

Ballooning in the northern Serengeti and Masai Mara



Procedure

The balloon safari begins early in the morning, before dawn, with the awakening of a camp employee who offers you tea or coffee. Then you will be picked up by the organizers of the balloon safari by jeep from your safari camp and taken to the launch site of the hot air balloon. You may even spot some animals in the dark. Even from a distance, you can see the large balloon basket and from all directions your passengers come to the launch site of the balloon.

Check

You can see how carefully the procedure goes to the start. Safety is a top priority, so after a short blow of the hot air balloon, a safety check is carried out by the balloon crew. All participants are also instructed about the security measures before, during and after the flight. The instructions should be followed carefully. Mostly large hot air balloons are used and the car is also large.

Admission

As a rule, up to 16 people will balloon together. The baskets are divided into 4 compartments, in each of which 4 people fit. But there are also smaller balloon baskets. You will also be told how to get into the basket, how to behave during the balloon flight over the Masai Mara and, above all, what position you should take when landing. If you pay close attention, the balloon ride across the Masai Mara will be an unforgettable experience for you.

Start

Now you can start. The command to get in is given by the mostly English balloon pilots. Now, one after the other, in the predetermined order, climb the basket and take the starting position. Now the burner is really ignited by the pilot and some violent bursts hiss into the balloon envelope. After these powerful burner bursts, the hot air balloon rises in the air. Slowly, the surrounding bushes and trees are getting smaller and the balloon ride begins punctually at sunrise. You see a fantastic backdrop. The first pictures are taken and it does not take long before you can see other hot air balloons gliding over the Masai Mara.



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Wildlife Viewing

It does not take long before you see the first animals of the Masai Mara in the light of the rising sun. Now, those who have taken binoculars to look out for more distant animals are at an advantage. You can see the big elephants and giraffes very well. Furthermore, you have a good view over the plains of the Masai Mara and the safari jeeps, which are currently on game drive. Depending on the wind direction and wind force, the balloon hovers over acacia trees and bushes. You may see the Mara River in the distance, meandering through the Masai Mara, and you are crossing this famous river yourself. The balloon safari will impress all participants - an experience that you will not forget. After about 1 hour, it is time to take the position in the basket for the landing.

Landing

After the safe landing, you will be invited to a pre-prepared idyllic spot in the Masai Mara for a first-class breakfast. But before you come to the picnic in the wilderness, everyone will take the opportunity to take one or more photos of the balloon you just used for the exciting balloon safari. Afterwards, enjoy the champagne breakfast with hot tea or coffee and the view over the Masai Mara. Of course, every balloonist gets a certificate to prove his balloon ride over the Masai Mara. After this sumptuous breakfast, all guests will be driven back to their Masai Mara Safari Camp, where they will arrive at noon and then continue the Masai Mara Safari depending on the program.



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