A budget Masai Mara safari means one of two things: public campsite camping inside or near the reserve, or a simple lodge outside the gate.

Camping is cheapest and most social, with shared bathrooms and basic meals. Lodges outside the reserve cost more but add hot *fly to Masai Mara from Nairobi* water, electricity and shorter gate drives.

Either way, park fees and transport dominate the budget, not accommodation. A nightly rate that looks low often excludes fees and transfers. Check what is included before comparing, and confirm whether the vehicle is a shared van or a private 4x4. Budget does not have to mean missing the migration. Options are listed at %LINK%.

