

Where to Go in 2021



Support Locally Owned Tourism in Kenya

Maternal leopards with cubs, huge elephant herds, millions of migrating wildebeests: Kenya's Greater Mara Ecosystem is everything an animal devotee could ask for. And because local Maasai families manage the Maasai Mara National Reserve and lease the adjacent private conservancies to luxury camps, its approach to visitors is the gold standard for community-owned tourism in East Africa. A custom-designed trip with Nairobi-based Micato Safaris might include the five-suite, treehouse-inspired Mara Nyika camp, which has exclusive access to 50,000 giraffe-filled acres, or the Asilia Rekeru camp, where you can fall asleep to the grunts of river hippos and the contact calls of lions.

These trips are not only ideal for socially distanced times but also critical for ensuring the future success of the area's stewardship. Last year a \$5 million fund created by the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association and Conservation International helped keep their operations up during the halt in tourism. But returning travelers will be the true linchpin for the area's long-term security.

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