

Tanzania Wildlife Week

7 days | Kilimanjaro to Arusha



An exhilarating 7 day safari, visiting Tanzania's Lake Manyara, Tarangire National Park and the vast and beautiful plains of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater in search of the Big Five!

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Lake Manyara National Park - famous for its tree climbing lions.
- Serengeti National Park with its vast open plains and incredible wildlife
- Ngorongoro Crater - a largest unbroken caldera in the world, teeming with wildlife.
- The impressive volcanic mountains of the Ngorongoro Highlands
- Tarangire National Park - renowned for its huge herds of elephants
- Views of snow capped Mount Kilimanjaro - Africa's tallest free standing mountain and Mt Meru.

What's Included

- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 6 dinners
- 6 nights mid-range lodges and permanent tented camps. **Please Note:** Accommodation named, may be subject to change but will be of a similar standard
- Transportation in a 4x4 safari vehicle (Toyota Landcruiser or similar with

comfortable seating and windows for game viewing), private mini bus

- Services of an experienced local guide/driver
- Game drives in Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara National Park and Tarangire National Park
- Park entrance fees
- Arrival transfer from Kilimanjaro airport on day 1 and departure transfer to Arusha airport 7 (should you wish to depart from Kilimanjaro Airport, a transfer can be arranged for a supplement)

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Kilimanjaro to Arusha

After clearing with customs and Immigration formalities at the airport, you will be met by your driver guide for the short transfer to your Lodge, nestled between the peaks of Mount Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro. Spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure or visit the Game Sanctuary that has for many years provided a safe haven to African plains game.

Overnight - Arusha (D)

Day 2 : Tarangire National Park



Arusha - Tarangire - Lake Manyara. This morning, wake to the views of Mt Meru before heading down to breakfast. We will then be collected by our driver guide and will traverse the floor of the Great Rift Valley as we head to Tarangire National Park for a game drive.

Tarangire National Park; named after the river that crosses through the park, is Tanzania's sixth largest park and home to large herds of elephants. Spend the afternoon exploring the park before making our way towards our camp for dinner and overnight. The lodge is located on the edge of the escarpment wall overlooking Lake Manyara.

The Kirurumu Manyara Lodge is located at the edge of the Rift Valley and offers breath taking views over the Masai veld and Lake Manyara. Through its elevated location, the Lodge offers a fantastic panoramic view over the plains of the African escarpment. The 27 safari

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tents have their own en-suite bathroom with a flushing toilet, a wash basin and shower. Warm water and power are available day and night.

Directly behind the lodge starts the fertile highland of Ngorongoro and the whole lodge complex is surrounded by lush green vegetation. There is a fully equipped bar on a wooden sundeck – a perfect place to enjoy a sun downer after a full day of safari adventures. Freshly prepared meals are served in a partly-open dining area with a makuti (thatched grass) roof. Friendly and attentive service will make your stay a pleasant and comfortable safari experience.

Overnight - Lake Manyara National Park (B, L, D)

Day 3 : Serengeti National Park



Lake Manyara - Serengeti National Park. After breakfast and check out, we depart to the Serengeti with a packed lunch. On arrival into the park, game drive towards our camp. The Serengeti National Park is Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park. Its name means 'endless plain' in the Masai language. It is from here that massive concentrations of wildebeest, zebras and other animals commence the annual Great Migration in search of pastures new, providing one of the greatest natural spectacles to be found anywhere in the world. We can watch golden-maned lions stalking the migrating herds, spot leopards at rest in trees at dusk and take a hot-air balloon tour at dawn as the sun's golden rays illuminate the land.

As the afternoon begins to end, we make our way towards the camp. On arrival we will be assisted with check in and shown our tents. Remainder of the evening at leisure.

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

Day 4 : Serengeti game drives



The Serengeti at sunrise is a beautiful sight and one not to be missed. This is also the best time for spotting animals so take advantage of the morning hours for the first game drive of the day. After a morning out, the smell of a cooked breakfast is welcomed as we enjoy a morning under the shade of the trees. Afternoons are normally a lazy affair that end in the late afternoon when the temperatures cool down and the animals start to be active again. Today is no different and we will head out for an evening drive before returning to camp in time to sit around the fire with our dinner. **Overnight - Serengeti National Park (B, L, D)**

Day 5 : Ngorongoro Highlands

Serengeti - Karatu. After breakfast and check out we depart with a packed lunch for a drive towards the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. On the way we stop at one of the world's most important prehistoric sites, Olduvai Gorge, where we learn how the gorge was vital in establishing the African origin of humankind and in turn, why it is referred to as the 'Cradle of Mankind'. Proceed on to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area for a drive through the Crater Rim from where we will have the opportunity – weather permitting – to see the Crater, in all its glory. Drive onto our Lodge, located in lush grounds within the Karatu Area, where we enjoy a group meal.

