

Governors' Camp.
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THE GOVERNORS' CONCEPT



When is the last time you visited a place that touched your soul? A place that strips life of its 21st century complexities and encourages you to rethink your priorities? A place that enriches you with new and radically different cultural experiences?

Governors' Camp has been a pioneer of safaris in Africa for 40 years. Since we established our first luxury safari camp on the site once reserved for Kenya's colonial Governors, we have kept the name and the best of the traditions of those times. Here, time is gauged by sunrise and sunset, and unchanged vistas stretch far into the distance, while elephant, wart-hog and hippo stroll close to your tent. Days are spent exploring the herds which roam free and the predators which stalk them, evenings around the camp-fire, and gourmet dinners by candle-light, before retiring to a comfortable bed in your spacious and luxurious tent to the sounds of the African night. No electricity, no cell-phones, and no tethering to the hectic rush of life. All this will take you to the simple rhythms of nature.



Our camps are situated in the heart of the best game-viewing areas in Africa, amongst some of its most spectacular scenery. The Masai Mara Game Reserve is invaded annually by the Great



Migration, when 2 million wildebeest and zebra come in search of lush grazing, and our corner of the Mara has repeatedly been selected by the BBC as the very best area for filming their Big Cat Diary series, showing the daily life and drama of our resident lions, cheetah and leopard. There are no fences around our camps. From your verandah the panorama of wildlife will unfold, and elephant and warthog





accompanied by the best of 21st century support. Air services bring you to your camp effortlessly, and ingredients for gourmet meals are flown in daily. Accommodation is in huge tents in the Masai Mara, in rooms designed like tribal huts at



may wander through camp or hippo graze on the lush lawns. We take you to view the animals at close range from our comfortable 4-wheel-drive vehicles, on a walking safari for a closer encounter with nature, or a dawn drift by hot-air balloon over the winding river. From Loldia House visit the spectacular pink flamingoes of the Great Rift Valley, and

Mfangano, or in the old settler farmhouse at Loldia, but all are provided with luxury bathrooms and constant hot water. Service is personal, attentive and friendly. Security and safety are ensured with constant radio and medical back-up.



at Mfangano Camp, relax amongst magnificent lake-birds or catch a giant Nile Perch on Lake Victoria.

Governors' Camps, set in some of the most beautiful parts of Africa, provide the old-fashioned pace of life

Governors' Camps are proud to have been recognized with many travel awards and accolades. A Governors' safari will introduce you to the thrilling pleasures of some of the world's most magnificent natural theatres, pampered in luxury, but in tune with the simple rhythms of life.





Governors' Camp

Governors Camp nestles in the forest on a site originally reserved exclusively for the colonial Governors of Kenya. Half the tents look out over the rolling golden grasslands of Africa's great plains, with views of herds of elephant, zebra and gazelle; the rest line the banks of the Mara River. The decked bar is right on the water's edge, the perfect spot to watch the wallowing hippos or a crocodile guarding its eggs.



GOVERNORS' CAMP & LITTLE GOVERNORS' CAMP

- In the heart of the Masai Mara Game Reserve • Bathrooms with flush loos, bidets, showers
- Honeymoon suite, doubles and twin tents available

AVAILABLE FROM CAMP

- Big Game Walking Safaris • Hot Air Balloon Safaris • Excursions to Lake Victoria • Visits to Mara Rianta School • Gift shop and Gallery • Visits to Masai village
- Musiara Airstrip – 10 minutes from camp by road

INCLUDED

- 2 game drives a day • Full board accommodation • Transfers ex/to local airstrip

EXTRAS

- Drinks • Park fees



Little Governors' Camp

Intimate in character, Little Governors' has just seventeen tents tucked around a large watering-hole that teems with animal and bird life. Beyond, the deep blues of the Olololo Ridge melt into the vast African sky. Getting here is an adventure in itself, crossing the Mara River by boat, then walking beneath the canopy of indigenous forest trees.



Governors' IL Moran Camp



The river glides slowly past this spacious and luxurious camp. From every verandah you may see furtive bushbuck on the banks, crocodiles dozing on the sandbanks, and families of hippos in the shallows. At the end of the day, guests can enjoy a hot bath in the luxurious en-suite bathrooms, then sink into a huge knotted olive-wood bed in preparation for another day of excitement and pleasure.

