



TRIPMEMO RESOURCE | MAASAI MARA, KENYA

Dos and don'ts in the wild

The essential rules of the wilderness, learnt at a camp with no fences and a lioness four metres away.

Do

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- ✓ **Stay inside your tent after dark**
And call for a guard to walk you anywhere in camp.

 - ✓ **Remember your tent number**
In an emergency, you announce it on the radio and help comes.

 - ✓ **Stay still and quiet near animals**
Guides say animals won't attack as long as you don't move or make a sound.

 - ✓ **Back away slowly if you meet an animal**
Without panicking. Simple, unless your legs have other ideas.

 - ✓ **Follow park timings**
Overstaying in the reserve means a fine.

 - ✓ **Be patient**
Wildlife does not perform to a script. A hunt may end with the gazelle escaping.

 - ✓ **Join in**
If you visit a Maasai village, join the circle and the jumping dance.

 - ✓ **Leave room for delays**
Flights get cancelled, plans change, and journeys take longer than expected.

Don't

✗ **Step out of your tent alone**

The camp has no fences, and the animals have not been informed it is a residential zone.

✗ **Panic**

✗ **Make sudden movements or noise near wildlife**

✗ **Wave food around at a sundowner**

Especially with a hungry pride nearby. Keep the chicken out of sight.

✗ **Expect a guaranteed spectacle**

Nature owes us neither a spectacle nor a satisfying ending.

✗ **Underestimate the souvenir sellers at the gate**

They have clearly done this before. You are an amateur.

“Stay inside, stay accompanied, stay calm and remember your tent number.”

Drawn from *The Mara*, a Kenya journal by Bhuwan Purohit. Health, visa and park rules change, so always check the latest official guidance before you travel.