



13 DAYS

TANZANIA · PHOTOGRAPHY SAFARI

13-Day Photography Safari in Tanzania

A safari planned around light: golden-hour drives in Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and the Serengeti, portraits at Lake Eyasi and two days at Ndutu.

DURATION

13 days

DESTINATIONS

8

ROUTE

Arusha › Moshi (Kilimanjaro)

AT A GLANCE

The journey

A photography safari differs from a standard one in its timing. You are out before sunrise and stay until the light goes, and you wait at a sighting for as long as it takes.

This route moves slowly through the north. Tarangire has two days for elephants, baobabs and birds at golden hour. Lake Manyara is the place for forest primates and waterbirds. At Lake Eyasi you photograph daily life with the Hadzabe, with their consent and guided by them. Ngorongoro has two days, including a dawn on the crater floor for black rhino in the early mist, and the Serengeti has three, for big cats and wide landscapes.

The last two safari days are at Ndutu, where off-road driving is permitted in the conservation area and you can follow a hunt across open ground. From December to March the calving herds are here; at other times we may switch these days to another part of the Serengeti.

Good for: keen photographers of every level. You have a private vehicle with room to shoot from both sides, beanbags for long lenses and a guide who positions for the light.

DURATION

13 days

DESTINATION

Tanzania

TRIP STYLE

Photography Safari

DESTINATIONS

Arusha · Tarangire National Park · Lake Manyara National Park · Lake Eyasi · Ngorongoro Crater · Central Serengeti · Ndutu Area · Moshi (Kilimanjaro)

Highlights

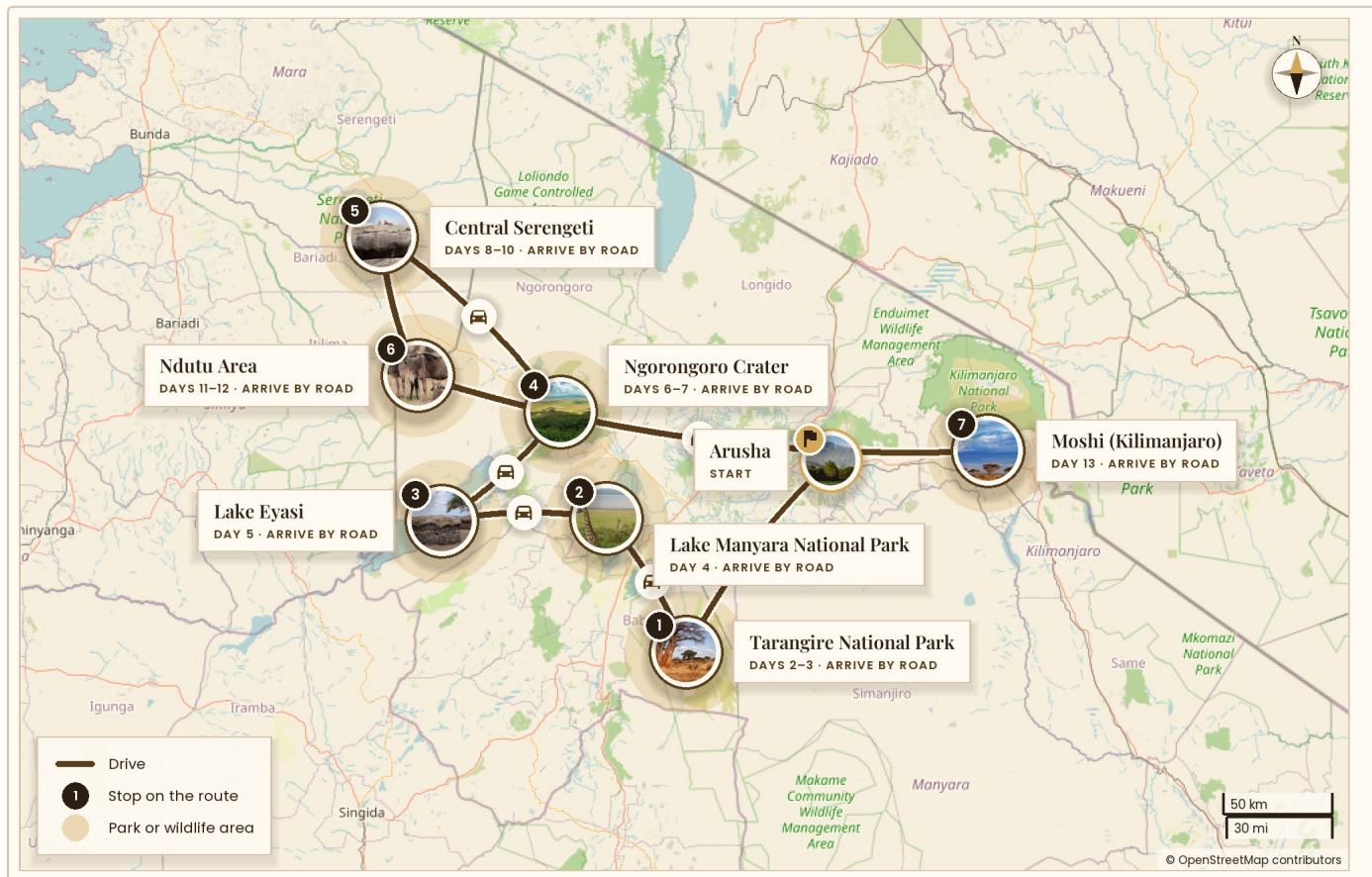
- Private vehicle with beanbags and space for equipment
- Dawn on the Ngorongoro Crater floor
- Two days at Ndutu with off-road driving
- Golden-hour drives timed to the light
- Three days in the central Serengeti
- Portraits with the Hadzabe at Lake Eyasi, by consent



