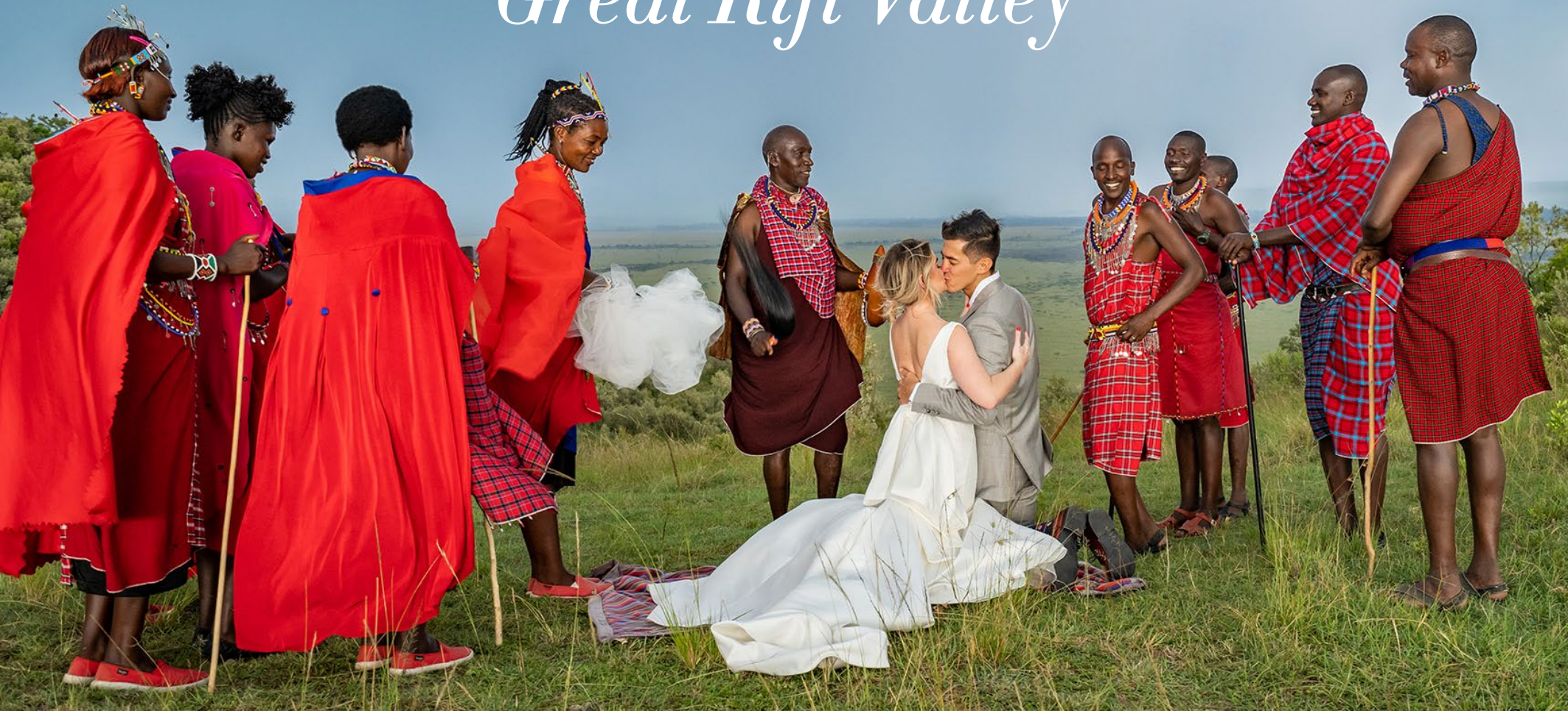


ANGAMA
MARA

*Weddings on the edge of the
Great Rift Valley*



A Destination Wedding

SUSPENDED IN MID-AIR



"My love was both humble and audacious"

– Karen Blixen



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Welcome to Angama Mara

SUSPENDED ON THE EDGE OF THE GREAT RIFT VALLEY,
WITH VIEWS THAT WILL STEAL YOUR HEART

Angama Mara is a lovely lodge offering warm hospitality and momentous views for a destination wedding celebration. We offer two styles of weddings: a classic safari ceremony or a traditional Maasai blessing.

