

MAASAI MARA: THE FINE PRINT

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OVERVIEW

I do my best to present up-to-date, factual, complete information, but you should always do your own research and explore within your personal limits. For this reason, I have compiled this list of resources for you to explore. Not only do these sites deserve credit but they often have even more detail to offer than I can include on the site.

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RESOURCES

Below you'll find a collection of resources, including books, websites, and other media. I've either referenced these in the production of the site, recommend them as resources for ongoing research, or both.

GENERAL DESTINATION RESOURCES

AFRICA

- [Safaris, holidays and adventures to Africa | Expert Africa](#)

KENYA

- [Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife & Heritage](#)
- [Magical Africa Kenya Travel Specialist | Holidays & Tour Packages \(magicalkenya.com\)](#)

- [Outstanding Kenya safaris | Expert Africa](#)
- [Kenya Wildlife Service | \(kws.go.ke\)](#)

GENERAL WILDLIFE RESOURCES

- *The Safari Companion* by Richard D. Estes
- *The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals* by Jonathan Kingdon
- *Field Guide to the Birds of East Africa* by Terry Stevenson
- Various memoirs of game drive guides
- [WWF - Endangered Species Conservation | World Wildlife Fund](#)
- [Big Cats Initiative - Great Plains Foundation](#)
- [About Cheetahs • Cheetah Facts • Cheetah Conservation Fund •](#)
- [Africa's Top 15 Safari Animals and Where to Find Them \(tripsavvy.com\)](#)
- *Serengeti* (2019 -)
- *Big Cat Diary* (1996 -)
- *Trophy* (2017)
- *Big Cat Games* (2015)
- *The Hunt* (2015)
- *BBC Earth Africa* (2012)
- *BBC Earth Dynasties* (2018)
- *BBC Nature's Great Events* (2009)

GREAT MIGRATION

- [Expert report on Serengeti Migration Area, Tanzania | Expert Africa | Great month-by-month map](#)
- [Serengeti wildebeest migration explained with moving map \(expertafrica.com\)](#)
- [Serengeti Migration area | Tanzania safaris | Expert Africa](#)
- [Great Migration Map | Discover Africa Safaris](#)
- [When to visit Serengeti National Park in Tanzania for a safari](#)
- [The great migration in Serengeti National Park, Tanzania](#)
- [The Great Wildebeest Migration - Africa Geographic](#)
- [Wildebeest Migration \(nationalgeographic.org\)](#)

GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY RESOURCES

- *Wildlife Photography: On Safari with your DSLR* by Uwe Skrzypczak
- Various coffee table books for photo inspiration

KENYA

PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

- [Map of Kenya | Kenya Regions | Rough Guides](#)
- [Outstanding Kenya safaris | Expert Africa](#)
- [8 best places to visit in Kenya - Lonely Planet](#)
- [Top 10 Parks and Reserves in Kenya \(tripsavvy.com\)](#)

- [Best Things to Do in Kenya \(tripsavvy.com\)](#)
- [10 of the best things to do in Kenya - Lonely Planet](#)

KENYA PARKS

- [Kenya Wildlife Service | \(kws.go.ke\)](#)
- [List of national parks of Kenya - Wikipedia](#)

SPECIFIC PARKS & RESERVES (EXCLUDING MAASAI MARA)

- [Amboseli National Park | Kenya Wildlife Service \(kws.go.ke\)](#)
- [Watamu Marine National Park & Reserve | Kenya Wildlife Service \(kws.go.ke\)](#)
- [Lake Nakuru National Park | Kenya Wildlife Service \(kws.go.ke\)](#)
- [Laikipia | Kenya | Expert Africa](#)
- [Home | Ol Pejeta Conservancy](#)
- [Lewa Wildlife Conservancy](#)
- [Solio Ranch](#)
- [Tsavo East National Park | Kenya Wildlife Service \(kws.go.ke\)](#)
- [Tsavo West National Park | Kenya Wildlife Service \(kws.go.ke\)](#)
- [Chyulu Hills National Park | Kenya Wildlife Service \(kws.go.ke\)](#)
- [Samburu National Reserve \(samburureserve.com\)](#)

