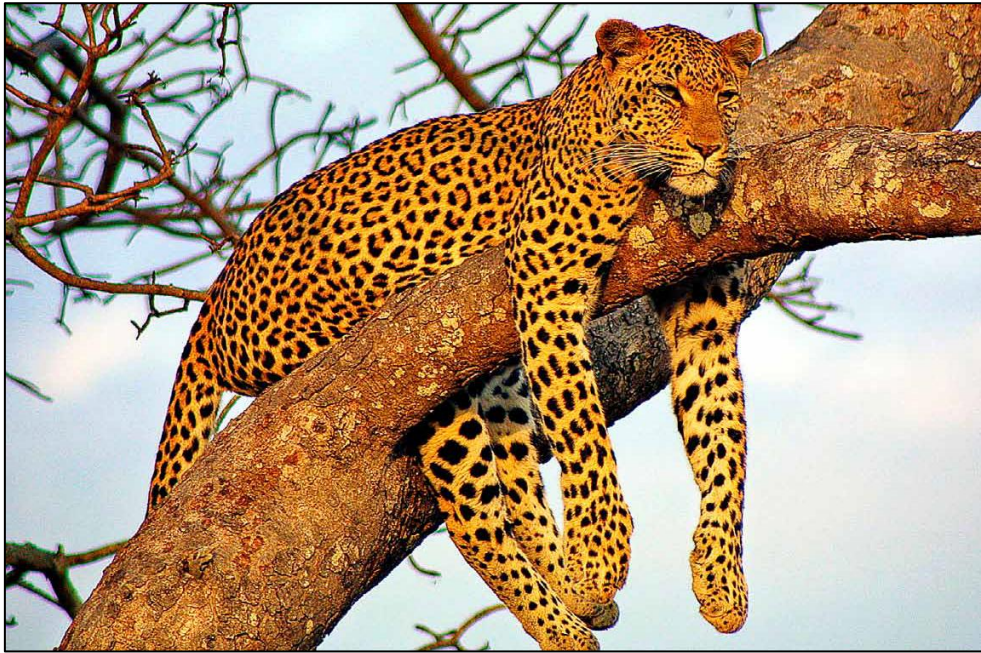




TAILOR-MADE DESTINATIONS

Northern Parks 5 days/4 nights Safari

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Day 1: Lake Manyara

Depart Arusha this morning with your driver-guide for the start of your safari. Drive to Manyara National Park for game viewing with picnic lunch on board.

Overnight at the Serena Lodge for one night (FB).

Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

It is difficult to imagine a more spectacular setting for Lake Manyara Serena Lodge, situated on the edge of the Mto Wa Mbu escarpment, and overlooking the Great Rift Valley and the stunning Manyara soda lake.



Each of the 67 spacious rooms has an en suite bathroom with shower facilities and a private verandah with spectacular views of Lake Manyara and the Rift Valley. Inspired by the abundant bird life, the design of Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge is complimented by soft, geometric patterns and striking murals depicting bird migration patterns.

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In the afternoon there will be a game drive, during which you may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Lake Manyara's famous tree climbing lions!

Note: we also offer an alternative for this night at Manyara Wildlife Camp.



Lake Manyara National Park

Stretching for 50km along the base of the 600-metre high Rift Valley escarpment, Lake Manyara is a scenic gem. Ernest Hemingway remarked that the region was 'the loveliest I had seen in Africa'. Its ground water forests, bush plains, baobab strewn cliffs, and hot springs offer incredible ecological variety in a small area, rich in wildlife and incredible numbers of birds.

The soda of Lake Manyara is home to an array of bird life that thrives on its brackish waters. Pink flamingo by the thousands, colourful specks against the grey of the lake shore. Yellow-billed storks, herons, gees, grebes, ibises and kingfishers are also very common. Even reluctant bird-watchers will find something to watch and marvel at within the national park.

