



Masai Mara

Predator Photo Safari

2025

Letter From the Team

At Tusk Photo, we pride ourselves on providing exceptional safari experiences, where every detail is carefully curated to ensure your journey is nothing short of extraordinary. Our team of expert guides, who possess an intimate knowledge of the local wildlife and ecosystems, will be by your side, ready to share their insights and help you capture unbelievable photos.

Imagine exploring the vast savannahs, witnessing the majestic herds of elephants in Amboseli, or immersing yourself in the remarkable biodiversity of the Serengeti. Picture yourself standing in awe as you witness the raw power of lions on the hunt, or capturing the elegance of a leopard as it prowls through the golden grasslands. With Tusk Photo, these extraordinary moments will become a reality.

We understand that photography is more than just a hobby for you; it's a way to express your creativity and preserve memories that will last a lifetime. That's why we go the extra mile to ensure that you have the best opportunities to capture those unique shots. From providing expert guidance on camera settings and composition to positioning our vehicles strategically for the perfect angle, we are dedicated to helping you achieve your photography goals.

But a Tusk Safari is not just about wildlife and photography; it's about creating cherished memories and forging lifelong connections. Our team is committed to providing you with personalized attention, exceptional service, and a warm and welcoming atmosphere throughout your journey. We want you to feel like part of our Tusk family, sharing laughter, stories, and the sheer joy of exploring the best that nature has to offer.

Allow us to take you on a journey of discovery, where you will witness nature's wonders, capture breathtaking photographs, and create memories that will stay with you forever.

Please feel free to reach out to our friendly team for any further information or to discuss your specific requirements. We are here to assist you every step of the way. We can't wait to welcome you to the Tusk Photo family and share this incredible experience with you.



The Tusk Team



Overview

Experience an unforgettable Masai Mara Predator Safari and immerse yourself in the thrilling world of Africa's most iconic predators. Witness the raw power and untamed beauty of lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas, and more as they roam freely in their natural habitat.

This exhilarating safari adventure offers unrivalled opportunities to observe these magnificent predators up close and capture breathtaking photographs of their fascinating behaviours. Experience the adrenaline rush as you witness a lioness on the hunt, a leopard stealthily stalking its prey, or a cheetah showcasing its incredible speed.

Traverse the vast plains of the Mara Naboisho Conservancy with expert local guides, who possess a deep understanding of the area and its wildlife. Delve into the mysteries of the African

wilderness, where each game drive reveals new and captivating encounters.

With its abundant predator population, the Mara Naboisho Conservancy promises an unforgettable safari experience, creating memories to last a lifetime.

Join us on this extraordinary journey and unlock the secrets of the Masai Mara's majestic predators.



What You Can Expect

Experience the ultimate wildlife photography adventure on our Predators of the Masai Mara safari. Set in the heart of predator land, this tour takes you to a wildlife haven renowned for its unmatched profusion and diversity of wildlife. While the Masai Mara is famous for the annual wildebeest migration and thrilling river crossings, it is also celebrated as the world's big cat mecca. Lions and cheetahs roam these lands in abundance, alongside leopards, hyenas, servals, and other smaller predators. Capture awe-inspiring moments as you witness these majestic predators in action, from intense lion hunts to graceful cheetah sprints.

The timing of this safari coincides with the beginning of the birthing season of various plains game species, including zebras, gazelles, giraffes and topis. As these young prey animals frolic in the grasslands, predators seize the opportunity to provide for their growing cubs and pups. The resulting interactions offer incredible wildlife photography opportunities, capturing both playful antics and the constant hunt for food.

What sets this safari apart is the vibrant landscape that follows the short rains, painting the Mara with lush shades of green. The recently migrated herds leave behind short grass, providing unobstructed views and perfect photographic conditions. Moreover, this area offers a quieter experience, with fewer crowds and no traffic. Immerse yourself in the vastness of the conservancy, with ample opportunities to explore and photograph its breathtaking vistas, open grass plains, and diverse wildlife.

