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SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

The Ultimate Mara Lodge Hopper

*“Two distinct Mara experiences — the Oloololo Escarpment and the Talek River
in one seamless circuit”*

7

DAYS

2

MARA LODGES

7

GUESTS (MAX)

FROM

\$10,100

PER PERSON

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Overview

The Maasai Mara is not a single landscape — it is a collection of distinct ecosystems, each with its own character, wildlife patterns, and sense of place. The Ultimate Mara Lodge Hopper gives you access to two of the most contrasting and exceptional lodge positions in the entire reserve: Angama Mara on the edge of the Oloololo Escarpment 500 feet above the Mara Triangle, and JW Marriott Mara Lodge on the Talek River in the heart of the main reserve. Two lodges, two perspectives, two ecosystems — one extraordinary week in the Mara.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Angama Mara — one of the finest lodge positions in East Africa, 500 feet above the Mara Triangle on the Oloololo Escarpment
- Oloololo Escarpment sundowners — evening drinks on the clifftop above the Rift Valley as the sun drops behind the western wall
- Private kopje lunch on the granite rock formations of the Triangle — the reserve spread out in every direction below
- Talek River night drive — hyena clans, genets, and nocturnal predators of the river corridor after dark
- Mara Triangle — strictly managed vehicle limits, exceptional predator density, and the most intimate wildlife encounters in the reserve
- Hot air balloon safari over the Mara Triangle at dawn — champagne bush breakfast on landing
- JW Marriott Mara Lodge — five-star lodge on the Talek River, opening access to central Mara and leopard country
- Private Maasai Enkiama cultural immersion on the final morning

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The Itinerary

01

NAIROBI

Day 1 | Nairobi — Welcome & Pre-Departure Briefing

VIP arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. A private luxury chauffeur transfers you to the JW Marriott Hotel Nairobi for a welcome dinner and pre-departure briefing with your Finders & Keepers Safaris specialist. The briefing covers the itinerary and the distinct character of each of the two Mara lodges — their positions, their access to different sections of the reserve, and what makes each one extraordinary in its own right.

- JW Marriott Hotel Nairobi
- Dinner

02

ANGAMA MARA

Day 2 | Fly Into the Mara — Angama Mara & Olololo Escarpment

After an early breakfast, your private driver transfers you to Wilson Airport for the scheduled safari flight into the Maasai Mara. Angama Mara sits on the edge of the Olololo Escarpment — 500 feet above the Mara Triangle floor — with a panoramic view of the entire reserve that is unlike any other in the Mara. Your guide and Land Cruiser collect you from the Angama airstrip. The afternoon game drive descends from the escarpment onto the Mara Triangle plains — a section of the reserve with significantly lower vehicle density than the main reserve and exceptional predator activity. Sundowner on the escarpment edge as the sun drops behind the Rift Valley wall.

- Angama Mara
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

ANGAMA MARA

Day 3 | Mara Triangle — Big Cats & Migration Tracking

The Mara Triangle is managed separately from the national reserve and maintains strict vehicle limits — fewer vehicles per sighting means more intimate, private encounters. The morning drive targets the resident cheetah of the open triangle grasslands and the large lion prides that hunt the migration herds. A private bush lunch in the field. The afternoon drive tracks the current wildebeest movement and positions at the Mara River for potential crossing activity. Angama's elevated position above the Triangle gives your guide an exceptional aerial advantage in tracking herd movements.

- Angama Mara
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

04

ANGAMA MARA

Day 4 | Hot Air Balloon Safari & Kopje Lunch

Rising before dawn for the hot air balloon safari over the Mara Triangle — drifting silently above the plains as the sun rises over the escarpment. The Triangle view from above is extraordinary: the herds below, the Mara River snaking through the plains, the Rift Valley wall to the west. After landing, a full champagne bush breakfast on the open plains. The afternoon drive explores the granite kopje formations of the Triangle — rock outcrops that serve as leopard territory and lion lookout points. A spectacular private kopje lunch is served on the rocks with the reserve spread out below. Oloololo Escarpment sundowner as evening falls.

- Angama Mara
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05

ANGAMA MARA

Day 5 | Final Morning at Angama & Transfer to JW Marriott Mara Lodge

A final morning game drive from the Angama position — one last scan of the Triangle grasslands from the escarpment viewpoint. After brunch at the lodge, a private vehicle transfer crosses into the main Mara reserve toward JW Marriott Mara Lodge on the Talek River. Check in and a late afternoon game drive into the central Mara — a different section of the reserve, different predator territories, different migration front. The Talek River corridor and central Mara grasslands open up from this new position.

- JW Marriott Mara Lodge
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06

TALEK RIVER

Day 6 | Talek River Territory & Night Drive

JW Marriott Mara Lodge sits on the Talek River — a different ecosystem from the Triangle, with dense riverine forest, resident hippo populations, and the leopard territories that follow the river corridor. Morning drive along the Talek and into the open central Mara. Afternoon exploration of the private conservancy adjacent to the reserve. Evening brings a night game drive — the Talek River corridor after dark, with hyenas, genets, and the nocturnal predators of the Mara.

- JW Marriott Mara Lodge
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07

TALEK RIVER

Day 7 | Maasai Cultural Immersion & Departure Flight

A final morning with a private Maasai village visit — a genuine cultural encounter organised with the local Enkiama community. Elders explain the enkiama homestead architecture, demonstrate traditional fire-making, and share the oral history of the Maasai relationship with the Mara ecosystem. After lunch, 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

\$11,200

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	\$10,100
Green season — lush landscapes, fewer crowds		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$12,900
Peak dry season & the Great Migration		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$11,400
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)
- » Internal vehicle transfer Angama Mara » JW Marriott Mara Lodge
- » Hot air balloon safari with champagne bush breakfast
- » Night game drives
- » Private kopje lunch on the Mara Triangle formations
- » Olololo Escarpment sundowner setup
- » All daily game drives with specialist guide
- » Maasai Enkiama cultural village visit
- » Private 4x4 Land Cruiser & driver-guide
- » Bottled water & in-vehicle refreshments

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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