



16 DAYS

TANZANIA · GREAT MIGRATION

16-Day Northern Tanzania Safari with Lake Natron & Lake Eyasi

Sixteen days in the north with two nights almost everywhere: Kilimanjaro foothills, Tarangire, Manyara, Lake Natron, the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Lake Eyasi.

DURATION

16 days

DESTINATIONS

8

ROUTE

Arusha › Lake Eyasi

AT A GLANCE

Experience Overview

Most northern circuit safaris see four parks. This one adds the places between them, and stays two nights at nearly every stop.

It begins with Arusha and the Kilimanjaro foothills around Moshi. Tarangire then has two days, enough to reach the southern swamps, and Lake Manyara has two, which is rare and gives time for the far end of the park.

From Manyara you turn north along the Rift Valley floor to Lake Natron, a soda lake beneath the active volcano Ol Doinyo Lengai. This is the breeding ground of East Africa's lesser flamingos, and there are waterfalls to walk to in the Engare Sero gorge. From there you travel on to the Serengeti for three nights and to Ngorongoro Crater, and the trip ends with the Hadzabe hunter-gatherers at Lake Eyasi.

Good for: returning visitors, keen photographers and anyone with time who wants to see how the landscapes of the north fit together. Natron is hot and its lodging simple.

DURATION

16 days

DESTINATION

Tanzania

TRIP STYLE

Great Migration

DESTINATIONS

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

Highlights

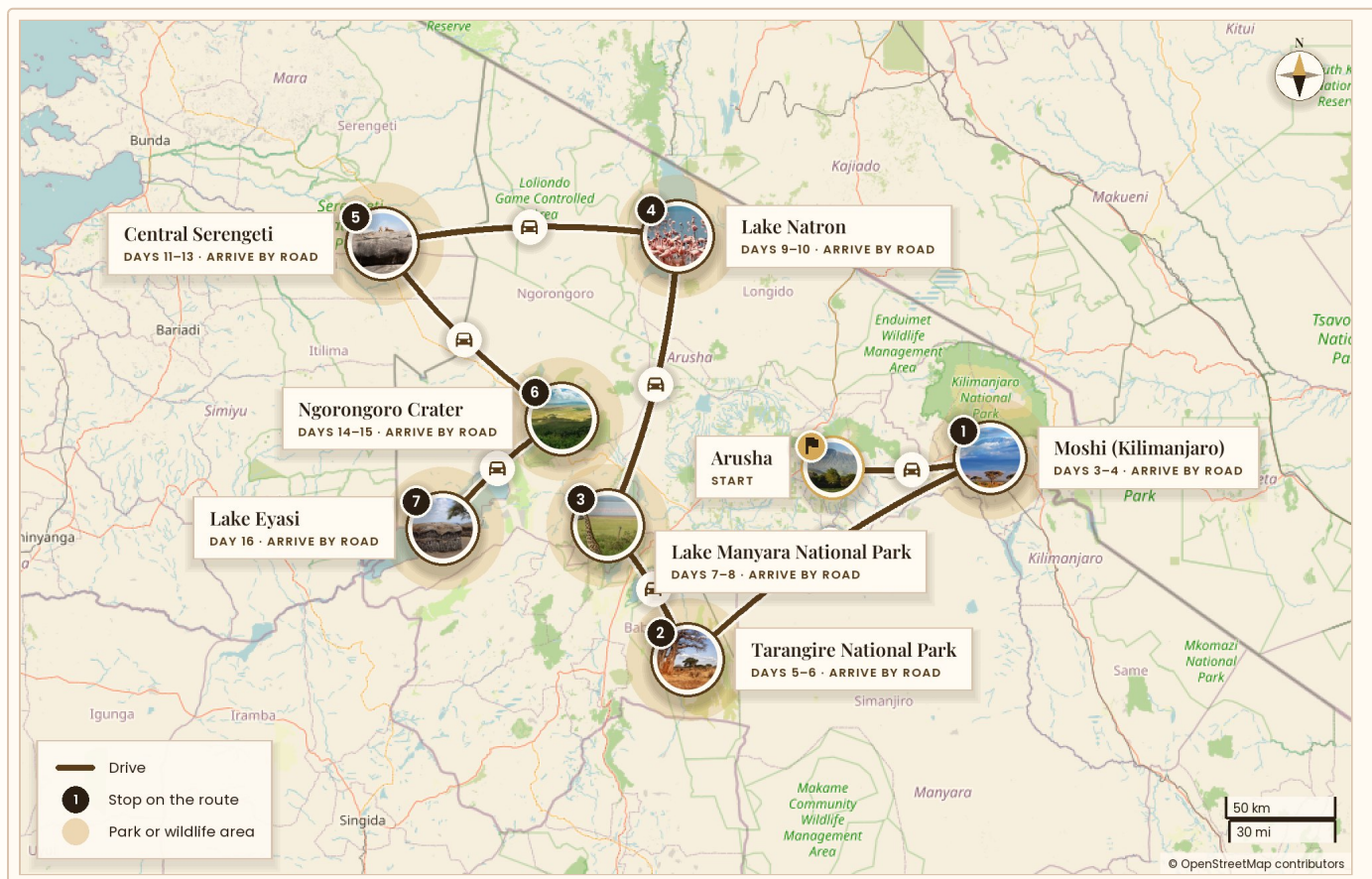
- Two-night stays in Tarangire and Lake Manyara
- Three nights in the central Serengeti
- Hadzabe and Datoga visit at Lake Eyasi
- Lake Natron's flamingo flats and gorge waterfalls
- Ngorongoro Crater floor game drive
- Kilimanjaro foothills around Moshi



