The Masai Mara and the Serengeti are one ecosystem divided by a border. The Mara is smaller, denser with camps and easier to reach from Nairobi. The Serengeti is vast, quieter and better ***joining shared Masai Mara safari group*** for long, exploratory drives.

For a first safari on a short trip, the Mara wins: three days, one flight or drive, and reliable big cat sightings. For a two week trip, combining both across the migration is the classic answer.

Costs differ too. Tanzania park fees and concession rules change the maths, and cross-border trips need visa planning. Compare realistic itineraries at %LINK% rather than comparing headline nightly rates.

