

ANGAMA MARA

Angama Mara and the Rains



Many guests worry that if they visit the Maasai Mara during the 'rainy season', chances are they will spend their days indoors. Here are the weather patterns in the Mara in a normal year (true for Tanzanian Northern Circuit and Rwanda/Uganda):

January, February, March	– dry months
April, May	– known as the 'long rains'
June, July, August, September	– dry
October, November	– known as the 'short rains'
December	– dry

Short and Long Rains are terms used by local farmers and sadly adopted and misinterpreted by the tourism industry. Long rains in April and May – long because the rainy season can last for 6 – 8 weeks. Short rains in October, November – rains can last for 4 weeks.

Please note: it does not rain day in and day out like Seattle or England! The rains usually come in dramatic late afternoon thunderstorms (like Johannesburg in the summer) and after an hour out comes the sun.



WHAT IS GORGEOUS ABOUT THE WET MONTHS?

- Low rates
- Empty parks
- Great birding - including the “rains migrants” and all the beautiful widowbirds and whydahs performing in their full regalia – something you don’t get during the dry season.
- No dust which makes for wonderful photography – the light is crisp and clean
- Dramatic skies and rainbows
- And everything is soft and green

ANGAMA MARA IN THE WET SEASON

- From up here sky watching during the storms is an unforgettable experience
- Our glass fronted tents and guest areas work so well in this kind of weather – slide shut, watch the storms at eye level, and open again afterwards
- Our vehicles have wonderful instant zip on rain covers
- And off they come when the sun comes out (no need to even wear a poncho – which are always available on every drive)
- The Mara Triangle has very good road infrastructure and no need to drive on black cotton soils and get stuck

EAST AFRICA IN THE WET SEASON

- The Ngorongoro Crater is empty and dust free (in high season the dust caused by all the vehicles can be overwhelming)
- Serengeti soft and green and also dust free – and you have it all to yourself
- Gorillas and chimp trekking in Uganda/Rwanda in the wet season – mostly rains every day in the late afternoon and early evening when guests are back at the lodge
- Trekking can be tougher because of the mud but no real hardship
- Bamboo forests in Rwanda and Uganda are all shooting with new growth – gorilla heaven
- And all round so much better value



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