

LITTLE GOVERNORS' CAMP

The Camp is located around a watering hole close to the Mara River in the Masai Mara, Kenya
(open throughout the year)

Camp description:

In 1976 Little Governors' Camp, with its own independent character, was built around a small watering hole that teems with birds and wildlife. The camp is reached by boat and the exquisite, romantic setting has a serenity all of its own.

Little Governors' casts its spell over all who visit, from honeymoon couples to Presidents. Intimate in character, there are just seventeen tents tucked away amongst the trees. From every verandah the view changes constantly as giraffe, elephant, buffalo, hippo and warthog all come to drink or graze. Getting here is an adventure in itself. You first have to cross the Mara River by boat, then a short escorted walk through the riverine forest.

All the tents are comfortable and tasteful. Each has an en-suite bathroom, hot running water, even bidets. In keeping with safari tradition lighting is by gas and kerosene lanterns, or by candlelight.

As dusk falls, the flickering lights in the forest make the Camp a peaceful and atmospheric place. Meals are our usual superlative standards, served, as is our style, outdoors during the day and in our candle lit dining tent by night. Come the evening it's time for chilled drinks and tall tales around the blazing campfire. Then finally a delicious dinner and a hot-water bottle to keep you warm in bed.

The Masai Mara is a unique area with a constant and unrivalled flow of wildlife throughout the year. From July to October the Mara becomes a backdrop for one of the last great natural wonders of the world, when 1.5 million wildebeest and zebra surge up from the Serengeti plains in their annual search for the seasonal grasses that sustain them. The spectacle as the vast herds cross rivers and sweep through the golden grasses, is punctuated by individual struggles with the predators, which are in turn drawn to take their part in this dramatic event. Whilst the migration is spectacular, game viewing at all other times of the year remains almost unrivalled anywhere in Africa.

There are various activities on offer: game drives in open vehicles, game walks or balloon flights over the wide plains of the Masai Mara. Excursions to the Lake Victoria are also on offer. However, we recommend you book this excursion prior to the trip and combine the Lake Victoria excursion with an overnight stay at Mfangano Island Camp.

All meals, three game drives daily as well as laundry is included in our price. Park entrance fees, drinks as well as other activities (such as walking, ballooning, Lake Victoria excursion, a visit to a Masai village) are to be paid separately as extras. Please do let us know special dietary requirements in advance.

Please note: luggage restriction of 15 kg on all domestic flights. Extra luggage can be left at your base hotel in Nairobi. Safari arrangements and bookings can be made through your local ground handling agent or directly with Governors' Camp.

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Information and Details

Location:	Around a watering hole, close to the Mara River in the Masai Mara Game Reserve
Number of beds:	17 tents (34 beds)
Double & Twins:	12 Twins, 5 double tents, (tent 17 recommended for honeymooners)
Facilities:	En-suite bathrooms with shower, basin, flush toilet, bidet and hot and cold running water
Tents:	Spacious luxurious safari tents entirely under canvas, each with private verandah
Electricity:	Gas & Paraffin lamps in tents. 220/240 Volt UK plugs at reception
Bar / Restaurant:	Open bar and dining tent with view over the waterhole, the open plains of the Masai Mara and the Oloololo Escarpment
Room service:	Room service on request. Tea and coffee is served in the tents with the morning wake up call
Bush meals:	Bush breakfast, lunch & dinner can be organised on request at a supplementary cost
Souvenirs:	Curio Shop is open daily
Laundry:	Arranged daily at no extra cost
Credit cards:	Visa, Mastercard, Eurocard, American Express and Traveller Cheques are accepted
Communication:	Telephone, Fax and Email in camp. A satellite telephone is available. Radio contact with other camps and the Nairobi office
Musiara Airstrip:	Length 1.600 m, all weather gravel airstrip, Coordinates: S 0117.98 E 03503.92
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Member of:	Classic Safari Camps of Africa

Little Governors' Camp was in January 2006, once again listed in Conde Nast Traveler's Gold List as One of the World's 700 Best Places to stay

Activities:

- Game drives:** 3 game drives per day, early and mid morning as well as the afternoon with experienced driver guides in the Masai Mara Game Reserve (included in the price)
- Balloon Safari:** With professional balloon pilots daily, at dawn, in the Masai Mara Game Reserve followed by a champagne bush breakfast and game drive on return to camp (Extra cost)
- Game walks:** Daily, with qualified guides in a private concession area adjacent to the Masai Mara Game Reserve; morning with a champagne bush breakfast and afternoon with sundowners and canapés (Extra cost)
- Culture:** Visits to a nearby Masai village (manyatta) can be arranged (to be paid locally) or visits to the local school, one of Governors' Camps charity and community support initiatives
- Mfangano Island Camp on Lake Victoria:** Day excursions to Lake Victoria by light aircraft. Bird watching, boat rides, walking and fishing are available on Lake Victoria. Excursion with overnight at Mfangano Island Camp highly recommended (booking prior to the trip is advisable) (Additional cost)

General

- Seasons:** Open throughout the year. Peak season months August and September and 15th - 31st December. High season months January - March inclusive and June, July, October, November and 1st - 14th December. Green season - April and May
- Children:** Of all ages are welcome and catered for
- Rate includes:** Airstrip transfers, accommodation, meals, 3 game drives daily and laundry
- Rate excludes:** Flights, drinks, Park entrance fees
- Terms & Conditions:** Booking any service with Musiara Ltd, Governors Camp Rwanda Ltd or Governors Balloon Safaris Ltd signifies acceptance of our standard Terms and Conditions which are available from www.governorscamp.com or from info@governorscamp.com or from our Head Office upon request
- Health:** Preventative Malaria medication is recommended

How to get there and transfers:

- Air Kenya & Safari Link** Twice daily (10:00 hrs & 15:00 hrs) scheduled flight from Nairobi Wilson Airport to Musiara Airstrip (duration approx. 45 minutes). Clients met on arrival and transferred with a Landrover to the camp (duration approx. 15 minutes). Return Musiara Airstrip - Nairobi twice daily (11:00 hrs & 16:00 hrs)
There are scheduled flights from other airstrips in Kenya such as Nanyuki, Samburu, Lewa, Lamu, Malindi, Mombasa, Ukunda (Diani)
- Charter flights:** From all airports/airstrips in Kenya to Musiara Airstrip
- Luggage restriction:** Maximum 15 kg luggage per person in small air craft including hand luggage
- Road transfer:** Ex / to Nairobi is possible. Duration approx. 6 hours (depending upon road conditions)