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You may wonder how many nights is the ideal stay at Angama Mara. The answer? Five nights and six days. This offer has been designed with this in mind, with time to enjoy the Mara's non-stop wildlife viewing and the lodge's other activities and experiences.

"Here I am, where I ought to be." - Karen Blixen, Out of Africa



Arrival Day

Hello the Maasai Mara.

Touchdown at Angama Mara's private airfield where a warm Swahili welcome awaits you.

A five-minute drive to camp amble out onto our deck, and take in that breath-taking view of the Mara below. Enjoy a delicious lunch with a chilled Tusker or glass of chardonnay and then it's time to settle into your tent.

While you are enjoying lunch, chat to your camp manager about all Angama has to offer in order to plan your stay to the fullest. Over the next five days, be sure to include a visit to our Photographic Studio for any assistance you might need with your camera.

Meet your guide who will be waiting at your private safari vehicle and begin your exploration of the Mara Triangle and the magnificent creatures that call it home. Return to the lodge in time to toast the sunset over the Great Rift Valley, a dawa in hand. The perfect moment to recount your day.

After dinner, tuck into bed. Close the mesh sliding doors but leave the glass sliding doors open – the African night chorus is not to be missed.

P.S And don't forget leave to the blinds up to watch the stars falling at your feet.





Full Safari Day

A gentle early morning wake up to a cappuccino and freshly baked Maasai honey biscuits placed discreetly by your butler in the lobby of your tent, prepare to head out for a full day in the Mara.

Descending down Angama Mara's private road, you will arrive at the heart of the action as the sun breaks the horizon, surrounded by more animals than you could imagine. The vast grasslands dotted with lone desert date trees are home to abundant herds as well as Africa's Big Five – lion, leopard, elephant, black rhino and buffalo.

Enjoy a picnic breakfast somewhere in the middle of nowhere, and slowly make your way to the Tanzanian border where the Mara meets the Serengeti without a soul sight. This secret corner of the Mara Triangle is all yours. Then, of course, it is time for Picnic #2 - what could be better than lunch under a lone tree with only elephants as company?

After an exciting day out, come back to the sundowner boma, sip on a gin and tonic while enjoying a sunset Maasai warrior performance. Join in on this timehonoured celebration of song and dance.





Mara Meanderings

This morning, enjoy a lie-in while watching the hot air balloons gently float past at eye-level from our 300-metre high vantage point up on the escarpment.

If you feel like stretching your legs, join one of our Maasai naturalist guides and discover the Great Rift Valley on foot. This is your opportunity to learn more about Maasai culture as you wander through birdsong-filled forests and wide open landscapes.

Breakfast is served back at the lodge - be sure to ask about the Chef's Special. Then take a stroll back to your tent for a pampering massage on your private deck.

Wander through our Shamba (kitchen garden) picking and tasting as you go. Afterwards, enjoy a private harvest-to-fork lunch under the shady moth trees. The leaves and vegetables which you have foraged are washed and readied for the freshest salads imaginable, paired with crusty bread, local cheese and chilled rosé wine.

Spend the afternoon relaxing in the Shamba, or take a slow afternoon safari.

And the perfect end to this relaxing day? A nightcap by the campfire, under a million stars.





Up, Up and Away

A very early morning wake-up call followed by a very early departure for a sunrise hot air balloon flight over the Mara plains. This is one of the iconic experiences of Africa, floating effortlessly above herds, indigenous forests and the winding Mara River.

After landing, toast the morning's adventure with bubbles and a delicious bush breakfast in the heart of the Reserve – well worth the early morning start.

Enjoy a slow safari back to camp in time for lunch. Stop by the Photographic Studio, a space of creativity and storytelling, an exciting hub of imagery, content creation, teaching and sharing. Remember to give yourself enough time to print your favourite images to take home with you.

For the energetic, work up a sweat in the lodge's Fitness Rooms – floor-to-ceiling glass stacking doors means there is nothing between you and the Mara.

Tonight, experience Angama Mara's lantern-lit signature Bush BBQ tucked away under the forest canopy.





While Away the Hours

Today the pace is a little slower as you head off on a lazy game drive or relax and enjoy the view from your red rocking chair and one of the books from our Africana Library, followed by breakfast on the deck.

Lunch is a romantic affair: re-create that magical picnic scene from the classic movie, *Out of Africa*, on the very site it was filmed. Checked blankets, comfy cushions, canvas safari chairs, sparkling wine on ice – everything you need for an intimate picnic for two.

What about a massage with a view today? Angama's masseuses will set up on your deck and you can choose either a 60 or 90 minute full body massage.

Later, meet our Maasai Mamas in the Beading Studio and try your hand at at this ancient craft? Perhaps have the Maasai ladies create a bespoke piece for you to take home.

Dinner tonight could be in the privacy of your tent? And don't forget to watch the Southern Cross travel across the heavens up above.





Farewell & Kwaheri

As this is your final day, you wouldn't want to miss the sun rise from the foot of your bed.

For one last game drive down into the Mara Triangle, leave camp as early as possible in order to be back in time for breakfast.

After a delicious breakfast, slowly begin to ready yourself for your departure. And please don't forget to enter your best photographs into the Greatest Maasai Mara Photographer of the Year competition. This can be done at the Photographic Studio, or once you get home.

Saying goodbye to the Angama family always takes longer than expected because as we like to say:

"We are so much better at Hello, than Goodbye".