

Wild About Tanzania

10 days | Starts/Ends: Arusha



On this comfortable safari, see the herds of elephants in Tarangire National Park and explore the vast and beautiful plains of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater in search of the Big Five!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Serengeti National Park - search for the iconic Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, buffalo) in perhaps the world's most famous national park
- Ngorongoro Crater - traverse the floor of the UNESCO-listed crater, which is one of the most incredible places for game viewing in Africa
- Tarangire National Park - spot lions, elephants and more as you spend two days on safari in the reserve
- Olduvai Gorge - visit the world famous palaeo-anthropological site known as the 'Cradle of Mankind'

What's Included

- Arrival and departure transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport on day 1 and day 10
- 9 nights accommodation (standard, superior or deluxe)
- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners

- All game drives in a custom built 4x4 safari vehicle
- All park entrance fees and government taxes and levies
- Services of a professional English speaking guide/driver

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Drinks and items of a personal nature

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Arusha

Mt Kilimanjaro Airport - Arusha. The start of your Tanzania Wilderness Safari begins in the capital of safaris, Arusha. You will be collected from Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to your lodge for the night. Spend the afternoon or evening relaxing at leisure. **Overnight - Arusha (D)**

Days 2-3 : West Kilimanjaro

Arusha - Mt Kilimanjaro. After breakfast you will set out for the stunning and African postcard landscape of West Kilimanjaro. This area is renowned for its large population of the semi-nomadic people, the Masai, thorny acacia trees, and its unforgettable bull elephants. Arrive at your lodge in time for lunch and later enjoy an afternoon game drive.

Spend day 3 making the most of your magnificent surroundings by taking a morning and afternoon game drive. This area of Tanzania has its share of game to see but is better known for its spectacular scenery and location and the opportunity to interact with the local Masai, an unmissable and unique experience. **Overnight - West Kilimanjaro (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

Day 4 : Tarangire National Park



West Kilimanjaro - Tarangire National Park. From West Kilimanjaro transfer to Arusha, arriving in time for lunch. Later drive to your next stunning northern Tanzanian park, Tarangire National Park. Spend the next two days here exploring the park grounds and spotting wildlife on morning and afternoon game drives.

Tarangire lies a little distance to the south east of Lake Manyara and covers an area

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of approximately 2,850 square kilometres. The park is famous for its huge number of elephants, baobab trees and tree climbing African pythons. Tarangire National Park has some of the highest population density of elephants anywhere in Tanzania, more than Manyara and Serengeti. If you are fortunate to visit the area after heavy rains, the surrounding Manyara and Tarangire Pans fill with water which attracts huge flocks of Flamingos and other wading birds.

Overnight - Tarangire National Park (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Tarangire National Park



Today we make the most of Tarangire National Park with both morning and afternoon game drives. The landscape is iconically African with open Acacia woodlands and Baobab trees scattered all over the area and wildlife galore - zebra, kudu, eland, impala, gazelle, buffalo, wildebeest, leopard, rhino just to name a few of what this park has to offer.

Overnight - Tarangire National Park (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Serengeti National Park

Tarangire - Serengeti. Leaving the Tarangire behind you will drive to Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park, also a world heritage site and recently proclaimed a 7th world-wide wonder, the Serengeti National Park. The park is renowned for its annual migration; when some six million hooves pound the open plains, as more than 200,000 zebra and 300,000 Thomson's gazelle join the wildebeest's trek for fresh grazing. Yet even when the migration is quiet, the Serengeti offers arguably the most scintillating game-viewing in Africa: great herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephant

and giraffe, and thousands upon thousands of eland, topi, kongoni, impala and Grant's gazelle. **Overnight - Serengeti National Park (B, L, D)**

Day 7 : Serengeti National Park

There's nothing like an early morning start allowing you to experience one of the most ultimate game viewing sessions. After a hot cup of tea or coffee you will soon be wide-awake as you watch wildlife in its most active time. The cat family love to make appearances in the morning, while the early morning light makes photographing herds of wildlife a photographer's dream.

For something completely different, we can arrange an early morning balloon safari over the Serengeti. View large pods of wildlife and watch the sun rise over the park's endless plains, only to finish off this relaxing journey with a scrumptious champagne breakfast.

After lunch at camp, return to the parks open plains in search for more wildlife viewing and experiences. As the evening light approaches, you will be thoroughly rewarded with all your game spotting with sundowners at a picturesque location in the park.

Overnight - Serengeti National Park (B, L, D)

Day 8 : Ngorongoro highlands



Serengeti - Ngorongoro. Say goodbye to the enchanting Serengeti National Park only to be presented with another natural wonder, the Ngorongoro Crater. This incredible formation is part of the larger Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which covers more than 8300 square kilometres. The actual crater is 260 square kilometres and 620m deep. En route to Ngorongoro Crater visit Olduvai Gorge, one

of the most important palaeoanthropological sites in the world. **Overnight - Ngorongoro Highlands (B, L, D)**

Day 9 : Ngorongoro Crater

To experience the crater without the crowds you will rise early for a half day game drive. Reaching the crater floor as the sun begins to rise, you will undoubtedly be amazed at this natural phenomenon before you. The Ngorongoro Crater is home to about 25,000 animals and is one of the last places in Tanzania where the Big Five can be seen. The NCA is considered one of the World Heritage Sites and also one of the International Biosphere Reserves. Additionally, the NCA is unique because it is a multi-use conservation area - where the animals and environment are protected but the Masai are allowed to live and continue their pastoral lifestyle.

