

THE CLASSIC PARKS OF NORTHERN TANZANIA (Nine Night Version)



INTRODUCTION:

A privately guided adventure Safari through the classic East African Safari lands of Northern Tanzania with your personal safari guide and own 4x4 safari vehicle.

This safari visits the National Parks of Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti National Park travelling overland with no backtracking or long transit days and returns to Arusha or on to Zanzibar by air.

The safari allows considerable flexibility and freedom to plan your daily route and activities in consultation with your guide to suit the interest of the guests and local game movements.

Accommodation is in permanent or semi permanent, comfortable safari tents with en suite facilities and proper beds, mostly hosted and run by local Maasai staff.

Safari Club operate this safari in conjunction with our highly experienced Tanzanian partners, Mount Kilimanjaro Safari Club.

Day 1

You will be met off your flight at Kilimanjaro International Airport by your personal safari driver/guide and drive up to Arusha. If time permits you will have lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge. This lodge is set in the lovely natural gardens of a working coffee farm. There are possible views of Mount Meru, Africa's fifth highest mountain. After a relaxed meal, drive west on the good tarred road to Tarangire National Park – about an hour & a half. This lovely National Park has varied vegetation including baobab and permanent riverine shrubs and acacia trees and is home to large breeding herds of elephant, as well as buffalo, giraffe and many species of gazelle, the elusive leopard can also be seen.

Maweninga is an exclusive camp and is in a beautiful area, set in rocks on a low hill, with superb views out over a shallow 'soda' lake called Lake Burungi and the western wall of the Rift Valley. Enjoy an afternoon Game drive and settle in, have a chat with our charming staff or simply relax with a drink on the private tent balcony or out on the rocks near the dining area. Your stay here is for two nights on a full board basis including all park fees and scheduled game activities.

View at http://www.tanganyika.com/uk/internet/nos_hebergements/maweninga_camp.php

Day 2

Today we explore the Tarangire National Park on an exciting full day with a picnic lunch. There is a huge variety of mammals and birdlife in this less well known and less visited park with the dry season game viewing from July to October being particularly productive when the area experiences its own migration to the Tarangire River the only permanent water source for many miles.

Day 3

Early morning game drive, with a 'breakfast box' and then depart for the Lake Manyara area. This excellent National Park is one of the smallest in Tanzania. Despite being so close to habitation and the large town of Mto-wa-Mbu, it has remained a valued sanctuary for wildlife and birds. There is a fascinating mix of vegetation – savannah, lake shore and shady ground water forest. Game drives here will have first sightings of hippo, Sykes monkey and other primate species and also excellent birdlife including flamingos. Lake Manyara is also famous for its tree-climbing lions although these may be difficult to find. Lake Manyara and its thousands of flamingos and dramatic rift valley wall panorama features in many films set in Africa.

Today you will have a picnic lunch overlooking the lake and then depart for Karatu, up the Rift wall on the steep escarpment road and across the rolling farmland plateau, then turn off the main road, up a short track to Ngorongoro Farmhouse, situated on a working farm near the protected montane forest and your base for one night. Your stay here is on a full board basis.

View at <http://www.tanganyikawildernesscamps.com/ngorongoro/index.htm>

Day 4

After breakfast, drive up into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, a unique wildlife area known for its Crater which is a World Heritage Site, and including a large protected area stretching some 80kms in most directions. After a brief view-point stop, proceed around the rim track before descending off the western edge down into the unique caldera. There is a wonderful array of mammals and birds, vehicles can approach quite close while staying on the well designated tracks. There is a chance of seeing the very rare black rhino; this is one of its last strongholds in East Africa. Ngorongoro is also an excellent place to see both lion and cheetah who can often be found hunting by day.

Picnic lunch by a lake, home to grunting and splashing hippo, then complete the game drive and climb back up to the rim to our overnight accommodation at the Ngorongoro Serena Lodge on the crater rim.

<http://www.serenahotels.com/serenangorongoro/default-en.html>

Day 5

Today we head west and west to the unique area of Olduvai. At our Olduvai Camp, you will be welcomed by our Maasai colleagues, genuine tribesmen who are from the surrounding area. They give an excellent introduction to their way of life and to their lands. At Olduvai, there is an authentic feel of 'the old Africa' but it is very comfortable with superb personal service. There are sixteen large, well-separated tents in comfortable, safari style with en-suite shower and flush toilet. The thatched dining area is further up into the rocks, where the small bar is situated. Good food is well served by an attentive and friendly team in a very casual 'bush' atmosphere, feeling very far from the standard routes and more 'touristy' areas. Sitting around the camp fire for aperitif and after dinner is very popular. There are opportunities to walk around the Camp to the high rocks nearby or further afield. Our Maasai guard patrol throughout the night. Two nights are spent at Olduvai Camp on a full board basis including conservation fees and activities.

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Day 6

Today we have a full day to enjoy the magical Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the company of our cheerful and informative Maasai hosts. Olduvai Camp is ideally situated for the Conservation Area's many attractions and guests can arrange walks in the area, from a shorter stroll to the amazing waterhole area for their herds or walks up kopjes and the surrounding low hills.