Lake Manyara's famous tree-climbing lions are another reason to pay this park a visit. The only kind of their species in Tanzania, they make the mahogany and acacia trees their home during the rainy season, and are a well-known but rather rare feature of the northern park.

In addition to the lions, Lake Manyara National Park is also home to the largest concentration of baboons anywhere in the world, a fact that makes for interesting game viewing of large families of the primates.

Day 2: Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast, depart Lake Manyara for the Crater Highlands (approx. 1 hour drive, depending on opportunities for game viewing en route). Enjoy a spectacular drive into the Ngorongoro Crater, where you will spend half a day game viewing on the crater floor (with a picnic lunch). Late afternoon, check into Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge for one night.

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge sits perched on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, with a stunning view of the crater plains below.

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The Lodge itself is an impressive sight, built around a large glass roofed central dome, and surrounded by thatched rondavels.

Facilities include a large swimming pool, restaurant with a view, bar and lounge.



Ngorongoro Crater

Often called the eighth wonder of the world, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in northern Tanzania boasts a blend of landscapes, wildlife, people and archaeology that is unsurpassed in Africa.

The Ngorongoro Conservation reserve covers a huge area and includes, alongside its famous crater, the archaeological site at Olduvai Gorge, and huge expanses of highland plains, scrub bush, and forests that cover approximately 8300 square kilometres. As a protected area, only indigenous tribes such as the Masaai are allowed to live within its borders. Lake Ndutu and Masek, both alkaline soda lakes, are home to rich game populations, and surrounded by a series



of peaks and volcanoes which create a stunning

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backdrop. Of course, the crater itself, actually a type of collapsed volcano called a caldera, is the main attraction.

After a beautiful descent down the crater rim, passing lush rainforest and thick vegetation, the flora opens to grassy plains that stretch across the crater floor. The game viewing is truly incredible, as is the topography and views of the surrounding Crater Highlands.

The Ngorongoro Crater and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area are without doubt some of the most beautiful parts of Tanzania, steeped in history and teeming with wildlife.



Day 3: Serengeti National Park

Depart after breakfast for the Serengeti and Sopa Lodge where you will stay for two nights (FB). En route there will be an opportunity to visit Olduvai Gorge.

Olduvai Gorge is the spot where the Leakeys discovered the hominoid remains of a 1.8 million year old skeleton of *Australopithecus boisei*, one of the distinct links of the human evolutionary chain. In a small canyon just north of the crater, the Leakeys and their team of international archaeologists unearthed the ruins of at least three distinct hominoid species, and also came upon a complete series of hominoid footprints estimated to be over 3.7 million years old. Evacuated fossils show that the area is one of the oldest sites of hominoid habitation in the world.

As you continue towards the Serengeti and the lodge you will begin to view wildlife. Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch.

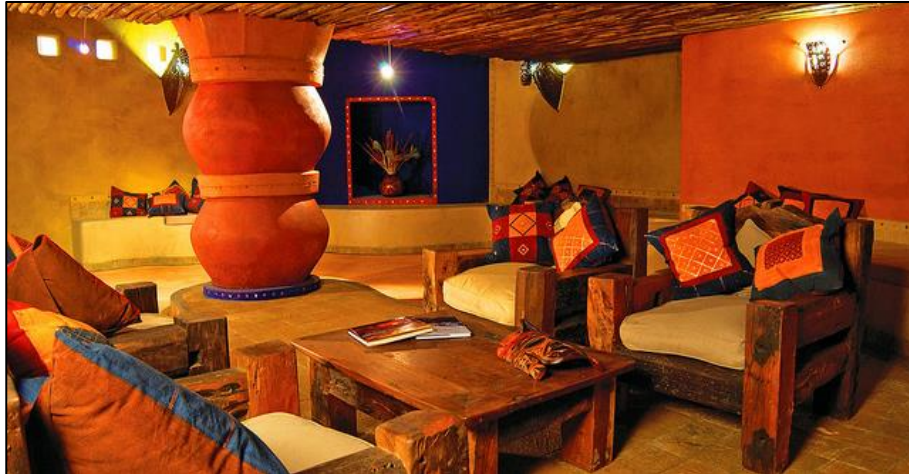


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In the afternoon experience a game drive in the world's most famous reserve, Serengeti National Park.

