



18 DAYS

TANZANIA · WILDLIFE SAFARI

18-Day Tanzania Safari & Zanzibar Holiday

Our longest safari-and-beach itinerary: four days around Arusha, a six-day northern circuit safari and a full week exploring Zanzibar.

DURATION

18 days

DESTINATIONS

7

ROUTE

Arusha › Zanzibar

AT A GLANCE

The journey

Eighteen days is enough to get to know two very different parts of Tanzania, and this trip treats Zanzibar as a destination in its own right.

The first four days are based in Arusha, with a coffee farm visit, optional excursions such as Arusha National Park, and time to settle in. The safari follows: Tarangire, three nights in the central Serengeti and two at Ngorongoro Crater.

A week on Zanzibar is long enough to see the whole island. The plan includes Stone Town, snorkelling at Mnemba Atoll, Jozani Forest and the south coast, the northern beaches around Nungwi, and a Swahili cooking class, with free days in between.

Good for: retired travellers, sabbaticals and long-haul visitors who want one thorough trip. The length also leaves slack for a rest day whenever you want one.

DURATION

18 days

DESTINATION

Tanzania

TRIP STYLE

Wildlife Safari

DESTINATIONS

Arusha · Tarangire National Park · Central Serengeti · Ngorongoro Crater · Zanzibar · Stone Town

Highlights

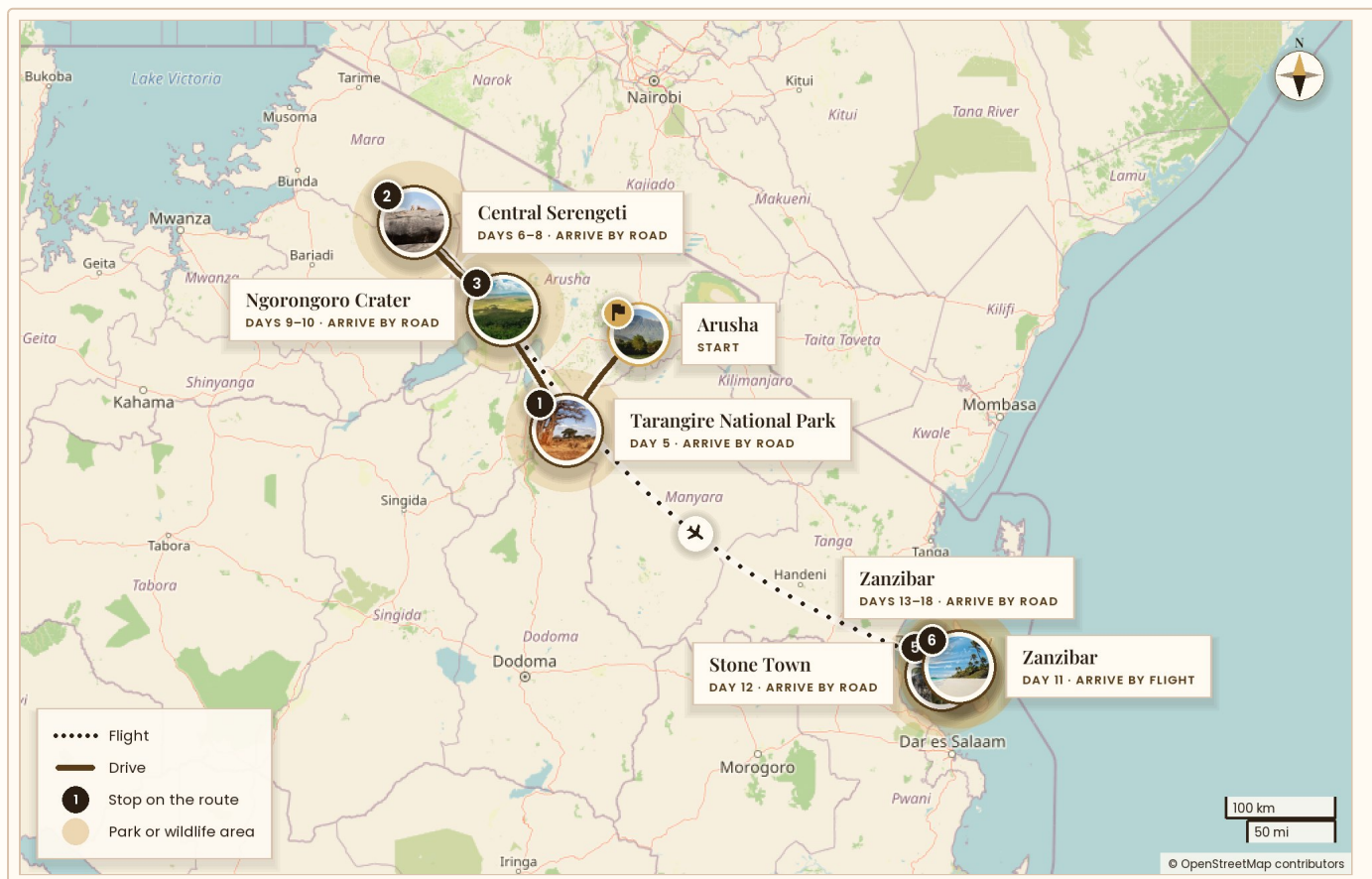
- Three nights in the central Serengeti
- Tarangire and a full Ngorongoro Crater day
- Mnemba Atoll snorkelling and Jozani Forest
- Coffee farm visit and free days in Arusha
- Seven nights on Zanzibar
- Swahili cooking class