Our Predators of the Masai Mara safari is designed for wildlife photographers. With private open game viewers and a limited group size of four guests per vehicle, you'll have optimal freedom and space to capture stunning images. Witness spectacular predator action as we focus our attention on the big cats of the area, alongside encounters with a wide variety of other mammal and bird species that inhabit the area.

Join us on this remarkable journey to the Mara Naboisho Conservancy, where nature's most fearsome and captivating predators rule the land. With its unrivaled wildlife sightings, extraordinary landscapes, and exclusive photography opportunities, this safari promises an unforgettable experience for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers alike.



Where You Will Stay

Situated on the edge of the savannah under the shade of acacia trees, Encounter Mara is a 10-tent camp within the Mara Naboisho Conservancy, bordering the famed Masai Mara reserve in southwest Kenya.

The conservancy is known for its prolific wildlife and award-winning sustainability model that balances the needs of local communities, wildlife and tourism. It has an even higher density of animals than the neighbouring Masai Mara National Reserve and one of the world's most concentrated lion populations.

Encounter Mara offers 10 spacious and comfortable tents, all with en suite bathrooms with double vanity basins, flushing toilets and hot-water bucket showers. Spend lazy afternoons on your tent's shaded veranda, chilling on your daybed with a good book or just enjoying the Mara views.

One of the highlights of Encounter Mara is its unfenced design, allowing for the natural movement of wildlife within the camp's grounds. This creates a captivating and immersive environment where guests can truly connect with the African bush and its magnificent inhabitants.

The Masai Mara's extraordinary surroundings make Encounter Mara an ideal base for a remarkable photographic safari adventure.

Encounter Mara offers a truly unforgettable safari experience.



Dates | Costs | Prices

Dates	Cost	Spaces	Nights
07 - 13 October 2025	US\$ 7170	8	6
13 - 19 October 2025	US\$ 7170	8	6

Cost:

Our safari experience is priced at US\$ 7170 per person sharing. US\$1850 Single Supplement. Please note that any bank charges incurred during the payment process are not covered by Tusk Photo. We kindly request the full amount indicated on the invoice, including any fees imposed by Paypal if you choose to use this payment method.

Deposit:

To secure your reservation, a 50% deposit of the full price is required within 14 days of making your booking. Once we receive your deposit, your booking will be confirmed. Please make sure to complete this step within the given timeframe to secure your spot.

Balance:

The remaining balance is due at least 9 weeks prior to the safari. If you are making a booking within 9 weeks of the safari, the full price will be payable at the time of booking.

Cancellation Policy:

We understand that plans can change, and in the event of a cancellation, the following fees will apply unless Tusk Photo is able to fill your safari space:

- Cancellation more than 120 days prior to departure: 10% of the full price
- Cancellation 90 - 119 days prior to departure: 40% of the full price
- Cancellation 60 - 89 days prior to departure: 70% of the full price
- Cancellation less than 60 days prior to departure: 100% of the full price

Please note: Your travel plans are made entirely at your own risk, and Tusk Photo cannot be held responsible for any flight cancellations, disruptions, or delays that may occur. We recommend considering travel insurance to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

Itinerary

DAY 1

- Arrive at Wilson Airport for a flight to the Masai Mara.
- Afternoon game drive.

DAYS 2-6

- Early morning wake-up
- Full day game drives
- Breakfast and Lunch will be served on drive or at camp. (Sighting dependant)
- Return to camp at sunset.

DAY 7

- Short morning game drive, breakfast, and check-out.
- Flight back to Wilson Airport.
- End of tour.



Wilson and the Heart

What You Get

INCLUDED:

- Services of experienced Tusk Photo hosts
- All meals, teas, and coffees
- Local beers and wines
- 6 nights' luxury accommodation
- All activities
- Round-trip flights from Wilson Airport to Masai Mara
- Additional 15kg luggage allowance per person for the flight into the Mara from Wilson Airport (total 30kg per person)
- All park fees

EXCLUDED:

- Visa fees
- Telephone calls
- Gratuities for staff
- Purchases of a personal nature
- International flights to and from Kenya
- Laundry service
- Optional Hot Balloon Flight

Flights and Transport

- Check-in is one hour prior for domestic departures and two hours prior for international departures.
- Many scheduled regional flights may involve multiple stops before reaching final destination.
- On arrival after clearing customs and immigration in Nairobi, we recommend you take a taxi to Wilson airport. There are many taxis available as you exit the airport.



