

ANGAMA
MARA

Weddings at Angama Mara



A Destination Wedding
ON THE EDGE OF THE GREAT RIFT VALLEY

"My love was both humble and audacious"
- KAREN BLIXEN





Welcome to Angama Mara

A LOVELY LODGE SUSPENDED ON THE EDGE OF THE GREAT RIFT VALLEY, WITH VIEWS THAT STOP YOUR HEART

There are two styles of weddings offered at Angama Mara, over and above a romantic engagement or honeymoon

Angama Mara is a most beautiful backdrop to your special day, be it a classical safari wedding ceremony, or a traditional Maasai wedding blessing. For all of our ceremonies, Angama Mara offers a choice of settings for your wedding:

- The *Out of Africa* Saddle
- The Shamba
- The Chapel
- Traditional Maasai Blessing

All wedding receptions are set up in one of Angama Mara's two Guest Area's which both have 180° panoramic views across the Maasai Mara 300m below

We look forward to planning your client's dream African safari wedding at Angama Mara. Please note that from past experience we have learnt that the weddings we have hosted where the lodge has had direct access to the bride and groom have been way more successful. This is now a pre-requisite for weddings at Angama Mara (with you in copy always)

Should you wish to see a video of a recent wedding at Angama Mara, please view [HERE](#)

How we 'Do' our 'I Do's'

The team at Angama Mara love nothing more than to host wonderful weddings for our guests – from planning the perfect day with the reservations team, to the execution by the team at the lodge. We love the detail, and no detail is too small

Over the past five years, Angama Mara has welcomed many brides & grooms to the lodge for their weddings, and the experience gained over this period has guided us as to what works really well (and regrettably what does not)

- Angama Mara offers weddings for 30 guests, or 60 guests (I.e. The bridal couple has to take either one or both Angama Mara camps – both of which are identical)
- Alternatively if your client would prefer a private affair with just themselves and a few guests, that too is possible on the crest of the *Out of Africa* kopje
- Weddings at Angama Mara will not be an official marriage. Your clients are advised to be married in their home country before or after coming to Kenya





Angama Mara offers a classical wedding format which is included in the rate:

- Up to 60 white chairs for the ceremony
- An officiant from our staff
- 15 Maasai Warriors or Maidens – for a Maasai touch at your client’s wedding
- Sparkling wine, drinks, and bitings*** at the ceremony
- Wedding feast in the guest area following the ceremony – tables set with beautiful copper plates and candles**

Should your client like to work with a wedding planner, please could the Angama Mara team set up a call with them prior to the wedding to explain the advantages and limitations to a destination wedding in the middle of nowhere

*** Bitings is the delightful East African word for snacks

The Out Of Africa Saddle

THE HILL WHERE SOME OF THE LOVELIEST SCENES FROM
THE MOVIE WERE FILMED





The Out of Africa Saddle

Possibly the most iconic safari wedding setting on the continent, our *Out of Africa* saddle weddings bring together the romance from the film, with the dramatic views of the Mara 300m below. Here the bridal couple can choose to have a wedding set in the middle of nowhere with nothing but chairs, flowers*, and petals as an alter floor, and the African sky overhead

The picturesque setting of the *Out of Africa* saddle also allows for a beautiful wedding canopy*** should your client prefer

Should your client wish to have a Maasai-inspired touch to your *Out of Africa* wedding, we recommend the groom is escorted to the ceremony by Maasai warriors, and the bride accompanied by singing Maasai maidens to the altar. After the bride has arrived, the warriors and maidens can remain for the duration of the ceremony, either standing at the altar in place of a wedding retinue, or behind the chairs to then escort the married couple back up the aisle

A long table of sparkling wine, signature cocktails, drinks and bitings will be set up to the side of the ceremony alongside a stand holding white wedding umbrellas for the guests to use under the African sun



The Shamba

ANGAMA MARA'S 1-ACRE KITCHEN GARDEN
LOOKING OVER THE MAASAI MARA





The Shamba

Angama Mara's 1-acre Shamba, is a garden unlike any other. Playful paths wind their way down to a deck canopied by two large moth trees under which Angama Mara's Shamba weddings are celebrated

The Shamba is the perfect location for couples wanting a hybrid of a garden wedding with the sweeping backdrop of the Maasai Mara below. Brides are encouraged to ready themselves in the Shamba's traditional Maasai manyatta, and then walk over a carpet of fragrant of Penny Royale as they make their way to the ceremony, where the groom will be waiting for her with a boutonniere of sprigs from the Shamba



We recommend that brides take full advantage of the Shamba to create their bouquets – artichokes, purple basil and kale do make for the most striking arrangements

