

# MARA SIMBA



The Mara Simba lodge sits overlooking a dramatic bend on the bank of the Talek, a tributary of the Mara River, gently blending into the surrounding wilderness. Stretching almost a kilometer along the river the grounds on the bank remain in their virgin condition, while the landscaped gardens filled with indigenous trees at the back draw a great variety of birds and butterflies. The lodge was conceived with an emphasis on exclusivity and comfort. It was designed to complement its surroundings and is decorated in Maasai traditional style. Wide, well-lit pathways connect the Public areas and rooms.

The 84 guest rooms, arranged in clusters of 6 in each natural wood and stone Banda comprise 60 twin rooms, 12 double, 4 double+single and 8 triple rooms. They all have ensuite showers, tiled bathrooms with natural granite and Twyford, (UK) bathroom fittings. Each spacious room, which can easily accommodate an extra bed, opens onto its own private veranda with uninterrupted views across the river.



A nature walk reveals a rich diversity of flora thriving on the edge of the lake, with a colorful range of over 400 bird species, making it a paradise for bird lovers and researchers. The lake has a healthy fish population, which attracting the Cormorant, the Black Heron, and Pied Kingfisher. The lush vegetation supports a variety of wild animals such as buffalo, dik dik, giraffe, the back and white colubus monkey, and on any afternoon you are likely to catch sight of hippos lazily watching proceedings from the surface of the lake. The hotel offers Lake Frontage with direct access to private jetty. A sunset cruise by boat will give you breathtaking views and allow you to get closer to the water animals. Fishing is allowed during six months a year and you can catch carp, tilapia and the occasional blackbass. Take a trip to the Crescent Island and enjoy seeing implala, waterbuck and warthog. Close by is Hell's Gate National Park, which was named from its giant red cliffs outlining an interior cauldron of bubbling underground steam. The filming location of Tomb Raider II, its cliffs are a haven for rock climbers and a breeding ground for Verreaux's eagles and Swifts. Activities that are carried out in the park include cycling, camping picnics and horseback safaris. One can also visit the geothermal power station and see the steam wells.