

Tanzania Safari Fixed Departures

Low-cost Tanzania safaris that depart on fixed dates throughout the year

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Introduction

These low-cost Tanzania safari options will take you to the greatest game reserves and national parks of Tanzania, including Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Lake Manyara, Selous, and Tarangire. They are open, small group itineraries departing from Arusha at fixed dates throughout the year. We can also offer these itineraries (or similar) for private groups at additional cost.

All of our small group safaris depart from Arusha (with the exception of East African Explorer, which departs from Nairobi). You will travel in a 4WD Landcruiser or Landrover with safari viewing hatches in the roofs, cool boxes on board and bottled water and picnic lunches included in the price. Your driver-guides are fully qualified and knowledgeable. They will help you to make the most of this opportunity to see some of the world's great natural wonders.

Your Financial Protection

All monies paid by you for the air holiday package shown [or flights if appropriate] are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 3145.

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North Tanzania Safari with Serengeti scenic flight

Outline

Departing Sundays and Wednesdays, this safari visits the main northern parks of Tanzania and ends with a scenic flight from the Serengeti to Arusha via Ngorongoro Crater and the Rift Escarpment.

Day 1: Arusha / Lake Manyara

Check out after breakfast and meet your driver-guide for the start of your safari. Drive to Manyara NP for game viewing with picnic lunch on board.

Lake Manyara is among Tanzania's smallest national parks but it contains within its boundaries a great diversity of wildlife and equally varied terrain. Large areas of groundwater forest with giant fig and mahogany trees alternate with acacia woodland and open grassland. The hippo pool is among the park's most famous game-viewing attractions. Other highlights include the tree climbing lions, unique to this part of Tanzania, and the huge baboon colonies. Manyara is also notable for its wealth of bird life, particularly around the lake which attracts flocks of flamingo numbering in the tens of thousands – a spectacular sight. After the game drive we continue to your hotel overlooking the Manyara National Park.



Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

It is difficult to imagine a more spectacular setting for Lake Manyara Serena Lodge. The hotel sits on the edge of the Mto Wa Mbu escarpment, from where it enjoys fabulous views of the Great Rift Valley and the Manyara soda lake.

Each of the 67 spacious rooms has an en-suite bathroom with shower facilities and a private verandah overlooking the lake. Inspired by the abundant bird life, the design of Lake Manyara Serena Lodge emphasises soft, geometric patterns. The hotel's standout feature is its infinity swimming pool, positioned so as to make the most of the views.

Day 2: Lake Manyara / Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast depart for Ngorongoro Crater. Ngorongoro Crater is a spectacular natural wonder with a resident population of over 20,000 animals. It is also one of the world's largest calderas (a collapsed volcano) with a diameter of about 12 miles and a depth of 2,000 ft. Game viewing in the crater is fantastic. There are no giraffe, but just about all of the other big African mammals that

you can think of are accounted for: elephant, buffalo, hippo, rhino and lion can all be seen.

A picnic lunch will be provided today during the game drive. Late afternoon continue to Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge.



Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, making this the only tourist development on the eastern rim of the crater. The views into the crater floor from here are spectacular, as are the sunsets. Due to the prime location close to the park gate, guests at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge can enjoy a safari within five minutes of leaving the lodge.

The lodge itself is tastefully decorated and spacious. The bedrooms are modern, comfortable and equipped with everything one would expect from a hotel of this class. With an altitude of 2,375 metres, the lodge experiences cool and even cold weather, especially during the winter months of June and July when temperatures can get as low as 10° C. However, guests enjoy sunshine during most of the year and must take care when sunbathing by the pool due to the altitude. The food and service here is stylish with meals being a collection of delicious international and Tanzanian dishes.

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

Day 3: Ngorongoro / Serengeti

After breakfast at the lodge, begin the drive through spectacular scenery to Serengeti via Olduvai Gorge, also known as 'the Cradle of Mankind', where you can make a brief stop and learn more about this famous archaeological landmark.

Continue on to the Serengeti where you will spend the next two nights at Serengeti Sopa Lodge. The lodge is located in the Seronera region, one of the Serengeti's prime game-viewing spots.



Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge.



Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Serengeti Sopa Lodge is set in the Nyarboro Hills, where it nestles among acacia woodland on an escarpment overlooking the south-west Serengeti Plains. This region of the Serengeti is right on the path of the annual wildebeest migration, offering a “front-seat” view, so to speak, of this fantastic wildlife spectacle. There are 69 standard rooms, each 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

Explore the Serengeti on morning and afternoon game drives.

Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge.

Day 5: Serengeti / Arusha

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Serengeti Airstrip for your return flight (En route game viewing – your last game drive in the Serengeti Park). On Arrival in Arusha you will be transferred to the airport for your onward transfers or to your hotel if staying in Arusha.



The cost of this itinerary is from £1000 per person, based on twin share and is subject to availability at the time of booking. Please see price guide on page 12 for details.

Cost Includes

- English speaking driver/guide
- Meet and greet services
- All transport and game drives on road safaris will be in a safari minibus (with seven window seats) with an English speaking driver-guide on shared basis
- Meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes

Cost Excludes

- Visas and international flights
- International Airport taxes (clients pay direct)
- Driver-guide gratuities
- Drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage
- Personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

Additional remarks

- We may have to re-route the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.
- Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.

Passenger Information

- Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- This is a seat in bus programme and may form part of other programmes, other clients may therefore be joining or departing the safari at any time.

Big Cat Northern Tanzania Safari

Outline

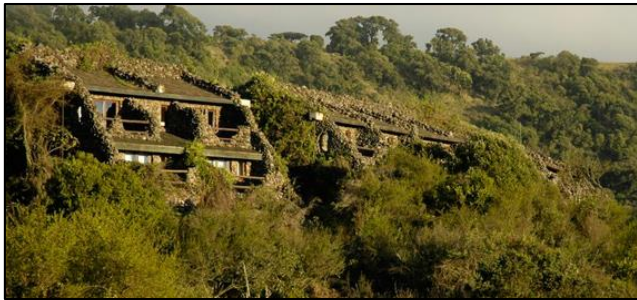
Departing Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from Arusha, this is a comprehensive safari that visits three extremely diverse wilderness areas: the great Lake Manyara; the expansive plains of the Serengeti; and the natural wonder that is Ngorongoro Crater. All lodges are the excellent Serena Lodges.

Day 01: Arusha / Ngorongoro

Leaving Arusha this early in the afternoon, you make your way to the renowned Ngorongoro Crater.

Here you check into Ngorongoro Serena Lodge for two nights. Once checked in, be sure before dusk to admire the wonderful down into the famous Crater.

Overnight at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge.



Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge is perched on the jagged rim of the crater, wreathed in morning mist, camouflaged in river-stone and cloaked in indigenous creepers. Well positioned so as to enjoy the best views of the crater below, the boulder buildings of the lodge hug the crater rim, linked by timber walkways that skirt the buttressed roots of ancient, liana-hung trees.

The 75 Ivory Class guest rooms are spacious with central heating and balconies overlooking the Ngorongoro Crater.

Day 02: Ngorongoro

Today you will descend 2,000 feet into the crater by 4x4 for a four-hour safari with picnic lunch.

After a thrilling 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.

In the evening return to Ngorongoro Serena Lodge for dinner.

Day 03: Ngorongoro / Serengeti

After breakfast, depart for Serengeti Serena Lodge, enjoying a game drive en route, as well as a brief stop at the famous archaeological site at Olduvai Gorge.

Serengeti Serena Lodge

The Serengeti Serena Lodge occupies a stunning location, high on a tree-clad ridge commanding wonderful views over the Serengeti plains. Drawing its inspiration from the circular 'rondavel' dwellings and winding paths of a traditional Masai village, Serengeti Serena Lodge features thickly-thatched, stone-built rooms, spaciouly set amongst groves of indigenous trees.



There are 66 rooms in total, all en-suite and heated. Each room is housed within a traditionally-thatched 'rondavel', featuring natural stone bathrooms, wildwood balconies, rope-lashed staircases, leopard-print drapes and intricately carved furniture.