Following the ceremony, herb infused gin & tonics and sparkling wine are served under the shade of the moth trees while the bride and groom have their photographs taken in the Shamba Calabash amongst the nasturtium flowers and broccoli





The Chapel

AT THE HEART OF ANGAMA SITS A
BEAUTIFUL LITTLE CHAPEL

The Chapel

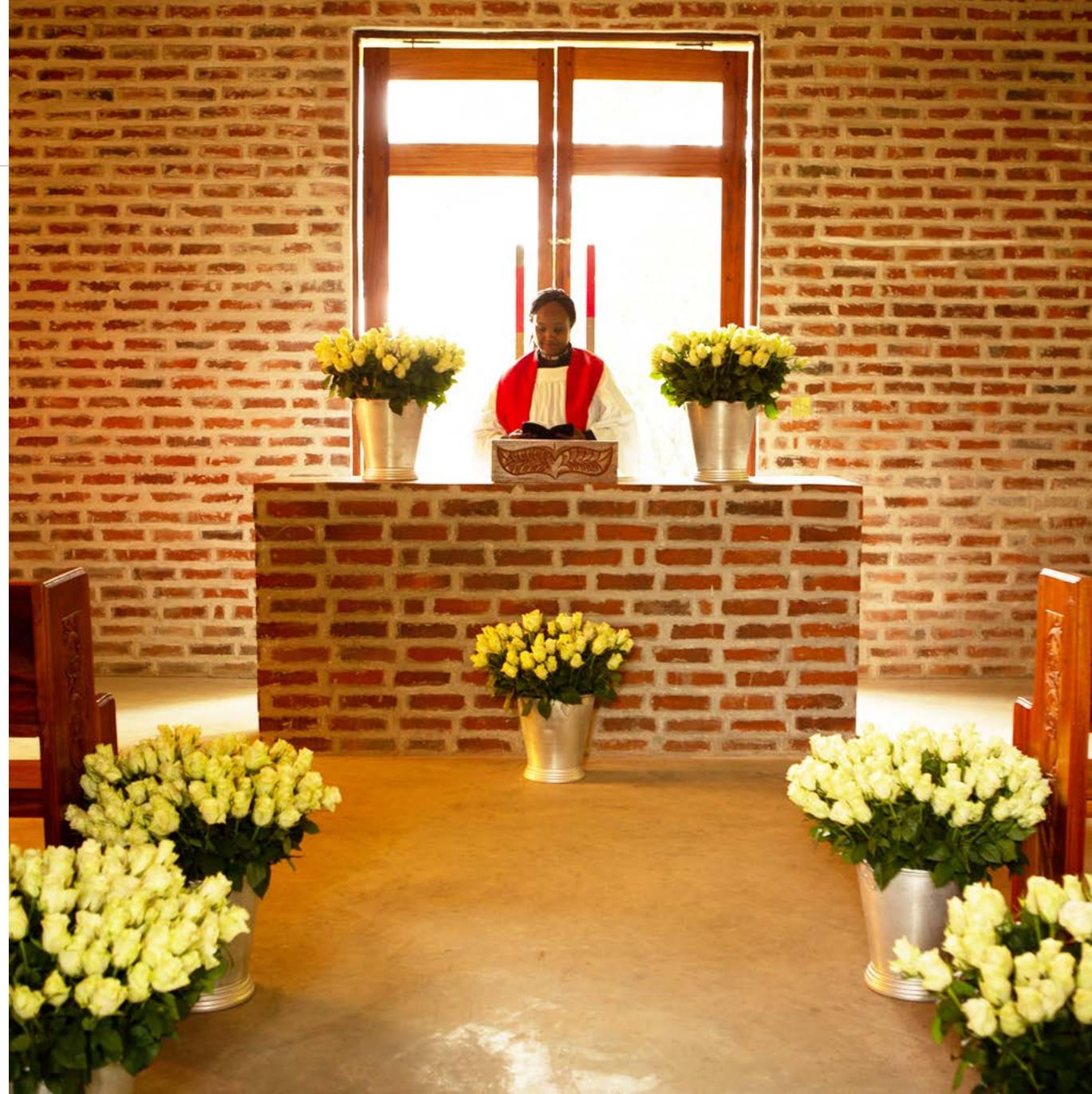
Tucked in the heart of the Angama Mara property, and adjoining the Shamba, is the Angama Mara Chapel – a beautiful brick and stained glass building used by Angama Mara’s staff of all denominations as a place of peace, prayer and contemplation

The chapel comfortably seats 60 guests on the hand-carved wooden pews, and offers the perfect wet weather option for Angama Mara’s weddings

Filled with flowers* and candles**, the chapel transforms into a warm and beautiful setting for a Mara wedding

Wrapped with a deep verandah, the Angama Mara team would set up the post-wedding drinks and bitings at the chapel, or just steps away at the deck of the Shamba. While the couple spends time documenting their wedding with their photographer, guests can enjoy drinks looking out over the gardens.

