

ANGAMA MARA

Travel Info

Everything you ever needed to know about a trip to Angama Mara:
How to get there, what to pack, and what to expect at the lodge.

Gratuities

Gratuities are not included and are entirely at guests' discretion. We are often asked for advice and the following may act as a guideline:

- Guests tip their safari guide and butler separately: US\$ 20-30 and US\$ 10-20 (per room per day) respectively
- Gratuities for the lodge team are pooled and distributed amongst the entire staff: US\$ 10-20 (per room per day)

Gratuities can be added to a guest's account for settlement on departure.

How to get there

Angama Mara is best accessed by plane from Nairobi: there are numerous scheduled daily flights that land at the private Angama Mara Airfield (GPS co-ordinates 1° 16' 19" S; 34° 57'38"E) located just a few minutes drive from the lodge. The airfield is a hard-top and 1,200m long, suitable for almost all turbo-propelled planes.

For popular flight routes, please see the map on the [Discover](#) page.

Nairobi itself is well served by a number of international air carriers, including the national carrier [Kenya Airways](#). Other airlines currently flying direct to the capital include [British Airways](#), [KLM/AirFrance](#), [Lufthansa](#), [Turkish Airways](#), [Etihad](#), [Emirates](#), [Qatar Airways](#), [South Africa Airways](#), with numerous code-share options available. For an up to date schedule, please consult your preferred travel agent or online resource (we love [HipMunk](#)).

Another popular route to Angama Mara is to connect via the Serengeti. Both Kilimanjaro International Airport and Dar es Salaam in Tanzania are well connected international, and from there a network of connecting flights to the Serengeti safari lodges and camps. From the Serengeti, it's a short hop to Tarime, a quick road transfer across the border to the Migori airstrip in Kenya, and another short hop into the Mara. All in all, if you left a Serengeti camp in the morning, you can be in the Mara in time for lunch.

Passport & visa requirements

Many nationalities, including the US and the UK, require a visa to enter Kenya. These cost US\$50 and are obtainable through the new [eCitizen website](#) - manual applications are no longer accepted. For a list of nationalities requiring a visa, please refer [here](#).

Please make sure your passport is valid for a minimum of 6 months after arrival in Kenya.

Medical advice: Malaria & Yellow Fever

Many countries require travellers to have a Yellow Fever certificate prior to returning from a visit to Kenya, including children from the age of 9 months. For updated advice, we recommend consulting the WHO's [international travel & health](#) department, and checking [their list](#) of specific country requirements.

Angama Mara is located at an altitude of 1900m and in a low-risk malarial area, and each Tented Suite is equipped with mosquito and bug repellent. In both instances, and for any other inoculations, it is recommended that guests consult a specialist travel physician or travel clinic prior to travelling.



Medical Emergencies & Evacuation

All guests at Angama Mara are covered by an insurance policy for evacuation due to a medical emergency, of up to US\$25,000 – which would typically include evacuation by fixed-wing plane directly from Angama Mara Airfield to Wilson Airport in Nairobi, and transfer to the renowned Nairobi Private Hospital.

For your piece of mind, [AMREF](#) are the subcontracted transport providers.

Trained paramedics and nurses are available on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and can assist with any diagnosis or treatment advice should it be required, as well as dissemination of medical supplies at the lodge, which is regularly restocked and is compliant with the Interhealth Worldwide [base kit](#). South African-qualified doctors are also available over the phone should they be required. These services are provided by [Africa Assist](#).

At the lodge, each safari vehicle is also equipped with a first aid kit, and over 20 staff are trained in basic First Aid, including all guides and camp managers. Furthermore, Shannon Davis, the Regional Director based at the lodge, is a US-qualified paediatric nurse with experience in these matters.

Park Fees

Park fees are charged by the Mara Conservancy in order to enter into the Mara Triangle, where Angama Mara conducts open air gamedrives.

- For non-residents, park fees are currently US\$80 per person per 24 hour period and US\$ 45 for children under 18
- For residents of Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania & Uganda, Burundi, park fees are currently KSh 1,200 for adults and KSh 500 for children
- For Kenyan residents, park fees of Ksh 1,000 and KSh 300

Safaris with children

Angama Mara welcomes children aged 6 years and older, and we believe that children should be connected to the world's beautiful wild places from a young age. It is a life changing family holiday – not only seeing the animals but meeting the people who call Africa home. Looking after children in a safari lodge is a joy and, more often than not, the children settle in much more quickly than their parents. Our approach is to keep young guests busy and happy and to give their parents some time out too – travelling those long distances can be exhausting. Looking after children is a mindset – either you love it and do it well or you simply don't allow children to stay at all. We do – and we relish it.

While mum and dad are having a nap, taking in the view and generally catching their breath, we have a jam-packed list of fun things for Angama Mara's young guests to enjoy:

- Fishing, frogging and tadpoling in the dam
- Bugging and tracking on nature walks with Maasai guides
- Beading with the Maasai ladies in Angama Mara's craft studio
- Learning the art of spear throwing from a Maasai warrior Baking bread or making
- Ice-cream in the kitchen
- Learning about nuts and bolts in the workshop
- Visiting local schools and making new friends
- Snuggling up in the library with curated African books, DVD's and board games on rainy days
- Star gazing at night with toasted marshmallows and s'mores

Or simply just being together as a family.



Safety

The safety of our guests is paramount and our primary concern, as the Mara Triangle is a wilderness area and home to the Big 5 and many other dangerous predators and animals. The lodge is unfenced and entirely open to its surroundings, and wild animals are known to roam freely around the lodge. We urge guests to take utmost care when walking around the lodge, and at all times to be accompanied by an *askari* after dark. (An askari is a Maasai warrior, and in East Africa has come to mean a night watchman, or security guard.) Members of the 20-strong askari team are on duty all through the night.

Services, Facilities & Amenities

SERVICES:

- In-tent massages
- Childminding
- Same-day laundry and shoeshine
- Complementary high-speed WiFi
 - In the Tented Suites and library in the guest areas
 - Guests are encouraged not to use the WiFi in the communal guest areas out of respect for others

LODGE FACILITIES:

- Fitness centre including elliptical, treadmill, exercise bikes, free weights
- Heated swimming pool (12m x 6m)
- Checkout cloakroom for late departures
- TV in the library, along with a wonderful collection of Africana films and books
- Wheelchair friendly: one Tented Suite is specially equipped to handle travellers with disabilities

IN-ROOM AMENITIES:

- Electric blanket
- [Africology](#) amenities
- Hairdryer
- Safety deposit box
- Personal bar, tea & coffee station
- Mosquito & bug repellent
- Overhead fans
- Shower and bath ([it all started with the bath...](#))
- Multiple charging points with international adaptors (Kenyan plugs are Type G), 240V plug sockets
- Tablet
- Binoculars

Soft bags & weight restrictions

Please note that scheduled flights to the Mara carry a luggage restriction of 15 kg per person in soft bags, including carry-ons. The carriage of excess baggage is at the sole discretion of the airline and may be subject to additional charges. Soft bags and storage is available at Wilson Airport should it be required.



What to pack

Just follow [the advice](#) of Cape Town fashionista Jenny le Roux, but don't forget:

- Comfortable cotton clothing
- A light jacket and/or warm fleece
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sunhat, sunglasses, sun block
- Bathing suit
- An extra pair of reading glasses (if you need 'em)
- Camera, binoculars, extra memory cards, charging equipment

(and make sure to use the complementary same-day laundry and shoeshine service at the lodge)

