

# Tanzania Wildlife Safari

8 Nights/9 Days



Male Lion

During this 9-day lodge and camp safari you will visit four of the most well-known parks on Tanzania's "northern circuit" – The Ngorongoro Crater, Tarangire National Park, Serengeti National Park, and finally Lake Eyasi for an incredible cultural experience with the Maasai tribe and Hadzabe and Datoga bushmen. With all the diverse landscapes of the Serengeti and a crater full of wildlife, this safari has something for everyone and is ideal for those who enjoy nature, wildlife and an African adventure, but have limited time.

#### Tour Overview

Day 1: Arrive Kilimanjaro (JRO)

Day 2: Arusha – Tarangire

Day 3: Ngorongoro Crater

Day 4: Serengeti National Park via

Olduvai Gorge

Days 5, 6: Serengeti National Park

Day 7: Serengeti to Eyasi Day 8: Eyasi to Arusha

Day 9: Depart Kilimanjaro (JRO)

## 8 Nights/9 Days Itinerary

#### Day 1, Arrival:

Arrival to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) and drive to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Dinner Lodging at Forest Hill Hotel or Under the Shade Safari Lodge

#### Day 2, Arusha - Tarangire:

After early breakfast we will be picked up by our guide and safari vehicle and driven to Tarangire National Park. Tarangire has an extremely rich population of birds and wildlife both big and small. The park has plenty of resident animals although some tend to migrate depending on the time of year. The most commonly seen animals are Elephants, Giraffes, Impalas, Warthogs, Zebras, Wildebeests, Dwarf Mongoose and Ostriches. Lions can also be seen, as well as Leopards and on some rare occasions even Wild Dogs have been spotted. Furthermore, the park is home to 550 species of birds. Greater and Lesser Kudus as well as Oryx also roam the park. Later we'll proceed to Karatu for



Zebras and Baobabs

dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Lodging at Marera Valley Lodge or Bougainvillea Lodge

## Day 3, Ngorongoro Crater:

After early breakfast, we will drive to this immense volcanic crater floor for a full day game drive. The crater floor is covered by various landscapes that range from dense mountain forests and woodlands

to grasslands, lakes and swamps. Water sources include the two main rivers; Munge River in the west and Lerai River in the east as well as the Ngotokitok spring that spills into a swamp. Huge herds of ungulates dominate the crater floor with Zebras, Wildebeests, Elands, Grant's and Thompson's Gazelles being the species most commonly seen. But the crater is also home to the "big five" and Rhinos, Elephants, Lions and Buffalo are often spotted. Leopards are rarely seen as they prefer staying in the forests on the crater rim. The

highly endangered Black Rhino can also be found in the crater and sightings are not rare! Serval cats, Caracal, Spotted Hyenas and Jackals can also be seen. After lunch we proceed to Karatu for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Lodging at Marera Valley Lodge or Ngorongoro Coffee Lodge

# Day 4, Serengeti National Park via Olduvai Gorge:

After early breakfast we drive into the Serengeti National Park via Olduvai George, enroute learning more about the history of mankind. After lunch we proceed to Serengeti Park, where we will have opportunities for big prides of Lions, as well as Cheetah, Leopard, Hyena, Giraffes, Elephants, and other birds and wildlife. We'll have lunch on the way and overnight in the midst of safari country.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Lodging at Serengeti Heritage camp or Suenos de Africa Camp

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## Days 5 and 6, Serengeti National Park:

Each day after an early breakfast we'll drive into the Serengeti plains with packed lunch. Serengeti National Park is undoubtedly the best-known wildlife sanctuary in the world, unequaled for its natural beauty and scientific value. With more than two million Wildebeest,

half a million Thomson's Gazelle. and a quarter of a million Zebra, it has the greatest concentration of plains game in Africa. The great quantity of Wildebeest and Zebra form the star cast of a unique spectacle – the annual Serengeti migration. Even when the migration is quiet the Serengeti has the most spectacular game viewing in Africa, with goldenmaned Lions, Leopards, herds of Buffalo, smaller groups of Elephant and Giraffe and thousands upon thousands of Elands, Topi, Kongoni, Impala and Grant's Gazelle.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Lodging at Serengeti Heritage Tented Camp or Suenos de Africa Camp

# Days 7, Serengeti to Eyasi via Maasai for an unforgettable cultural experience:

After an early breakfast with a Serengeti game drive en route, we proceed to Maasai for a cultural experience and later drive to Lake Eyasi for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Lodging at Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge

#### Days 8, Eyasi to Arusha:

After breakfast, we'll drive to the far side of Lake Eyasi for an intimate cultural experience with the Hadzabe and Datoga tribes. The Hadzabe are an ethnic group in central Tanzania, living around Lake Eyasi in the central Rift Valley and in the neighboring Serengeti Plateau. They number just under 1000. Some 300-400 Hadzabe still live as hunter-gatherers, much as they have for thousands or even tens of thousands of years; they are the last functioning huntergatherers in Africa. Visiting the Datoga tribe will complete your cultural experience at Lake Eyasi. The Datoga are skilled farmers and metal craftsman, often trading with the Hadzabe. You will visit their homes and village, and experience their culture first hand. Afterwards. we'll drive to Arusha, stopping for souvenirs if desired, and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Lodging at Forest Hill Hotel or Under the Shade Safari Lodge

#### Day 9, Departure:

After breakfast transfer one hour to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) for our international flights home.

Meals: Breakfast

#### Included in this itinerary:

Accommodations and meals as per above itinerary, 4x4 Safari vehicle & fuel, Tanzanian Naturalist Guide, daily mineral water while travelling, all entrance fees, tourism, government and conservation levies and taxes.

#### Not Included:

International flights, visa expenses, personal items such as alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, gift shop, laundry, etc. are not included.

#### Travel insurance:

We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance. In the event that you need to cancel your trip due to medical or other reasons, this insurance will protect you.



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