

Tanzania Safari

visiting Ngorongoro, Mahale, Selous and Zanzibar



Day 0 Heathrow to Kilimanjaro

Depart from Heathrow on Kenya Airways night flight to Kilimanjaro (via Nairobi).

Day 1 1 night, Plantation Lodge, Standard Room

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Arrive Kilimanjaro, where you will be met by your guide/driver who will transfer you to Ngorongoro with picnic lunch en-route. Full day crater tour (maximum 6 hours allowed in Crater).

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is steeped in history and boasts a blend of dramatic landscapes, remarkable wildlife, people and archaeology that is unmatched in all of Africa. It is a land of highland plains, scrub bush, and forests, rather than the savannah that we typically associate with this region of East Africa. As a protected area only indigenous tribes such as the Maasai are allowed to settle within its boundaries. Lake Masek and Ndutu, both soda lakes, are home to rich game populations and surrounded by a stunning backdrop of peaks and volcanoes, completing the conservation area's unique and beautiful landscape. The crater itself is a caldera, a collapsed volcano originally higher than Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Late afternoon drive to Plantation Lodge for dinner and overnight.

Plantation Lodge is set on a working coffee farm just outside Karatu and a short drive from Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater. With only twenty rooms, this small lodge has the comfortable



and intimate feel of a well-run bush home. The rooms are all well-appointed and centre on large double beds, which provide a welcome respite after a hot and dusty safari! Each room has its own verandah and bathroom, and is decorated with African safari pieces, arts and crafts.



Food and service are of a high standard at Plantation Lodge – expect European favourites as well as more exotic local fare from the Swahili kitchen. Most ingredients are taken fresh from the lodge's organic gardens.

Days 2-5 4 nights, Greystoke Mahale

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After an early breakfast at Plantation Lodge transfer to Manyara airstrip for your charter flight to Mahale. On arrival you will have a dhow boat transfer (approx. 1.5 hours) to Greystoke Mahale Camp, with a delicious picnic lunch served onboard.



Greystoke is simply one of the most romantic and beautiful camps in Africa. It is located in the heart of Mahale National Park, on the shores of Lake Mahale. Here it sits on a beach as white and pristine as any to be found in the Seychelles, overlooking the shimmering waters of the lake. Behind it stretch densely wooded hills, which are home to one of Africa's last remaining populations of wild chimpanzee.

It is a small camp, with just six beach bandas. It's stylish but rustic in appearance—the very definition of barefoot luxury. Constructed from thatch and recycled dhow timber, the rooms are beautifully furnished and very spacious, with room enough for a large double bed, separate dressing area, upstairs viewing deck, and full en-suite bathroom. Each enjoys a view of the lake.

Greystoke Mahale is run as an eco-camp and the facilities are naturally quite limited—don't come expecting a pool, spa and gym—but then it's the location that makes Mahale special. There's an







open dining pavilion on the waterfront, where superb meals are served by hosts Doug and Magdalene.



The next four days at Mahale are largely at your own leisure. There are no rigid activity schedules, as is often the case on safari—plan your days as you choose and do as much or as little as you please. The chimp visits take place in the morning, accompanied by experienced guides. Birding tours, guided walks on the beach and in the forest, dhow boat rides, and visits to the hippo pool are among the other activities available. Of course, you might prefer to just relax on the beach and swim in the lake.

Days 6-8 Transfer Mahale to Selous – 2 nights, Sand River Safari Camp FI

After an early breakfast transfer by dhow boat to the airstrip for your charter flight to Selous. On arrival you will be met by your driver and driven to Sand Rivers Safari Camp.

Deep within the Selous Game Reserve, Sand Rivers Camp occupies an enviable location on a long peninsula overlooking a bend in the Rufiji River, where game regularly comes to drink.









Under the same ownership as Greystoke Mahale, Sand Rivers displays the same careful attention to detail and high standards of service. It's a small but perfectly formed camp, with just eight guest cottages, each of which opens at the front so as to provide a view of the river. There's a large, cosy mess area, and a swimming pool discretely built into the rock on the river's edge, beneath the shade of a giant baobab tree. The views of the river from the pool are impressive, and so too are the views from the thatched bar and dining area.

The next two days can be spent exploring the park on foot, by 4x4, and by boat, accompanied by Sand Rivers' talented guides.

Day 8 Transfer Selous to Zanzibar – 2 nights, Kisiwa House, Burdani Room BB



Morning at Sand Rivers with early lunch (or picnic lunch) before transferring to the airstrip for you flight to Zanzibar.

On arrival our driver will meet you for your tranfer to Kisiwa House, which is located near the harbour of Stone Town.

A former trading post, Stone Town wears its Arab, Portuguese and Swahili influences on its sleeves. Its narrow, winding streets and towering townhouses have remained largely unchanged for hundreds of years. You can walk between the Sultan's Palace, the Portuguese Forts, and the merchants' homes of the old city.

One such house is Kisiwa, an old merchant's home turned boutique hotel situated close to the harbour in old Stone Town, from where it enjoys easy access to the night market, restaurants, and shopping bazaars for which Stone Town is famous.

There are a total of 11 rooms at Kisiwa, all of them spacious and designed in a crisp, fresh style with plush interiors mixed with traditional Zanzibari furnishings.

Each room is named after various aromatic flowers found on the island, and comes with amenities such as flatscreen TV, wireless internet access, air-conditioning, safe, telephone, mini bar and tea and coffee making facilities.

There is a delightful roof top restaurant which has excellent views of the harbour and of Stone Town's skyline.



Day 9 Transfer to airport

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Check out after breakfast, pick up by your driver for the transfer to the airport and your flight to Nairobi and on to Heathrow.





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Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is **£4,470 per person** based two travellers in shared 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 <u>contact us</u>.

Includes:

- 1 night at Plantation Lodge (full board)
- 4 nights at Greystoke Mahale (fully-inclusive)
- 2 nights at Sand Rivers Selous (fullyinclusive)
- 2 nights at Kisiwa House (B&B)
- Activities as outlined in itinerary, accompanied by English-speaking guides.
- All transfers as outlined in itinerary

Excludes:

- International flights
- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Travel insurance ask us for a quote





