

Rekero Tented Camp



Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classic tented safari camp• Great location for the migration• Small, personal camp with friendly service.
Situation	Close to the Talek and Mara Rivers in Kenya's Masai Mara. Nearest airstrip OI Kiombo.
Activities	Game drives, walks and bush picnics.

Rekero Tented Camp is a luxurious, owner-hosted property priding itself on providing a warm welcome. Rekero Tented Camp's wild riverside setting is at the heart of the Masai Mara National Reserve. Being so close to both the Mara and Talek rivers, Rekero provides guests with an ideal opportunity to view the annual migration crossings from the comfort of their armchair.

The owners, Gerard, Rainee and Jackson incorporate Rekero's motto throughout camp life. The aim is 'to promote Kenyan tourism through the provision of high quality safari experience, encompassing an insight into animal behaviour, flora, fauna and local cultures.' To this end high quality game drives and walking safaris ensure visitors gain a greater understanding of the wildlife. In addition Maasai community visits are available and are often the highlight of a stay at Rekero Camp.

Guests wishing to undertake night-time game drives and more substantial walking safaris, both of which are only possible outside the national reserve, might like to consider combining a stay at Rekero Tented Camp with their new bush camp, Rekero Kidogo. As it is sited outside the National Reserve, such activities are available without a lengthy transfer to the outside of the park.

Game drives explore quiet, undeveloped areas of the Mara while their team of professional Maasai safari guides (each car being assigned a spotter and a driver) ensure that guests are provided with an in-depth and truly memorable wildlife experience. The local landscape is predominantly rolling grassland hills, interspersed with riverine forests. Expert guides ensure that the wide range of resident wildlife can be viewed in relative peace and solitude. Grazing animals such as elephants, buffalo, impala, topi and various

gazelle are common in this area while it is not unheard of for leopard, cheetah, lion and rhino all to be spotted in a morning game drive.

This small and exclusive camp is set up seasonally (June - October, December - March) and has just 9 tents, each having an uninterrupted view of the Talek riverbank. The emphasis is to provide a personal service that meets the individual needs every guest. Each of the tents will be renewed by June 2012. all are ensuite and furnished to a high standard including small and tasteful finishing touches such as flowers, glass bottles for water and magazines. Dining is generally alfresco and in dinner party style with guests exchanging experiences and sights over a glass of wine. Camp chefs produce appetising 'farmhouse' meals while special dietary requirements can be catered for. The camp is unfenced meaning that during the night elephants, hippos and even leopards are known to wander amongst the tents. It is for this reason that Maasai Askari (wardens) escort you back to your tent after darkness.

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The former owner of Rekeru Tented Camp, Ron Beaton, was integral in the setting up of The Koyiaki Guiding School, the aim being to provide local Maasai with employment opportunities within the tourism industry. By the end of the 2006 around 50 students will have achieved the Kenya Professional Safari Guides Association Bronze Award. The camp remains a committed supporter of the school, sponsoring and employing students and continuing their training following graduation. Additionally the camp provides support for the local Ngousani Primary School, providing bursaries for more than 20 children, a rainwater collection system and \$4,000 worth of books and sports equipment. The camps plastic recycling scheme also provided fence posts to secure the school. Camp wide the owners attempt to minimise waste by buying in bulk e.g. 18 litre bottles of water decanted into sterilised glass bottles.

