



OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

**TARANGIRE, LAKE MANYARA, LAKE EYASI,
NGORONGORO CRATER & SERENGETI**

8 DAYS/ 7NIGHTS

DAY 1

ARUSHA

You will be met at Kilimanjaro or Arusha Airport by your safari specialist and driver who will brief you on the journey ahead. Equipped with a wealth of knowledge, our experts will be able to answer any questions you have and provide you with all the information necessary for an unforgettable safari experience. After checking into your chosen Arusha hotel, relax and unwind before enjoying dinner at the hotel or in one of our recommended local restaurants in Arusha town.

Overnight at your chosen Hotel/Lodge in Arusha



DAY 2

TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, you will start your journey to the unique Tarangire National Park. One of the last untouched places on earth, the park is famous for its huge herds of elephants against a stunning backdrop of majestic, ancient Baobab trees. Many of Tarangire's larger residents follow the rains to greener pastures between November and June. Wildebeest and zebras join elephants, buffalo, and giraffes to form a wildlife migration second only to the Serengeti/Maasai Mara phenomenon

There are large populations of impala, giraffe, eland, and buffalo. Thompson's gazelle, hartebeest, boho reedbuck, and both the greater and lesser kudu are also in abundance here. Lion pride is common throughout Tarangire in terms of predators, as are leopards and spotted hyenas. Packs of wild dogs sometimes pass through as well.

After a full day spent exploring Tarangire, at 6pm you will head to your lodge for dinner and overnight rest.

Overnight at your chosen lodge/camp in Tarangire or Karatu

DAY 3

LAKE MANYARA

After breakfast, you will depart your lodge and head for Lake Manyara National Park to continue your safari. Lake Manyara lies in the Great Rift Valley and is one of the most beautiful places in Africa. Dramatically bordered by lush green vegetation, upon entering the park you will become captivated by large troops of baboons and blue monkeys swinging from the trees. Further down, the forest opens up into woodlands, grassland, and swamps, beyond which sits the Soda Lake itself. Home to 350 species of birds including the flamingos, pelicans, sacred ibises, grebes, and storks – it's easy to see why Lake Manyara is commonly referred to as "the bird watcher's paradise".

The most famous spectacle in the park is the tree-climbing lions who spend most of their days lazily relaxing along the branches of Acacia trees 6 – 8 meters above the ground. The park is also noted for its numerous buffalos, elephants, giraffes, impalas, hippos, and smaller animals, which can all be seen in a single day.

Overnight at your chosen lodge/camp in Karatu



DAY 4

LAKE EYASI

After an early breakfast, your driver will pick you up and transfer you to Lake Eyasi to visit the last hunter-gatherers in East Africa – the Datoga and Hadzabe tribes. Step back in time and learn about the realities of daily life in Tanzania's bush, where the Datoga and Hadzabe tribes grow no food, raise no livestock, live without rules or calendars and rely solely on hunting and the gathering of fruits and berries for their survival. Watch in amazement as they craft bows and arrows out of animal tendons and wood, extract sap from the Commiphora tree to use as mosquito repellent and make delicious drinks using the fruits of the baobab which are joyfully shared after a successful day of hunting.

After an educational day learning about the different cultures of Tanzania, your guide will drop you off at your accommodation in time to enjoy dinner.

Overnight at your chosen lodge/camp in Lake Eyasi

DAY 5

LAKE EYASI - SERENGETI

It's an early start to the day, as we set out with the bushmen on their morning hunt. Watch in amazement as local children skilfully climb huge baobab trees and the tribe dance in celebration of their successful catches. After an educational morning with the tribe, you head back to your accommodation for a late breakfast and to check out. You are then transferred to the Serengeti National Park.

After lunch you will begin your afternoon game drive where you can expect to see large numbers of elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeests, monkeys, baboons, hippos, rhinos, antelopes, and many exotic bird species. Your drive will end at your chosen camp or lodge where you will relax and rest overnight.

Overnight at your chosen lodge/camp in Serengeti



DAY 6

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

The endless plains of the Serengeti...

Your drive will begin around 6am in search of nocturnal predators returning from their night's hunting and animals waking up in the early dawn. Breakfast boxes will be prepared for you to enjoy and as soon as the sun rises. After breakfast you will go in search of prides of lions, cheetahs and leopards, just a handful of the many animals residing in the park. We will pass by the Serengeti information centre in the Seronera area for a brief look at the history of the region.

We will then return to your lodge for a relaxed lunch and cold drinks. Later in the afternoon, when the sun is less intense, you have the option to go on an early evening game drive or undertake a nature walk around the camp with resident tribesmen, who will be happy to share their knowledge of the surrounding plants and animals.

Overnight at your chosen lodge/camp in Serengeti

DAY 7

NGORONGORO CRATER

After an early breakfast, you will begin your journey to the stunning Ngorongoro Conservation Area. By lunchtime, you will be descending into the Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, formed when a volcano exploded and collapsed in on itself 2-3 million years ago. You will enjoy your first game drive around the crater floor, stopping for a picnic lunch at one of the many scenic lunch spots. With its 2,000-foot-high walls, very few animals migrate in and out of the crater making it an area with its one of the highest concentrations of wild animals in the world.

You'll be searching for lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras, buffaloes, hippos, flamingos, jackals, rhinos, antelopes, and many rare birds you might even get to see the 'Big Five' all in one day!

After the game drive, you will drive to your reserved accommodation. The rest of the evening can be spent relaxing and enjoying the spectacular views over this prehistoric landscape.

Overnight at your chosen lodge/camp in Ngorongoro



DAY 8

BACK TO ARUSHA

Enjoy breakfast with views over the stunning crater before, departing for Arusha airport, where you will take a flight to your next destination, or transfer to Kilimanjaro airport, if required.

Ask for more information if you wish to stay longer. For a more relaxed pace to your safari and in order to maximize the opportunity of seeing more games in different regions, there is the option to extend your stay by one day.

INCLUDING SERVICES

- Airport and hotel transfers in private car
- 08 days private safari package
- Transport and wildlife drives in modified 4WD Land Cruiser or Land Rover with a photographic roof hatch
- Services of a professional English-speaking safari guide
- All wildlife reserve entry fees
- All game drives as mentioned
- All accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary
- 2ltr mineral bottles of water per person, per day during game drive

EXCLUDING SERVICES

- International flights
- All items of personal nature
- Gratuities for safari guides
- Personal/holiday travel insurance – you are strongly recommended taking out holiday insurance before you leave your country of residence
- Visa fee (50 US\$ / 100 US\$ for Americans & Irish passport holders – to be paid upon arrival)
- Drinks and beverages in lodges
- Laundry

****Check under each hotel information above for meal plan***