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Your route

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



Arusha Days 1-2 › Moshi (Kilimanjaro) Days 3-4 › Tarangire National Park Days 5-6 › Lake Manyara National Park Days 7-8
› Lake Natron Days 9-10 › Central Serengeti Days 11-13 › Ngorongoro Crater Days 14-15 › Lake Eyasi Day 16



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Arusha

DAYS 1-2 · START

Overnight: Mount Meru Hotel


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Moshi (Kilimanjaro)

DAYS 3-4 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Springlands Hotel


2

Tarangire National Park

DAYS 5-6 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Tarangire Sopa Lodge


3

Lake Manyara National Park

DAYS 7-8 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge


4

Lake Natron

DAYS 9-10 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Lake Natron Camp


5

Central Serengeti

DAYS 11-13 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Serengeti Sopa Lodge



6 Ngorongoro Crater

DAYS 14-15 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge



7 Lake Eyasi

DAY 16 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

16 DAYS

Day by day

Your journey through Tanzania, one day at a time.



DAY 01

Arrive Kilimanjaro Airport, transfer to Arusha

You are met at Kilimanjaro International Airport and driven about an hour to your hotel in Arusha. In the evening your guide runs through the route, the daily schedule and what to keep in your day bag. Overnight in Arusha.

DESTINATION Arusha

OVERNIGHT Mount Meru Hotel



DAY 02

Arusha National Park and a cultural visit

A morning game drive in Arusha National Park for giraffe, buffalo and colobus monkeys, then an afternoon visit to a Maasai or Meru village. Overnight in Arusha.

DESTINATION Arusha

OVERNIGHT Mount Meru Hotel



DAY 03

Moshi: Materuni waterfall and coffee

Drive to Moshi and up to the Chagga village of Materuni for the walk to its waterfall and a hands-on coffee session with a local family. Overnight in Moshi.

DESTINATION Moshi (Kilimanjaro)

OVERNIGHT Springlands Hotel



DAY 04

Kilimanjaro foothills

A day on the lower slopes: a forest walk for turacos and monkeys, the waterfalls and Chagga caves at Marangu, or a swim at the Chemka hot springs. Overnight in Moshi.

