

Safari Itineraries

Northern Circuit Safari

Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro, Maasai Village

- Total Duration: 4 days

Arrival

- Airport arrival and transport to hotel. Afternoon-evening tour of Arusha. Exactly half-way between Alexandria in Egypt and Capetown in S.A. Arusha is Tanzania's second city. Made world famous for its International Criminal Court for the prosecution of Rwanda's 'genocidaires', Arusha offers the visitor a typical African town with its history in the BOMA and its lively market.
- Accommodation: [Arusha Gran Melia Hotel](#) - 5 star
 - [Gold Crest Hotel](#) - 4 star
- Distance from airport: 60 km/37mi

Day 1

- Drive from Arusha to Tarangire National Park. The Tarangire Ecosystem is defined by the long-distance migration of wildebeest and zebras. During the dry season thousands of animals concentrate in Tarangire National Park from the surrounding wet-season dispersal and calving areas. Visiting the park in the June to November dry season can expect to see large herds of thousands of zebra, wildebeest and cape buffalo. The park covers an area of approximately 2,850 square kilometers (1,100 square miles).
- Accommodation outside the park: [Twiga Lodge & Campsite](#)
- Distance from Moshi: 165km/103mi

Day 2

- Drive from Twiga Lodge into Lake Manyara National Park. Game drive in the park where you will encounter many of Africa's most popular wild animals, from baboons and monkeys to tree-sleeping lions and hippos, not to mention the flocks of pink flamingos feeding off the shallow lake bottom. Drive to Karatu for overnight stay. Breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
- Lake Manyara National Park Area: 325 km² (125 sq mi)
- Accommodation: [Country Lodge](#), Karatu
- Total Distance Travelled: 38km/23mi

Day 3

- From the Karatu entrance to the park enter the Ngorongoro Crater conservation area. This is a short journey. You will see the wide plains of this magnificent park with many of Africa's 'Big Five' game. Checking into tented lodge accommodation

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on the Crater rim, you will have had a long but excellent day in 'the 8th Wonder of the World'.

- Ngorongoro Crater Conservation **Area:** 8,292 km² (3,202 sq mi). The Crater = 250km² (155 sq mi)
- Accommodation: Rhino Lodge Ngorongoro
- Distance travelled: approx 80km/50mi

Day 4

- Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti are famous for their habitat for the Maasai people. The Maasai are largely nomadic herds of people travelling with their animals as they feed. On this day we travel to a Maasai village where you will be welcomed to experience the lifestyle and traditions that make the Maasai unique. After your visit we return to Arusha where you may extend your stay or let us take you back to the airport the following.
- Accommodation: Arusha Gran Melia Hotel - 5 star
 - Gold Crest Hotel - 4 star
- Total Distance travelled: 160km-200km (approx.)

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Private Safari and Archeological History Tour

- Total Duration: 6 days

Arrival

- Airport arrival and transport to hotel. Afternoon-evening tour of Arusha with its historic BOMA museum and its bustling market.
- Accommodation: [Arusha Gran Melia Hotel](#) - 5 star
 - [Gold Crest Hotel](#) - 4 star
- Distance from airport: 60 km/37mi

Day 1

- **Tarangire National Park** is a national park in Tanzania's Manyara Region. The name of the park originates from the Tarangire River that crosses the park. The Tarangire River is the primary source of fresh water for wild animals in the Tarangire Ecosystem during the annual dry season. The Tarangire Ecosystem is defined by the long-distance migration of wildebeest and zebras. During the dry season thousands of animals concentrate in Tarangire National Park from the surrounding wet-season dispersal and calving areas.
- Tarangire covers an area of approximately 2,850 square kilometers (1,100 square miles.) The landscape is composed of granitic ridges, river valleys, and swamps. Vegetation is a mix of *Acacia* woodland, *Combretum* woodland, seasonally flooded grassland, and baobab trees.
- Distance travelled: 152km/94miles
- Accommodation: in Karatu; [Country Lodge Hotel](#) (mid-range)
- [Bougainvillea Safari Lodge](#) (luxury)

