The Mara holds the classic Big Five: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino, though rhino numbers are low and sightings are not guaranteed. Cheetah are common on *masai mara day trip from nairobi* the open plains.

Beyond the headline species expect giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, hippo, crocodile, hyena, jackal, serval and over five hundred bird species.



Migration season adds vast wildebeest and zebra herds plus the predators that follow them. River crossings concentrate activity along https://masaimarasafaripackages.net/from-nairobi/ the Mara and Talek. Sightings depend on season, area and guide skill more than luck. Area by area expectations are at %LINK%.