

Governor's Bush Camp facilities are all under canvas and is located in the sacred Masai Mara Game Reserve within a private concession area about 322 kilometers from Nairobi (driving time is approximately 6 Hours). www.crocodileracers.com

Governors Bush Camp Masai Mara is aimed to create a different sort of camp, catering more for those that don't want the run-of-the-mill Mara experience. Governor's Bush Camp focuses primarily on walking and night-drives which are not offered within the Mara Reserve itself, and so the experience is altogether different from the other Governor's Camps.

Masai Mara is "The" park of parks in Kenya. Its grass-carpeted smooth hills, the chocolate Mara river waters with frisking hippos, as well as the rich faunal diversity, fulfill the expectations of any visitor searching the African landscapes portrayed in motion pictures such as "Out of Africa" or "Mogambo". Save particular tastes or special requirements, this is the park on top of the "must" list in the country: no trip to Kenya would be complete without a visit to Masai Mara. True that it's not the best park for birdwatching, and true that some species are not easily found. However, leopards and rhinos abound, and with more than 450 bird species, the reserve should not be envious of Samburu or the great Kenyan bird sanctuaries. Albeit, in an area only slightly smaller than the State of Rhode Island and with a diverse and complex geography, getting lost is far easier than finding a leopard or sighting a given bird species in its multiple woods.

The Maasai Mara gazetted in 1961, is located west of the Rift Valley and is a natural extension of the Serengeti plains, in Tanzania. The Mara river, the reserve's backbone, traverses north to south heading for its westbound way unto lake Victoria, through the Tanzanian park. This course is the natural barrier crossed every year by the large migratory herds of wildebeests and zebras which march across the two parks. As explained below, more than one million wildebeests and 200,000 zebras move in a quest for the best pastures, finding along the way the crocodile-crowded river. When the herds ford the stream, many animals die flattened or drowned and leave their bones by the Mara banks. From July to October, Masai Mara is at its peak, with the seasonal visitors populating the vast grasslands.

Masai Mara's location and altitude, above 1,500 m, yield a climate which is milder and damper than in other regions. The grassy landscape and the nutrient wealth for the great herds are maintained by the abundant rains, which here last from November through June, as a fusion of the two rain seasons (long and short) typical in other Kenya areas. Night storms are frequent. In the hills and plains, grasslands are scattered with acacia woods and bush. The riverbanks of the Mara and of the multiple tributary streams are bordered by dense riverine forests with a good

chance to find some of the reserve's bird species.

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LOCATION & ACCESS:

The Governors' Bush Camp is located in a private walking concession area close to the boundary of the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Nearest airstrip to the camp is the Musiara Airstrip.

TYPE OF PROPERTY: **** Luxury mobile tented camp.

NUMBER & TYPE OF ROOMS:

4 tents (maximum 8 beds).

All guest facilities are spacious luxurious safari tents entirely under canvas, each with private verandah and keep the authentic, traditional safari atmosphere. All guest tents have en-suite bathrooms with his and her bucket showers, hot and cold water, basin and flush toilet. Gas and paraffin lamps are used for lighting in the tents and in the camp.

DESCRIPTION:

Governors' Bush Camp fulfills the discerning and adventurous travelers clamour for knowledge and life changing experience in surroundings beyond the reach of modern day stresses.

The thrill of seeing Big game on foot, the excitement of face to face encounters with small

animals and the details of insect and plant life combine perfectly with the magic moments of dining and showering under the stars and sleeping in your own traditional mobile camp are real untamed Africa.

FACILITIES:

Governors' Bush Camp offers all the traditions of the bush: mouthwatering meals, all facilities under canvas, a nightly campfire, freshly made bread, all creature comforts and falling asleep to the Sounds of Africa complete the safari experience. Special dietary requirements catered for.

Tea and coffee is served in the tents with the morning wake up call.

SPECIAL FEATURES: what makes the individual property unique?

Clients are secure in the hands of one of Africa's most experienced walking safari guides - Patrick Reynolds, who has many years of walking safari experience in the African Bush. Bernard or Jackson, our two delightful Masai Scouts, whose rich cultural background has enabled them to live alongside the game in harmony for centuries, accompany the walks.

Their intimate knowledge on the flora and fauna of the area, the medicinal properties of the plants and their knowledge of Masai culture and customs enhance the walking safari experience.

FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES:

Telephone, Fax and Email at Governors' Camps. A satellite telephone is also available at Governors' Camp and Little Governors' Camp. Radio contact with other camps and the Nairobi office.

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.

Night game drives are offered after dinner, which is particularly rewarding for the nocturnal animals not seen during the day at no 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). Whole day game walks with a picnic lunch can also be arranged on request.

Mfangano Island 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 (Additional cost)