

LANDSCAPES OF TANZANIA SAFARI:

Number of Days: 8 Days
Days of Operation: Sundays

Safari Departure and Arrival timings:

Safari Briefing: Day 02 at 0700hrs approximately
Arrival on Day 01 Check-in from 1400 hours without prior early arrival arrangements
Departs on Day 02 0730hrs approx.
Returns on Day 13 1900hrs approx. (onward flights to be booked 2300hrs onwards)
Pick up point: Crowne Plaza Hotel
Drop off point: Crowne Plaza or JKI Airport

An Africa safari touches something deep within all of us, for it is an experience that will never be forgotten. The following safari combines intriguing cultures, beautiful landscapes and an excellent opportunity for spotting the Big-5. The driver-guides are all very experienced and will certainly make this safari feel special.

Day 1 Nairobi

Upon arrival into Nairobi, you will be met and transferred to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** on a bed and breakfast basis

The hotel rooms offer the very best in comfort, convenience and efficiency. Each air-conditioned room is equipped with flat-screen TV with satellite connection, plug-and-play panels, direct-dial international telephone, complimentary high-speed internet access, mini bar, electronic personal safety deposit box, and complimentary tea and coffee-making facilities.

Day 2 Nairobi – Namanga – Lake Manyara

After breakfast, you start the journey to the Tanzania border post and then on to Arusha for lunch. Afternoon (approx 1400 hrs) pick up from Arusha Town Centre and join seat in vehicle safari (using Serena Lodges). You depart Arusha and pass through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as 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 full board basis

Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

Grouped around a central 'vanishing horizon' pool, this highly unusual lodge features a simple timbered reception area, built in traditional African style, which is accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond reception, lies the central dining room, bar and veranda, below which lies the pool. Perched on the very edge of the cliffs, with stunning views over the lake is the pool bar and observation point. Dotted around the grounds, all with views over the lake, are a series of circular two-storey 'rondavels', which house the rooms.

Day 3 Lake Manyara – Serengeti National Park

After breakfast there is a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park that returns to the lodge for lunch. Leaving Lake Manyara behind, the journey continues North West across the stunning hilly countryside of

the highlands which is filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you'll hopefully start spotting game well before you get into the park.

Overnight at **Serengeti Serena Lodge** on a full board basis

Serengeti Serena Lodge

Centrally located adjacent to the famous Western Corridor and Grumeti River, the lodge has been designed to blend completely into the living landscape. A series of traditional domed 'rondavels' are widely spaced throughout the grounds, which are cooled by groves of acacia trees and watered by sparkling streams. On the very edge of the ridge is a 'vanishing horizon' pool, which looks out over the 'endless plains' after which the Serengeti is named.

Day 4 Serengeti National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti National Park.

Overnight at **Serengeti Serena Lodge** on a full board basis

Day 5 Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro with a picnic lunch viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains, after a picnic lunch you continue to your lodge, set high on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.

Overnight at **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge** on a full board basis

Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Hugging the contours of the jagged Crater rim, the lodge takes its inspiration from the so-called 'Cradle of Mankind', the prehistoric site of Olduvai Gorge, which lies close by. Linked by arched stone passages and timbered decks, its walls are decorated with stylized prehistoric cave paintings and lit by flaring torches. At the stone heart of the lodge burns a glowing fire, which is kept constantly alight. Decorated with cave paintings, the rooms are strung around the Crater rim. Each has its own rock- enclosed balcony, and all enjoy completely uninterrupted views of the volcanic amphitheatre far below.

Day 6 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. You return to the lodge in the late afternoon.

Overnight at **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge** on a full board basis

Day 7 Ngorongoro Crater - 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. 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 full board basis

Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Hidden among the kopjes of Tarangire National Park lies Tarangire Sopa Lodge. The lodge is surrounded by ancient baobab trees. Tarangire National Park is the home of one of the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa, and other game including the elusive leopard. Over 400 bird species can be spotted

here as well. With water constantly available in the area, the greenery is lush providing a wonderful contrast to the burnt ground.

Day 8 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 a Nairobi City Centre Restaurant for dinner before drop off at JKIA airport or City centre Hotel.

Minimum 2 passengers to operate. Maximum 7 pax in each vehicle. Price for sole participant supplements will apply. We can only accept a single traveller when at least 2 other travellers are confirmed.

Sole Travellers

Participants travelling alone must pay an additional \$66.00 (in addition to the single room supplement) to cover the cost of arrival and departure transfers). Sole travellers will only be confirmed when at least two people have confirmed on a departure.

Child Rates - Third Adult Discount

- One child aged 7-11 years sharing with 2 adults pays 60% of safari cost*
- Children aged 7 - 11 years pay 50% of holiday supplements
- Third adult pays full adult rate

**Children younger than seven are discouraged from joining seat-in-vehicle safaris however; we would be pleased to provide a private safari for families with young children.*

Hot Air Balloon Safaris

We recommend travellers book an optional hot air balloon safari either in Masai Mara or Serengeti National Park in advance. The excursion may be booked for DAY 03 or DAY 09.

Cost Includes

- Meet and greet services with assistance
- All transport and game drives on road safaris will be in a 4x4 in Kenya and 4x4 vehicle in Tanzania (with seven window seats) with an English-speaking driver-guide on shared basis
- Transfers may be in a two-wheel drive 7 passenger minibus or 24 passenger coach.
- Maximum of 7 passengers per vehicle
- Meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes
- ½ litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

Cost Excludes

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

Additional remarks

- Cancellation policy as per agent's agreement or as per our printed Price Guide if no fixed contract is in place. Please request any further information on this if required.

- 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.
- This safari combines other programmes.

Passenger Information

- Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- Passengers arriving to Kenya or Tanzania may be asked to present a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate
- Travellers' cheques generally are not accepted in East Africa. US bank notes cannot be older than 2004 and must have the most current security markings (large portrait of the presidents).