For all of our ceremonies, Angama Mara offers couples three exquisite settings. Wedding receptions are held in one of Angama Mara's two Guest Areas, which both have 180° panoramic views across the Maasai Mara 300m below.

The team at Angama Mara takes great pride in hosting memorable weddings for our guests — from planning the perfect day with the reservations team, to the execution by the highly experienced team at the lodge. We love the detail, and no detail is too small.

Should you wish to see a video of a recent wedding at Angama Mara, please view [here](#)





How We Do 'I Do'

Angama Mara has over 10 years of experience making wedding dreams come true. As such, we have gained great insight into how best to ensure planning and details run smoothly.

- Angama Mara has two identical camps of 15 Tented Suites each, which couples can book exclusively for up to 60 guests in both camps, or up to 30 guests in one camp
- For a more intimate ceremony, with just the couple and a few guests, it's not required to take a full camp, and the ceremony will take place at one of our more cosy locations
- Direct communication between Angama Mara and the couple is a prerequisite for weddings at the lodge (booking partner to be copied in at all times)
- Should the couple be working with a wedding planner, we advise that the Angama Mara team have a call with them prior to the planning to talk through our offering, and explain the operational complexities of a destination wedding in East Africa
- Weddings at Angama Mara will not be an official marriage — couples are advised to be legally married in their home country before or after coming to Kenya



Included in the rate for a classical wedding format:

- Up to 60 white chairs for the ceremony
- An officiant from our staff
- Sparkling wine, drinks, and bitings* at the ceremony
- At the wedding reception meal, the tables are beautifully set in the Guest Area
- An Angama wedding cake
- Breathtaking, unobstructed views
- No costs attached to venue hire
- Wedding party guests simply pay for their accommodation — our spacious Tented Suites are perched right on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, and have been designed to make the most of the extraordinary views of the Maasai Mara from every angle

**Bitings is the delightful East African word for snacks*



A Touch of Maasai Culture

For couples choosing a classical wedding format, it is still possible to incorporate elements of the vibrant and charismatic Maasai into the ceremony, including:

- Having a Maasai blessing by a community Elder
- Having Maasai Warriors and Maidens escort the couple
- Wearing bespoke Maasai beadwork

Please discuss with your Angama Mara wedding planner should you wish to arrange any of the above services or additional extras listed on the last page.

