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East Africa is famous for that one spectacular movement of wildlife that tops them all - the Great Migration, when millions of wildebeest move across the vast plains of the Serengeti in Tanzania and into the rolling hills of Kenya's Masai Mara, scrambling frantically through Africa's mighty rivers to reach the promise of sweet, green grass. For nine months of the year, the mega herds of the Migration move through the Serengeti before crossing to the Masai Mara. Driven by the need for food, the animals cross the area's major rivers, including the Grumeti and the Mara, where they brave the jaws of some of Africa's largest crocodiles.

While the impact of seeing this massive movement of animals is undeniably impressive, travellers who flock to East Africa in search of the migrating herds often forget that its iconic game reserves, including the famous Mara and the Serengeti, have so much more than just this spectacle to offer throughout the year.

For example, &Beyond Klein's Camp, which is situated on the only private concession that borders both the Serengeti and the Masai Mara, offers guests breath-taking views over a valley that not only lies in the path of the Great Migration but is also home to fantastic year-round game. This includes large prides of lion that are resident year-round, leopard and cheetah, as well as the rare African Wild Dog and most plains game. As well as being close enough to the Mara River for guests to reach the river's banks on a full-day game drive during crossing season, the flexibility of the concession means that, throughout the year, Klein's Camp guests are not subject to the restrictions that apply in the Serengeti. Guests at Klein's are able to explore the bush on bush walks in the company of a qualified ranger, get a feel for the nocturnal wildlife on night drives and enjoy spectacular bush meals and sundowners whenever and wherever the mood takes them.

Similarly, &Beyond Grumeti Serengeti Tented Camp is situated in the remote Western Corridor of the Serengeti National Park. Every year, in June and July, the Great Migration passes through the Grumeti region and hundreds upon thousands of wildebeest, zebra and other herbivores cross the Grumeti River.

During the remainder of the year, the area offers exclusive game viewing far from the crowds, with the open Western Serengeti plains attracting elegant cheetah and the largest pride of lion documented in the Serengeti, which can number up to 60 at certain times of year, as well as clans of hyena that consist of up to a hundred individuals. The riverside thickets are the ideal dwelling place for leopard and elephant. This area also lies in the path of the annual migration of exceptional numbers of topi antelope, as well as the being home to the largest crocodiles in Africa.



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The camp itself offers views of the nearby river and its resident hippo. The riverside thickets in which it is set are home to the black and white colobus monkeys, the only area in the Serengeti where it is possible to see these striking little animals.

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