



Information Sheet

LOCATION

Mara North Conservancy

ACCOMMODATION

7 en-suite tents - 3 doubles & 4 twin tents (can all be made into doubles & can each fit one extra bed)
1 en-suite honeymoon / family tent - Can comfortably fit two extra beds.

Extra beds are to accommodate children under the age of 16yrs only.
Maximum capacity in camp at any one time is 22 (six extra beds).

DESCRIPTION

Elephant Pepper Camp is situated in the middle of the protected Mara North Conservancy wilderness area. Small and exclusive, the camp is located away from other lodges, in the heart of the African bush. Our spacious canvas tents are comfortably furnished, featuring en suite bathrooms with eco-friendly flush toilets and traditional safari showers. Nothing rivals sitting around the campfire enjoying the sounds of the African night. Extended game drives make game viewing a complete experience. Elephant Pepper Camp brings people back to nature - no traffic, no permanent structures, just the sights and sounds of the African bush.

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

- **Traditional style tented camp** - although extremely comfortable with spacious tents and en suite bathrooms, the camp is very low key, with no generator to interfere with the sounds of the bush and resident lion pride! The camp has never poured one bag of cement and could be completely removed leaving a virgin site.
- **Location** - Hidden in a grove of elephant pepper trees overlooking the Mara plains, Elephant Pepper Camp is in a prime but secluded game viewing area.
- **Highly qualified guides** - all of the Elephant Pepper guides have their bronze level KPSGA qualification and 2 of them have the impressive Silver level KSPGA qualification.

AWARDS

- Bronze Eco-rated, Eco Society of Kenya (ESOK).
- 5 of the Best: Best for an Authentic Camping Experience - Travel Weekly Magazine, October 2005.

ACTIVITIES

Day & Night (pre dinner) Game Drives

Guided Bush Walks

Bush Breakfasts

Sundowners

Cultural Visits

A small shop selling EPC fleeces, caps, kikoyis and some wildlife guide books

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Need To Know



Elephant Pepper Camp®

HOW TO GET THERE

Mara Shikar Airstrip - 20 minutes drive from camp

- Twice daily scheduled Safarilink flight departing Nairobi Wilson at 10h00 & 15h00
- Once daily scheduled Safarilink flight departing Shaba at 09h10, Samburu & Lewa at 09h30 and Nanyuki at 09h45.
- Three times daily in high season and twice daily in low season - Air Kenya flight departing Nairobi Wilson at 09h15, 12h15 and 15h15.
- Once daily scheduled Air Kenya flight departing Samburu / Lewa at 08h30 and Nanyuki at 09h15.
- Twice daily Fly 540 flight Wilson - Mara departing at 10h00 & 15h00
- Private charters from anywhere.

Musiara airstrip - 1 hours drive from camp

- Three times daily in high season and Twice daily in low season - Air Kenya flight departing Nairobi Wilson at 09h15, 12h15 and 15h15.
- Once daily scheduled Air Kenya flight departing Samburu at 08h30 and Nanyuki at 09h15.
- Once daily scheduled Fly 540 flight departing JKIA at 12h00.
- Once daily scheduled Fly 540 flight departing Mombasa at 08h25
- Once daily scheduled Mombasa Air flight departing Mombasa at 07h30 & Amboseli at 09h15

AIRSTRIP CO-ORDINATES

The airstrip is Mara Shikar and co-ordinates are:
S 01° 08.53; E 035° 08.39 - Elevation 5200ft

WHAT FORM OF PAYMENT DOES ELEPHANT PEPPER ACCEPT?

Cash and Travellers Cheque only. No cards.

WHAT FORM OF ELECTRICITY DOES ELEPHANT PEPPER HAVE?

- The camp has 12 solar panels which power the whole camp.
- All the tents have solar LED lighting.
- Guest batteries can be charged in the office during the day, but there is no power at night.
- Camp's power is not strong enough to support hairdryers.

Guests are recommended to bring converters & universal plug adaptors.

MEAL POLICY

Communal dining is encouraged but we can do private dinners on request

Breakfast: 06h30 to 10h00

Lunch: 13h00 to 14h30

Dinner: 20h00 to 21h30

The camp has a daily set menu.

Please inform us about any dietary requirements prior to arrival. Guests that have booked to arrive before lunch, but do not, are charged for an extra lunch on their day of departure (if they require lunch on their day of departure).

WATER

Bottled drinking water is provided free of charge.

WHAT VEHICLES DOES ELEPHANT PEPPER CAMP HAVE?