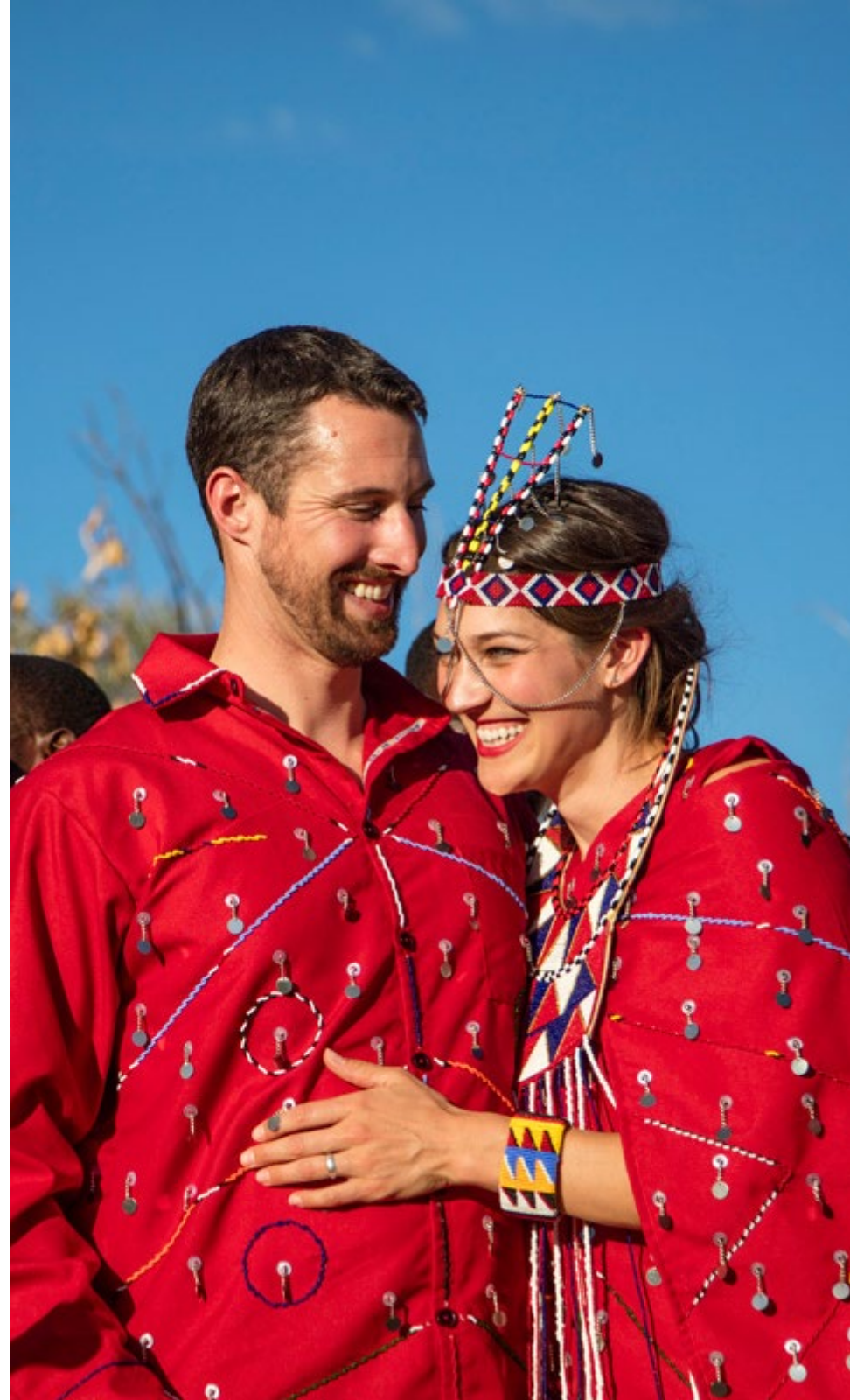
A Traditional Maasai Blessing

EMBRACE THE BEAUTIFUL CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF THE MAASAI

Couples have the choice to incorporate Maasai elements into their classic wedding, or embrace the full ceremony of a traditional Maasai Blessing — an authentic, unique and meaningful experience, that can be private or shared with friends.

The ceremony can be performed for newlyweds or couples wanting to renew their vows, and is held at sunset in our Maasai Boma or in the Shamba (garden).

The couple, in traditional Maasai attire, walk into the Boma accompanied by Maasai Warriors and Maidens. After a Maasai performance of song and dance, the Elder of the Maasai Warriors will bless the couple.



Location, Location, Location

WHERE OUR GUESTS SAY 'I DO'



The Out of Africa Saddle

THE FOOT OF THE HILL, WHERE SOME OF THE LOVELIEST SCENES FROM THE MOVIE WERE FILMED

Possibly the most iconic safari wedding setting on the continent, our *Out of Africa* saddle offers a wedding ceremony in the middle of nowhere — making the most of the spectacular Mara views with nothing but chairs, flowers, petals as an altar floor, and the endless African sky overhead. A beautiful wedding canopy can also be supplied, should the couple prefer.

Accommodating up to 60 guests, a long table of sparkling wine, signature cocktails, drinks, and bitings will be set up to the side of the ceremony, alongside a stand holding white wedding umbrellas to shade guests under the African sun.

For a Maasai-inspired touch to an *Out of Africa* wedding, we recommend the groom be escorted to the ceremony by Maasai Warriors, and the bride be accompanied by singing Maasai Maidens to the altar.



The Shamba

ANGAMA MARA'S KITCHEN GARDEN OASIS OVERLOOKING
THE MAASAI MARA

Angama Mara's 1-acre organic Shamba is a garden unlike any other, with playful paths winding their way down to a deck canopied by two large moth trees where the ceremony will take place.

