

# OSEKI MAASAI MARA CAMP – LIST OF ACTIVITIES

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FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OSEKI MAASAI MARA CAMP.

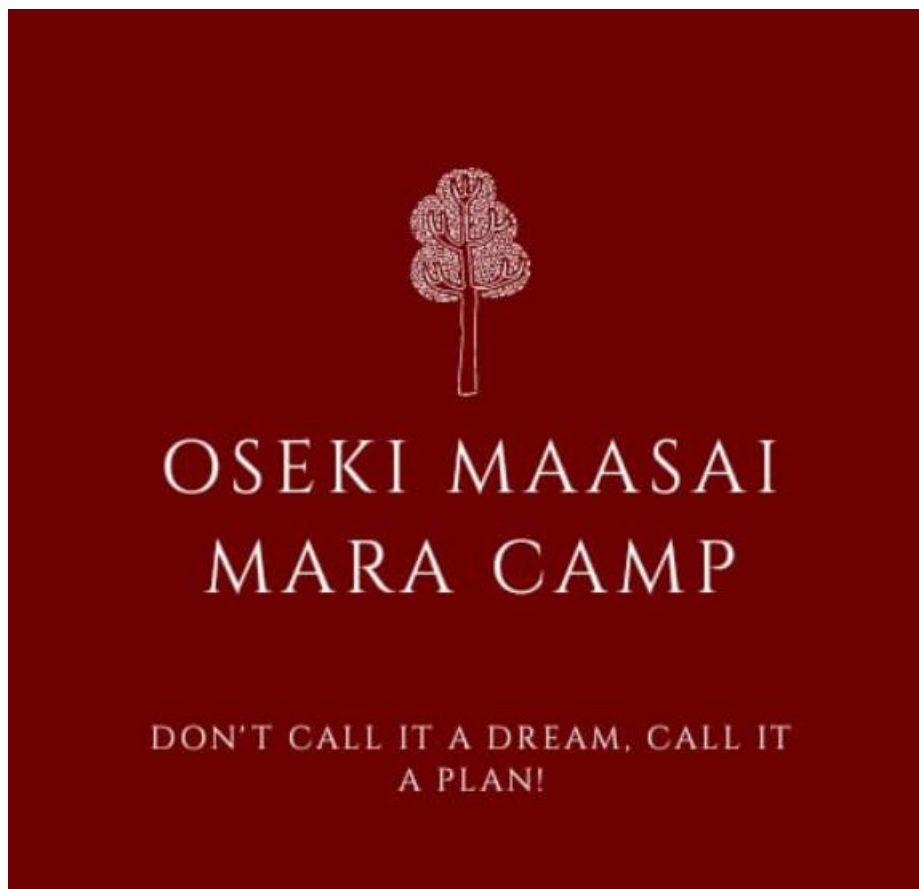
WE OFFER VARIOUS CULTURAL AND NATURAL EXPERIENCES, HOPING TO CATER TO YOUR WISHES TO MAKE YOUR VISIT TO THE MAASAI MARA PERSONAL AND UNFORGETTABLE!

**YOUR VISIT MATTERS:** AS A PART FROM THE MONEY COMING IN FROM THE ACCOMODATION AND GAME DRIVES IS BEING USED FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY – **MAKING TOMMORROW BETTER!**

SO WITHOUT EVEN HAVING TURNED A PAGE.....THE OSEKI MAASAI MARA TEAM WISHES YOU AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFE-TIME AND WANTS TO THANK YOU ALREADY IN ADVANCE.

**GREETINGS FROM THE MAASAI MARA**

- THE OSEKI TEAM -



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## WILDEBEEST MIGRATION SAFARI IN THE MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE

Oseki Maasai Mara Camp offers safaris to the Masai Mara National Reserve to see the big 5 and the migration. The Masai Mara National Reserve is about 1510 km<sup>2</sup> big located in the South West of Kenya. There are two rivers in the Masai Mara, the Talek river and the Mara river where you can see the animals crossing during the migration. It's a big highlight of the Masai Mara and an experience, never to forget!

