



KINARA

The way to the river

Every journey to the Mara begins long before you arrive. Here is how to reach Kinara, whether you choose the short flight over the Rift Valley or the long road west through Narok. Wherever you set out from, we will be waiting to guide you the rest of the way.

Flying in from Nairobi

Most guests fly. It is the quickest and gentlest way to arrive, and the view as the plains open beneath you is a fitting first sight of the Mara.

Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NBO)

Nairobi's international airport is the main arrival point for guests travelling from overseas. We are glad to arrange your transfers onward to Wilson Airport, so that once you have cleared immigration and collected your luggage, a driver can be waiting for you in arrivals.

Jomo Kenyatta International to Wilson Airport

Distance: approx. 15 km

Travel time: 30–60 minutes

Safari flights depart from Wilson Airport, Nairobi's domestic airfield. Nairobi traffic can be unpredictable, so at morning and evening rush hours we suggest allowing up to 60-90 minutes. Our team can arrange this transfer for you. Please contact to our reservations team at stay@kinara.ke.

The first scheduled flights leave Wilson Airport early, usually between 7:00 and 7:30am, so you can be on the plains by mid-morning. The last departures are usually between 2:30 and 4:00pm, depending on the airline and the season. Light aircraft fly only in daylight, so if your international flight lands later in the day, we suggest a restful night in Nairobi and an unhurried start the following morning.

Wilson Airport to Ol Kiombo or Musiara Airstrip

Distance: approx. 190 km

Travel time: 45 minutes – 1 hour 15 minutes

Operating Airlines Safarilink, AirKenya Express

Scheduled light-aircraft flights leave Wilson for the Mara every day. Some land briefly at other airstrips on the way, which accounts for the range in flight time. Kinara lies close to both Ol Kiombo and Musiara Airstrips; when you book, please choose a flight to either airstrip.

Schedules change with the seasons, so please check which airstrips each airline serves on your travel dates. Our team is happy to help you choose a flight.

By safari vehicle

Ol Kiombo Airstrip to Kinara

Distance: 10 km

Travel time: 45-90 minutes (depending on game viewing enroute)

Vehicle Type: 4x4 safari vehicle

Musiara Airstrip to Kinara

Distance: 10 km

Travel time: 30-60 minutes (depending on game viewing enroute)

Vehicle Type: 4x4 safari vehicle

Your Kinara guide will be waiting beside the airstrip. The short drive to camp is your first game drive, unhurried and open to whatever the Mara chooses to show you on the way. This transfer is included in your stay.

Before you travel

Small things that make a difference

- Pack soft and light. Light aircraft allow 15 kg per person, including hand luggage, packed in soft-sided bags. Hard suitcases may not fit in the hold.
- Extra luggage. If you are carrying more than the light-aircraft allowance, we can store your extra luggage in Nairobi on your behalf, ready for your return.
- Check-in at Wilson. Please arrive at Wilson at least 60 minutes before your flight. Light aircraft can leave a little ahead of schedule once everyone has checked in.
- Your onward journey. Return flights leave the Mara for Wilson Airport. If you are connecting to an international flight from JKIA the same day, we recommend allowing at least three to four hours between landing at Wilson and your departure.
- Dress for open air. Mornings and evenings on the plains can be cool, and afternoons warm. Soft layers in natural, muted tones are ideal for the drive from the airstrip.
- Private charters. For a more private arrival, charter flights can be arranged direct to the Mara at a time of your choosing. Speak to our team and we will arrange it for you.

However you arrive, the last stretch is ours. We look forward to welcoming you to Kinara.

For help with flights, transfers from Jomo Kenyatta International and Wilson, luggage storage etc. contact our reservations team at stay@kinara.ke.