TANZANIA

Your route

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



Arusha Days 1-4 › Tarangire National Park Day 5 › Central Serengeti Days 6-8 › Ngorongoro Crater Days 9-10 › Zanzibar

Day 11 › Stone Town Day 12 › Zanzibar Days 13-18



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Arusha

DAYS 1-4 · START

Overnight: Mount Meru Hotel


1

Tarangire National Park

DAY 5 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Tarangire Sopa Lodge


2

Central Serengeti

DAYS 6-8 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Serengeti Sopa Lodge


3

Ngorongoro Crater

DAYS 9-10 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge


4

Zanzibar

DAY 11 · ARRIVE BY FLIGHT

Overnight: Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa


5

Stone Town

DAY 12 · ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Tembo House Hotel



6

Zanzibar

DAYS 13-18 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa

18 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: villages, markets and coffee

A gentle first day. With a local guide you visit a village on the slopes of Mount Meru, a coffee farm where you roast and brew your own cup, and the Maasai craft market in town. Overnight in Arusha.

DESTINATION Arusha

OVERNIGHT Mount Meru Hotel



DAY 03

Free day in Arusha

A day to rest or to add an excursion: Arusha National Park for giraffe, colobus monkeys and canoeing, the Cultural Heritage Centre, or a walk to the Napuru waterfall. Overnight in Arusha.

DESTINATION Arusha

OVERNIGHT Mount Meru Hotel



DAY 04

Arusha at leisure

A last quiet day before the safari: rest by the pool, or walk through the farms around your lodge with a local guide. Your safari guide meets you in the evening.

DESTINATION Arusha

OVERNIGHT Mount Meru Hotel



DAY 05

Arusha to Tarangire National Park

A two-hour drive to Tarangire, then game drives along the Tarangire River, where elephants, giraffe, zebra and wildebeest come to drink in the dry season. Picnic lunch in the park. Overnight near the park or in Karatu.

DESTINATION Tarangire National Park

OVERNIGHT Tarangire Sopa Lodge



DAY 06

Drive to the central Serengeti

You cross the Ngorongoro highlands, stop at the crater rim viewpoint and descend to the Serengeti plains. Game viewing starts at the Naabi Hill gate and continues to your camp in the Seronera area. Overnight in the central Serengeti.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Sopa Lodge



DAY 07

Serengeti: big cats

A day around the Seronera River and the kopjes, looking for lion, leopard and cheetah. Overnight in the Serengeti.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Sopa Lodge



DAY 08

Serengeti: the herds

A full day spent following the wildebeest and zebra, wherever they are within reach. Overnight in the Serengeti.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Sopa Lodge



DAY 09

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 10

Ngorongoro Crater

Descend to the crater floor at first light for a game drive of up to six hours, with a picnic lunch by the hippo pool. Overnight in the Ngorongoro area.

DESTINATION Ngorongoro Crater

OVERNIGHT Ngorongoro Rhino Lodge



DAY 11

Fly to Zanzibar

Transfer to the airstrip for the flight to Zanzibar, about an hour. You are met at the airport and driven to your beach hotel. The rest of the day is free.

DESTINATION Zanzibar

OVERNIGHT Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa



DAY 12

Stone Town and spice farm

A guided walk through Stone Town: the Old Fort, the former slave market and Anglican Cathedral, Darajani market and the carved doors of the merchant houses. In the afternoon, a spice farm visit to see clove, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla growing.

DESTINATION Stone Town

OVERNIGHT Tembo House Hotel



DAY 13

Snorkelling at Mnemba Atoll

A boat trip to the reefs around Mnemba Atoll off the north-east coast, with green turtles, reef fish and often dolphins.

DESTINATION Zanzibar

OVERNIGHT Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa



DAY 14

Free day on Zanzibar

A day with nothing planned. Your hotel can arrange a spa treatment, a sunset dhow cruise or a visit to Jozani Forest for the red colobus monkeys.

DESTINATION Zanzibar

OVERNIGHT Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa



DAY 15

Jozani Forest and the south coast

Walk in Jozani Forest to see the Zanzibar red colobus, found only on this island, then continue to the south coast for lunch at Paje or Jambiani.

DESTINATION Zanzibar

OVERNIGHT Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa



DAY 16

Nungwi and the north

A day at the northern tip of the island, where the tide moves least and swimming is good all day. Visit the dhow builders and stay for the sunset.

DESTINATION Zanzibar

OVERNIGHT Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa



DAY 17

Swahili cooking class

A morning cooking class with a local family: buy ingredients at the market, then cook and eat a Swahili lunch together. Afternoon free.

DESTINATION Zanzibar

OVERNIGHT Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa



DAY 18

Departure from Zanzibar

Transfer to Zanzibar airport in time for your flight home.

DESTINATION Zanzibar

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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 1-4 · 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 5 · 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



Serengeti Sopa Lodge

DAY 6-8 · 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 9-10 · 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



Bluebay Beach Resort & Spa

DAY 11-17 · BEACH RESORT · MID-RANGE

A beach resort on the white sands of Kiwengwa on Zanzibar's east coast, set in tropical gardens facing the reef. Pools, restaurants, a spa and water sports make it an easy place to...

Restaurant · Bar · Swimming pool · Wi-Fi in public areas · Spa



Tembo House Hotel

DAY 12 · HOTEL · MID-RANGE

A restored merchant's house on the seafront of Stone Town, with carved doors, Zanzibari furniture and a small beach. The old town's alleys, markets and the Forodhani night food mar...

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



18-DAY TANZANIA SAFARI & ZANZIBAR HOLIDAY

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Every itinerary can be changed: dates, pace, lodges and the parks you visit. Tell us how you like to travel and we will shape this trip around you.

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