The best time to visit the park to see the migration is between the end of June until the end of October. Besides the migration you will be able to see the big 5 (lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo & leopard) in their natural habitat. The Masai Mara National Reserve is also home to many beautiful birds, plants and other animals such as giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, wild dog and the cheetah.

SAFARI IN THE MASAI MARA NATIONAL RESERVE	RATES 2019 - 2020
Hiring a 4x4 from Oseki Maasai Mara Camp - 1 or 2 people.	150 dollars a day
Hiring a 4x4 from Oseki Maasai Mara Camp – 3 or more people	200 dollars a day
Park entree fees internationals (adults)	80 dollars per person per day
Park entree fees internationals (children)	45 dollars per person per day
Taking along a private Maasai guide (game ranger)	25 dollars per day
Park entree fees Kenyan residents (adults)	1200 shilling per person per day
Park entree fees Kenyan residents (children)	300 shilling per person per day
<b>Bringing along your own 4x4 vehicle to the reserve:</b>	
Vehicle 5 seats or less:	Ksh. 400
Vehicle 6 seats but less than 12:	Ksh. 1,000
Vehicle 34 seats but less than 24:	Ksh. 3,000
Vehicle 25 seats but less than 44:	Ksh. 4,000
Vehicle 45 seats and above:	Ksh. 5,000

\* **Note:** Park fees are subject to change without notice.

\* **Note:** Hiring a 4x4 vehicle for one or two people = 150 dollars a day.

Hiring a 4x4 vehicle for 3 people or more = 200 dollars a day.

For more info on park fees, rules and regulations surf to

<https://www.maasaimara.com/entries/park-fees-2>



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## MAASAI CHURCH VISIT AND/OR MAASAI SCHOOL VISIT

After having read all information on a game drive in the Masai Mara, it is time for a cultural experience! In Kenya, the same buildings often have multiple purposes. As in the case of Sekenani town, one of their school buildings serves as their church on Sunday. On this cultural experience, we take you around town to visit some schools and visit the church on a Sunday.

### Sekenani Church

An traditional church visit will take about 2 to 3 hours and is one of the best cultural experiences you can have. Members of the community will walk to church in order to meet their friends and relatives, to preach, sing and dance together. Singing and dancing are a way to communicate with one another, bringing people together. All men, women and children will sing traditional Maasai songs and perform dances for you. Even though the Maasai are a culture in transition they hold their traditions dear. This forms an important part of their identity in a rapid changing modern world. Attending church for the Maasai, is a way to gain recognition among their peers and to stay in contact with one another.

**Note:** this experience is only possible on a Sunday!

### Sekenani school

The school is a community kindergarten/pre-school for young children unable to afford education offered by expensive private academies. The children really love a visit and are very fond of cameras and picture taking! We often arrange some candy, pencils or little books beforehand. Donations are much appreciated to help the school(s) develop.

MAASAI CHURCH OR SCHOOL VISIT	RATES 2019 - 2020
Depending on whether you would like to make a donation as it is the experience we hold dear, we cannot charge you anything	For free
<b>Time:</b> depends on how long you like to spend	1 to 3 hours

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### MAASAI WARRIOR BUSH WALK & BOW AND ARROW CLASS

Walking in the bush gives you the opportunity to experience Africa from the ground, in the safe hands of your professional Maasai warrior guide. You don't have to be super fit! we can tailor the walk according to your abilities and fitness level.

By joining us on a walk, you will get to notice all the little things available in nature, that you would normally just walk past. These small details that are overlooked on game drives become more apparent from the slower pace and lower angle of being on foot. Think of the amazing engineering skills and cooperative work involved in the creation of a termite mound, for instance. Bird calls, tracks, insects, plants, geology; everything takes on more significance and you gain a much deeper understanding of your environment.

