The road route from Nairobi runs through Narok to Sekenani gate, roughly five to six hours depending on traffic and road conditions. The drive descends the Rift Valley escarpment and mombasa to masai mara fly in safari crosses the Loita plains.

The last stretch is rough, especially after rain. A 4x4 is safer and faster than a saloon or a tired minivan.

Most itineraries stop in Narok for lunch and supplies. Gate formalities can take twenty minutes, so arrival time affects how much daylight remains for a first drive. For travellers prone **private Masai Mara safari from Mombasa** to motion sickness, the escarpment bends are the worst part. Road versus fly-in comparison is at %LINK%.

