



Maasai Mara

Leleshwa Camp is an intimate tented camp situated on the Siana Community Conservation Area on the North–Eastern edge of the Maasai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya. Resting along a stream valley overlooking picturesque hills and rolling plains dotted with resident game, Leleshwa Camp is a peaceful haven.

Come and join us on a journey of enlightenment and rejuvenation.



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THE CAMP

Our warm hospitality and attention to detail provide a relaxed environment for you to enjoy the simplistic elegance that defines Leleshwa Camp.



Six spacious tents, each privately situated, open to a large verandah where guests can relax and enjoy the breathtaking scenery. The en-suite bathrooms are fitted with a hot shower and flushing toilet.

The Suite with its adjoining lounge and spectacular views is an oasis of comfort. It is an ideal setting for honeymooners to relax in intimate privacy, or where parents can enjoy peace of mind by being with their children.



The open dining and lounge tents capture the cooling breeze and enchanting views. Meals are often set 'al fresco' under the shade of the trees and dinners are a social occasion served dinner party style.

At night, hurricane lamps bathe the camp in a soft, warm light whilst you share the days' experience around a blazing fire to the sounds of a nocturnal orchestra performing over the silent breathing of The African sky.



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SAFARI ACTIVITIES



No two days at Leleshwa Camp need ever be the same, yet all hold the promise of adventure. You determine the duration and frequency of your daily activities in the company of your professional safari guide and Maasai tracker.



The conservation area is rich in diversity and offers our guests an uninterrupted opportunity to explore its virtues. Head out at dawn in search of the predators heard calling throughout the night, enjoy a bush walk and round the day off with cocktails at sunset, followed by a night game drive. A visit to an authentic Maasai manyatta is an exciting cultural experience and provides an opportunity to explore their ancient traditional way of life.



The Mara is world renowned for its rich diversity and density of wildlife and hosts the spectacular annual wildebeest migration and is within comfortable driving distance for you to spend a day of discovery. In the heat of the day, pause for a sumptuous picnic lunch in the shade of trees on the banks of the Mara River. At Leleshwa Camp we offer you the opportunity to rise above the world on an enthralling dawn Hot Air Balloon Ride across the park's untamed vistas.



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OUR COMMUNITY

Leleshwa Camp is Environmentally Responsible. Our water is collected from the streambed and, once used, is returned to the wild through a septic tank and wetlands system. Firewood comes from trees knocked over by elephants, supplemented by charcoal briquettes from sustainable plantations. Our minimal plastic and glass waste is recycled and biodegradable waste is inaccessible to wild animals as it turns into compost.

All accommodation is tented and the camp is entirely removable with no permanent platforms or structures. Future plans include using bio-diesel in vehicles and installing solar utilities for power generation and water heating.



We believe that it is our primary responsibility to enhance our environment on a sustainable basis. A large part of that goal is the task of improving the lives of the nearby community. Every guest who stays at Leleshwa Camp does so in the knowledge that they are making a direct contribution towards the upliftment of the Masai Community. These improvements to local lives take the form of infrastructure, health, education and the environment



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Leleshwa Camp's location offers the diverse combination of wildlife, nature and authentic Maasai culture to satisfy all your photography needs. Photography is 90% seeing and 10% photographing and the objective of our photography workshops is to help our guests see and make better photographs.



Our dedicated tented Digital Imaging & Workshop Centre offers a comfortable learning environment. Facilities include:

- Multi media equipment (projector, video & sound)
- Six Macintosh desktop computers loaded with the latest versions of Adobe Photoshop CS4, Adobe Bridge & Adobe Camera Raw for both Mac & Windows
- Vehicle camera supports and beanbags

When workshops are not in progress, the facility's equipment is available to all guests at no extra charge, other than for consumables such as CDs and DVDs.

By attending one of our workshops, we will help you jump the hurdles over which we once stumbled. Please refer to the download document for more information of our one and five day photography workshops.

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LOITA HILLS HIKING

Leleshwa Camp offers a variety of safari activities which give you the opportunity to get close to nature and interact with local tribesmen. We have now expanded our portfolio to include hiking in **Loita Hills**.

The rolling hills of the Maasai Mara and the floor of the Great Rift Valley are bounded on the east by the Loita Hills which rise to 2,000m above sea level. The Loita Hills hosts the Maasai Purko clan and their 200km² Sacred Forest which features cedar, podo and strangler fig trees, breathtaking waterfalls, spectacular birdlife and wildlife in rare settings.



The areas in which we walk are inaccessible to vehicles and the wilderness is relatively untouched. Your Maasai guide is from the local region and has an intimate knowledge of the flora and fauna. Donkeys are used to carry the light weight camp to our base which is located deep within the forests, close to natural springs and hippo pools.

You will walk along ancient elephant tracks which have been carved through the forest by natural migration. Hippo find refuge in the maze of ox bow streams and pools, while elephant and buffalo roam through the thick vegetation found along its slopes. Colobus monkeys can be seen as you walk through the shaded forests and, in the evenings, leopards are heard staking claim over the hills.

Your hiking safari is a privately guided safari, tailored for your parties needs. Our Maasai guides have extensive knowledge and will design routes based on the guests' physical abilities and interests. Our two night hiking safari in the Loita Hills is a delightful experience even for the most well travelled adventurer.

The Loita Hills offers an exciting add-on to your stay at Leleshwa Camp. Come and share this natural treasure with us!



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ABOUT US

The owners share a common passion for and commitment to conservation and community development and look forward to personally welcoming you to Leleshwa Camp.

Joe and Gillian Charleson both have extensive experience in the safari and hospitality industry in various parts of Africa. Joe grew up in Kenya with family safaris as part of his childhood. He has a biology degree and previously worked as a Professional Safari Guide in Botswana before returning to Kenya. Gillian was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa where she started her career working in some of South Africa's finest hotels and resorts. She made her way to Tanzania in 1995 and quickly fell in love with East Africa and its way of life.



Mike North has been an amateur photographer for the past 30 years having acquired his skills as a photographer whilst doing his national military service. He turned his attention to wildlife photography when he was transferred to East Africa (Tanzania) by The Coca-Cola Company 14 years ago and has since travelled most of Africa. The establishment of a camp which will be positioned as a photographers destination has long since been his dream and passion. Mike will act as the main host in our future photographic workshops

Andy Corbett was born and raised on a farm near Dublin and this is where he first developed a love of wildlife and the outdoors. He studied Marine Biology and Oceanography at the University of Bangor in North Wales and first visited Africa in 2000 on a family holiday. He quickly fell in love with the continent and vowed to return, first moving to South Africa, where he spent 2 years attaining his professional guiding qualification, before relocating to Kenya. Here he has worked as a guide in the Maasai Mara for 3 years and has also lead safaris throughout the rest of the country.



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