Bush walks take you to places inaccessible to vehicles, enabling you to experience and interact with your surroundings in a more rounded way. Whether it's appreciating a particularly fabulous panorama, studying a up close or spending time learning how to shoot a bow and arrow or traditional Maasai spear, learn about the medicinal uses of plants, all these experiences are only possible on foot. You feel the bush rather than simply observe it! You're in the animals' domain, experiencing the world on their terms. It's exciting! Safari walks enhance your awareness and knowledge of what is going on around you as you are engaging all five senses on a heightened level. The tempting smell and uses of a white bush, the velvety feel of an acacia seed pod, the fibrous taste of mother-in-law's tongue root, the thrilling sight of the possibility of spotting an animal on foot – it's exhilarating!

This experience is really hands on, as you will learn to shoot a bow and arrow or throw a traditional Maasai spear, learning how to recognise animal bird sounds, the medicinal uses of plants and you will learn how to track animals ourselves! Truly an experience never to forget!

MAASAI WARRIOR BUSH WALK		RATES 2019 - 2020	
Maasai warrior bush walk		15 dollars per person	
<b>Time:</b> depends on your own level of fitness & interest		1 to 3 hours	



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## THE MAASAI HERDING & CATTLE EXPERIENCE

The Maasai herding and cattle experience is perfect for families, couples, single travellers or groups of friends. The Maasai herding & cattle experience is unique on Airbnb and in the Mara itself. With this experience, we hope to support the farmers and Maasai herders with their cattle and to support their families. Cattle is very important in African families. For the Maasai, it provides a reliable form of income and as a back-up support system, in order to support their families. Cattle is not only used for meat and milk but also for clothing, decoration, masks etc.

On this experience, you will learn everything about how to survive in the bush, under the guidance of a Maasai warrior and Maasai herders. You will learn what the Maasai lifestyle is like and what their daily activities look like. Activities can range from learning how to milk a cow or a goat to how to keep cattle safe in the bush from possible attacks from wild animals. This experience includes a lot of cultural background information, as many stories will be told along the walk. You will also learn how to treat sick or injured animals with traditional Maasai bush methods. If you are open for it, a Maasai ceremony will be held for you to thank you for your stay.

If there is an opportunity, we invite a local vet over to come help or we can walk towards the market where you can see where new cattle is being bought and sold. It is truly an unique experience and it allows you to really spent time with the local people. You will be invited over in their homestead for a cup of tea or coffee to really blend in in the Maasai lifestyle.

MAASAI HERDING AND CATTLE EXPERIENCE	RATES 2019 - 2020
Half day Maasai herding & cattle experience	15 dollars per person
The experience (two days) including 1 night accommodation & food (full board). Click here to see the experience: <a href="https://www.airbnb.nl/experiences/338453">https://www.airbnb.nl/experiences/338453</a>	180 dollars per person

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### TRACK ELEPHANTS WITH MAASAI WARRIORS!

We will visit Leruk hill for the walk to encounter elephants and other wildlife. The hill is 2.025 meter high. Leruk hill is part of Siana conservation park, next to the Maasai Mara Game reserve. On the walk you will go all the way to the top to encounter elephants on foot and often also other game such as antelopes, zebras, giraffe.

The goal is to encounter an elephant on foot under guidance of Maasai warrior to learn more about the behaviour of elephants. It is truly a magical experience to encounter these magnificent animals on foot. You will be guided and from a safe distance under the protection of a true Maasai warrior and game ranger you will be able to see these magnificent animals from real close by!

Once we have reached the top of the mountain together, you will have a splendid view of the Maasai Mara game reserve & Siana park! Don't forget to bring your camera and binoculars along for amazing memories and an even better view!