5 x 4x4 Vehicles

- 2 x new Landcruisers - 6 seats each
- 1 x Landrover TDI200 - 6 seats
- 1 x Landrover TDI300 - 7 seats
- 1 x UAZ - 5 seats

When necessary, guests may have to share their vehicle with others, unless 'Exclusive Use of Vehicle' has been paid for.

MASAI MARA CLIMATE

- Altitude: 5,500 - 6,400 feet
- Rainfall; Approximately 30'' per year
- Warm, dry days, and cool nights, no humidity.

MALARIA

Please note that all C&P properties are situated in locations of minimal malarial risk. Those higher than approximately 4000 ft, including Elephant Pepper Camp can be considered malaria free

WHAT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN AT ELEPHANT PEPPER?

- Guides - All our guides speak English and Kiswahili.
- Management - English

COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Internet: If needed, the management can send important emails on behalf of guests.

Mobile phones: Phone signal is available (Celtel better than Safaricom), although may cut out from time to time.

Additional Information

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

EPC has been the driving force in creating the Mara North Conservancy, which covers 70,000 acres between Musiara and Aitong. A core parcel within the Masai Mara eco-system, providing some of its prime game viewing. The newly formed conservancy protects this vital wilderness by maintaining the area for solely wildlife conservancy use, guaranteeing its 750 Masai landowners stable revenue and transparent financial management. The ancient balance between wildlife and traditional pastoralism is preserved, and the conservancy has on the ground management of development and infrastructure.

EPC has worked with the local Masai community for nearly 20 years, with the creation of MNC only the latest development in preserving this vital wilderness. EPC works with the community, local government and other stakeholders and has participated and/or spearheaded many initiatives including "Water from Wildlife" bringing water to schools without damaging the fragile eco-system, helping homesteads translocate and transporting their building materials for them in order to reduce the need for tree felling, etc.

At Elephant Pepper Camp:

- Revenue for land rent goes directly to the community landowners.
- Most of the staff in the camp are employed from the community.
- EPC supports a local school and in 2007 raised enough funds to build a new classroom.
- Visits to local Masai villages give clients direct contact with local people; it builds friendships and gives tourism a real face.

The camp itself leaves a minimal footprint on the site. The whole camp is removable with no cement poured. It relies on solar power, and nestles almost invisible under the Elephant Pepper trees. EPC achieves environmental best practice combining old fashioned safari camp know-how with latest technology. Naturally, rubbish is responsibly recycled, with separated glass given to the East African Woman's League, which runs the "Glass for Glasses" project whereby scrap glass is sold to a recycling plant and the revenue is donated for eyeglasses for the poor.

SPECIAL FEATURES & KEY WILDLIFE IN THE AREA

- Elephant Pepper Camp is situated next to a water hole, so in the dry periods there are lots of plains game around camp.
- The grass around the camp is very high in salts, especially near the honeymoon tent where there are natural springs in the wetter times, so this attracts a lot of elephant that are free to roam around the camp at night time.
- View the huge open plains, teeming with game, especially during the migration.
- There is a large emphasis on walking with an experienced guide.
- Here you experience the bush as one should: it is a personal experience with a very homely atmosphere, where we all eat together and share the beauty of the surroundings while relaxing around the campfire.
- The Masai Mara ecosystem is famous for its astounding variety & quantity of wildlife. View Lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, giraffe, elephant, buffalo, wildebeest, zebra.... everything!

PRESS COMMENTS

- "Your African adventure ends on a high note, under canvas, in this magical, authentic setting" - Cote Magazine - July 2010
- "Why Worry: Elephant Pepper Camp might be in the middle of Africa but you won't be lacking any of life's luxuries..." - Benchmark Magazine - March 2009
- "The authentic bush camping experience" - Travel News Magazine, September 2007.
- "A small tented camp in the heart of the Mara" - The Mail on Sunday, February 2007.
- "Combines rustic simplicity with unquestionable luxury" - Tatler Magazine, June 2006.
- "Spend magical evenings by the campfire and eat out under the stars" - Travel Weekly Magazine, October 2005.

COMMENTS FROM ELEPHANT PEPPER CAMP VISITORS BOOK

- "Is this paradise? Certainly a part of it! Don't change anything - its great!"
- "A most magical stay that will be hard to repeat"
- "This was our first trip to Africa and our first safari. What an introduction! The kids are already asking when we can come back!"
- "My 7th visit here (!) and I can't wait to come back!"
- "Some outstanding game drives with Stanley, but it was that remarkable walk with Calum that really topped things off - eight lions and none of them asleep! You don't get much better than that!"
- Thank you for a most wonderful stay, warm hospitality, great ambiance and amazing game viewing, including a leopard grooming her cub! Definitely one of Africa's top camps!"
- "4 of the big 5 on the way from the airstrip! Unbelievable!"