Should guests have planned to have a Maasai influence to their wedding, they could still have the Maasai walk them down the aisle before retreating out the door behind the altar



A Maasai Blessing

EMBRACE THE BEAUTIFUL CULTURE &
HERITAGE OF THE MAASAI







A Traditional Maasai Blessing

Angama Mara's team loves to celebrate our guests' wedding in their own culture, and go the extra mile to ensure that your client's traditional Maasai Blessing is both memorable and deeply meaningful

Angama Mara's Maasai Blessings are performed for newly weds or couples wanting to renew their vows, and are held at sunset in our traditional Maasai Boma or in the Shamba

The couple, in traditional Maasai attire, walk into the Boma with Maasai warriors and maidens. After a traditional Maasai performance of song and dance, the elder of the Maasai warriors will bless the couple

Angama Mara's Maasai Blessing is an authentic, unique and low-key experience and can be private or shared with friends

The Wedding Reception

TOAST THE HAPPY DAY WITH A WEDDING
FEAST TO REMEMBER



The Reception

After the ceremony, drinks, bitings*** and photographs, it is time to head back to Angama Mara's guest area and continue the celebrations

While the couple and their guests are enjoying the wedding ceremony, the team at the lodge will furiously be working to transform the guest area into the most beautiful setting for the wedding feast. Depending on the number of guests, the team will set up long tables littered with flowers* and candles** lighting up the copper and brass tableware



The Angama Mara team will work with your client to finalise the menu for the wedding feast with dishes chosen from Angama Mara's extensive a la carte menus

Please note that while all weddings require at least one of Angama Mara's camps to be booked exclusively, sound does travel across the Great Rift Valley and as such, music at wedding receptions is limited to a small speaker and until a reasonable hour. Should a wedding of both camps (60 guests) be booked, then music may be played at your discretion





The Angama Wedding Cake

The pastry team at Angama Mara have perfected our beautiful signature wedding cake – a Persian Love Cake

The rose-scented cake is the softest chiffon with pops of cardamom and saffron cream – the rose and the spices having a very strong connection with Kenya which is one of the world's biggest rose exporters, as well influenced by coastal Swahili culture and flavours

Set on a marble cake stand and adorned with fresh roses, the Angama wedding cake is displayed in the guest area awaiting the couple's arrival.

Flowers from Kenya

As mentioned, Kenya is one of the world's biggest exporters of roses, and as such Angama Mara uses only locally grown flowers for weddings

Over the years of hosting weddings at Angama Mara, we have done the due diligence in finding some of the best flower suppliers who can readily supply our bridal couples with the following blooms:

- Roses
- Tuber Roses
- Stargazer Lilies
- Gypsophila
- Rose petals for carpets





A Maasai Influence

Many of Angama Mara's brides and grooms choose a destination wedding to have the dramatic African landscapes frame their weddings, while at the same time incorporating the rich African cultures of the local communities – at Angama Mara this is the vibrant and charismatic Maasai

Should your client like to incorporate Maasai culture into their wedding, there are a multitude of options:

- Have a Maasai blessing by a community elder
- Have Maasai warriors and maidens escort the couple
- Wear bespoke Maasai beadwork

Please discuss with your Angama Mara wedding planner should you wish to arrange any of the above services

Angama Mara Wedding Extras Pricelist

ORDERS TO BE PLACED SIX WEEKS BEFORE CEREMONY

Maasai Beaded Wedding Dress – skirt, top and cape (in red or white)	\$300
Maasai Bridal Headpiece	\$50
Maasai Beaded Wedding Necklace (collar version)	\$150
Maasai Beaded Wedding Necklace (long version)	\$150
Maasai Beaded Round Necklace	\$40
Maasai Beaded Wedding Bracelet	\$20
Maasai Beaded Groom's Shirt (in red or white)	\$175
Maasai Beaded Wedding Rungu for the Groom	\$50
Maasai Beaded Wedding Walking Stick for the Groom	\$100
Maasai Wedding Shukas for Guests	\$40
Extra Warriors or Maidens (15 warriors supplied by the lodge)	\$5 each
Maasai Elder Blessing	\$30
Priest Blessing (Catholic or Anglican)	\$50
Transport warriors, elders, priests	\$25 per vehicle
Rustic Wedding Canopy***	\$350
Extra Candles**	SQ
Flowers* – Roses, Tuber Roses, Stargazers, Gypsophila	SQ
Rose Petals	SQ
Wedding Photographer	SQ
Wedding Videographer	SQ