The Shamba is the perfect location for couples wanting a hybrid of a garden wedding with the sweeping backdrop of the Maasai Mara below — perfect for a more intimate ceremony of up to 30 guests. Brides are encouraged to ready themselves in the Shamba's traditional Maasai manyatta, before making their way to the ceremony over a carpet of fragrant pennyroyal.



The Chapel

AT THE HEART OF ANGAMA SITS A BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL

Tucked in the heart of the property, and adjoining the Shamba, is the Angama Mara Chapel — a beautiful brick and stained-glass building used by staff of all denominations as a place of peace, prayer and contemplation.

The chapel comfortably seats 60 guests on hand-carved wooden pews. When filled with flowers and candles, it offers a warm and beautiful setting for weddings, especially as a contingency plan in the case of wet weather.

Post-ceremony drinks and bitings can be set up just steps away at the deck of the Shamba.

Should the couple wish to add a Maasai influence to their wedding, the Warriors and Maidens will walk them down the aisle before retreating out the door behind the altar.



After 'I Do'

CELEBRATE IN THE HEART OF MAASAI LAND





The Reception

After the ceremony, drinks, bitings and photographs, guests will head back to Angama Mara's Guest Area, which transforms into a magical setting for the wedding feast, and continued celebrations.

Long tables will be set up and beautifully decorated, as discussed with the bridal couple.

The team will work with the couple to finalise the menu for the wedding feast, with dishes chosen from the lodge's extensive à la carte menus.

Please note that sound carries easily across the Great Rift Valley and as such, music at wedding receptions is limited to a small speaker and until a reasonable hour. Should a wedding party book both camps (60 guests), then music may be played at your discretion.



The Angama Wedding Cake

The pastry team at Angama Mara have perfected a beautiful signature wedding cake — a Persian Love Cake.

This rose-scented cake is the softest chiffon with pops of cardamom and saffron cream. Rose has a very strong connection with Kenya, one of the world's biggest rose exporters, and the spices are influenced by coastal Swahili culture and flavours.

Set on a marble cake stand and adorned with fresh roses, the Angama wedding cake is displayed in the Guest Area, awaiting the happy couple's arrival.

Should the bridal couple prefer a different wedding cake, this is, of course, no problem, as the pastry team is well-versed in most cake flavours and decorates all cakes elegantly.



Flowers from Kenya

As Kenya is famous for its flower production, specifically roses, Angama Mara uses only locally-grown flowers for weddings.

Over the years of hosting weddings at Angama Mara, we have done the due diligence to find some of the best flower suppliers who can readily provide our couples with the following blooms:

- Roses
- Tuberoses
- Stargazer lilies
- Gypsophila
- Rose petals for carpets

Angama Mara Wedding Extras Pricelist

ORDERS TO BE PLACED SIX WEEKS BEFORE CEREMONY

Maasai Beaded Wedding Dress - skirt, top & cape (in red or white)	\$300
Maasai Bridal Headpiece	\$50
Maasai Beaded Wedding Necklace (collar version)	\$150
Maasai Beaded Wedding Necklace (long version)	\$150
Maasai Beaded Round Necklace	\$40
Maasai Beaded Wedding Bracelet	\$20
Maasai Beaded Shirt for the Groom (in red or white)	\$175
Maasai Beaded Wedding Rungu for the Groom	\$50
Maasai Beaded Wedding Walking Stick for the Groom	\$100
Maasai Wedding Shukas for Guests	\$40
Extra Warriors or Maidens (15 warriors already included in the rate)	\$5 each
Maasai Elder Blessing	\$30
Priest Blessing (Catholic or Anglican)	\$50
Transport for Warriors, Elders and/or Priests	\$25 per vehicle
Rustic Wedding Canopy	\$350
Extra Candles	SQ
Flowers – Roses, Tuber Roses, Stargazers, Gypsophila	SQ
Rose Petals	SQ
Wedding Photographer	SQ
Wedding Videographer	SQ