Day 2

- Our **Bushmen Tour** will open your eyes to a phase of human history that is in danger of disappearing under the pressures of the modern world. The Hadza people are an indigenous tribe who settled around the plains of Lake Eyasi. They continue their traditions of hunting and gathering and lead a strict patriarchal life, with the men going hunting and the women foraging close to home for food. They are nomadic people and therefore need tracking down when we go to visit. They will, in return, teach you to hunt by bow and arrow!
- Because the men are hunters they do appreciate gifts such as a swiss army knife or similar (packed in your luggage, not your in-flight cabin baggage, of course!).
- Distance: approx 2-3 hours on bush roads
- Accommodation: return to Karatu hotel

Day 3

- **Olduvai Gorge**, sometimes known also as Oldupai Gorge is a dried up river valley within the Great Rift Valley which was home to some of the earliest upright walking hominids (early humans). In 1978 the team of explorers associated with paleontologist

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Mary Leakey discovered early hominid footprints embedded in solid rock which was once volcanic ash from the nearby Olmoti volcano (now extinct).

- *Homo habilis*, probably the first early human species, occupied Olduvai Gorge approximately 1.9 million years ago (mya); then came a contemporary australopithecine, *Paranthropus boisei*, 1.8 mya, followed by *Homo erectus*, 1.2 mya. Our species *Homo sapiens*, which is estimated to have emerged roughly 300,000 years ago, is dated to have occupied the site 17,000 years ago.
- Distance travelled from Karatu through Southern Serengeti is 176km, 92miles.
- Accommodation: [Ndotu Safari Lodge](#)

Day 4 and 5

- A **Serengeti Game Drive** in Southern and Central Serengeti offers you a unique experience of big game in one of the world's most prestigious game Parks. The Serengeti is also a world heritage site due to the diversity of wildlife and the biannual migration of a million plus wildebeest. Depending on the time of year you will see the plains full of many species of wild animals and their predators. Visit between December and May for the wildebeest, zebra and gazelle arriving to give birth to their young. During February the Southern Serengeti witnesses thousands of baby wildebeest being targeted by hungry lions, cheetah and hyena, which are in abundance at this time of year.
- Distance depends on the safari and game but all within the National Park
- Accommodation Day 4: [Serengeti Heritage Lodge](#)
- Accommodation Day 5: [Rhino Lodge](#), Ngorongoro Crater

Day 6

- **Ngorongoro Crater**, covering the distance from Serengeti park centre to the world-famous Ngorongoro Crater you will follow and overtake the Serengeti migration on the southern plains. This leg may be customizable at the time of the safari. You will settle for one night on the crater rim before the morning game drives through the crater. With an early morning start, you will see the game at its most active - morning feeding time. Leaving the Ngorongoro Crater in late afternoon we head back to our starting point in Arusha.
- Total distance travelled: approx. 260km/162mi
- Accommodation: Hotel at starting point

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World Heritage Safari

The Serengeti

- Total Duration: 6 days

Arrival

- Airport arrival and transport to hotel. Afternoon-evening tour of Arusha with its historic BOMA museum and its bustling market.
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- Meals included: lunch, dinner
- Accommodation: in Karatu; [Country Lodge Hotel](#) (mid-range)
- [Bougainvillea Safari Lodge](#) (luxury)

Day 2 : Ol Doinyo Lengai Volcano Walking Tour

- "Oldoinyo Lengai" means "The Mountain of God" in the Maasai language. The summit of this strato-volcano is 2962 metres above sea level, and affords direct views into the caldera of Tanzania's only officially-certified active volcano, and the world's only carbonatite volcano; records of eruptions have been maintained since 1883, the largest of which deposited ash 100 kilometres away in Loliondo on the Kenyan border to the north west. Your trek will include a hike up to the foot of the volcano with the option to climb.
- Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Accommodation included: Overnight at a Tented Camp/Hotel

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Day 3 : Serengeti - the Northern Migration Route

- This safari is best taken between August and November. See Expert Africa's wonderful display [here](#). On day 3 we drive from OL Doiyo through to the Northern gate for the Serengeti National Park. Depending on the time of year you will almost immediately be confronted by vast herds of Wildebeest, Zebras and all the predators that follow them. This is one of Earth's greatest migration events.
- Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Accommodation included: [Serengeti Heritage tented Lodge/Camp](#) (Northern Serengeti).