CULTURE & HISTORY

- [Kenya - UNESCO World Heritage Convention](#)
- [List of World Heritage Sites in Kenya - Wikipedia](#)

MAASAI MARA

- [Masai Mara - Nature's epic safari destination in Kenya](#)
- [Masai Mara National Reserve, Kenya: The Complete Guide \(tripsavvy.com\)](#)
- [Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve: Facts About the Wildlife, Climate and Culture | Live Science](#)
- [Maasai Mara - Africa Geographic](#)
- [Top 10 Animals you Expect To Find in Masai Mara Kenya \(eastafriatraveltips.com\)](#)
- [Masai Mara Animals – Wildlife in Masai Mara National Reserve \(safaribookings.com\)](#)
- [Animal life in Masai Mara - Information about predators, herbivores and more](#)
- [Securing a future for wild dogs in Masai Mara - Mara Predator Conservation Programme](#)

ITINERARY

- [Home | Legendary Expeditions](#)
- [Mara River Luxury Tented Camp & Safari | Lamai | Singita](#)
- [Luxury Kenya safari - Mara Plains Camp - Great Plains \(greatplainsconservation.com\)](#)
- [Kenya Safari - Ol Donyo Lodge - Great Plains Conservation](#)
- [Best luxury 5 Star Hotel in Nairobi | Hemingways Nairobi \(hemingways-collection.com\)](#)
- [Seychelles Spa Resort | Massage & Facials | Four Seasons Seychelles](#)

JOURNEY BUILDERS

SAFARI

- [Top 10 Unmissable African Safari Destinations \(tripsavvy.com\)](https://tripsavvy.com)
- [Amboseli National Park | Kenya Wildlife Service \(kws.go.ke\)](https://kws.go.ke)
- [Laikipia | Kenya | Expert Africa](#)
- [Tanzania Unforgettable \(tanzaniatourism.go.tz\)](https://tanzaniatourism.go.tz)
- [Serengeti National Park - Home to the Great Migration](#)
- [Ngorongoro Crater | Tanzania Safaris | World's Largest Caldera \(ngorongorocratertanzania.org\)](https://ngorongorocratertanzania.org)
- [Home | Botswana Tourism Organisation](#)
- [Okavango Delta | Botswana Tourism Organisation](#)

GORILLA & CHIMPANZEE TREKKING

- [Gorilla Trekking Rwanda vs Uganda, Comparing Gorilla Trekking in Uganda vs Rwanda 2020-2021 \(wildgorillasafaris.com\)](https://wildgorillasafaris.com)
- [Volcanoes National Park Rwanda: Activities, Tours & Lodges \(volcanoesrwanda.com\)](https://volcanoesrwanda.com)
- [Mahale Mountains National Park — - Tanzania Tourism](#)

OTHER MAINLAND AFRICA

- [Mount Kilimanjaro National Park - kilimanjaro national park \(kilimanjaroparktanzania.com\)](https://kilimanjaroparktanzania.com)
- [Victoria Falls Tourism - Exploring Victoria Falls and its surroundings](#)

BEACHES & ISLANDS

- [Experience Seychelles | The Seychelles Islands](#)
- [Seychelles Travel - Official Tourism Website of the Seychelles](#)
- [Visit Zanzibar | Zanzibar Tanzania](#)
- [Home - Voyage Tourisme Madagascar \(madagascar-tourisme.com\)](https://madagascar-tourisme.com)

STOPOVERS

- [I amsterdam - Your guide to visit, enjoy, live, work & invest in Amsterdam | I amsterdam](#)
- [Home - Visit Turkey - Official travel guide to Turkey - Tourism in Turkey](#)
- [Visit Qatar](#)

DATE SELECTOR

- [Best time to visit Kenya | Best Time of Year for Travelling to Kenya | Rough Guides](#)
- [Outstanding Kenya safaris | Expert Africa](#)
- [Best time to visit Kenya - Lonely Planet](#)
- [The Best Time to Visit Kenya \(tripsavvy.com\)](https://tripsavvy.com)
- [Best Time To Visit Kenya \(Month by Month\) \(safaribookings.com\)](https://safaribookings.com)
- See also, Great Migration resources above for movement of herds