Day 04: Serengeti

Enjoy a full-day game drive within the Serengeti National Park. You will stop around mid-day to enjoy a picnic lunch in the open air of the Serengeti Plains.

Day 05: Serengeti / Manyara

Depart Serengeti Serena Lodge early morning for Lake Manyara Serena Lodge, enjoying a game drive en route. After checking into your lodge, take pleasure in an afternoon game drive in the Park. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy.

Overnight at Lake Manyara Serena Lodge.

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.

Day 06: Manyara / Arusha

Today you make your way back to Arusha, just in time for lunch.

The tour ends in Arusha.

The cost of this itinerary is from £1006 per person (low season), based on twin share and subject to availability at the time of booking. Please see price guide on page 12 for more information.

Northern Highlights

Outline

This itinerary is the ultimate North Tanzania small group departure, covering Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater, the Serengeti and Lake Manyara over a one week safari programme.

Day 1: Arusha – Tarangire

You will depart Arusha in the afternoon for Tarangire National Park, where you will check into Tarangire Sopa Lodge.

Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Tarangire is recognised as one of the best parks on the northern circuit for elephant viewing during the dry season, and Tarangire Sopa Lodge is ideally placed to experience this. It occupies a wonderful, private location, hidden among kopjes (boulder hills) and ancient baobab trees. A broad veranda wraps itself around the lodge and gives prime viewing for the waterhole below, which is filled during the dry season and becomes a magnet to wildlife.

The spacious rooms have two queen sized beds, mosquito nets, a private lounge and mini bar. Ceiling fans keep the rooms cool and glass sliding doors open out on to a balcony, with great views of the landscape beyond where wildlife can sometimes be spotted. The lobby is spacious and airy with glass sliding doors that open out to a verandah – a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the views.

The dining area is spacious and light with an outside seating area, ideal for bbq's and themed dinners. The lodge also has a swimming pool.



Tarangire National Park

Covering 2,600sq km, Tarangire abounds with a wonderful diversity of game. The park landscape is dominated by numerous wide-boughed baobab trees that create a lasting impression on all its visitors. Tarangire is at its finest during the dry seasons, from between June to October and December to March. This is when the Tarangire River and the swamps attract the highest concentrations of game, providing a lifeline to thousands of species.

This area is best for oryx, kudu, wildebeest, zebra, elephant, buffalo and eland, though leopards, hyena and massive pythons are also found here.

Day 2 Tarangire – Ngorongoro Crater

This morning another game drive in Tarangire National Park before returning to the lodge for breakfast. You will then depart for the Ngorongoro Crater National Reserve. Check in to the Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge for two nights.



Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge perches on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, from where it enjoys a stunning view of the crater plains below. The lodge is in itself an impressive sight, built around a large glass-roofed central dome, and surrounded by thatched rondavels. However, it's the view of the crater that makes Ngorongoro Sopa stand out above other hotels and lodges in the region—that and its size. Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge is a large resort-style hotel with almost 100 rooms, and facilities there include a large swimming pool, restaurant with a view, bar and lounge.

Day 3: Ngorongoro Crater

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the World's largest intact volcanic caldera. Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It's an awesome wildlife experience. Lunch is served near a small lake filled with hippos. You then continue game viewing before returning to the crater's rim and your lodge.

Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 4: Ngorongoro - Serengeti

After breakfast, depart for Serengeti Sopa Lodge, enjoying a game drive en route, as well as a brief stop at the famous archaeological site at Olduvai Gorge.

Serengeti National Park

In the local vernacular, Serengeti means 'the endless plains that go up to the sky', and indeed they do just that. Covering 14,765sq km, one of the striking features of this park is the series of large granite outcrops that dominate the vast plains, making the terrain very different to the Masai Mara. Life in the park centres on the triangular trek of several million hooves. This movement never stops, as the animals constantly seek out new grazing pastures. Every year, after the South's short November rains, wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, eland, topi and hartebeest gather in their thousands on the Serengeti's southern plains and the Ngorongoro Highlands. Then, around April, they head towards the western corridor of the Serengeti, where many overflow into the Masai Mara around July/August. They remain here until late October/November,

when Tanzania's new rains prompt the move south again, towards Lake Ndutu and Lagaja. This yearly phenomenon also affects the lives of hundreds of thousands of other species, who rely on the migratory herds for their survival. These include predators, gazelles, birds and lowly insects, not to mention the grasses and trees that are fertilised by droppings.

Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 5: Full Day Serengeti

Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park exploring this famous park and all that it has to offer.

Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

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 6: Serengeti - Lake Manyara

Enjoy a game drive en-route to Lake Manyara in the Great Rift Valley. Check in to Manyara Serena Lodge and then time for a late afternoon game drive in Manyara National Park.

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



Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

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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.

Day 7: Manyara - Arusha

Today a last game drive in Manyara National Park before you make your way back to Arusha.

Tour ends in Arusha.

The cost of this itinerary is from £1111 per person (low season), based on twin share and subject to availability at the time of booking. Please see price guide on page 12 for more information.

Plains and Spices

Outline

This unique itinerary offers a wonderful mixture of wildlife and cultural exploration through northern Tanzania and the great Selous, ending with four days of relaxation on the coast of Zanzibar.

Day 1: Arusha - Lake Manyara

You depart Arusha in the afternoon and pass through the Masai Steppe, filled with picturesque African villages and maize, coffee and banana plantations. At the town of Makuyuni you turn North West and continue the journey up through a scenic escarpment that brings you to your lodge, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley with stunning views over the distant Lake Manyara.

Overnight at Lake Manyara Serena on a half board basis.



Lake Manyara National Park

From whichever direction you approach Lake Manyara, the first view is spectacular. From the east, the Rift Valley wall rises several hundred metres to form an impressive backdrop to the lake. From the west, if one is perched at the top of the escarpment, the park lies far below, with a long green strip of water that glistens in the sunlight. The vegetation around the lake's shores is surprisingly varied and comprises mostly forest, acacia woodland and open grassland. The park covers an area of 330sq km of which about 230sq km is the lake itself. You can always find hippo in the Simba River, elephant in the forests and a resident herd of Cape buffalo on the open plains at Mahali Pa Nyati ('the place of the buffalo'). With some luck you might see tree-climbing lion. In addition, there are approximately 400 species of birds.

Day 2: Lake Manyara – Serengeti National Park

After breakfast enjoy a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, returning to the lodge for lunch at about midday. Departing Lake Manyara Serena Lodge, you will drive past Ngorongoro Crater and stop briefly at Olduvai Gorge, before continuing on to the Serengeti National Park, arriving at your lodge as the sun begins to set.

Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 3: Serengeti National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park exploring this famous park and all that it has to offer.

Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.



Serengeti National Park

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Day 4: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast you depart the vast Serengeti plains for Ngorongoro, enjoying a game drive and a brief stop at Olduvai Gorge en route. Located between Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti, the Gorge acquired its name from the Sansevieria bush that grows profusely in the area, named Olduvai by the Maasai. The Gorge is about 50km long and in some places around 90m deep. It was first discovered by a German entomologist named Professor Kattwinkel, who instigated an expedition just before the First World War. Later, the exploration was continued by Dr Louis Leakey and his wife, who in 1959 found humanoid remains of Zinjanthropus, later renamed Australopithecus Boisei, an early form of man.



You will have time to walk through the small museum at the gorge, where you can view copy displays of some of the finds as well as depictions of what life might have been like for the gorge's earliest inhabitants. After a picnic lunch you visit a Maasai village before you continue to your lodge, set high on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.



Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater

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Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 6: Ngorongoro - Tarangire National Park

Departing Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast and head south east en route to Lake Manyara, Mto wa Mbu village and Tarangire beyond. Through the highlands and the Karatu district, you'll view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations here before journeying down the spectacular escarpment where you turn south on to the main Arusha – Dodoma road and into the park. From here to the lodge, you'll enjoy a game drive en route to your lodge. After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a game drive.

Overnight at Tarangire Sopa Lodge on a half board basis.



Tarangire Sopa Lodge

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Tarangire National Park

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This area is best for oryx, kudu, wildebeest, zebra, elephant, buffalo and eland, though leopards, hyena and massive pythons are also found here. Strategically located south of Lake Manyara and just over 100km from Arusha, this is a delightful, untamed gem of a park that is very accessible on most itineraries.

