

Tanzania Explorer Safari

This short, 5 night safari visits the the best wildlife parks of Northern Tanzania: Tarangire, Ngorongoro and the Serengeti. Accommodation is in safari lodges and mobile camps of a high standard. The itinerary departs fortnightly on Mondays and has a maximum of 6 participants.

The safari can also be run as a private departure for a small group.



Day by Day Itinerary:

Day 1 & 2: Arrival at Kilimanjaro, Arusha / Tarangire National Park (155km/ 2.5 hrs drive)

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport and after clearing customs and immigration, you will be met by your guide in a new 4x4 custom built land cruiser. You will have a brief stop at Shanga in Arusha for lunch and continue to Tarangire National Park, the third largest park in Tanzania. Best known for its herds of elephant, Tarangire is home to more than 2,500 individuals and in the dry season herds of up to 400 elephants can be seen a few kilometers from the camp playing and lounging around the swamp.

You will arrive at Maisha Kikoti, your camp for the next two nights, early afternoon. Located on the main wildlife corridor of the park, Maisha Kikoti has great game viewing on its doorstep. Indeed, arriving at the remote location of the camp is an adventure in itself, as you are driven along the river via the Silale swamp, where you are likely to see plenty of game.



The lodge itself is designed in traditional African style, with Makuti thatched huts and carved wooden decor. Accommodation is in wonderfully comfortable deluxe thatched chalets, and booked on a full-board basis. There is a campfire around which drinks, and sometimes meals, are served in the evening.

This evening you will be able to relax in the lodge or enjoy an evening game drive, according to your wishes. The evening game drives are one of the highlights of Maisha Kikoti Camp, giving you a



chance to examine unique species that cannot normally be seen during the day. Thanks to its unique location, Maisha Kikoti is one of very few camps in the Tarangire National Park that can offer these evening game drives.

Day 2: Tarangire National Park

Today you will enjoy morning and afternoon game drives with lunch in camp (alternatively, a full day drive with picnic lunch is also possible). We don't limit your drives and you can spend as much time out game viewing as you wish. You can also experience walking safaris and nature walks at Kikoti led by the local Maasai. Staying two nights ensures that you see and experience the best of Tarangire.

Day 3: Tarangire - Ngorongoro Highlands (140km/2.5 hours' drive)

This morning you depart Tarangire for the Ngorongoro highlands, along the way you will stop and discover the local village of Muto Wambu. Here you will be able to experience traditional



village life with a visit to the local market. You will have lunch in a homestay where you will be able to learn how the local dishes are prepared. You can also visit nearby banana plantations and rice fields as well as a neighbouring Maasai village! The off road driving is an exciting experience as you go up higher and higher into the wilderness until you reach your resting place for the night, Endoro Lodge (B/L/D), situated in the Karatu area. In the late afternoon you can also enjoy the nature trails and waterfalls around the lodge.

Day 4: Ngorongoro - Olduvai Gorge - Serengeti National Park (215Km/3.5hours drive)

Leaving early about 6am you descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, the Earth's largest unbroken caldera. A veritable "Garden of Eden", the Crater is reputed to contain the highest density of carnivores in Africa, including Cheetah, Leopard and Lion. This is also the only place in East Africa where one can easily observe a natural population of Black Rhino.

After a fruitful game drive and picnic lunch, you ascend and drive around the crater's rim, before descending to Olduvai Gorge. Olduvai Gorge is one of the most important prehistoric archaeological sites on Earth. After Viewing the Gorge and listening to a presentation, you continue on to the Serengeti, Tanzania's most renowned national park and home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on Earth, the migratory herds of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle roam widely in search of green grass and water.







You will be staying for 2 nights in a small deluxe eight tented mobile camp on a fully inclusive basis (all meals, all drinks and laundry). This is the highlight of your safari; situated in the wilderness of Africa with game all around you, and staying in a small, unique camp, you will be able to enjoy your very own "Out of Africa" experience. With no electricity and just oil lamps to guide your way you will feel transported back in time as you gather around the campfire and take in the beauty of the area – this is the Africa that you have come to see and experience and you won't be disappointed.



On arrival you can enjoy an evening game drive and sundowner. You will dine in comfortable open sided dining tents.



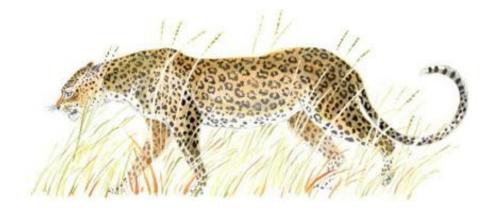
Day 5: Serengeti National Park

Today you are free to explore the Serengeti at your leisure on guided game drives. The Serengeti never disappoints and the location of the camp has been chosen to ensure you see the best of the wildlife in the area. After sundowners, canapés and drinks in the remote wilderness you will have dinner in the bush, served under oil lanterns which we hang from nearby acacia trees. Afterwards you can relax with a cognac around the camp fire.

Day 6: Serengeti - fly Arusha - Depart

Today you have an early morning game drive en-route to the airstrip in Seronera from which your one-hour flight to Arusha departs. This is a wonderful experience in its own right as you board a small 12 seater plane and fly low over the remote wilderness, over volcanic mountains and the plains of Africa.

Arriving at Arusha airport you will stop for lunch, after which you can either check in for your international departure flight home or fly to Zanzibar or the coast for a few days – this will be at additional cost, please ask us for suggestions.









Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is from £1746 per person*, based on twin/double rooms. Single supplement is £110. 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 <u>booking conditions</u> for more information.

Includes:

- All Safari transportation as per above itinerary using a 4x4 Safari Land Cruiser with a pop up roof for easy photography
- All transfers & meet and greet
- All meals as indicated in your itinerary (B)-Breakfast, (L)-Lunch, (D)-Dinner
- 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
- Temporary flying doctors membership \$20
- Fees for passports and visas
- All foreign airport departure taxes
- 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

Trip highlights

- This well designed trip is not too tiring and maximizes your game viewing in all of the parks visited
- Unrestricted game drives from start to finish you are here to see the wildlife at your own pace
- Eco-friendly family owned and operated lodges and camps
- Small and intimate, the largest lodge on this trip is 18 deluxe rooms
- Great locations, uniquely situated to maximize wildlife viewing
- Three very different national parks: Tarangire, Ngorongoro and the Serengeti
- Excellent guides with many years' experience
- Comfortable new custom built 4x4 vehicles
- Travelling with one of the most respected and experienced Tanzania safari specialists, guaranteeing good old fashioned service from start to finish
- See and experience real local culture and hospitality
- No added extras, with all meals provided and fully inclusive in the Serengeti
- You fly back from the Serengeti, saving you about 8 hours of additional driving time



