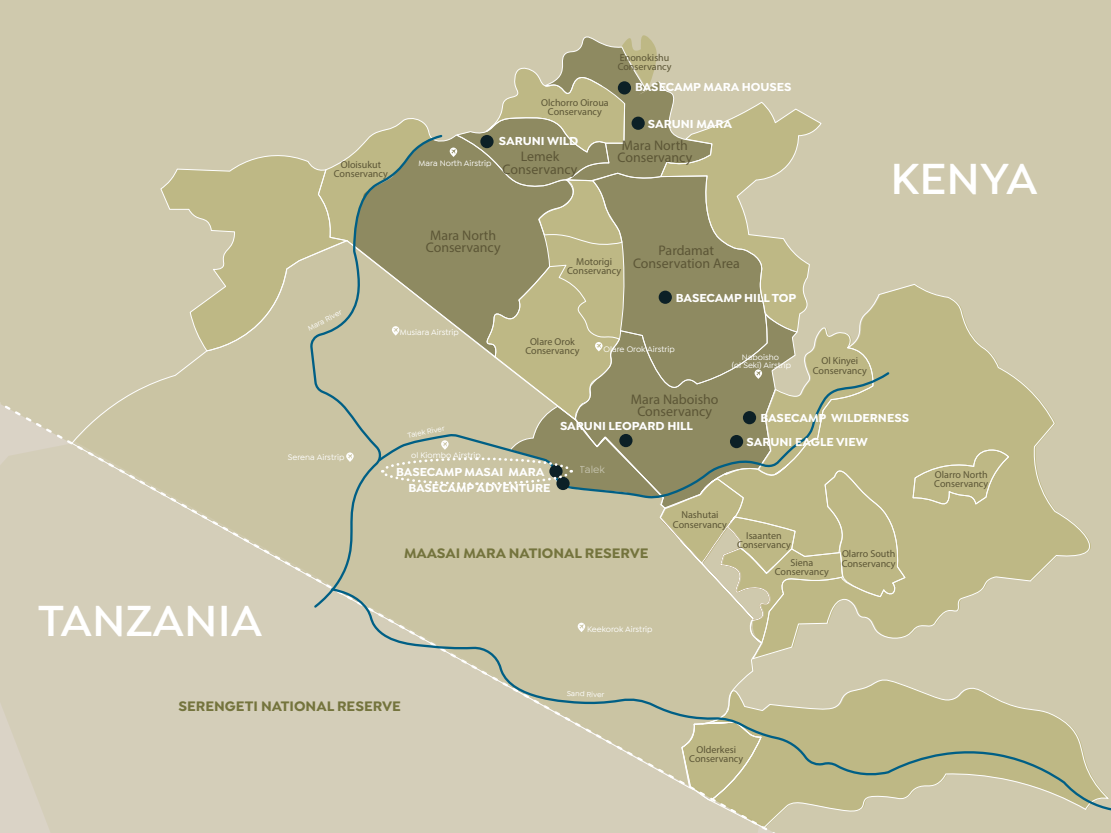


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BASECAMP MASAI MARA










INTRODUCING BASECAMP MASAI MARA

Basecamp Masai Mara is situated in a shady spot along a private section of the Talek River, with private footbridge access to the Masai Mara National Reserve and exceptional views across the plains of this most iconic of all wilderness areas. The trees growing alongside the river offer shade and privacy, and provide a sanctuary for an incredible variety of birdlife. With the neighbouring Maasai community within easy reach, the stage is set for not just an incredible wildlife safari, but also for the opportunity to meaningful engage with the original custodians of this remarkable landscape, and discover how the Maasai's traditional lifestyle has allowed them to exist in harmony with both the ecosystem and its wildlife.



BASECAMP MASAI MARA AT A GLANCE

-  Talek River, Masai Mara, Kenya
-  Eco Camp
-  Best for the Masai Mara
-  17 Guest tents
-  Children welcome
-  Solar power
-  No annual closure dates