LANDING GEAR

- [Kenya - The World Factbook \(cia.gov\)](https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/docs/00_intro.html)
- [Kenya International Travel Information \(state.gov\)](https://www.state.gov/travel)
- [Kenya Embassy Washington D.C. – with accreditation to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua \(kenyaembassydc.org\)](https://kenyaembassydc.org/)
- [Homepage - U.S. Embassy in Kenya \(usembassy.gov\)](https://usembassy.gov/)

TIPPING

- [Tipping in Kenya | Expert Africa](https://www.expertafrica.com/kenya-tipping/)
- [Tipping in Kenya - The Ultimate Guide | Natural World Kenya Safaris \(naturaltoursandsafaris.com\)](https://naturaltoursandsafaris.com/kenya-tipping/)
- [A Guide to Tipping in Africa: Who, When, and How Much \(tripsavvy.com\)](https://tripsavvy.com/kenya-tipping/)
- Advice from our travel agent

SAFETY

- [Kenya Travel Advisory \(state.gov\)](https://www.state.gov/travel)
- [Safety in Kenya | How safe is Kenya? | Expert Africa](https://www.expertafrica.com/kenya-safety/)

CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

- [Culture and etiquette in Kenya | Local customs in Kenya | Rough Guides](https://www.roughguides.com/kenya/culture/)
- [Kenyan Culture - Core Concepts — Cultural Atlas \(sbs.com.au\)](https://www.sbs.com.au/culture/kenya-core-concepts/)
- [Kenya Culture - Kenyan Culture, Customs and Traditions \(kenyacradle.com\)](https://www.kenyacradle.com/kenya-culture/)

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

- [evisa.go.ke | Republic of Kenya Electronic Visa System](https://evisa.go.ke/)
- [Sherpa Travel Requirements Map](https://www.sherpa.com/kenya-travel-requirements-map/)
- [Where can I travel to? Travel Restrictions by Country | KAYAK](https://www.kayak.com/travel-restrictions-by-country/)
- [COVID 19 INFORMATION \(June 21, 2023\) - U.S. Embassy in Kenya \(usembassy.gov\)](https://usembassy.gov/kenya-covid-19-information/)
- [US Embassy | Kenya Travel Information](https://www.usembassy.gov/kenya-travel-information/)
- [US Embassy | Kenya COVID-19 Information](https://www.usembassy.gov/kenya-covid-19-information/)

TRANSLATOR

- [Swahili Basics and Useful Phrases for Travelers to East Africa \(tripsavvy.com\)](https://tripsavvy.com/kenya-swahili-words/)
- [Useful Swahili words and phrases to learn before your trip to Kenya \(trafalgar.com\)](https://www.trafalgar.com/kenya-swahili-words/)
- [Swahili Phrases to Make Your Safari Go Smoothly: Must Read \(earthlifeexpeditions.com\)](https://www.earthlifeexpeditions.com/kenya-swahili-phrases/)
- Welcome materials provided by Legendary Lodge

ELECTRICITY

- [Kenya - Power Plugs & Sockets: Travel Adapter Needed? \(power-plugs-sockets.com\)](https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/kenya/)
- [Mains electricity by country - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mains_electricity_by_country)

SUITCASE PACKER

CLOTHES

- [Kate Skinny Cargo Pants | Anatomie](#)
- [Headlands Hybrid Cargo II Tights | Athleta \(gap.com\)](#)
- [LTM6 Airflo Hat – Tilley | US](#)
- [Quilted Jackets - Womens | Barbour](#)
- [Women's Caribou™ OTM Bootie | SOREL](#)

GEAR

- [Nikon | Home](#)
- [GoPro | World's Most Versatile Cameras | Shop Now & Save](#)
- [Base Camp Voyager Duffel—42L | The North Face](#)
- [Stylish Leather Camera Bag for Women - The Claremont – Lo & Sons \(loandsons.com\)](#)

FICTION WORKS

- *Green Hills of Africa* by Ernest Hemingway
- *Snows of Kilimanjaro* by Ernest Hemingway
- *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham
- *The Lion King* (1994)
- *Out of Africa* (1985)
- *The Ghost and the Darkness* (1996)