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Masai Mara

Basecamp Explorer, in the heart of the Masai Mara, was founded with the desire to support and inspire the local Masai community, enabling a sustainable future. A fine example of this is Basecamp's Masai Head Chef, Benson Ole Soit, renowned for his culinary skills and Basecamp favourites including 'Masai Giraffe Swiss Roll' and 'Wilderness Camp Rocky Road Chocolate Cake'.





Starting originally with Basecamp Explorer as a guard at Wilderness Camp, Benson is a self-taught chef who learnt his skills from cookbooks and cooking shows on YouTube. Over the years, Benson has worked his way up through the ranks after securing a role as kitchen steward and being awarded 'Best Pastry Chef' and 'Best Chef' in 2011/2012. He is now Head Chef across all of the camps in the Mara – all with thanks to the support and training opportunities offered to him by Basecamp.

“During my culinary journey, I haven’t had a mentor neither have I worked under any famous chef. I have learned from books and different online platforms. This has made me more creative making me the man I am today”

Teaming up with Basecamp Management, Benson has achieved his dream and published his first cookbook, *Eat This!*, with proceeds going to a fantastic cause.

Proceeds from the sale of *Eat This!* fund scholarships (up to \$2,500) for young Masai who are passionate about cooking but unable to pay for school fees. These scholarships finance an 18 month course at the Karen Blixen Cooking School in the Masai Mara. Once the course is complete, the young chefs will be offered a place working with Basecamp Explorer under the mentorship of Benson who will train them into qualified chefs.



This is a great opportunity for young, aspiring Masai chefs who wish to pursue careers within hospitality. **You can buy EAT THIS! directly through Basecamp Explorer’s camps or by emailing eatthis@basecampexplorer.com.**

The sky's the limit at Leopard Hill

ROOM
with a view



Flip the switch, lie back and watch the stars appear over your luxury bedroom at Mara Naibosho's newest tented camp - Leopard Hill. This latest edition to the Basecamp Explorer family has a unique feature - a motorised roof, allowing guests to view the stunning Africa sky, from the comfort and privacy of their own bed.*

Built on elevated wooden decks, the camp has just six tents and is situated close to a huge Double Fig Tree and a vibrant series of waterholes. The rooms offer an unhindered view of the local wildlife, whilst enjoying the modern luxury of this delightful new high-end camp.

Each tent takes inspiration from Manyatas - the round houses of the local Masai people and, due to this, they offer almost 360° views over the waterholes and across the savannah in to the distance. Each has its own large, private terrace with outdoor fireplace, along with both indoor and outdoor showers.

Open all year round, Leopard Hill is within an area that is restricted from motorised vehicles meaning that guests can relax, unwind and enjoy the scenery of the expansive savannah, undisturbed.

Rates range from USD 330 – USD 430 per person sharing per night.

Price includes: All meals and accommodation, mineral water, airstrip transfers, day & night game drive safaris in open sided safari vehicle, guided walking safaris in the savannah, conservancy fees, unlimited Wifi, optional visit to community projects supported by Basecamp.

** The roof has almost invisible mosquito net in place, even when open.*

For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact Kat Day by emailing kat@kamilisafaris.com.