TRACK ELEPHANTS WITH MAASAI WARRIORS	RATES 2019 – 2020
Track elephants with Maasai warriors +/- 3 hours	50 dollars per person
The experience (two days) including 2 nights of accommodation & food (full board) is also available on airbnb. Click here to see the experience: <a href="https://www.airbnb.nl/experiences/322906">https://www.airbnb.nl/experiences/322906</a>	4x4 can only be shared in price with people from your own booking.
This experience includes a <b>safari</b> too!!	



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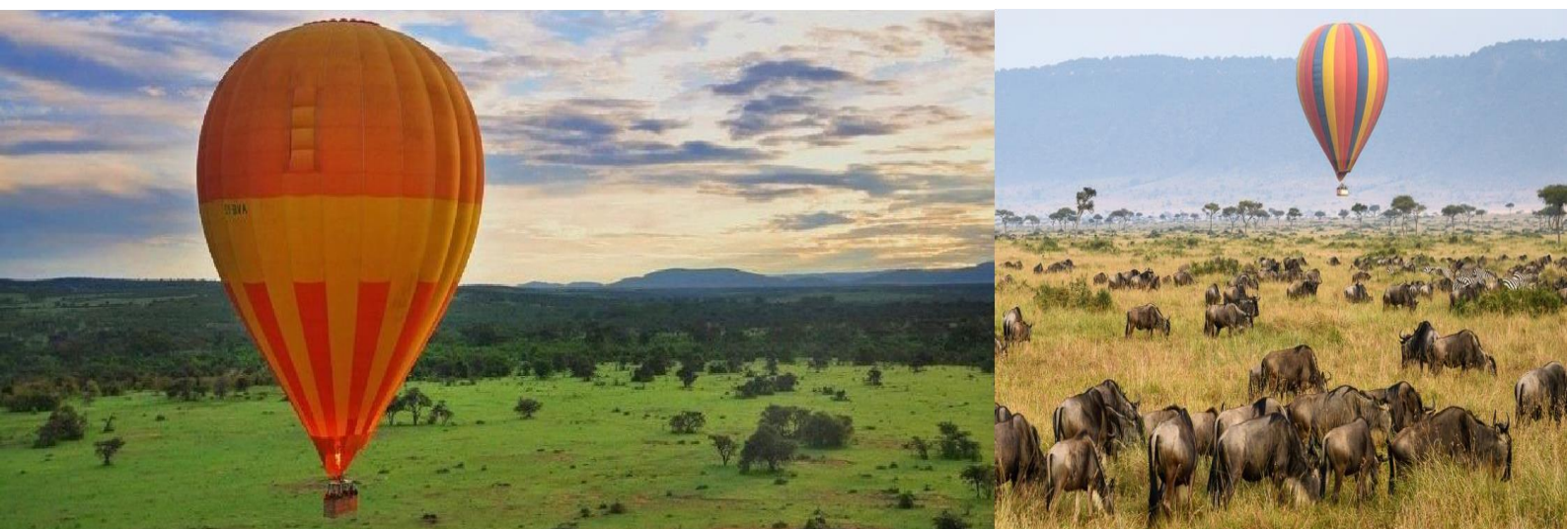
### VISTING A LOCAL MAASAI VILLAGE

Visiting a local Maasai village will allow you to experience the Maasai culture at its best. The people will sing and dance for you, songs and dances that are hundreds of years old! They will perform various dances for you. This experience is very interactive, as we hope you will dance and jump along. After the performance, they take you into their homestead for a private tour. You will learn everything about the Maasai homesteads, how they are build and why this specific design is chosen. You will be invited into a real Maasai home and to the market place for some nice souvenirs. Be prepared to bargain! As that is part of the game.

Also, we will take you to the Maasai blacksmith. He will sing an inspiring song for you and design a bracelet for you on the spot! The Maasai will also show you how to make a fire by only using cow dung, a knife and a piece of wood!