Enjoy a picnic on the edge of one of the crater's lake as you watch elephants quench their thirst from afar. Return to your accommodation to relax and enjoy a well-earned feast.

Overnight - Ngorongoro Highlands (B, L, D)

Day 10 : Arusha



Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha. We leave the Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast and head back to Arusha where our safari ends. Onward transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport. (B)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Passports & Visas

Please ensure that you have at least two blank pages in your passport, plus an additional blank page for each visa/African country you are visiting. If travelling on one of our longer overland safaris we recommend that you have at least 12 blank pages in your passport.

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Please also note that your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the end date of your trip.

Any visa information provided in this document is for general guidance purposes only, visa requirements and fees are subject to change. It is essential that you check current entry requirements with each relevant embassy/consulate prior to departure. Visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not of On The Go.

Booking Your Flights

When booking your departure flight you should allow time at the end of your African safari for any unexpected delays. We recommend that you book your onward flight no earlier than 24 hours after the end of your safari. In the case of our longer overland camping safaris (22 days or more) we advise against making any firm arrangements for at least 48 hours after the scheduled departure date. Your tour leader can help to arrange post tour accommodation locally upon request.

Allergies/Likes/Dislikes

Whilst all will be done to accommodate everyone, sometimes the choice available is limited as your cook may be making the best of very limited availability, so some flexibility may be required when encountering something you're not particularly fond of or have chosen not to eat as a lifestyle choice. Should you possess allergies which will result in a medical emergency or a life threatening situation then please ensure you speak to your cook on arrival so you can discuss the options available whilst en-route. This will ensure also that they are fully aware of what you can or cannot eat and make adjustments.

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Plastic Bag Ban

Effective 1st June 2019: All passengers arriving at any Tanzania airport including tourists can possibly face very heavy fines for using plastic bags in any way, shape or form. Using, manufacture or importation of plastic bags, including garbage bags and shopping

bags is illegal. Offenders, including tourists, could face very heavy fines.

Visitors/Citizens and Residents alike are advised to avoid packing any plastic bags in their suitcases or in carry-on hand luggage before flying to Tanzania. Items purchased at the airport before boarding the aircraft should be removed from plastic bags. Please check hand luggage before disembarking at entry points and any plastic bags should be left in the plane.

Similarly the transparent "zip-lock" plastic bags that some airlines require passengers to use for keeping liquids, cosmetics, toiletries etc separately in hand luggage are also not permitted to be brought and should be removed and left on the plane before disembarking.

Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Irish, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian and RSA citizens require a visa for Tanzania. A single entry visa can be obtained by most nationalities upon arrival at Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro and Zanzibar Airport or at Namanga border crossing point, between Tanzania and Kenya. The current visa cost is US\$50 for all nationalities, which can be paid in US\$, GB£ or Euro cash. The three East African countries of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda have an agreement that you can travel freely between these countries and do not have to get another visa when returning to each. If you exit this region and enter any other country, including Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, you will need to get new visas to re enter Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

The border crossings we use in Tanzania include:

Namanga (Kenya/Tanzania border)
Isebania (Kenya/Tanzania border)

Songwe (Tanzania/Malawi)

Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Tanzania from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Polio, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid and Tetanus is strongly recommended. Meningitis and Rabies are also recommended.

There is the risk of malaria in Tanzania so it is very important to check with your doctor before you go, to see whether malarial medication is required for the areas you are visiting.

A Yellow Fever International Certificate of Vaccination is required from travellers over one, arriving from countries infected with yellow fever or who were in transit through infected areas (unless they remained onboard or at the airport); this is particularly relevant if traveling from neighbouring African countries. If visiting Zanzibar from mainland Tanzania, a yellow fever certificate must be produced to gain entry.

Currency

The currency of Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling (code TZS, symbol TSh).

1 TSh = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of TSh10,000, 5000, 2,000, 1,000 and 500. Coins are in denominations of TSh200, 100, 50, 20 and 10.

The Tanzanian Shilling is non exportable or importable. You can exchange US Dollars, Pound Sterling or Euro cash at bureau de changes or banks in larger towns/cities. Cash is changed with no commission. Exchange rates vary depending upon the denomination of the note that you want to change and generally smaller notes attract a lower exchange rate than high ones. Be aware that old pre-2010 US\$ banknotes or torn or marked banknotes are difficult to exchange in Africa so make sure you take crisp new notes. Alternatively most large towns/cities have an ATM where cash can be withdrawn using Visa or MasterCard. Credit cards are very rarely accepted for making purchases.

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Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0830-1230; Sat 0830-1300. Bureaux de change have longer hours and in the cities open on Sundays.

Travellers cheques are more difficult to change and require proof of purchase and often have restrictions of about US\$100 a day maximum. Please note that there is a surcharge when paying by travellers cheques.

Time & Voltage

Tanzania Time Zone - 3 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

Standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a Type G British BS-1363 or Type D Indian BS-546 type, three pin plug. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend getting a universal adapter.

Climate

Tanzania is sunny and tropical (accept in the mountain regions). Given the sheer size of the country, the climate varies dramatically in different regions. In coastal regions and on the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba it is hot and humid year-round with higher rainfall, whilst inland, the central plateau is dry and hot and the north-western highlands are cooler. The long rains occur between mid-March and the end of May and there are also short, lighter rains during November and December. The driest months are June to October.

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