Dinner and overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge.



Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Serengeti Sopa Lodge is set in the Nyarboro Hills, nestled among acacia woodland on an escarpment overlooking the south-west Serengeti Plains – host to largest and most spectacular annual migration of wildebeest.

There are 69 standard rooms, all with 2 queen size beds, en-suite bathroom, lounge and a verandah with a view of the Serengeti plains. There is a swimming pool and indoor and outdoor bars.



Day 4: Serengeti National Park

The Masai word Serengeti means 'endless plains', a perfect description of this magnificent area of over 6,000 square miles. The variety of wildlife in the Serengeti is immense, and on your game drives today you can hope to see the 'Big Five' (lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhino) as well as huge herds of zebra and wildebeest. A full day's game drive is planned for today with a picnic lunch.

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Serengeti National Park

Simply teeming with game, the Serengeti is one of the largest and best game reserves in Africa, unequalled for its natural beauty.

The Serengeti ecosystem is one of the oldest on earth. The essential features of climate, vegetation and fauna have barely changed in the past million years. 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 southern plains for the short rains every October and November, and then swirl west and north after the long rains in April, May and June.

But it's not just the wildebeest that use the Serengeti as a migratory pathway. The adjacent reserves of Maswa and Ikorongo, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, and the Masai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya all allow the animals and birds of the area a free range of movement to follow their seasonal migrations. Indeed, in the wake of the wildebeest migration, many of the less attention-grabbing features of the Serengeti are often overlooked.

The Serengeti is famous for the 'Big 5' but other common species found in the park include eland, impala, waterbuck, baboon, monkey, warthog, topi and a rich selection of birdlife with over 400 species recorded.

The park has varied zones in which each ecosystem is subtly different. Seronera in the centre of the park is the most popular and most easily visited area. The Grumeti River in the Western Corridor is the location for the dramatic river crossing during the wildebeest migration. Maswa Game Reserve to the south offers a remote part of the park rewarding in its game-viewing and privacy, and Lobo near the Kenyan border offers a chance to see plentiful game during the dry season.

Aside from traditional vehicle bound safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Serengeti plains has become a safari rite-of-passage for travel enthusiasts. The flights depart at dawn over the plains and take passengers close over the awakening herds of wildebeest and zebra, gazelle and giraffe. The extra altitude allows guests to witness the striking stretches of plains punctuated only by kopjes. Up in the sky, you have Africa all to yourself.



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Day 5: Fly to Arusha – end of tour

Breakfast at lodge and transfer to airstrip for flight to Arusha where you will connect with your flight home.

Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is from **£968 per person***, based on a group size of 4 and twin/double accommodation. For more information, or if you would like to enquire about a tailor-made holiday combining part or all of the above itinerary, please [contact us](#).

**This price is based on exchange rates available at the time of publication and may vary at the time of booking. Please see our [booking conditions](#) for more information.*

Includes:

- All Safari transportation as per above itinerary
- All stated transfers & meet and greet
- Full-board accommodation
- All taxes and service charges
- All game drives and other activities as specified in the above itinerary
- All entrances fees to game park/reserves and other sceneries mentioned in the above itinerary
- Welcome documentation on arrival
- Professional and certified Safari Guides, where applicable guided nature walks and bird walks at no extra but cost subject to park/reserve regulations/restrictions
- Bottled water in the safari vehicles
- Domestic air fare Serengeti to Arusha

Excludes:

- International airfares
- Meals and accommodation while in Arusha
- Fees for passports and visas
- Tips to drivers/guides, porters and hotel waiters
- Personal expenses such as laundry (unless specified as included), beverages (unless specified as included), phone calls, etc...and any other item not specifically mentioned above under inclusions.
- Travel Insurance – ask us for a quote