Day 7: Tarangire National Park – Arusha – Selous

Depart after breakfast and head north-east to Arusha, passing through the Masai Steppe. Upon arrival in Arusha you'll be dropped off at the airport after lunch to connect with the midday flight to the Selous. The flight is approximately three hours. Upon arrival, you will be met by a guide and transferred to your camp to freshen up. The following three days will be filled with morning and afternoon game drives, walking safaris and boat trips on a shared basis on the Rufiji River and in its picturesque lagoons.

Overnight at Selous Riverside Camp on a full board basis plus shared activities.

Day 8: Selous Game Reserve

Morning and afternoon game activities, walking safaris and boat trips.

Overnight at Selous Riverside Camp on a full board basis plus shared activities.

Selous Game Reserve

Selous Game Reserve is the largest game reserve in Africa. General accessibility to the 55,000sq km reserve used to be difficult; however, there are now flights, a limited train service from Dar es Salaam, and a convenient dirt road linking the park with other southern Tanzanian attractions.

The reserve is immense, remote and wild, and no human habitation is allowed within its boundaries unless within camps and lodges. Today it boasts some of Africa's finest virgin bush, unchanged through centuries and inhabited by three quarters of a million wild animals. The river systems and gorges are fascinating, as are the swamps, woodlands and savannahs, all home to hippo, crocodile, elephant, buffalo, wildebeest, zebras, giraffe, waterbuck, baboon, leopards, lion, wild dog, eland, sable and roan, to mention just a few of the species. The birdlife is also extremely rich. There are a number of camps in the northern sector of the park, offering a mix of rustic and exotic accommodation. Game drives are by open four-wheel drive vehicle or by boat, a wonderfully peaceful way to view game.

Day 9: Selous Game Reserve

Morning and afternoon game activities.

Overnight at Selous Riverside Camp on a full board basis plus shared activities.



Day 10: Selous Game Reserve – Zanzibar

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight to Zanzibar. Upon arrival, you'll be met and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight at Tembo House Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.

Tembo House Hotel

Tembo House Hotel is a 34-bedroomed hotel, situated right in the heart of Stone Town, around ten minutes from the airport. Overlooking a busy working beach, it captures perfectly the style, décor and flair of Zanzibar. There's a central courtyard, pool, bar and restaurants. The bedrooms are simple yet stylish in character.

Day 11: Zanzibar

This morning you'll transfer to the Mapenzi Beach Club Hotel, where you'll spend the next three days in a relaxed atmosphere.



Stay 3 nights at Mapenzi Beach Club Resort on an all-inclusive basis in Superior Garden room.



Mapenzi Beach Club

Mapenzi is located on the east coast about one hour from the airport. The gardens are tropical and filled with palms and colourful bougainvillea trees. Its beach is secluded, unspoilt and extremely beautiful. With swimming pools, 87 bedrooms and multiple activities, it is a good, first-class hotel with a personal service.

Day 14: Zanzibar

Today you'll transfer back to Zanzibar Airport to connect with your departure flight or onward arrangements.

The cost of this itinerary is from £3178 per person, based on twin share and is subject to availability at the time of booking. Please see price guide on page 12 for details.

East African Explorer

Outline

This combined safari takes in the best of Kenya and Tanzania's safari parks, including the fantastic Masai Mara and Serengeti, Lakes Nakuru and Manyara, and natural wonder that is Ngorongoro Crater. Travel throughout is by road with border formalities at Namanga. You travel by shared safari bus in Kenya and a shared 4x4 in Tanzania.

Day 1: Nairobi

Upon arrival into Nairobi you will be met and transferred to the Safari Park Hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at the Safari Park Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis.

Safari Park Hotel

Situated only 10km from the city centre and 20km from the international airport, the lively Safari Park Hotel is really an African-themed resort providing deluxe accommodation in 64 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens and indigenous forest. All of the 204 distinctively designed and decorated rooms are airy and contain television, bathroom facilities and private balconies. Its six restaurants are excellent and cater to all tastes, including Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Italian, English and African. There is also a casino, several bars, health club, tennis and squash courts (golf nearby).



