

# Sanctuary Stories Stories WILDLIFE & STARGAZING WITH SANCTUARY STORIES & STARVOIRS



FEB 16 - FEB 20 2026



# **ITINERARY**

Day 1: 16th Feb 2026

- Begin your adventure early from Nairobi airport with coffee and light snacks available at the terminal.
- Drive through the breathtaking landscapes of the Great Rift Valley, with a scenic photo stop en route (weather permitting).
- Arrive at Masai Mara in time for a hearty lunch amidst the wilderness.
- Participate in a photography essentials session, covering camera settings and lens cleaning tips – perfect preparation before the game drives begin.
- Check into your camp, settle in, and head out for your first half-day safari
- Return for a delicious dinner at camp and unwind
- If skies are clear, a stargazing session will be arranged late at night for those interested a magical end to your first day in the wild.



# Day 2, 3 and 4: February 17<sup>th</sup>, 18th, and 19<sup>th</sup> 2026

- 5:30 AM Wake-up call and gear up for the adventure ahead
- 5:45-6:00 AM Depart for an early morning game drive to witness the spectacular sunrise over the savannah (around 6:30 AM)
- Embark on a full-day safari exploring the iconic, wildlife-rich landscapes of the Masai Mara
- Breakfast and lunch will be enjoyed picnic-style within the national park, surrounded by breathtaking vistas and roaming wildlife
- Encounter the wonders of the wild from stealthy big cats and towering elephants to elegant giraffes, zebras, hyenas, and more
- 6:30 PM Return to camp at sunset, with hearts full and memory cards overflowing
- 7:45 PM Relax and relish a warm, hearty dinner back at camp
- Optional: Each night, if the sky is clear, a stargazing session will be offered. Guests may opt-in or rest, depending on personal preference

Special Note for Day 4 (February 19th):

Out of the Big Five, rhinos are the most elusive. With only 32 individuals across Masai Mara's 370,000 acres. On this day, we dedicate focused effort to tracking and spotting these magnificent creatures.



# Day 5: February 20th, 2026

- 5:30 AM Wake-up call and prepare for your final game drive
- 5:45-6:00 AM Depart for one last early morning safari to catch the sunrise over the savannah
- 9:00 AM Return to camp, freshen up, and enjoy a hearty breakfast
- 10:00 AM Check out and start our journey back to Nairobi
- Afternoon Stop for a quick lunch and souvenir shopping en route to Nairobi
- Evening Trip concludes with a drop-off at Nairobi Airport (estimated arrival: 7:00 PM) for your onward journey

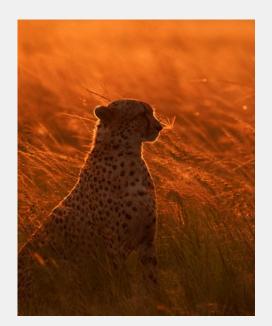
Note: For participants flying out the next morning, hotel stay near the airport can be arranged at an additional cost.



## MAHESH & BHAVA

Mahesh Subramanian is a seasoned Wildlife Expert and Photographer who brings years of field experience to your safari. He will share fascinating insights into animal behavior and offer hands-on photography tips to help you capture the magic of the wild.

Bhavanandhi, founder of Starvoirs, leads our nightly stargazing sessions (weather permitting). A passionate astronomy educator, his sessions blend storytelling, board games, music, and the wonders of the night sky into an unforgettable experience under the stars.



WHY MARA?

The Masai Mara is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, home to an extraordinary variety of birds, mammals, and scavengers. It's one of the few places on Earth where you can witness lions up close, observe predators with their kill, and watch the intricate dance of scavenger behavior unfold right before your eyes.

The sunrises and sunsets here are nothing short of magical, perfect for capturing those dream-like silhouette shots that belong on the pages of National Geographic.

Come and witness the magic for yourself. The wild is waiting.

### COST

The total cost of the experience is ₹1,40,000 INR per person.

You'll be staying at a camp located on the fringes the Masai Mara National Reserve, placing you right in the heart of the wilderness. Wake up to the sounds of the savannah and sleep under a sky full of stars.

This is more than just a safari - it's an immersive learning experience guided by certified nature experts and seasoned wildlife travellers designed to deepen your connection with the wild.



# **DETAILS TO NOTE**

#### Inclusions:

- · 4 Nights stay at Mara
- . 3 Full day Safaris
- · Park Entrance fees
- Stargazing with an 8 inch Telescope,
- Food throughout the trip (Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)\*
- Nairobi Mara Nairobi Transfers.
- Bonus: Photography Assistance
   (Wildlife & Night Photography)

#### \*Note:

Breakfast on Day 1 is not included.

Lunch & Dinner on the last day are not included

#### **Exclusions:**

- International flight tickets
- · Visa fees
- Yellow Fever vaccination
- Tips (Suggested: \$20 per person per day)
- · Any personal expenses
- Any items not listed under Inclusions

# YELLOW FEVER VACCINE

Please note that the Yellow Fever vaccine is mandatory for entry into most African countries. You can get vaccinated at any government-approved hospital or authorised center in your district or country.

- Ensure that your vaccine certificate matches the exact details on your passport (name, date of birth, passport number)
- Cost in India: Approximately ₹500
- Don't forget to carry the original Yellow Fever vaccination card with you—it is one of the essential travel documents for immigration.
- The certificate is valid for life, so store it safely for future travel to Africa.

## **VISA DETAILS**

Kenya has replaced the traditional visa with an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization). The application process remains simple and user-friendly.

#### How to Apply:

Apply online using the official portal: https://www.etakenya.go.ke/en

- The process is straightforward and fully digital
- ETA approval usually takes 48 working hours

#### Documents Required:

- A valid passport (with at least 6 months validity from date of travel)
- 2. Flight tickets
- 3. Hotel booking confirmation

#### **ETA Fees**

• \$35 USD (payable online during application)

# RECOMMENDED FLIGHTS (FROM INDIA)

# Outbound Flight

Mumbai → Nairobi

• Date: Feb 16th, 2026

Departure: 2:05 AM (Mumbai)

Arrival: 5:40 AM (Nairobi)

#### Return Flight

Nairobi → Mumbai

• Date: Feb 21st, 2026

• Departure: 6:40 AM (Nairobi)

• Arrival: 3:20 PM (Mumbai )

If you're planning to explore more of Nairobi or travel to other parts of Kenya / Africa, we will drop you off at Nairobi Airport on the evening of February 20th, 2026. You're free to plan your onward journey from there.

# PACKING & TRAVEL TIPS

#### Essential Documents

- Passport (with at least 6 months validity)
- 2 Photocopies of your passport
- Flight tickets (digital & printed)
- Yellow Fever vaccination certificate (mandatory for entry)
- Sufficient cash in USD cash withdrawal options are limited in the Mara

#### Clothing & Comfort

- Wear neutral colours or camouflage for safaris (avoid bright colours)
- Dress in layers mornings can be cold, afternoons hot
- Comfortable walking shoes and a light jacket

#### Health & Hygiene

- Sunscreen the sun can be harsh even on cool days
- First aid kit include any personal medications
- Insect repellent essential for outdoor areas
- Refillable water bottle water will be available at the camp for refills
- Snacks or energy bars -useful during long game drives

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AMONG LIONS"
-KAREN BLIXEN