- 1 SERENGETI AIRSTRIP
- 2 MUSHARA AIRSTRIP
- 3 OL KINYEI AIRSTRIP
- 4 MARA NORTH AIRSTRIP
- 5 KEEBOSOK AIRSTRIP
- 6 OL AUU OOK AIRSTRIP
- 7 OL FIAU AIRSTRIP
- 8 MARIKISHO OL SEKU AIRSTRIP
- 9 MASHA AIRSTRIP



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Photography and Gear

It is not advisable to take photographs of border posts or military/ police posts. Doing so can lead to an unpleasant situation and even arrest. Always ask permission before taking a photograph of the any local East African residents; it is a sign of respect. In most cases a small payment is expected. However some cultures believe that the camera steals their soul and we request that you respect and understand their beliefs.

It is advisable to bring the following camera equipment:

- 2x Camera bodies (a backup will mean peace of mind).
- Spare memory cards and batteries.
- Long telephoto lens 400/500/600 with teleconverters if needed.
- Medium telephoto lens 70-200 or equivalent.
- Wide angle lens(es) 14-24 or 24-70 or similar for landscapes.
- Monopod with Benro DJ-90 Head or similar for support and for low angle pole cam work.
- Remote camera trigger (wireless is recommended) especially for pole cam work.
- Flash (recommended).
- Notebook/laptop or additional storage device.

Please remember that it is very likely that you could possibly photograph thousands of images over the 7 day period. We therefore strongly advise you to have sufficient storage and battery arrangements in place. If you are unsure of anything please contact us for more details



Tour Info

INSURANCE

- **Travel Insurance:**

While it is highly unlikely, there is a possibility of scheduled flights in and out of your destination being delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. To provide peace of mind and cover any potential flight disruptions or missed connections, we strongly recommend purchasing additional travel insurance.

- **Medical Insurance:**

For your safety and well-being, we highly recommend having medical insurance that covers unforeseen medical emergencies and evacuation. Please let us know in your booking form whether you have taken out any medical insurance for this safari.

Travellers 83 years and older will need to arrange their own comprehensive travel insurance.

PASSPORTS AND CUSTOMS

- Passports are required by all foreign visitors and must be valid for 6 months after the intended length of stay. Please ensure that there are two blank pages per country to be visited.
- It is imperative to check visa requirements with the Kenyan embassies/consulates as it may vary according to your nationality.
- Visas obtained at port of entry are payable in USD cash only and we recommend small denominations of dollars as officials are not in the position
- to give change.
- It is recommended that travellers obtain their visas prior to arrival, as there is a likelihood of long queues at all airports.
- Remember to bring the originals and leave a photocopy of your passport, air tickets, vaccination certificate (if applicable) and travel insurance with someone at home.
- You should be aware that most visas are only valid for a limited period of time from the date of issue. If you are applying for your visa a long way
- in advance of your planned entry into the country, make sure that the visa will still be valid on the date of your arrival and for the duration of your visit.
- Check your visa as soon as it has been issued: www.ecitizen.go.ke
- Please note: As from 2015.09.01 South African passport holders do not require visas to enter into Kenya for less than 30 days

MONEY AND CURRENCY

- Banks and foreign exchange bureaux are available at all international airports and in all main towns.
- Most hotels and lodges accept Visa and MasterCard. In addition to credit cards, travellers should bring US dollars cash. Small denominations are recommended.
- US dollars are widely accepted; however, notes dated before 2003 are no longer accepted.