HIGHLIGHTS

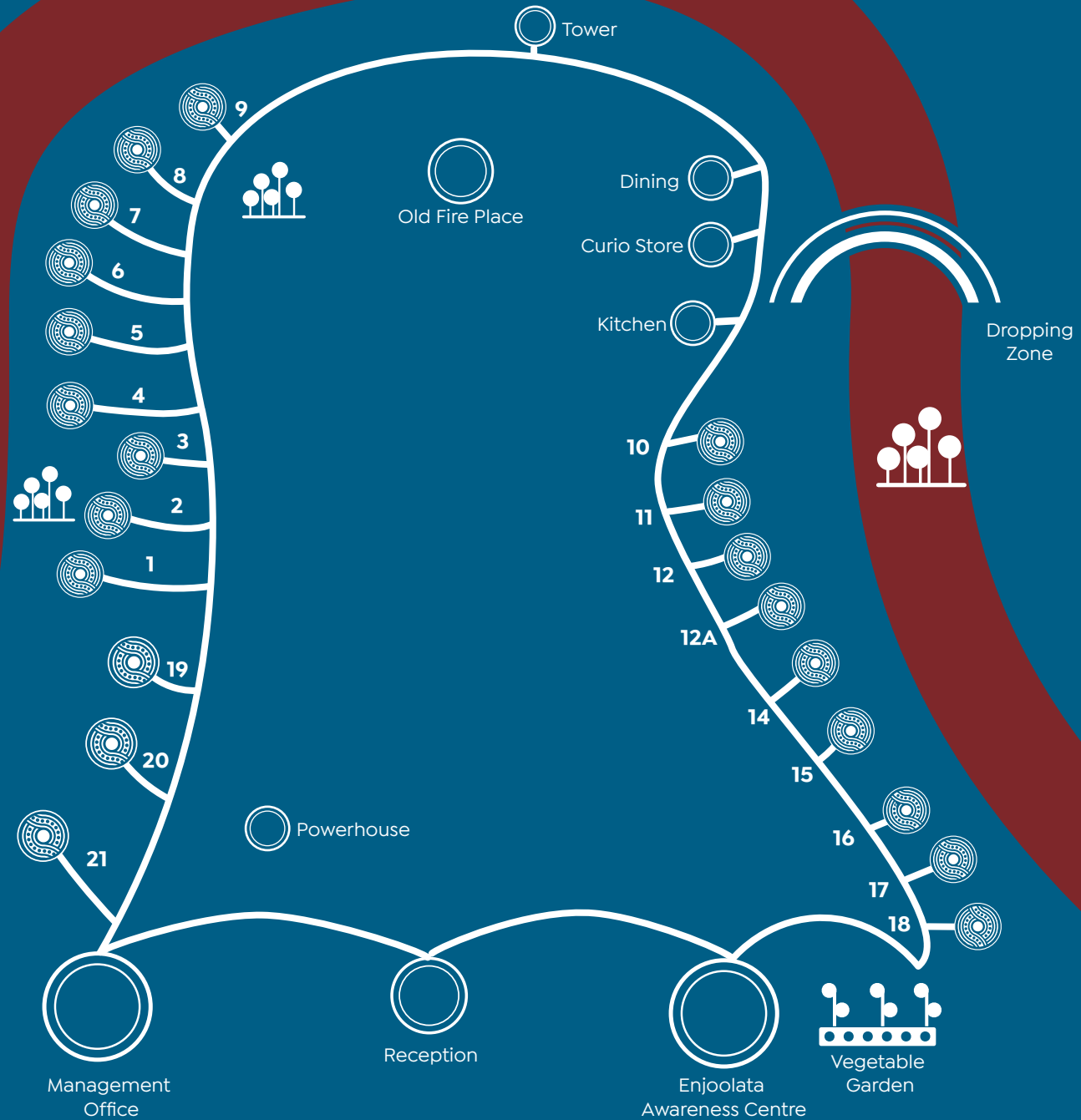
-  Unique, secluded location
-  Local Maasai warriors as guides
-  Wildlife photography
-  Authentic cultural experiences
-  Migration river crossing



SARUNI BASECAMP MASAI MARA

TALEK RIVER

Masai Mara
National Reserve



TALEK RIVER

CAMP LAYOUT

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BASECAMP MASAI MARA DETAILS

Location	Talek River, Masai Mara, Kenya	
Road access	✓	4x4 vehicles only
Self-drive access	✓	5 hours' drive from Nairobi
Air access	✓	Ol Kiombo Airstrip (around 30 minutes' drive from the camp), with 45-minute domestic flights from Nairobi's Wilson Airport.
Traversing area	1,510 square kilometers or 580 square miles. The Maasai Mara National Reserve is an area of preserved savannah wilderness that covers about 1,510 square kilometers or 580 square miles.	
Views	Masai Mara National Reserve, riverbed	

GEOGRAPHY & CLIMATE

Altitude	5,500 – 6,400ft	
Days	Warm, dry	
Nights	Cool	
Humidity	Zero	
Annual rainfall	760mm	

