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SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

The Great Migration Explorer

“Dedicated migration tracking — Mara River crossings, big cat territory, and a dawn balloon over the plains”

7

DAYS

1

MARA LODGE

7

GUESTS (MAX)

FROM

\$8,800

PER PERSON

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Overview

The Maasai Mara is home to the greatest wildlife spectacle on Earth — the annual migration of over 1.5 million wildebeest and 500,000 zebra across the Mara River from Tanzania's Serengeti. The Great Migration Explorer is built entirely around this phenomenon: seven dedicated days at Ishara Mara with a specialist migration-tracking guide, positioned at the river crossings at dawn, covering multiple herds across the Mara Triangle, and experiencing the full drama of one of nature's most extraordinary events without distraction or dilution.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven days dedicated entirely to migration tracking — no split destinations, no wasted transfer days
- Daily Mara River crossing positions tracked in real time across multiple herds with a specialist guide
- Mara Plains Scenic Overlook sundowner — private setup above the escarpment as the sun falls
- Walking safari in the private conservancies with a specialist walking guide
- Ishara Mara — an intimate camp on the bank of the Talek River, inside the heart of migration territory
- Hot air balloon safari at dawn over the plains — champagne bush breakfast served on landing
- Night game drive — hyenas, civets, and the nocturnal predators of the Mara after dark
- Private Maasai Enkiama cultural immersion on the final morning

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The Itinerary

01

NAIROBI

Day 1 | Nairobi — Welcome & Pre-Departure Briefing

Your journey begins with a VIP arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. A private luxury chauffeur transfers you to the JW Marriott Hotel Nairobi, where your Finders & Keepers Safaris specialist joins you for a welcome dinner and pre-departure briefing — reviewing the itinerary, current migration patterns, and what to expect on the Mara plains. If you arrive with time to spare, an optional private city tour of Nairobi's highlights can be arranged — the Karen Blixen Museum, the Giraffe Centre, and the vibrant Carnivore Road market district.

- JW Marriott Hotel Nairobi
- Dinner

02

MAASAI MARA

Day 2 | Fly Into the Mara — Ishara Mara Arrival

After an early breakfast, your private driver transfers you to Wilson Airport for the scheduled safari flight into the Maasai Mara. The approach over the Rift Valley escarpment and the rolling savannah plains gives your first aerial sense of the scale of the landscape below. Your Mara-based guide and 4x4 Land Cruiser collect you from the airstrip and head directly into the reserve. The afternoon game drive targets the current migration front — your guide tracks the latest wildebeest and zebra movements using a real-time ranger network, positioning the vehicle for unobstructed views across the open plain. Check into Ishara Mara for a sundowner and dinner.

- Ishara Mara , Maasai Mara
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

MAASAI MARA

Day 3 | Full Day Migration Tracking & River Crossings

A full day dedicated to tracking the wildebeest migration. The morning drive departs before dawn to reach the Mara River crossing points at first light — the hour when the herds are most likely to commit to the crossing and when the light is most extraordinary for photography. Your guide maintains contact with a network of rangers across the reserve, tracking multiple herds in real time. Lunch is served in the bush. The afternoon drive continues along the migration front, with additional sightings of lion prides hunting the herd periphery, cheetah on open ground, and crocodiles waiting in the river.

- Ishara Mara , Maasai Mara
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

04

MAASAI MARA

Day 4 | Hot Air Balloon Safari & Mara Plains Sundowner

Rising at 04:30 for the signature Maasai Mara experience — a hot air balloon safari drifting silently over the plains at dawn. The balloon lifts off before sunrise and floats above the waking savannah as the first light catches the horizon, the herds becoming visible below. After landing, a full champagne bush breakfast is served on the open plains — tables set in the grass with the Mara stretching to every horizon. The afternoon drive explores the Mara Triangle and concludes at the Mara Plains Scenic Overlook, where sundowner drinks are served as the light fades over the escarpment.

- Ishara Mara , Maasai Mara
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05

MAASAI MARA

Day 5 | Big Cat Territory & Night Drive

The Maasai Mara's resident predator population is among the densest on Earth. Today's morning drive focuses on the cheetah coalitions of the open plains, the lion prides resting in the shade of fig trees, and the leopards that haunt the riverine forest along the Talek River. A private bush lunch in a secluded section of the reserve. The evening brings a night game drive — a torch-lit experience of the Mara after dark, when hyena clans are active, civets move through the grasslands, and the nocturnal face of the ecosystem reveals itself.

- Ishara Mara , Maasai Mara
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06

MAASAI MARA

Day 6 | Conservancy Walking Safari & Final Sundowner

Today moves beyond the main reserve into the adjoining private conservancies — areas where vehicle density drops to almost zero and walking safaris are permitted. A specialist walking guide accompanies the morning walk: tracking on foot, reading the landscape, and covering ground that no vehicle can reach. Afternoon drive through the conservancy grasslands. Return to camp for a farewell sundowner bonfire around the fire pit as darkness falls over the Mara.

- Ishara Mara , Maasai Mara
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07

MAASAI MARA

Day 7 | Maasai Cultural Immersion & Departure Flight

A final morning devoted to a private Maasai village visit — a genuine cultural encounter organised in direct partnership with the local Enkiama community. Elders explain the traditional enkiama homestead architecture, demonstrate the fire-making technique, and share the oral history of the Maasai relationship with the land and wildlife around them. After lunch at the camp, your guide transfers you to the Mara airstrip for the scheduled safari flight back to Wilson Airport, Nairobi, and your private guide transfer to JKIA for international departure.

- Departure from Maasai Mara
- Breakfast, Lunch

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$9,800

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Prices are per person and based on double/twin sharing accommodation. Single travellers pay the supplement shown above. Speak to us for current availability and tailor-made options.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$8,800
Green season — lush landscapes, fewer crowds		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$11,250
Peak dry season & the Great Migration		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$10,000
Migration wind-down, still excellent game viewing		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » All accommodation, Full Board
- » All alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages (excl. premium imported spirits)
- » All park & conservancy fees
- » Scheduled safari flight Nairobi–Mara–Nairobi (return)
- » Hot air balloon safari with champagne bush breakfast
- » Night game drives
- » Walking safaris in the private conservancies
- » All daily game drives with specialist migration-tracking guide
- » Mara Plains Scenic Overlook sundowner setup
- » Maasai Enkiama cultural village visit
- » Private 4x4 Land Cruiser & driver-guide
- » Bottled water & in-vehicle refreshments
- » Travel insurance facilitated on your behalf (adjusted in your quote if you are already covered)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Nairobi
- Premium imported spirits & Champagne
- Gratuities for guides & camp staff
- Items of a personal nature

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This itinerary is a starting point, not a fixed departure. The pace, the lodges, the length, the dates and the party travelling can all be reshaped around you.

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