Acacia Farm Lodge is a romantic Country Lodge nestled in an active mixed farm located high on the spectacular Great Rift's escarpment area with commanding panoramic views of the amazing Karatu farmlands and the nearby Ngorongoro forest

area. The Lodge is strategically located between Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks on one side and the Serengeti - Ngorongoro ecosystem on the other side. Each of the 28 luxurious chalets has a comfortable lounge and en suite bedroom all with a mini bar, coffee making facility, air-conditioning, satellite television, WIFI and other modern and appropriate amenities plus a private balcony with sweeping views of the farm. A swimming pool, well-appointed and creatively designed public areas ensure a wonderful stay for every guest.

Overnight - Karatu (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Ngorongoro Crater



Karatu - Ngorongoro Crater - Karatu. This morning the Ngorongoro Crater awaits us. The Crater is a conservation area and a UNESCO World Heritage Site situated 180km west of Arusha in the Crater Highlands area of Tanzania. After an early breakfast, we collect our lunch boxed and head out towards the Ngorongoro Crater, a large volcanic caldera, where we experience an amazing game drive on the crater floor filled with wildlife and said to be one of the most thrilling game spotting experiences. The crater won't leave you disappointed. Back at the lodge it's time to enjoy our last African sunset and dinner.

Overnight - Karatu (B, L, D)

Day 7 : Lake Manyara & Arusha

Karatu - Lake Manyara - Arusha. This morning is our last day, but in order to get our last fix of the amazing scenery and wildlife that Tanzania has to offer, we have a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park.

Named after the Maasai word emanyara, a euphorbia plant species grown into a hedge around a family homestead, Lake Manyara's

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shores are a shimmer of pink, due to the large flamingo population and it was once dubbed the 'loveliest lake in Africa' by Ernest Hemingway. We spend a full morning in the park taking in the many different species of birds and mammals, including elephants, leopards and if we are lucky, the tree climbing lions that the park is famous for.

Alternatively a transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport can be arranged for an additional supplement upon request. Please make sure that onward flights from Arusha Airport are booked AFTER 3pm, and Kilimanjaro Airport are booked AFTER 6pm, or 5pm for domestic flights. Or you can connect onto the beautiful island of Zanzibar for some blissful rest and relaxation. Or you can connect onto the beautiful island of Zanzibar for some blissful rest and relaxation. (B, L)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Mount Meru Game Lodge & Sanctuary

Established in 1959 by Dr Von Nagy Mount Meru Game Lodge is still in the hands of the family. It is a beautiful lodge set on the Usa river. Guest rooms are all individually designed with a veranda to sit out on and the suites have a private garden. The lodge is also home to a wildlife sanctuary which is home to a number of zebra, ostrich, a wide array of birds and some Colobus monkeys.



Kirurumu Manyara Tented Lodge

The Kirurumu Manyara Lodge is located at the edge of the Rift Valley and offers breathtaking views over the Maasai veld and Lake Manyara. Through its elevated location, the Lodge offers a fantastic panoramic view over the plains of the African escarpment. The 27 safari tents have their own en-suite bathroom with a flushing toilet, a wash basin and shower. Warm water and power are available day and night.



Kati Kati Tented Camp

Camp under the stars where the wild things are at one of the Serengeti's best mobile lodges. Kati Kati Lodge offers comfortable permanent tented accommodation with fantastic al fresco dining. Visits can be made to the local Maasai tribal villages and if you fancy just staying around the camp then a few aperitifs around the camp fire can be arranged. Sundowners after a wonderful game drive are our top tip. This gorgeous accommodation is located in the Serengeti National Park just a 2 hour drive from the magnificent Olduvai Gorge.



Acacia Farm Lodge

Commanding panoramic views of the Karatu farmlands from its position on the spectacular Great Rift escarpment, the elegant Acacia Farm Lodge is the perfect base from which to explore Tanzania's world-famous reserves. The contemporary African styled chalets are well-appointed with WiFi and private balconies for sunset views across the farm. After a day on safari enjoy fine dining with a choice of wines from the lodge's own cellar or relax in the swimming pool and bar area. The Acacia Farm Lodge is

strategically located between the Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks on one side and Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Serengeti National Park on the other.



Please Note

This tour is operated by Albatros Travel.

Tanzania Wildlife Week is a small group, non-participation lodge safari. Non participation meaning that you will not be required to assist with the preparation or cooking of food and general safari duties. These safaris run with a minimum of 2 and maximum of 6 passengers, accompanied by a guide who is also the driver. Most meals are provided by the lodges we stay at en-route. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

Airport transfers can also be arranged from Arusha Airport upon request.

Things To Bring

Remember to pack - A fleece jacket for early morning and late evenings, long sleeved tops and light trousers for the evenings, sensible walking shoes, a sun-hat and a swimming costume. Binoculars and camera with spare memory chips.

- Walking shoes and sandals
- Light trousers/jeans
- Swimming costume
- T-shirts
- Shorts
- Sun hat
- Windbreaker
- Warm clothes (May – August)
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Torch & spare batteries
- Water bottle
- Camera
- UV protection
- Mosquito protection
- Towel

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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.

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

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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.

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 (except 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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