Longer treks can be offered, for example, to the Olduvai paleontological area where there is an interesting Visitors Centre and an opportunity to visit the actual site of discovery of the early hominids.

The foothills of Ngorongoro and Laetoli are also within range and a 4x4 is of course always available for the return legs.

There is a chance of seeing giraffe, gazelle and the shy klipspringer bounding among the rocks all year round, as well as superb birdlife. During the green season months from December to May the Migration herds visit the short grass plains around this area to have their young. Wildebeest and Zebra are all around with attendant predators and there is spectacular light for photos. It is a stunning area and a full day here can be a combination of game driving and walks or simply relaxing at Camp and wandering in the immediate vicinity.

Day 7

Leave Olduvai and drive out the short distance onto the 'short grass plains' of the spectacular Serengeti National Park, consisting of immense grasslands, interspersed with acacia forest and scrub and river courses and holding resident herds of animals. Between January and late June, the immense herds of the 'Migration' of wildebeest and zebra crisscross the plains searching out the new grass brought on by the intermittent short, heavy rain-storms. Around the central area, near Seronera, lion, hyena and cheetah follow their prey and resident herds of Thomson & Grant's gazelles can always be seen. Elephant, giraffe, buffalo, eland and warthog are also 'regulars!' There is also a wealth of exciting bird life. Our Ronjo Camp, where we are based for the next three nights, is seasonal and moves twice a year to take advantage of seasonal game movements. The camp is in the comfortable style enjoyed already and again staffed by our Maasai colleagues. It is usually 20 kms from the central area, very well sited for game viewing. With well appointed central dining and sitting areas, it has 12 large tents in safari style with en-suite shower and flush toilets.

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Day 8 & 9

You will have two full days in the Serengeti, looking out for the great herds of the Migration. All of Africa's big cats are regularly sighted as are, Elephant, Impala, Giraffe, Ostrich, hartebeest and topi while bat-eared fox and serval cat are among the fascinating mix of smaller mammals found in this amazing National Park. The bird-life of the Serengeti is fabulous, too, and the vegetation and the scenery always stunning.

Day 10

Morning game drive in the Serengeti before driving to the airstrip for your return flight over the mountains and plains to Arusha/Kilimanjaro for International departure or Zanzibar for your beach extension.

TOTAL PRICE PERSON ON A KILIMANJARO TO KILIMANJARO BASIS

Price is per person based on number in group

<u>Peak Season</u>	<u>Shoulder Season</u>	<u>Low season</u>
Two people US\$4524 (£3016)	US\$4224 (£2816)	US\$3648 (£2432)
Four people US\$3744 (£2496)	US\$3420 (£2280)	US\$ 2848 (£1912)
Six people US\$3552 (£2368)	US\$3228 (£2152)	US\$2676 (£1784)

THIS SAFARI IS ALSO POSSIBLE IN REVERSE FLYING OUT TO SERENGETI ON Day 1

Peak Season: January, February, July to October 31 st, 15 th to 31 st December 2012

Shoulder Season: March, June, 1 st November to 15th December 2012

Low Season: April, May 2012

What's Included?

Personal 4x4 Safari vehicle with trained English speaking Guide

All park and other entry fees

Full board accommodation at all properties

Accommodation as above

Mineral water in your vehicle

Game drives and guided walks

Internal Flights

What's not included?

Drinks and beverages

Local Airport Departure Taxes

Visa Fees

Tips and Gratuities for Camp Staff and your Guide

Purchases of a personal nature

International Flights

Wildlife Sightings

Africa's wildlife is free ranging and moves according to seasonal availability of food and water therefore no sighting is guaranteed. The following species can be found in the areas visited on this safari and guests can expect to see many of them.

Elephant, Giraffe, Black Rhino, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Spotted Hyena, Jackal, African Wildcat, Serval, Caracal, Wild dog, Various baboon and primate species, Genet, Mongoose, Porcupine, Aardvark, Cape Buffalo, Zebra, Wildebeest, Impala, Grants Gazelle, Thompsons Gazelle, Eland, Duiker, Kongoni, Topi, Oribi, Dik Dik, Waterbuck, Lesser Kudu, Crocodile, Hippopotamus, Monitor Lizard, Ostrich, Bat Eared Fox, Honey Badger and mongoose.

When to go:

This Safari is available year round and the wildlife sightings are good at any time and there can be showers in April and May on the plains and larger storms in the highlands. Best game viewing for this itinerary is between January and May.

Who should go?

This is a great adventure safari that all will enjoy, with superb game viewing and a cultural and historical aspect including the opportunity to meet the local people and learn about their culture and customs. This safari is great for couples, families or groups of friends.

We Say:

This is a great value for money safari and educational experience with superb wildlife. The Safari features the main highlights of Northern Tanzania's superb National Parks and wonderful scenery whilst staying in comfortable tented accommodation.

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