CAMP AMENITIES

Architecture	Riverside eco tent	
Construction	Wood, canvas	
Maximum guests	40	We have 15 standard tents (30 guests) and 2 family tents each with a max of 5 guests total of 10 guests.
Minimum age requirement	x	
Can be booked on an exclusive-use basis	x	
Electricity – 220V	✓	Solar Power
Back-up generator	✓	
International adaptors	x	3-point British plugs
Complimentary Wi-Fi	✓	Guest tents only
Hairdryers supplied	x	

Mobile phone signal	✓	Safaricom – signal strength varies
Pool	x	
Wellness Space	x	

ACCOMMODATION & ROOM AMENITIES

En suite	✓	
River View Tents	14	
Honeymoon Tent	1	
Family Tents (5 pax)	2	
Optional extra bed for child under 16	✓	
Indoor shower	✓	Solar heated
Outdoor shower	✓	Solar heated
Private verandah	✓	
Private pool	x	
Yoga/exercise mat	x	

FOOD & DRINK

Full-board accommodation (breakfast, lunch, dinner)	✓	Meals prepared by Maasai chefs
Dietary requests and allergies accommodated	✓	
Shared dining area	✓	Private dining on the viewing deck
In-tent dining (optional)	x	
Bush meals, picnics & sundowners	✓	Payable extra
Complimentary bottled mineral water	✓	
Complimentary refillable water bottle	✓	
Complimentary local drinks	✓	
Premium/imported drinks	✓	Payable extra
Languages spoken	English, Kiswahili	





VEHICLE ACTIVITIES IN OPEN-SIDED GAME VIEWERS

Shared game drives	✓	
Exclusive use of vehicle	✓	Payable extra - daily cost

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES – INCLUDED

Local Maasai guides	✓	
Guided day game drives	x	On-ground package – This is for all guests booked on ground package (Both direct guests or by agent)
Guided night game drives	x	
Guided walking safaris	x	
Guided birding walks	✓	
Tree nursery tour with tree planting	✓	
Entrance into Masai Mara National Reserve	✓	
Birdwatching	✓	
Young Explorers Club	✓	Family and children's activities - bookable in advance
Cultural walk – Talek Town	✓	
Enjoolata Awareness Centre	✓	
Masai Women Arts & Crafts Centre (Basecamp Maasai Brand) visit	✓	
Local market visit	✓	

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES – OPTIONAL (PAYABLE EXTRA)

Bush meals and sundowners	✓	
Local Maasai Manyatta/Village visit	✓	
Hot air balloon safari	✓	Bookable in advance
Traditional ceremonies and blessings	✓	Bookable in advance

ACCEPTED PAYMENTS IN CAMP

Cash – KSH	✓	
Cash – USD	✓	Only notes newer than 2013
Cash – EUR	✓	
Cash – GBP	✓	
Credit cards – Visa	✓	Surcharge applies if settling accommodation costs
Credit cards – Mastercard	✓	Surcharge applies if settling accommodation costs
Debit cards	✓	

GRATUITIES (DISCRETIONARY) CAN ONLY BE PAID IN CASH

Recommended per day – guide	US\$10	Please pay any gratuities in cash
Recommended per day – staff	US\$5–10	

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

Malaria risk	Extremely low
Sun protection	Recommended

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

Saruni Basecamp believes fully and invests significantly in community development and conservation.

- The majority of the team members at Basecamp Masai Mara are Maasai from the local communities. They are trained and employed to enable local communities to benefit directly from the lodge being in their area.
- Opportunities are provided for local artisans to sell their craft items, giving them an alternative revenue stream and contributing to the revival of interest in traditional skills.
- Saruni Basecamp sponsors young Maasai to train as guides at the Wildlife Tourism College of Maasai Mara, and lead future generations of conservationists and safari guides.
- The camp helps to protect the Masai Mara ecosystem, and contributes to the preservation of protected wilderness areas.





BASECAMP MASAI MARA – IN A NUTSHELL

Exceptional wildlife & diverse landscapes	Life transforming experiences	Positive impacts for the land and its people
Prime game viewing with abundant wildlife all year round	Migration river crossing viewing (seasonal)	The Maasai are the custodians of their community land
Home of the Great Wildebeest Migration	Immersive and transformative cultural experiences	Majority Maasai camp management and team
Incredible views out over the Masai Mara National Reserve	Young Explorers Club	Tourism revenue is the main source of commercial income for the community
Shady setting and incredible birdlife thanks to local tree planting and reforestation efforts	Visits to community upliftment projects	Guests can contribute to conservation projects
Private footbridge access to the Masai Mara	Opportunity to participate in tree planting scheme	Eco-friendly camp, with bio-toilets and solar-heated showers

Book your Basecamp Masai Mara experience today!



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