TANZANIA

Your route

Where the journey takes you, from the first day to the last.



Arusha Day 1 › Tarangire National Park Days 2-3 › Lake Manyara National Park Day 4 › Lake Eyasi Day 5 ›

Ngorongoro Crater Days 6-7 › Central Serengeti Days 8-10 › Ndutu Area Days 11-12 › Moshi (Kilimanjaro) Day 13



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Arusha

DAY 1 › START

Overnight: Mount Meru Hotel



1

Tarangire National Park

DAYS 2-3 › ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Tarangire Sopa Lodge



2

Lake Manyara National Park

DAY 4 › ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge



3

Lake Eyasi

DAY 5 › ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge



4

Ngorongoro Crater

DAYS 6-7 › ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge



5

Central Serengeti

DAYS 8-10 › ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Serengeti Sopa Lodge



6 Ndotu Area

DAYS 11-12 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Ndotu Safari Lodge



7 Moshi (Kilimanjaro)

DAY 13 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

13 DAYS

Day by day

Your journey through Tanzania, one day at a time.



DAY 01

Arrive Kilimanjaro Airport, photography briefing

Transfer to your lodge in Arusha. In the evening your guide goes through your equipment, the subjects you want and the plan for each location.

DESTINATION Arusha

OVERNIGHT Mount Meru Hotel



DAY 02

Tarangire: baobabs at golden hour

Drive to Tarangire for an afternoon drive and sunset among the baobabs, with elephants at the river.

DESTINATION Tarangire National Park

OVERNIGHT Tarangire Sopa Lodge



DAY 03

Tarangire: elephants and birds

A full day for elephant behaviour at the river and the park's birdlife, with a long break in the midday light.

DESTINATION Tarangire National Park

OVERNIGHT Tarangire Sopa Lodge



DAY 04

Lake Manyara: forest and lakeshore

Baboons and blue monkeys in the groundwater forest, then waterbirds and, in season, flamingos on the lakeshore.

