



# Saruni Wild Factsheet

## Tented Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya

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Saruni Wild is a tented camp elegantly and comfortably furnished with all the necessary luxuries of a wild yet classic safari. The camp is located in the heart of the Masai Mara plains, on the border between Lemek Conservancy and Mara North Conservancy. The camp offers utter seclusion and total authenticity - guests are immersed in nature and have the unforgettable experience of being under canvas in the middle of the wilderness.

Each tent is tastefully furnished and has all the essential amenities of a luxury camping experience, including en-suite bathrooms, hot showers and flushing loos, and spacious verandas with beautiful views. Surrounded by tens of thousands acres of pristine, untouched wilderness, the camp has the most classic Masai Mara setting. The wildlife thrive right next to its tents.

Maasai warriors guide you, sharing their ancient wisdom and local knowledge of the animals, their way of life and their secret corners of the most iconic and celebrated game reserve in Kenya - a truly authentic safari experience.

Enjoy uninterrupted views, fire-lit meals under the vast African sky, guided bush walks and game drives led by experienced Maasai guides. The Maasai will host you at Saruni Wild, sharing their ancient wisdom, their local knowledge of the animals, and secret corners of the most iconic wildlife reserve in Kenya.





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### ACCOMMODATION

#### 2 x Double Tents

En-suite, each accommodating 2 people.  
Spacious bathroom comprising of flushing toilets, hand basin and enclosed bucket showers area.

#### 1 x Family Tent

2 x en-suite bedrooms accommodating 4 people.  
Family Unit has two bathrooms comprising of flushing toilets, hand basin and enclosed bucket showers area.

*All tents can fit one extra bed to accommodate children under the age of 16 years only.*



### EXPERIENCES

- Day and night guided game drives
- Guided bush walks
- Bush meals and sundowners
- Birdwatching
- Stargazing
- Maasai Wellbeing Space massages & spa treatments (payable extra)
- Warriors Academy (special programme in bush skills and animal tracking)
- Drive to Mount Kilileoni
- Gift shop at Saruni Mara with special local artifacts
- Cultural visit to local village market
- Migration River Crossing (National Reserve fees apply)
- Visits to the Olchorro rhino sanctuary (payable extra)
- Hot air balloon flights (upon request & payable extra)
- Weddings & Blessings (payable extra)

**A Saruni Wild safari is all-inclusive: full board accommodation, drinks and non payable extra activities.**



# 6 Reasons to visit Saruni Wild

## ① Authentic Under Canvas Experience

Guests can encounter true Africa at Saruni Wild: under canvas and vast African skies, out in the middle of the unspoiled wilderness, surrounded by and a part of, nature – a truly authentic and life-enriching experience.

## ② Location, Location, Location

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## ③ Personal & Exclusive

One of the most remarkable aspects of a safari at Saruni Wild is the privacy and exclusivity, and the personal touch. Our Maasai guides host you, and eagerly share their ancient customs and traditions, as well as their local knowledge of the landscape and wildlife. Over and above being professionally qualified, our guides are a part of the

tribe who are the proud custodians of this incredible wilderness, and who have known this area as their home for centuries.

## ④ Wildlife Encounters

Set amongst teeming plains game, wildlife is found all around the camp, as the tents are situated within their natural habitat. The Mara-Serengeti eco system, of which the Lemek Conservancy and Saruni Wild is a part, has the highest density of predators and plains game of any wilderness in the world, and is home to the most thrilling, awe-inspiring natural spectacle on the planet – the Great Migration.

## ⑤ Unique Warrior Programme

Saruni Wild is the perfect location for our 'Warriors Academy' programme, where guests spend a few days learning the survival skills of the revered Maasai warriors, taking part in teaching in the same way as a junior warrior learns to track animals and craft tools on the plains of the Masai Mara. This is a particularly exciting activity for families with children.