Day 4 : Serengeti - the River Forests

- Here, again depending on the time of year we will follow the herds south through central Serengeti. We follow the rivers and forest of the north into the plains of central and southern Serengeti.
- Meals included: breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Accommodation included: [Serengeti Heritage tented Lodge/Camp](#) (Central Serengeti).

Day 5 : Ngorongoro Crater

- **Ngorongoro Crater**, covering the distance from Serengeti park centre to the world-famous Ngorongoro Crater you will follow and overtake the Serengeti migration on the southern plains in early December-January. This leg may be customizable at the time of the safari. You will settle for one night on the crater rim before the morning game drives through the crater. With an early morning start, you will see the game at its most active - morning feeding time. Leaving the Ngorongoro Crater in late afternoon we head back to our starting point in Arusha via the Maasai Village.
- Total distance travelled: approx. 260km/162miles
- Meals included: breakfast, lunch
- Accommodation included: [Rhino Lodge](#), Ngorongoro Crater

Day 6 : Visit Maasai Village and home

- The Maasai are indigenous to the Serengeti and Ngorongoro. The Maasai Mara in Kenya is named after the tribe. In the village you will experience the culture and traditions of the Maasai people and if you are handsome and of the female persuasion you may even be asked to join the chief's 3 or 4 other wives! At day's end we head back to Arusha for your return flight.

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- Meals included: breakfast, lunch
- Accommodation included: Return to arrival hotel Bed and Breakfast.

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Southern Circuit Safari

Ruaha Game Reserve

- Total Duration: 6 days

Arrival

- Meals included: lunch, dinner
- Airport arrival and transport to hotel. Afternoon-evening tour of Dar es Salaam with its port and popular fish market. Dar es Salaam is Tanzania's major city. As the commercial hub it has busy streets lined with street markets. The postal district (called 'Posta') prides itself with vendors selling almost anything. In Dar city center you will also find a huge and very popular market called 'Kariakoo'. You can travel around the city in the popular three-wheeled 'bajaji' that take you in and out of the traffic. Dar is a bustling city providing an exciting African cultural experience.
- Distance from airport: 13 kilometres/8mi

Meeting & pickup

- Julius Nyerere International Airport, Dar es Salaam

Accommodation

- 4 Star: [Tiffany Diamond Hotel](#)
- 3 Star: [Regency Park Hotel](#)

Tour details

Total Duration: 6 days

1. Mikumi National Park
2. Ruaha National Park
3. Udzungwa Mountains National Park

What makes this tour unique?

1. The **Mikumi National Park** near Morogoro, Tanzania, was established in 1964. It covers an area of 3,230 km² is the fourth largest in the country. **Location:** Mikumi near Morogoro, Tanzania; **Area:** 3,230 km² (1247sq mi)

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2. **Ruaha National Park** in South Central Tanzania is drained by the Great Ruaha River. The addition of the Usangu Game Reserve and other important wetlands to the park in 2008 increased its size to 20,226 km² (7,809 sq mi); **Location:** Tanzania, South Central; Area: 45,000 sq km (17,000 sq mi)
3. **Udzungwa Mountains National Park** near Mikumi and the Selous Game Reserve. Udzungwa Mountains National Park has one of the highest rates of biodiversity anywhere in Africa, with several different landscapes inside the park's borders that serve as home to hundreds of species. Two of the six primate species in Udzungwa are only found there – the Iringa Red Colobus and Sanje Crested Mangabey. The park sustains more than 400 bird species, including four that occur nowhere else in the world. Location: Kidaya, Tanzania; Area: 1990 sq km (768 sq mi)

Group type: Private; **Customizable:** Yes

Our Pricing Schedule

Opening hours: variable

Price Guide \$1495 (budget camping negotiable, based on 3-4 people sharing).