HEALTH

- Kenya falls into the Yellow Fever region in Africa. It is imperative for all travellers to obtain a Yellow Fever vaccination no less than 10 days prior to travel. Your country of origin and other African countries like South Africa will also deny re-entry without the vaccination, after having visited a country with Yellow Fever.
- Please consult your physician before you travel for advice on precautions against malaria.
- It is also recommended that immunization against Polio and Typhoid be obtained; please consult your local doctor for advice.
- Anyone who has any special medication should take enough supplies to last the visit.
- Should you require additional advice, we suggest you contact you local travel clinic for consultations regarding Malaria and the Immunizations required for travel to Kenya.

LANGUAGES

- The national language in Kenya and Tanzania is Swahili although English is widely spoken.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We understand the importance of accommodating diverse dietary needs, and our team is dedicated to ensuring that we can cater to most dietary requirements. Please provide us with any specific dietary needs in your booking form.

POWER AND ELECTRICITY

220/240 volts AC, 50Hz. Plugs are UK-type round 2-pin or flat 3-pin. Major hotels and some game lodges will supply adaptors on request. Bayonet light sockets exist in Kenya.



CLIMATE

Masai Mara has a rainy season from November to May, with a break in January and February. November and December have "short rains" with temperatures around 27°C (81°F) in the afternoons. January and February see less rainfall but occasional showers. March, April, and May bring long rains, with April being the wettest month and cool mornings at around 13°C (55°F). The dry season lasts from June to October. Days are warm with occasional showers, while nights can be cold due to varying altitudes. June, July, and August are sunny and dry, with afternoon temperatures reaching 25°C (77°F). Evenings and early mornings are chilly, around 12°C (54°F). September and October are dry with some possible rain. October temperatures can reach 27°C (81°F), but rain may cause a decrease.

Average rainfall varies throughout the year: around 10 rainy days per month during the dry season, about 15 days during the short rainy season, and approximately 21 days during the long rainy season.



CLOTHING AND WHAT TO PACK

- For a memorable safari experience, we suggest opting for comfortable, casual wash-and-wear attire. To enhance your game-viewing experience, it is advisable to choose muted colors. Keep in mind that game-drives are typically conducted during the early morning and late afternoon, which can be quite cold, particularly in winter.
- To ensure you are well-prepared, we recommend packing the following practical items for your safari:
 - Comfortable, casual wash-and-wear clothes in muted colors.
 - Long-sleeved shirts for sun and mosquito protection.
 - T-shirts for layering.
 - Shorts or light skirt for warmer days.
 - Jeans or safari trousers for cooler evenings.
 - Bring a jacket and sweater for chilly morning and evening game drives.
 - Pack a lightweight, waterproof jacket for potential afternoon showers.
 - Wear comfortable walking shoes.
 - Essential items: sunblock, sunglasses, hat, insect repellent, moisturizer, lip balm.
 - binoculars and camera equipment.
 - Good quality safari clothing (we opt for Craghoppers Nosilife)

GRATUITIES

Please note that the following gratuity amounts are provided as a minimum guideline, and you are welcome to increase them if you wish:

- It is customary to tip 10% of the bill at all restaurants and 10% of the fare to taxi drivers. It is also the custom to tip local guides and drivers.
- Ranger / Guide USD 25 per person per day • Camp staff USD 10 per person per day

CONNECTIVITY & EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

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- There is good mobile phone and data coverage throughout the most of the Masai Mara region.
- Please insure that you have international roaming enabled should you wish to use your mobile phone while on safari.
- Please take careful note of Cellular rates as this can be quite costly.
- Purchasing a local sim card at the airport is often very easy and cost effective to make WhatsApp phone calls etc.



Indemnity

Tusk Photo and its staff prioritize your safety and wellbeing during your safari; however, please be aware that we cannot accept liability for any incidents, including but not limited to accidents, loss, or property damage. By completing the Safari Booking form, you acknowledge the inherent risks associated with travel and agree to indemnify Tusk Photo against any claims or liabilities that may arise.

While this document provides comprehensive information, it is not exhaustive. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office. Please note that the information contained herein is correct at the time of compilation to the best of our knowledge.



**We Are Excited To Host You on Your
Dream Photographic Safari!**