GOVERNORS' IL MORAN CAMP

- In the heart of the Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya • All tents strategically sited in the shade of old African Fig Trees • An exclusive, small and intimate camp • All tents over look the Mara River • Massive tents with king size beds fashioned from ancient olive wood • 10 tents with en-suite bathrooms • Bathrooms with flush loos, bidets, shower, victorian bath

AVAILABLE FROM CAMP

- Hot Air Balloon Safaris • Excursions to Lake Victoria • Big Game Walking Safaris • Visits to Mara Rianta School • Gift shop • Musiara Airstrip – 15 minutes from camp by road

INCLUDED

- 2 game drives a day • Full board accommodation • Transfers ex/to local airstrip • All drinks except spirits, fine wines & champagne

EXTRAS

- Park fees



Governors' Private Camp

Governors' Private Camp offers the opportunity to safari in the style of days gone by - in your own exclusive camp. Up to sixteen people, one family or group, have a beautiful bend of the Mara River entirely to themselves. Here animals come to drink, and elephants bring their calves for a playful dip. The forest around the camp is home to many beautiful birds, from rare trogons and turacos to nesting hornbills.

GOVERNORS' PRIVATE CAMP

- In the heart of the Masai Mara Game Reserve, Kenya • A very small, intimate and traditional safari camp • Secluded and private with tents overlooking the Mara River • Bathrooms with flush loos and showers
- Double and twin tents available
- 8 tents with en-suite bathrooms



AVAILABLE FROM CAMP

- Hot Air Balloon Safaris
- Excursions to Lake Victoria
- Big Game Walking Safaris
- Visits to Mara Rianta School
- Visits to Masai village • Musiara Airstrip – 15 minutes from camp by road

INCLUDED

- 2 game drives a day • Full board accommodation • Transfers ex/to local airstrip • All drinks except spirits, fine wines & champagne

EXTRAS

- Park fees

Private Camp is available for a minimum of 4 adults for 3 nights

Only one booking is in camp at any time



Loldia House

At Loldia House you will experience the life of Kenya's earliest settlers on one of the country's oldest farms. By foot or on horseback, guests can explore the farm's 8,000 acres amongst herds of wild antelope and zebra, and tour the beautifully tended gardens that reach right to the edge of Lake Naivasha. At the end of the day be welcomed to supper under the spreading fig trees or in the original dining room by your host.

LOLDIA HOUSE

- On Lake Naivasha, Great Rift Valley, Kenya • Situated on a privately owned ranch • A charming old traditional settlers' family home • Bathrooms with flush loos, showers, baths
- Honeymoon cottage, double and twin rooms available • All 9 rooms have stunning views of Lake Naivasha



AVAILABLE FROM CAMP

- Boat trips on Lake Naivasha
- Horse riding on the farm • Walks
- Exceptional bird watching • Day trips to Lake Nakuru National Park
- Night game drives • Gift shop

INCLUDED

- All local activities • Full board
- Transfers ex/to local airstrip
- All drinks except spirits, fine wines & champagne

EXTRAS

- Conservation fees • Park fees (Lake Nakuru National Park)



Mfangano Island Camp



Lapped by the waters of Lake Victoria, Mfangano Island Camp is an oasis of tranquility. It is set in beautiful gardens in a secluded bay, where fish eagles nest and cormorants sun themselves on the giant boulders. During the day, compare your fishing skills to those of the peerless fish eagles. Stay for the night in rooms built in traditional local style and watch the burning African sun sink from the sky, eat dinner under the stars and be gently lulled to sleep by the waves lapping on the shore.

MFANGANO ISLAND CAMP

- On the shores of Lake Victoria, Kenya • A small, remote island camp • Stylish bathrooms with flush loos, showers, baths
- Outstanding & romantic honeymoon suite, doubles and twin rooms available • All rooms with sweeping views of Lake Victoria



- 6 cottages with en-suite bathrooms

AVAILABLE FROM CAMP

- Fishing for Nile Perch & Tilapia
- Swimming in the lake and swimming pool • Visits to the local fishing villages & local school
- Otter-watching by boat • Walks along the lake shore • Sailing
- Bird watching (visits to Bird Island) • Gift shop • Mfangano Airstrip – 20 minutes from Mfangano Island Camp by boat

INCLUDED

- All local activities • Full board accommodation • Transfers from/to local airstrip

EXTRAS

- Drinks

Activities

Our corner of the Masai Mara has been described as “the best wildlife real estate in the world”. Herds of plains game roam the rolling grasslands, big cats prowl, and families of elephants stroll majestically past. At Governors, our guides are the best in their field, whether you choose to explore from the comfort of a custom-built safari vehicle, on foot, or from the heights of a hot-air balloon.

Game drives

Two game drives are offered each day - at the first light of dawn, drive out of camp to watch the early morning activity as lion and cheetah hunt their prey and the day begins. Return to camp for breakfast, before driving out to visit the languid hippo pools, or take a trip to the Masai

village, then in the afternoon return to visit the prides of lion with their cubs or follow the herds. In our vehicles, you can get close to all the animals, yet leave them undisturbed.

Walking Safari



Leave your vehicle behind and take a walking safari with one of our armed guides for the true thrill of the bush. You'll track game, unsure what waits around the next corner, giraffe, buffalo, even lion, and at the



same time learn about the smallest details of bush life and the traditional Masai uses of indigenous plants. At the end of it all waits a sumptuous barbecue breakfast complete with champagne.

