

## 8 days safari in Tanzania

It is all about the Northern Parks

Tanzania offers a magical nature for all ages – from climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to game drive in the national parks. In the beautiful northern circuit, you can see the massive herds of elephants in Tarangire National Park; flocks of water birds in Manyara National Park; the beautiful black-maned lions of Ngorongoro and the huge herds of wildebeest in Serengeti.

### Itinerary:

#### Day 1 (Thu.) | Kilimanjaro International Airport – Tarangire National Park

As soon as you step out of Arusha International Airport terminal, you will be greeted by your guide and start your journey to your first safari in Tanzania: **Tarangire National Park**.

*The park runs along the line of the Tarangire River and is mainly made up of low-lying hills on the Great Rift Valley floor. Its natural vegetation mainly consists of Acacia woodland and giant African Baobab trees, with huge swamp areas in the south. Both the river and the swamps act like a magnet for wild animals, during Tanzania's dry season. In the afternoon you will eat your lunch at the picnic overlooking Tarangire River before you depart for Ngorongoro Conservation Area where you will overnight in a beautiful hotel.*

*Tarangire – This National Park enables you to experience an unrivalled landscape of open plains, dotted with thousands of baobabs. Not only does the meandering Tarangire River attract a vast number of wildlife, but the Park is also especially renowned for its huge elephant herds, enabling its visitors the spotting of entire thick-skinned families!*

*Tarangire National Park has some of the highest population density of elephants as compared to anywhere in Tanzania, and its sparse vegetation, strewn with baobab and acacia trees, makes it a beautiful and distinctive location to visit.*

*Before the rains, droves of gazelles, wildebeests, zebras, and giraffes migrate to Tarangire National Park's scrub plains where the last grazing land remains.*

*Herds of up to 300 elephants scratch the dry riverbed for underground streams, while migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle, hartebeest and eland crowd the shrinking lagoons.*

*The swamps-tinged green year-round, are the focus for 550 bird varieties, the most breeding species in one habitat anywhere in the world.*

*Disused termite mounds are often frequented by colonies of the endearing dwarf mongoose, and pairs of red-and-yellow barbet, which draw attention to themselves by their loud, clockwork-like duetting.*

Overnight – dinner and breakfast at [Lake Manyara Serena Lodge](#)

### Day 2-3 (Friday – Sabbath) | **A Day with the tribes**

After an adventurous one-hour drive on dusty roads we will arrive to the northern shore of Lake Eyasi: a mildly alkaline lake which stretches some 50km across the south-western area of the Ngorongoro Crater.

*The shores of Lake Eyasi are still inhabited by **Hadzabe Bushmen**: hunter-gatherers, who can perhaps be considered one of the most interesting tribes in Tanzania and eastern Africa. Their language resembles the click languages of other bushmen further south, in the Kalahari, and they are often willing to provide visitors with an insight into their simple bush homes, consisting in no more than a tree canopy or a cave. You will experience their everyday life at close range and be able to witness the tribe's men skillfully hunt small antelopes and baboons with bows made from giraffe tendons and poison-coated wood arrows. After Lunch we will drive to visit another group of nomadic Bushmen: the Datoga Tribe.*

***Datoga** people are agro-pastoral nomadic, and nowadays they do some small blacksmith works, like jewelry and arrow-heads. They live in several areas in Tanzania, and the majority lives near Lake Eyasi. This tribe consider themselves the oldest tribe in Tanzania (the Maasai and Bushmen also claim this fame). The man of the tribe does the pastoral and blacksmith work, while the woman cares for the children's and home duties.*

*The married woman is dressed in beautiful leather dress and have tattoos around their eyes for decoration.*

At the end of the visit, we will drive back to the lodge to start our preparations to Sabbath. We will stay for two nights in the lovely lodge - praying and feasting. For those who wishes, the lodge is situated in a lovely area awaiting to be explored.

Overnight – dinner and breakfast at [Lake Manyara Serena Lodge](#)

### Day 4 (Sun.) | **Ngorongoro Crater – Serengeti National Park**

After breakfast, you will go down to Ngorongoro crater and descend 600m into this magnificent crater for a morning, half-day game drive.

***The Ngorongoro Crater**- is the largest unbroken ancient volcanic caldera in the world. In 1979, this nearly three-million-year-old area was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The former volcano crater is also considered to be "Africa's Garden of Eden", as it is a haven for thousands of wild games, including lions, elephants, wildebeests, zebras, rhinos, Thomson's gazelles and buffaloes. The crater is among the 8 Natural Wonders of the World. The crater is one of the most densely crowded African wildlife areas in the world and is home to an estimated 30,000 animals including some of Tanzania's last remaining black rhino. Supported by a year-round water supply and fodder, the Ngorongoro Crater supports a vast variety of animals, which include herds of wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, eland, warthog, hippo, and giant African elephants.*

At the end of our safari, we will drive to our lodge that is located at the center of Serengeti NP.

Overnight – dinner and breakfast at [Serengeti Serena Lodge](#)

### Days 5-6 (Mon.-Tue.) | Serengeti National Park

Serengeti National Park is the star of many nature documentary films. The great migration of the wildebeest brings thousands of tourists.

