

Enaidura Mobile Camp Sightings Report

October 2015



Our last safari in October we set camp at the amazing Dirisha site along the Mara River in the Mara Triangle Conservancy. The wildlife viewing was exceptional, and a fitting end to our peak mobile season.

The Crossing

The pinnacle event was a dramatic migration crossing, with thousands of wildebeest swimming across the Mara River in a constant parade that went on for more than an hour. We had exceptional luck that the herds chose a crossing point where they swam directly at our vehicles before safely exiting diagonally, allowing us an extraordinary view without interfering. This unique point of view even impressed legendary guides, Ping and Paul, who had not seen a crossing quite like this before. In addition to our two vehicles there was only one other vehicle present.

A Clever Cat

It is always a privilege to see a leopard in a tree eating, but we love it when our guests can see a leopard going up or coming down a tree. As we viewed a nice size male leopard feasting he decided it was time to go for a drink. Everyone dialed in and held breath as the leopard came down the tree very close to us.



We then followed slowly as the leopard walked to water, disappearing through a riverine forest. We returned to the feeding tree, predicting that once the thirst was quenched he would return to his kill. Lined up in perfect position for the ascent of the tree we were excited to see the leopard stroll out of the forest and head our way. Loaded with anticipation there came a curve ball. After returning two thirds of the way to us the clever leopard paused at the bottom of a different tree, then exploded up the trunk revealing that he had another kill cached and waiting for him. We still had a great view of this essential leopard behavior, but it came at 30 yards instead of 30 feet.

Marsh Pride in Action

A contingent of the fabled Marsh Pride lions gave us a treat as they hunted in the Mara Triangle. It was funny to see lion cubs try to hunt waterbucks that they had no prayer of catching. However, as they were wasting their energy a lioness sprung to action and chased down a warthog right in front of Ping's vehicle.

Cheetah Plains

We didn't get any cheetah in action but observe three different cheetah.