



Lush oasis in the heart of Maasailand

Just eight kilometres from the main Maasai Mara National Reserve, Siana Springs offers a uniquely personal safari on the edge of the world's most celebrated wilderness



SIANA SPRINGS

Maasai Mara National Reserve

Location

Situated at the base of the Ngama Hills, on the eastern edge of the Maasai Mara National Reserve, Siana Springs occupies a lush indigenous forest watered by the largest natural springs in the Mara ecosystem – Siana, or “the plentiful” springs in Maa. The camp’s location in the heart of the Siana Group Ranch offers guests unique opportunities for private bush walks and drives on the game-rich plains and along the seasonal streams beneath the Ngama Hills. Siana Springs is 240 kilometres southwest of Nairobi, and the journey to the camp involves a four-hour drive from the capital or a 30-40 minute flight to the camp’s own airstrip.

Accommodation

This luxurious tented camp offers 38 spacious tents situated in three secluded ‘wings’: the Bamboo Wing, surrounded by bamboo groves and flowering ornamental trees near the main camp; the Palm Wing, overlooking a series of springs, lily-clad ponds and lush indigenous forest; and the Acacia Wing, which occupies more open acacia woodland rich in birdlife on the camp boundary. The tents boast the very latest in luxury camping, with large single or double beds, personal closets and writing desks, and en suite bathrooms with flush toilets and steaming hot showers.

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Public areas

Siana Springs is centred around a large dining area with a beautiful open-air terrace that looks out across the camp's lush lawns to the open plains of Africa beyond. While the dining room has a large seating capacity, most guests prefer to take their meals outside, where they can watch Siana's famously fearless bushbucks, vervet monkeys and tree hyraxes during the day – and genet cats and mongooses at night. Dancing and singing performances by the local Maasai are normally held on this terrace. There is also a spacious bar and comfortable lounge area, a conference tent with modern business facilities, and a boutique selling local handicrafts and safari essentials. In the middle of the forest, a beautiful swimming pool offers a soothing respite from the heat of the day.

Ecotourism

In keeping with the 'green movement' of Kenyan tourism, Siana Springs endeavours to uphold the highest standards of social and environmental responsibility. The camp enjoys very close ties with its Maasai landlords, who make up more than 60 percent of its workforce. The local Nkoilale Primary School was built with support from Siana, which is now helping to fund a second primary school at Empompongi. The camp is also supporting the development of a local conservation area, which will protect the area's rich game and limit degradation by livestock. The camp itself is run on strict eco-principles, with water heating fuelled by coffee husk briquettes, biodegradable waste mulched for compost, and all wastewater recycled through the camp's large constructed wetland system.

Services

- Room service for snacks and beverages
- Mineral water and insect repellent in tents
- Telephone, e-mail, fax and postal services
- Foreign currency exchange at reception
- Single-day laundry and valet services
- Early morning calls with tea or coffee
- Chilled towels and drinks upon check-in
- Complimentary airstrip transfers
- Swedish massage after sore safaris
- Medical officer available 24 hours.



Facilities

- Luxurious modern tents with secluded verandahs
- Open-air dining terrace with nightly campfires
- Freeform swimming pool & sunbathing terrace
- Private conference tent with business facilities
- Custom-built four-wheel-drive safari vehicles
- Reliable 240-volt generator electricity supply
- Safety deposit facilities for guests' valuables
- Board games and guests' reference library
- Boutique with souvenirs and safari essentials.
- Enlightening 'Adventure Centre' for children.

Activities

- Game drives with highly trained personal guides
- Escorted walking safaris and night game drives
- Arrangements for dawn air balloon safaris
- Transfers for fishing trips to Lake Victoria
- Bush breakfasts and dinners under the stars
- Romantic sundowners on the Ngama Hills
- Unique lifestyle tours with our Maasai hosts
- Traditional dances by local warriors and maidens
- Lectures and slide shows on culture and wildlife
- Cultural safaris and game walks with Heritage's famous Adventurers' and Young Rangers' clubs.



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