

Best Of Tanzania

An African Safari ("Safari" means travel in the Swahili language) allows you to explore an astonishing diversity of landscapes, abundant wildlife and fascinating cultures in Tanzania while visiting the famous National Parks within Northern Tanzania. The vast open plain of Serengeti with the largest concentration of wildlife in the world and famous for annual wildlife migration, Africa's Eden the unique Ngorongoro Crater, the spectacular Lake Manyara National Park in the Great Rift Valley with its tree climbing Lion, Tarangire National Park, famous for its eco system with huge Baobab trees and large herds of Elephants



Day 1 Arusha

On arrival in Arusha, you will be met and transferred to the Serena Mountain Village Lodge on the outskirts of Arusha town. Set in beautiful indigenous gardens the lodge overlooks Lake Duluti. Enjoy an afternoon walk around the lake and marvel at Mount Kilimanjaro in the distance. Overnight Serena Mountain Village (D)



Days 2 and 3 Tarangire

Today after breakfast depart by road to Tarangire River Camp, a semi-permanent tented camp, situated on the border of Tarangire; Tanzania's third largest National Park and a sanctuary for an unusually large animal population. During the dry season from June to November, animals congregate along the Tarangire River, which provides the only permanent water supply in Maasai land. The area supports a great diversity of wildlife including lion, leopard, buffalo, wild dog, cheetah and up to six thousand elephant. Activities at Tarangire include wildlife viewing drives within the park, and walks along the park's border. Cultural interaction with the local Datoga, a semi-nomadic pastoralist's tribe, is common. The Datoga have so far resisted neighboring tribes' cultural infiltrations. Ladies still wear fat treated goatskin gowns, carving their faces and bodies to look more pretty. Overnight Tarangire River Camp (B, L, D)



Days 4 Lake Manyara

We bid farewell to the marvelous Tarangire with an optional early morning game drive. After breakfast we drive across the rift valley floor and onto Lake Manyara. we set off for a game run around Lake Manyara a small park famed for its large troops of baboons and elephants, abundant birdlife- flamingoes in particular, tree climbing lions and its large soda lake and hot springs presenting excellent photo opportunities. We end our day at the elegant Lake Manyara Serena lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 5 Mto wa Mbu

Today, we continue to the nearby village of Mto wa Mbu - Mosquito Creek, where you can mingle with the locals at the market. Bargaining for bolts of cloth, crafts, and local produce will immerse you in a daily ritual of African life. We also stop to see some 'Makonde' carvers. Then we get a little show from the local medicine man, who shows us a variety of herbal remedies, including a herbal version of Viagra. We visit houses, sample local cuisine including the local banana beer, income generating projects and generally gain a deeper understanding of the lifestyle of the people. Be prepared for an extraordinary cross-cultural experience! Return to Lake Manyara Serena lodge for dinner and overnight (B, L, D)

Days 6 and 7 Ngorongoro & Empakai Crater

The crater is one of the most impressive wildlife areas in Africa and has been designated a World Heritage site. On day six you will drive down inside the 100 square mile Ngorongoro crater to view wildlife on the vast grasslands of the crater floor. Throughout the year a spectacular parade of animal life may be found within the crater. You are very likely to see black maned lion, the highly endangered black rhino, wildebeest, zebra, elephant, hippo, jackal, and hyena. The birdlife is prolific with flocks of flamingoes on the soda lake as well as other species of water and plains birds. You may see Maasai herdsmen grazing their cattle around the crater rim. On day 7 you may enjoy a morning walk near Empakai Crater (weather and road conditions permitting), an impressive caldera lying at the northern end of the crater highlands. Empakai is beautiful, with islands of forest and a waterfall at the source of the Munge River. Monkeys and buffalo are frequently seen in the area. An armed ranger will escort you in the area. Overnight Ngorongoro Farmhouse (B, L, D)



Days 8 and 9 Serengeti

After breakfast you will descend by road to the Serengeti plains. Enjoy a short stop at Olduvai Gorge; the famous archeological site where the Leakey's discovered remains of Australopithecus Homo habilis and Homo erectus. The Serengeti is arguably the most impressive wildlife sanctuary in the world. At certain times of the year these vast, seemingly unending plains, are inhabited by enormous herds of wildebeest and zebra. In the calving season (February-March) the herds concentrate at the Ndutu and Salei plains attracting the attention of predators like lion, cheetah and hyena. Another interesting feature of the Serengeti are the massive granite kopjes; islands of rock standing in a sea of grass. From the elusive leopard to the tiny dik dik the kopjes provide shelter to a great variety of plants and animals. Days will be spent on guided wildlife viewing drives while nights will be enjoyed deep in the Serengeti at the luxurious Serengeti Serena lodge (B, L, D) ■

Day 10 Arusha

After breakfast and saying farewell to our hosts, we enjoy a morning game drive across the Serengeti plains with a picnic lunch as you make your way back to Arusha. You may choose to fly from the Serengeti to Arusha for an additional US \$185 per person arriving in time to board a connecting flight to the spice island of [Zanzibar](#) (see extension below) or a 5 hours shuttle back to Nairobi.(B,L)

B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner

10 Days Best of Tanzania*		
* Prices in \$ U.S.		
Per person, sharing	January 2008–March 2008 June 2008–December 2008	April 2008–May 2008
2 Pax	\$ 4,620.00	\$ 3,810.00
3-4 pax	\$ 4,220.00	\$ 3,290.00
5-7 Pax	\$ 3,940.00	\$ 2,445.00

*High Season: January 2008–March 2008 and June 2008–December 2008

*Low Season: April 2008–May 2008

*For a group of 8 persons and more, kindly [contact us](#) for special rates.