

## HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHT PROGRAM

- On the day of your balloon flight, one of our custom safari vehicles will collect you from your lodge between **0400-0530AM** and drive you to the launch site. You will arrive at the launch site by 6AM, and depending on weather conditions, you can enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while you watch the balloons being prepared for take-off. You will then meet your pilot, who will give you a safety briefing as well as explain what you can expect during your flight. There are basic toilet facilities available at the launch site. NB: One launch site has toilet facilities.
- You will then be loaded into your balloon basket for take-off just before sunrise, at about 6:30AM. The flight will last approximately one hour, depending on wind conditions, and the balloon will land between 7:30 and 7:45AM. You can learn more about what you will see here.  
Upon landing, you can observe the complete deflation of the balloon envelope. Our vehicles will then transport you a short distance to breakfast.
- Our breakfast is set up on the picturesque savannah plains of the Mara, typically under the shade of a single balanite tree. You will sit down to a full bush breakfast in the Kenyan style, complete with eggs-to-order, fresh juices, fruits, cereals & of course sparkling wine.
- During breakfast, you can also peruse the photos your pilot has taken during the flight, and decide whether you would like to purchase the photos, or any of the other Hot Air Safaris merchandise on display.
- After breakfast, at about 9AM, you will have a brief game drive back to your camp /lodge or meet up with your driver-guide for onward itinerary. Depending on what you find along the way, the game drive usually takes about one and a half hours. Our drivers are all experienced safari guides who have attained their “bronze” level guiding certificate from the Kenya Professional Safari Guides Association. Our drivers have also undertaken strict in-house training to ensure the safety and enjoyment of your game drive.

By **10:30/11:30AM** you should be back at your camp or lodge, already reliving the memories of the morning’s flight.

**Brief:**

*We are flying 8 balloons: 5 - KUBICEK 425’s balloons with a capacity of 16 passengers each, one 12-Seater CAMERON 415, one 8-Seater CAMERON 250 and a small 4-Seater balloon normally used on exclusive basis by honey-mooners or photographers/film crew, subject to availability.*

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