Price Guide \$2195 (mid-range negotiable, based on 3-4 people sharing).

Price Guide \$2245 (luxury negotiable, based on 3-4 people sharing).

Prices negotiable for fewer travellers and for more travellers. Single room supplement applies.

Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Airport arrival and transport to hotel. Afternoon-evening tour of Dar es Salaam.

Accommodation: 4 Star: [Tiffany Diamond Hotel](#); 3 Star: [Regency Park Hotel](#)

Distance from airport: 13 kilometres/8.1 miles.

Day 2

Fly to Ruaha National Park, central Tanzania by domestic flight (not included in our pricing schedule). Regular daily flights are provided by Coastal Aviation. This method of travel is recommended as the distances across Tanzania are great. A road trip is available but would take 6 hours minimum! Coastal Aviation prices in USD to Ruaha in 2020: Adult-\$416; child-\$333; taxes-\$17. We can help you with your flight bookings. Flights leave Dar 08.30 daily.

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Accommodation: Mabata Makali Luxury Tented Camp

Distance 272km/169mi

Day 3

On arrival prepare for a game drive and a late lunch in the park. We hope your game drive lets you watch the elephants as they feed or drink from the river and watch the giraffes as they wander from Acacia to Acacia. You may also come across a pride of lions. In the early evening you can choose to join a short walking safari along the river or just relax in your luxury tented camp with en suite facilities. This will let you feel that you are a part of Africa's wonders. Enjoy sundowners back in camp overlooking the river. Breakfast, lunch, dinner are provided.

Accommodation: Mabata Makali Luxury Tented Camp

Distance travelled: 50km/31mi (approx.)

Day 4

After an early morning game drive when the animals are at their liveliest, we lunch in the park and then depart for the Udzungwa Mountains National Park. The parks neighbour each other so no great distances involved. On arrival and registration we enter the park and prepare for a hike into the bush (there are no roads through this park). We then register for our accommodation. The Udzungwa Mountains National Park has one of the highest rates of biodiversity anywhere in Africa, with several different landscapes inside the park's borders that serve as home to hundreds of species. Two of the six primate species in Udzungwa are only found there – the Iringa Red Colobus and Sanje Crested Mangabey. The park sustains more than 400 bird species, including four that occur nowhere else in the world. Total distance travelled: approx 60km/37mi

Accommodation: Udzungwa Forest Tented Camp

Distance travelled: 60km/27mi

Day 5

Udzungwa Mountains National Park to Mikumi National Park

After breakfast a final morning walk to the waterfall and beyond for some more bird-spotting and wildlife experiences. We lunch in the park and then leave the mountains for Mikumi National Park, our final stop on this tour. After park and lodge registration in Mikumi we take a late afternoon, early evening game drive when the animals come out to feed for the night. You may spot local wildlife like lions, giraffes, zebras, elephants, hippos, and birds.

Accommodation: Mantis Lodge & Camping Site

Distance: 47km/29mi

Day 6

Now we go on a final sunrise game drive with a break for breakfast. Early morning is the best time to see the animals. You may well spot those you missed the previous

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day! We then head back for the long drive to Dar es Salaam with lunch on the way, returning to your hotels as at arrival.

You now have the option of extending your stay with 3 days and 2 nights in Zanzibar. Let us know and we can arrange this for you. Normal prices for a stay in Zanzibar can be from \$250-\$300 per person per night including full board. This is an optional extra that many choose for a relaxing few days on the island before flying home. Zanzibar offers quaint city locations in the capital Stonetown or a relaxing few days on the beaches overlooking the Indian Ocean.

Accommodation: As at arrival

Total distance travelled: 320km/200mi.