DESTINATION Moshi (Kilimanjaro)

OVERNIGHT Springlands Hotel



DAY 05

Arusha to Tarangire National Park

Drive to Tarangire for an afternoon game drive along the river among elephants and baobabs. Overnight in the park.

DESTINATION Tarangire National Park

OVERNIGHT Tarangire Sopa Lodge



DAY 06

Tarangire: the southern swamps

A full day exploring the south of the park, including the Silale swamp, with a picnic lunch. Overnight in the park.

DESTINATION Tarangire National Park

OVERNIGHT Tarangire Sopa Lodge



DAY 07

Lake Manyara National Park

A game drive through the groundwater forest and along the lakeshore. Overnight near the park.

DESTINATION Lake Manyara National Park

OVERNIGHT Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge



DAY 08

Lake Manyara: the southern end

A second day lets you reach the hot springs and acacia woodland at the far end of the park, or walk the treetop canopy walkway. Overnight near the park.

DESTINATION Lake Manyara National Park

OVERNIGHT Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge



DAY 09

Drive to Lake Natron

A drive of three to four hours north on rough tracks along the Rift Valley floor, beneath Ol Doinyo Lengai. At sunset you walk out across the flats to look for flamingos. Overnight at Lake Natron.

DESTINATION Lake Natron

OVERNIGHT Lake Natron Camp



DAY 10

Lake Natron: Engare Sero gorge

A morning walk up the Engare Sero gorge, wading through the stream to the waterfalls and pools for a swim. Afternoon at rest in the shade. Overnight at Lake Natron.

DESTINATION Lake Natron

OVERNIGHT Lake Natron Camp



DAY 11

Lake Natron to the Serengeti

A long drive west to the Serengeti through the remote north of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, entering the park by the Klein's or Naabi Hill gate depending on conditions. Overnight in the Serengeti.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Sopa Lodge



DAY 12

Serengeti: following the migration

A full day driving out to where the herds have most recently been seen. Overnight in the Serengeti.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Sopa Lodge



DAY 13

Full day in the central Serengeti

Game drives from first light around the Seronera River, the most reliable part of the park for lion and leopard, with cheetah on the open plains to the east. Lunch at camp or as a picnic. Overnight in the central Serengeti.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Sopa Lodge



DAY 14

Serengeti to the Ngorongoro highlands

A last morning game drive, then the drive back across the conservation area to a lodge on or near the crater rim. Optional stop at the Olduvai Gorge museum. Overnight in the Ngorongoro area.

DESTINATION Ngorongoro Crater

OVERNIGHT Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge



DAY 15

Ngorongoro Crater, on to Lake Eyasi

A morning game drive on the crater floor, then the drive down to Lake Eyasi for the night.

DESTINATION Ngorongoro Crater

OVERNIGHT Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge



DAY 16

Lake Eyasi, return to Arusha

At dawn you walk with Hadzabe hunters and visit a Datoga blacksmith family. Afterwards you drive back to Arusha, about four hours, for your flight.

DESTINATION Lake Eyasi

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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 1-2 · 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



Springlands Hotel

DAY 3-4 · HOTEL · MID-RANGE

A friendly garden hotel in Moshi, long used by Kilimanjaro climbers before and after the mountain. Comfortable rooms, a pool to rest tired legs and a relaxed atmosphere, a short dr...

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



Tarangire Sopa Lodge

DAY 5-6 · 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 7-8 · 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 Natron Camp

DAY 9-10 · TENTED CAMP · MID-RANGE

A tented camp near the shore of Lake Natron, beneath the volcano Ol Doinyo Lengai. Maasai guides lead walks to the lakeshore flamingos and the waterfalls of the Ngare Sero gorge; t...

Restaurant · Bar · Private bathroom · Panoramic views · Guided walks



Serengeti Sopa Lodge

DAY 11-13 · 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



Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge

DAY 14-15 · 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



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