VISITING A LOCAL MAASAI VILLAGE	RATES 2019-2020
Visiting a local Maasai village +/- 2 hours	25 dollars per person
This experience (two days) includes a 2 nights of accommodation & food (full board) is also available on Airbnb. Click here to see the experience: <a href="https://www.airbnb.nl/experiences/322695">https://www.airbnb.nl/experiences/322695</a>	210 dollars per person
This experience also includes a bushwalk and learning how to make beadwork with the Maasai ladies	

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### HOT AIR BALLOON SAFARI OVER THE MASAI MARA RESERVE

Hot air balloon rides are exhilarating in any setting. A hot air balloon safari over Masai Mara National Reserve, though, is a ***once-in-a-lifetime experience!*** We highly recommend that adventurous guests plan to stay at the reserve for at least three days to allow time for this activity along with your other **safari activities such game drives, bush walks, village visits and more.** Additionally, hot air balloon flights need to be pre-arranged. Due to the limited space of only 16 passengers in a balloon. But we can do this for you! The balloons can accommodate adults and children, with some limitations. Children must be at least four years old and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We recommend that adults be in good physical condition. Adults who are over 265 lbs (120 kg) may be required to purchase an additional spot on the balloon (twice the cost) for safety precautions, though this can be waived depending on flight occupancy at the discretion and prior approval from the pilot.

For our guests who have not been on a hot air ballooning excursion in Africa or elsewhere, we offer some general information about how a hot air balloon works and what to expect. Typically, staff of 20-25 people are required for the launch and recovery. When you arrive at the launch site, you may have a chance to see the balloon, also known as an “envelope,” being inflated. The ground crew opens the envelope by laying it across the ground. A large fan is used to inflate the envelope partially. When the envelope is about half-full, the crew attaches the basket and burner. The basket remains fully secured to the ground during inflation. The burner is used to inflate the envelope fully.

Watching the inflation and preparation is an incredible experience, as you soon see the truly massive size of the balloon! Once the balloon is fully inflated, the crew helps passengers aboard. The basket of your balloon is sectioned into multiple compartments for both your comfort and safety.

THE HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHT PACKAGE	RATES 2019-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Pick up &amp; drop off to the camp.</li><li>* Balloon ride (takes approx. 45mins-1hr)</li><li>* Full bush breakfast with champagne/wine</li><li>* Brief game drive en-route back to the camp/lodge</li><li>* Balloon certificate duly signed by the pilot.</li></ul>	Hot air balloon safari 450 dollars per person



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## VISITING A MAASAI HOSPITAL

Often, rural Kenyan hospitals have to treat people with only little resources and facilities. This experience does not only allow you a visit to a nearby Maasai rural hospital but let's you experience reality. As we travellers, often come from countries where we have little to complain and forgot what it is to have to live without the basics, a visit to a Maasai hospital can be intense, yet worth your while! We hope to educate the people about health, taking the necessary pre-cautions, about safety and to not wait too long before asking help.

As we all might know, AIDS and HIV still play a large role in Africa. People are still getting infected or are not taking the necessary pre-cautions. Therefore, education is important so the next generation does not need to get healed.

As young girls sometimes still get pregnant without having finished their schooling, losing a chance on further education because they need to stay home to attend to their child(ren) is still a common problem. Not to forget about circumcision, which is a traditional ritual to change from a girl or boy into an grown-up is still common among the Maasai. Even though some girls choose to be circumcised in order to be purified and to become a respected grown-up, they often do not yet fully understand what this choice entails. In some cases they are even forced to. Either way, the chance of getting infections are high not to mention the risk of dying at an early age.

Oseki Maasai Mara Camp hopes to be able to make people's lives a bit easier in the future in which your visit can make a difference. Ideally we hope that the state will once start caring about their people, providing the care and facilities that are necessary for the people to be able to survive. We do not ask anything for a visit to a Maasai hospital, but hope that you can find it in your heart to donate something.

Many thanks in advance!

The Oseki Team

THE MAASAI SEKENANI HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE	RATES 2019-2020
Join if you can!	FREE