DESTINATION Lake Manyara National Park

OVERNIGHT Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge



DAY 05

Lake Eyasi: cultural portraits

A dawn walk with Hadzabe hunters and a visit to Datoga blacksmiths. Photographs are taken with permission, and a community guide leads the visit.

DESTINATION Lake Eyasi

OVERNIGHT Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge



DAY 06

Ngorongoro rim and crater

Drive up to the crater rim for views across the caldera, and an afternoon descent to the floor.

DESTINATION Ngorongoro Crater

OVERNIGHT Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge



DAY 07

Ngorongoro: dawn on the crater floor

Down at first light, when mist lies on the floor and the rhino are out on the grass. Up to six hours in the crater.

DESTINATION Ngorongoro Crater

OVERNIGHT Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge



DAY 08

To the central Serengeti: big cats

Drive into the Serengeti, with an afternoon spent among the kopjes and the river trees looking for lion and leopard.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Soda Lodge



DAY 09

Serengeti: action and landscape

A full day out with a packed lunch, waiting at sightings for behaviour and working wide landscapes in the evening light.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Soda Lodge



DAY 10

Serengeti: herds and wide scenes

A day following the herds wherever they are within reach, with time for aerial-style scenes from the kopjes.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Sopa Lodge



DAY 11

Ndutu: predators on open ground

Drive to the Ndutu area on the southern plains, where vehicles may leave the track to follow cheetah and lion across the grass.

DESTINATION Ndutu Area

OVERNIGHT Ndutu Safari Lodge



DAY 12

Ndutu: final shooting day

A last full day at Ndutu, from sunrise to sunset.

DESTINATION Ndutu Area

OVERNIGHT Ndutu Safari Lodge



DAY 13

Return and departure

Fly or drive back towards Kilimanjaro for your flight, with a chance of a clear view of the mountain in the morning.

DESTINATION Moshi (Kilimanjaro)

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Where you stay

Lodges and camps chosen for their setting, comfort and service. (or similar, depending on availability)



Mount Meru Hotel

DAY 1 · HOTEL · MID-RANGE

A large, well-run hotel on the edge of Arusha, set in gardens with views of Mount Meru on clear days. A practical, comfortable base for the first and last nights of a safari, with...

Restaurant · Bar · Swimming pool · Wi-Fi in public areas · Private bathroom



Tarangire Sopa Lodge

DAY 2-3 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

A comfortable lodge inside Tarangire National Park, among baobabs and acacia woodland. Being in the park means early starts and late returns on game drives, with elephants often cl...

Restaurant · Bar · Swimming pool · Wi-Fi in public areas · Private bathroom



Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

DAY 4 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

Round, thatched rooms on the edge of the Rift Valley escarpment, with sweeping views down over Lake Manyara and its forest. A good stop between Tarangire and Ngorongoro, with a poo...

Restaurant · Bar · Swimming pool · Wi-Fi in public areas · Private bathroom



Lake Eyasi Safari Lodge

DAY 5 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

Stone and thatch cottages above the shores of Lake Eyasi, a remote soda lake below the Rift escarpment. A base for mornings with the Hadzabe and Datoga communities, with a pool and...

Restaurant · Bar · Swimming pool · Private bathroom · Panoramic views



Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge

DAY 6-7 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

A small, homely lodge in the highland forest on the crater rim, close to the road down into Ngorongoro Crater. Nights up here are cool, so fireplaces and warm bedding are welcome a...

Restaurant · Bar · Private bathroom · Evening campfire



Serengeti Sopa Lodge

DAY 8-10 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

A spacious lodge on a hillside in the central Serengeti, with wide views across the plains from the rooms, terraces and pool. A comfortable base for game drives around the Seronera...

Restaurant · Bar · Swimming pool · Private bathroom · Panoramic views



Ndutu Safari Lodge

DAY 11-12 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

A long-established lodge beside Lake Ndutu, in the southern plains where the herds gather to calve from December to March. Simple, comfortable cottages among acacia trees, with wil...

Restaurant · Bar · Private bathroom · Panoramic views · Evening campfire



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