

ANGAMA
MARA

Walking Safaris

ONE OF THE MOST FASCINATING WAYS TO
DISCOVER THE GREAT RIFT VALLEY IS ON FOOT



Leaving Angama Mara and heading along the edge of the Oloololo Escarpment, our Maasai naturalists offer guided walks through lovely forests and open areas looking out over the sweeping grasslands of the Reserve below. The views once again are heart stopping.

Walking safaris at Angama Mara are customised for every guest and can be as long or short as preferred. Notice the smaller details – fascinating plants, birds and animals and the role each plays in traditional beliefs and customs.



TRAILS WAITING TO BE EXPLORED:

ANGAMA PLATEAU

Easy walking: allow 1 to 2 hours (moderate fitness)

Surrounding the lodge, along the Oloololo Escarpment, is a plateau rich in flora and fauna and well worth exploring. With no established trail, every walk is different as our Maasai naturalist guide tailors the walk to his guests' interests, taking full advantage of the seasons. Explore grasslands, acacia forests, and ephemeral wetlands, keeping an eye out for any and everything from the tallest (giraffes), the biggest (elephants) and tiniest (dung beetles) going about their daily routine. This is an excellent opportunity to experience the Greater Mara ecosystem at a leisurely and intimate pace, learning about Maasai culture, ethnobotany and wildlife.

ANGAMA DAM

Moderate to strenuous walking: allow 2 hours (fair levels of fitness)

In the gully to the north of the lodge is our Angama Dam, the lodge's primary water source. En-route to the dam learn about ethnobotany, or the relationship between plants and people, in other words, local cultural uses of indigenous flora. The dam itself is a water source for a variety of wildlife and is excellent for birding. Explore the forest upstream of the dam, keeping an eye out for tracks in the periphery of the streambed, before climbing the slope to the plateau above.

SOUTH GULLY

Moderate to strenuous walking: allow 2 to 3 hours (fair levels of fitness)

At the head of the gully immediately to the south of the lodge is a small but idyllic kopje for watching the sun rise above the forest below and listening to the dawn chorus as the Mara comes to life. Once the sun is up, head down into the gully itself, following a stream through lush forest punctuated by beautiful glades and seasonal waterfalls. Kick off your shoes and soak your feet in the cool stream before the steep climb back out to the foot of the Out of Africa kopje.



OLOOLOLO ESCARPMENT

Moderate to strenuous walking: allow half day (fair levels of fitness)

For a longer walk, head south with your guide along the Oloololo Escarpment, exploring a mosaic of forest, grasslands, and Maasai settlements. Discover the medicinal uses of local plants and trees, the lifestyle of the Maasai, and of course, any wildlife you may encounter along the way. You will also have the opportunity to choose one of myriad lookouts over the Mara Triangle for a tea break or picnic lunch.

NYAKWERI FOREST

Moderate to strenuous walking: allow half day (fair levels of fitness)

This adventure (and it truly is only for the most adventurous) requires a one-hour drive to the nearby Nyakweri Forest. Here, you and your guide will be met by Nyakweri Community Forest Scouts, who will escort you underneath the canopy of what is perhaps the easternmost remnant of equatorial African rainforest, and home to a wide range of unusual species at the extremes of their range. Furthermore, this forest plays a critical role in the Mara ecosystem as a water catchment basin, elephant maternity ground, and oasis of medicinal plants. The birding is excellent. And who knows you may even come across Fitz, the collared elephant, and his herd.



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