**Serengeti National Park**- is undoubtedly the best-known wildlife sanctuary in the world and it has the greatest concentration of plains game in Africa.

Established in 1952, it is home to the great migration of wildebeest and zebra. The resident population of lion, cheetah, elephant, giraffe, and birds is also impressive. The Park can be divided into 3 sections:

- The southern/central part (Seronera Valley) with its classic savannah, dotted with acacias and filled with wildlife.
- The western corridor is marked by the Grumeti River and has more forests and dense bush.
- The north meets up with Kenya's Maasai Mara Reserve, is the least visited section.

It is the migration for which Serengeti is perhaps most famous – over a million wildebeest and about 200,000 zebras flow south from the northern hills to the Ndutu plains for the short rains every October and November, and then swirl west and north after the long rains in April, May and June. During the months of July-September the herds will cross the Mara River again and again in search of fresh grass. They will have to face the mighty crocodiles in the river, which are waiting quietly in the water for their opportunity.

Serengeti is also known as the “endless plains” in the Maasai language. This will be your area of exploration for the following two days. You will have the opportunity to discover this fascinating area and its wild inhabitants driving through the vast Serengeti Plains.

Overnight – dinner and breakfast at [Serengeti Serena Lodge](#)

### Day 7 (Wed.) | Serengeti National Park – Maasai tribe – Manyara area

Today you will start our day doing a last game drive in Serengeti before you will start driving back to Manyara area.

You will make a stop and visit a Maasai authentic village.

**Maasai tribe** - The Maasai tribe lives in southern Kenya and northern Tanzania. They are known for their welcome dance where the men sing and jump as high as possible with straight legs, to show how fit they are. The woman stands at the side, singing with the man and do a special dance for woman only.

The Maasai believe that all the cows in the world belong to them and were given them by god. The wealth of a family is measured by the number of cows they own.

The Maasai tribe lives in villages (Manyata) and each woman builds a small house (Boma) for her family. The Boma's structure is made of wood, and it is covered by a mixer of mud, wood and sticks, grass, cow dung, human urine, and ash. Traditionally, men are wearing sheets that are wrapped around the body. Usually, the main color is red, but you can see some blue color and a plaid pattern. Men and women are wearing ornaments made of colorful beads.

At the end of the visit you drive to Lake Manyara area, where you will stay tonight.

Overnight – dinner and breakfast at [Lake Manyara Serena Lodge](#)



### Day 8 (Thu.) | **Lake Manyara National Park – Kilimanjaro Airport**

After breakfast you will be heading into the Manyara National Park for a morning game drive.

*Located beneath the cliffs of the Manyara Escarpment, on the edge of the Rift Valley, **Lake Manyara National Park** offers varied ecosystems, incredible bird life, and breathtaking views.*

*In contrast with the intimacy of the forest, is the grassy floodplain, across the alkaline lake, to the jagged blue volcanic peaks that rise from the endless Maasai Steppes. Large buffalo, wildebeest and zebra herds congregate on these grassy plains, and so do the giraffes.*

*Squadrons of banded mongoose dart between the acacias, whereas the diminutive Kirk's dik-dik forages in their shade.*

*Manyara provides the perfect introduction to Tanzania's birdlife. More than 400 species have been recorded, and any visitor to Africa might reasonably expect to observe 100 of these in one day.*

After the game drive you will drive to Kilimanjaro Airport where you will start your journey back home.



Travel Period	Number of PAX sharing vehicle	Price per person sharing a room	Single room supplement
22-29 AUG 2024	5-6	*\$5,200	\$650

### The price included:

- Full board (breakfast, lunch & dinner) accommodation while on safari
- Transfers to and from the airport
- All game drives viewing in a custom-built 4x4 Safari Land Cruiser
- All parks entrance fees
- Transportation with a 4x4 vehicles with viewing roofs

Professional English speaking driver-guide during the safari

- Bottled safe drinking water in safari vehicles
- Ngorongoro Crater car supplement fee
- Current Government taxes and levies
- 24-Hour support during the safari from our office in Arusha

### The price not include:

- Out-of-full board service at the hotel including body massage, hotel excursions, bar & laundry services
- All-Terrain-Vehicle (Quadbike) adventure
- Travel and health insurance
- TIPS to your guide, hotel staff, and porters
- Meals, drinks, and excursions not described in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, laundry, telephone, and postage

### Notes:

- Vaccination - please advise your local health department on the needed vaccination
- Some changes in this proposal might be changed which are not in the hand of the company
- A change in the flight price will affect the price of this proposal
- Payment must be made before the day of departure
- **There is a need for 3 empty pages in the passport**
- The passport needs to be valid for at least 6 months after returning to your country.
- The time-table of the safari is based on flights operated by the flight company. The schedule is not in our hand
- This price proposal is valid for 10 working days.

### Cancellation Terms:

Up to 90 days before departure - no cancellation fee will be charged

89-44 days before departure - will be charged 25% from the cost of the safari

45-30 days before departure - will be charged 50% from the cost of the safari

29-14 days before departure - will be charged 75% from the cost of the safari

14 days and up to the day of departure - will be charged for the full price of the safari