Governors' Balloon Safaris

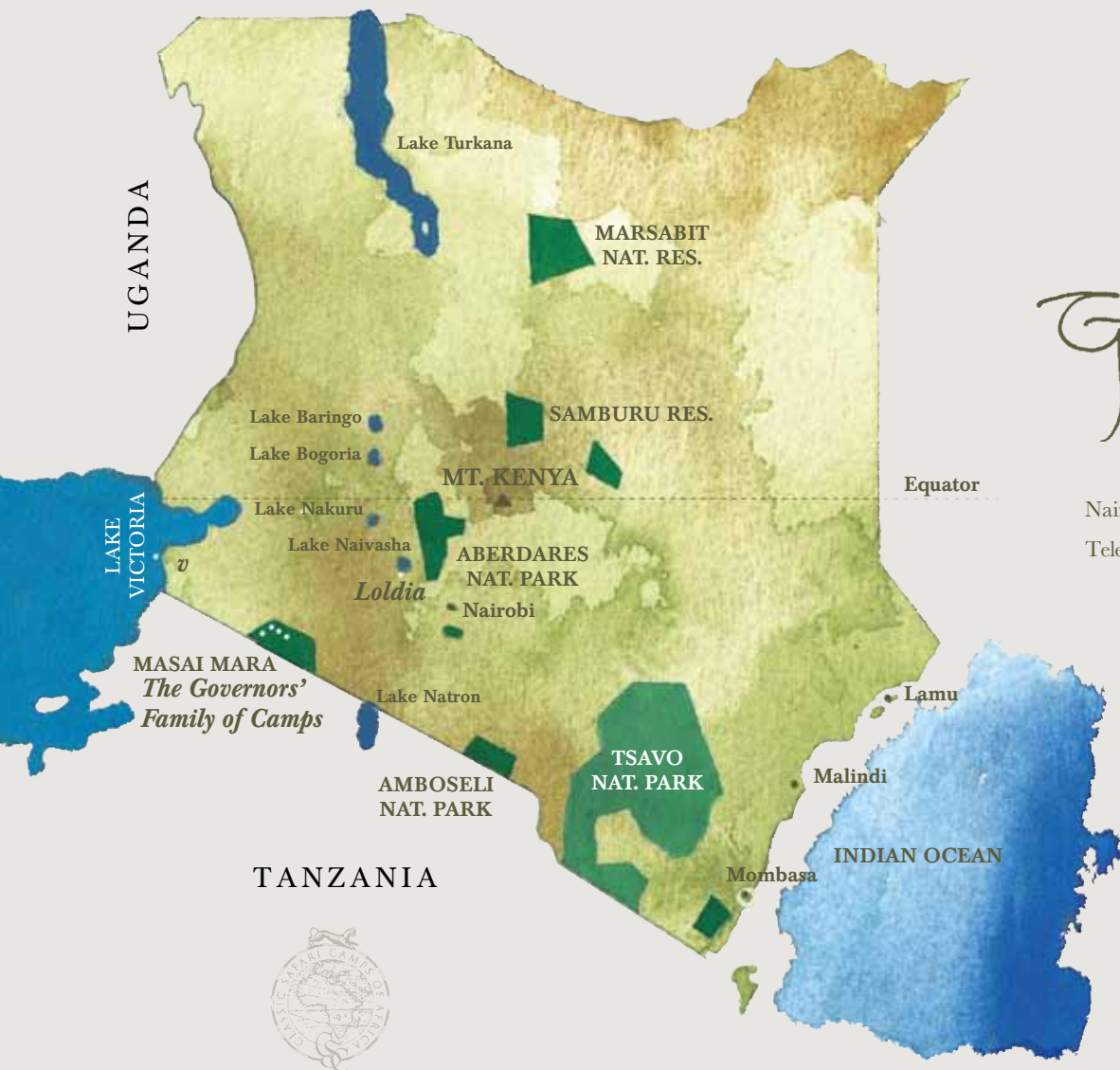
The adventure begins just before dawn, when flames from the balloons' burners light the darkness as the crews inflate their craft. At the first glow of sunrise, the inflated balloons begin to rise. Suspended in a basket beneath the rainbow canopy,

you're off for a game-viewing adventure with an entirely different perspective. Float in silence over the Mara River, the forest and the plains, and all the animals below. Land on the distant plains for a champagne breakfast to celebrate a thrilling experience.

Cultural Visits

Drive out to visit a traditional Masai homestead to experience a way of life unchanged for centuries, and visit the nearby Mararienta village school which has been rebuilt and developed from funds generated by Governors' Camp and the BBC. This primary school provides basic education for Masai children from a wide catchment area, who walk up to ten kilometers a day through the bush to school each day.





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