WALKING WITH THE MAASAI

Loita hills, Kenya
Ol Tyiani Trail

3 nights / 4 days
River Camp – Ol Tyiani - Ossasinai
Maasai Trails is all about enhancing ones understanding of a different culture, exploration, and escaping into a world of breath-taking beauty. Walking along ancient trails left by the Maasai over hundreds of years, guests get to experience the African bush in a different and more fulfilling way than any other safari. Your guides, local Maasai from the Loita area, are eager to share their customs and culture, whilst teaching you the lore of the bush.
RIVER CAMP – One night

A scheduled flight takes you out of Nairobi, heading south, towards the Kenyan and Tanzanian border. Met on arrival by the Maasai Trails team, you'll make your way to your first camp on the trails, River Camp.

Arriving at River Camp, you'll be welcomed into camp by cool drinks and hot showers. Settle into the evening with sundowners and stories around the camp fire. Have a quiet, restful night, before the epic walking adventure begins in the morning.
After a delicious breakfast on the river banks, you will start preparations for the first day of the trail begin. The pack donkeys will be brought in from nearby enkangs on your first day walk; the equipment will be weighed, measured and packed in preparation for your foot safari. Once all the provisions and camp equipment have been packed, the donkey caravan will set off into the forest to set up the next camp. You will also set off with a donkey caravan but a much smaller one, which carries personal luggage and a packed lunch. Due to the altitude of the Loita area and the terrain that we traverse, we do not plan to walk for longer than 4-6 hours a day.

Within very short distances you can walk through very different ecosystems and habitats. So we normally walk for 3 hours in the morning, stop for a leisurely lunch then a further 3 hours in the afternoon. This is only a guideline though and we will adapt the length of the walk to your wishes.
OL TYIANI CAMP – One night
Duration of walk: 5 – 6 hours
Difficulty level: Gentle to steep climb.

Leaving River Camp, you walk to Oltyiani, the highest point in the Loita overlooking the Rift Valley. Leave River Camp around 10.00am, a leisurely walk takes you across beautiful views and scenery. Stop for a stunning lunch break around 12.30 for an hour. Arrive into camp at approximately 4-5pm, welcomed with cool drinks, watch as the sun sets over the Rift Valley. The morning and afternoon walks are both around 3 hours long.
A hearty breakfast to start the day, before setting off on the trail at 09:00am, today making your way to your next camp, Ossasinai Camp. The trail heads east back down into the 'Forest of the Lost Child', you come across a range of beautiful and unique landscapes. A leisurely pace today, to make the most of the stunning surroundings. Once back at camp, relax, put your feet up as you enjoy spectacular views of the forest.
DEPARTURE DAY

On your final trail morning, it’s time to say good-bye to your guides. The Maasai Trails vehicle with collect you and take you on a spectacular drive down the Loita Hills to your next destination or to the nearest airstrip for a scheduled flight.