

Governors' Camp Balloon Safaris

For the adventure of a lifetime we offer the unique experience of a Balloon Safari over the plains, forest and river of the Masai Mara Game Reserve, famous for its abundance of wildlife throughout the year. Lions, Elephants, Buffalo, Hippos, Crocodiles and prolific numbers of plains game are regularly seen, as are the countless species of Birds both in flight and atop their lofty perches in the trees. The annual migration of the Wildebeest from July to October is a sight that, viewed from the vantage point of a Balloon, is never to be forgotten.

Departure is from Little Governors' Camp, which has a perfect natural launch site and offers easy access for the take off shortly after sunrise. The flight lasts about an hour, with ample opportunities for photography and video filming from this unusual and often exciting perspective. After landing there is a traditional champagne toast, followed by a breakfast cooked on the Balloon burners in the middle of the rolling plains of the Masai Mara. It is another tradition with us that each passenger is presented with a certificate signed by the pilot to commemorate the flight. The Balloon Safari ends with a leisurely game drive which often allows you to return to the animals seen from the air before our vehicles return you to your camp.

There are no special requirements for participation in a Balloon Safari.

Governors' Camp Walking Safaris

Leave your vehicle behind and take a walking safari with one of our experienced and qualified naturalists for the true thrill of the bush. Down on the same level as the animals you will experience the untamed beauty of the Mara. Our walking safaris take place in a private concession area adjacent to the Masai Mara Game Reserve. The scenery here very much differs from the Masai Mara. Picturesque acacia trees characterise the hilly landscape you can enjoy walking through either in the morning or afternoon. The walk takes approx. 1½ to 2 hours.

You will track game, unsure what waits round the next corner, giraffe, buffalo, hyena, zebra or even lion. You will catch the scents and sounds of the wild Africa. And at the end of it all waits a sumptuous bush barbecue breakfast complete with champagne. Your drive back to the camp again is a game drive through the Masai Mara. Afternoon walking safaris are finished with sundowner drinks and canapés.

Participants in a walking safari should be in good health and be reasonably fit and active. There is no path as such and some parts of the walk lead through hilly and rocky areas. Children under 10 years are, for safety reasons, not allowed to participate in walking safaris.

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