Day 2: Nairobi – Masai Mara National Reserve

Leaving Nairobi after breakfast, you'll travel towards Kenya's fertile highlands and head down the Rift Escarpment on a road built by Italian prisoners of war during World War II. Look out for the chapel they built at the foot of the escarpment. You'll pass the impressive Longonot earth satellite station as you head across the Valley to Narok, and then travel across acres of wheat and barley, before you reach the Masai Mara in time for lunch. Following lunch and a siesta, there is an afternoon game drive, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Mara Sopa Lodge

Mara Sopa Lodge is set in the Oloolaimutia Valley and built into the surrounding hillside landscape, amongst a fascinating wealth of wildlife, birdlife and natural flora.

The lodge is luxuriously appointed with all the modern conveniences one would expect from a Sopa styled lodge.



Day 3: Masai Mara National Reserve

Early morning and afternoon game drives.

Overnight at Mara Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 4: Masai Mara – Great Rift Valley

Leaving the Masai Mara after breakfast, you'll travel north to Narok, the district headquarters of this part of Maasailand. From Narok, you travel across the vast plains on the floor of the Rift Valley, keeping an eye out for herds of giraffe and gazelle as you head up the Mau Escarpment, before arriving at Lake Nakuru Lodge for lunch. The waters here are often coloured flamingo pink, reflecting the thousands of birds that line its shores. After lunch you will take an afternoon game drive in Nakuru National park, before returning to Lake Nakuru Lodge for overnight.

Overnight at Lake Nakuru Lodge on a full board basis.

Lake Nakuru Lodge

Lake Nakuru Lodge is situated in the heart of one of Kenya's most densely populated wetland National Parks. It is only two leisurely hours' drive from Nairobi, a drive that takes you through beautiful forested uplands and past a series of lakes.

Both black and white rhino are being given a new lease of life in this 188 sq km, fully-fenced park. The current rhino population numbers over 50 and continues to increase. The Rothschilds giraffe is another rarity and the park is also home to buffalo, leopard, zebra, eland, waterbuck and lion. Lake Nakuru Lodge is in the south-east ecological niche of the park, with commanding views of the lake and its famous flamingos. Well-kept gardens surround the lodge and cottages. There is a good programme of activities and evening entertainment.

Day 5: Great Rift Valley – Amboseli National Park

After an early breakfast you will depart with a picnic lunch, leaving the Rift Valley behind as you head towards Nairobi and then south towards Amboseli National Park. Proceed with an afternoon game drive in the park en-route to the Amboseli Sopa Lodge, arriving early evening.

Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Amboseli Sopa Lodge

Set on 200 acres of private land on the foothills of Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, Amboseli Sopa Lodge is perfectly

positioned to provide a luxurious base from which to explore the park and get some great pictures of this incredible mountain. The lodge is also close to where Ernest Hemingway lived whilst writing his famous novel, *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*.

Each of the 47 rooms has its own private veranda on which to relax, sunbathe and take in the views. All rooms are en-suite, with walk-in shower, lavatory, wash basin and shaving socket – they're modern, spacious and comfortable. Meals are a combination of European, African and Asian dishes, all made with fresh produce and served from a colourful buffet.

There are several bars, a swimming pool, TV lounge and many other small niceties that make this a superb place to stay.

Day 6: Amboseli National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli, returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Amboseli Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.



Day 7: Amboseli National Park – Lake Manyara

After breakfast, you continue the journey to the Tanzania border post and then on to Arusha for lunch. After lunch, drive across the Masai Steppe to the Great Rift Valley. Here, your hotel is perched high on the rim overlooking the park below.

Overnight at Lake Manyara Serena Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 8: Lake Manyara – Serengeti

After breakfast enjoy a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, returning to the lodge for lunch at about midday.

Leaving Lake Manyara after lunch, the journey continues north-west across the hilly countryside of Karatu and the wheat and coffee plantations of the highlands region, and then on into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here, it is a short drive to the vast plains of the Serengeti. You can expect to spot game well before you enter the park.

Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 9: Serengeti National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in the Serengeti National Park.

Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.



Day 10: Serengeti National Park – Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro Crater, viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains and stopping off at Olduvai Gorge en route. After a picnic lunch you continue to your lodge, set high on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.

Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 11: Ngorongoro Crater

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart by 4x4 to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you'll descend through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater for game viewing, returning to your lodge for lunch. In the early afternoon you will visit a Masai Village before returning to the lodge late afternoon.

Overnight at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.

Day 12: Ngorongoro Crater – Tarangire National Park

Morning drive to Tarangire national Park arriving in time for lunch and a siesta. This afternoon will be spent on a game drive returning to the lodge as the sun sets.

Overnight at Tarangire Sopa Lodge on a full board basis.



Day 13: Tarangire National Park – Nairobi

Depart Tarangire after breakfast and drive back to Arusha arriving in time for lunch. After lunch you continue the journey by road to Nairobi and onto the Carnivore Restaurant for Dinner before drop off at JKIA airport or City centre Hotel.

The cost of this itinerary is from £2475 per person, based on twin share and is subject to availability at the time of booking. Please see price guide on page 12 for details.

Price Guide

Safari Name	Days	Departs	01 Jan 16 to 29 Feb 16 **	01 Mar 16 to 31 Mar 16	01 Apr 16 to 25 May 16	26 May 16 to 25 Jun 16	26 Jun 16 to 31 Oct 16	01 Nov 16 to 15 Dec 16	16 Dec 16 to 31 Dec 16 **
Northern Parks	5	Sun and Wed	£1366 per person £150 Single Supp.	£1228 per person £130 Single Supp.	£1000 per person No Single Supp.	£1366 per person £150 Single Supp.	£1366 per person £150 Single Supp.	£1228 per person £130 Single Supp.	£1366 per person £150 Single Supp.
Big Cat North Tanzania Safari	6	Tue, Thurs, Fri	£1595 per person £200 Single Supp.	£1180 per person £163 Single Supp.	£1006 per person No Single Supp.	£1595 per person £200 Single Supp.	£1595 per person £200 Single Supp.	£1180 per person £163 Single Supp.	£1595 per person £200 Single Supp.
Northern Highlights	7	Sun and Wed	£1634 per person £216 Single Supp.	£1418 per person £193 Single Supp.	£1111 per person No Single Supp.	£1634 per person £216 Single Supp.	£1634 per person £216 Single Supp.	£1418 per person £193 Single Supp.	£1634 per person £216 Single Supp.
			16 Dec 15 to 29 Feb 16	01 Mar 16 to 15 Mar 16	16 Mar 16 to 25 May 16	26 May 16 to 23 Jun 16	24 Jun 16 to 31 Aug 16	01 Sep 16 to 31 Oct 16	01 Nov 16 to 15 Dec 16
Plains and Spices	14	Sun, Wed, Fri	£3420 per person £660 Single Supp.	£3178 per person £594 Single Supp.	Closed	£3343 per person £613 Single Supp.	£3420 per person £660 Single Supp.	£3420 per person £660 Single Supp.	£3214 per person £596 Single Supp.
			16 Dec 15 to 31 Dec 15	01 Jan 16 to 28 Feb 16	01 Mar 16 to 31 Mar 16	01 Apr 16 to 20 May 16	21 May 16 to 30 Jun 16	01 Jul 16 to 31 Oct 16	01 Nov 16 to 15 Dec 16
East African Explorer	13	Mon, Thurs, Sat	£2995 per person £420 Single Supp.	£2995 per person £410 Single Supp.	£2680 per person £370 Single Supp.	£2385 per person £40 Single Supp.	£2950 per person £260 Single Supp.	£3080 per person £430 Single Supp.	£2695 per person £390 Single Supp.
<p><i>See individual itineraries for full list of inclusions and exclusions. Please note that those are ground only costs. International flights to East Africa from the UK start from £500.</i></p> <p><i>The rate of exchange used in the above prices is 1.53 and may be adjusted at the time of booking.</i></p> <p><i>** Please ask our office for Festive Season supplements.</i></p>									