## ⑥ Community Focused

Saruni Wild is fully involved in supporting and managing the Mara North Conservancies, which provides jobs, income, training and guidance for the local Maasai people. Tourism directly supports conservation – by visiting Saruni Wild, you are directly giving back to the community who protects this beautiful land, improving their quality of life, while at the same time encouraging the purpose for conservation.





## Important information

### How to get there

You can fly or drive to Saruni Wild. Driving from Nairobi to Saruni Mara takes approximately 5 hours, and then another 40 minutes to get to Saruni Wild. There are numerous flights landing at the two nearest airstrips daily on Safarilink and Air Kenya, Mombasa Air and private charters. The flights are around 90 minutes, and the drive from the airstrips to Saruni Wild is between 15-30 minutes. Email us for more information.

### Forms of payment

Saruni Wild accepts:

- Cash (US\$) newer than 2006, Euro, Sterling, KSH
- Travellers cheques
- Visa and MasterCard credit cards
- Debit Cards

*Please note:*

- There is no surcharge for using a credit card to settle incidentals but a charge applies if settling outstanding daily accommodation costs.
- Please bring cash for gratuities.

### Masai Mara Climate

Altitude: 5500 - 6400 ft.

Temperature: warm, dry days, cool nights, no humidity.

Rainfall: approx 760mm per year.

### Malaria prevention

Saruni Wild is located at 5,500 ft. and can therefore be considered malaria free. Mosquito nets are still provided in each tent as a precaution. It is each guest's personal decision whether to take preventative medication or not, and one should consult their personal GP if uncertain.

### Saruni Wild vehicles

At Saruni Wild we share the Saruni Mara vehicles and game drive system. We have a fleet of 4x4 Land Rovers for all game drives and transfers, which are open sided for the best game viewing, each with a canvas roof for shade. Guests share vehicles, unless Exclusive Use of a vehicle has been requested (US\$350 per day).

### Electricity at the Camp

Saruni Wild has electricity in the communal 'mess' tent provided by solar energy, but not in the bedroom tents. Guests should therefore charge their phones, cameras and other appliances in the mess tent when in camp. We recommend guests bring their own converters and universal adaptors.

### Communication services

There is no internet connectivity at Saruni Wild. Communication at Saruni Wild happens over the radio only which adds to the feeling of being completely immersed in nature and secluded in the wilderness.

### Meals and cuisine

We cater for all dietary requirements and allergies as informed prior to arrival. The cuisine at Saruni is Italian-inspired and we use fresh and local ingredients, as well as special imported products. We offer communal dining hosted by our guides, under the vast African sky full of stars. Meals will be organised to suit guests' needs so there are no set times. The camp has a daily three-course set menu. Bottled drinking water is provided in all tents, at all meals and in all game drive vehicles. Guests also receive a personal aluminium water bottle on arrival that can be filled from various dispensers in camp.

### Tipping guideline

Tips/gratuities are welcomed with enthusiasm and gratitude. A general guideline for tipping is anywhere from US\$5-10 per day per person. This amount will be equally divided between all staff with the exception of the guides. Your personal guide may be tipped directly and this is at your discretion, however a general guideline is around US\$10 per day.

### Languages spoken at Saruni

English and Kiswahili.

### Responsible Tourism

Saruni believes fully and invests significantly in community development and conservation.

- More than 80% of Saruni Mara/Wild's employees are Maasai from the local communities. They are trained, employed and encouraged to rise through the ranks, so that the local communities benefit directly from the lodge's presence in the area.

- Saruni formed a local women's group, where the ladies are encouraged to sell their artifacts through the Saruni shop.

- Saruni sponsors young Maasai to train as guides at the Koiyaki Guiding School, to make sure that the future generations of conservationists and safari guides will see the Maasai people in the forefront.

- The camp protects the northern corridors of the Masai Mara ecosystem and contributes to the preservation of Lemek Conservancy and Mara North Conservancy.