



8 DAYS

TANZANIA · WILDLIFE SAFARI

8-Day Tanzania Safari: Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Serengeti & Ngorongoro

Eight days on the northern circuit with six days in the parks: Tarangire, Lake Manyara, two nights in the Serengeti and a morning in Ngorongoro Crater.

DURATION

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DESTINATIONS

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TRIP STYLE

Wildlife Safari

AT A GLANCE

Tour Overview

This is the full northern circuit at a sensible pace. You visit all four of the main parks and spend two nights in the Serengeti, with the driving split so that no day is spent only on the road.

The route starts with Tarangire, where elephants gather along the river among baobabs, and continues to Lake Manyara, a small park of forest and lakeshore below the Rift Valley wall. From Karatu you cross the Ngorongoro highlands and drop onto the Serengeti plains for a full day and two half-days of game drives around Seronera, the best area in the park for lion and leopard.

The last game drive is the one many people remember most: a morning on the floor of Ngorongoro Crater, where black rhino, lion and large herds of buffalo and wildebeest share 260 km² of grassland.

Good for: first-time visitors who want to see every major northern park in one trip. The route runs all year. From June to October the Serengeti is dry and Tarangire is at its best; from December to March the migration is in the southern Serengeti.

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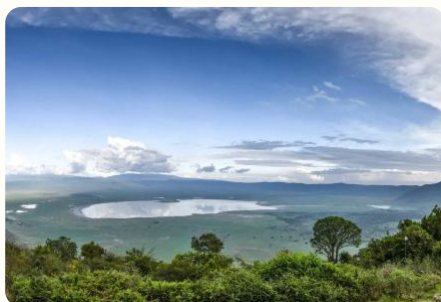
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Safari Highlights

- All four northern circuit parks in one trip
- Morning game drive on the floor of Ngorongoro Crater
- Forest, floodplain and birdlife at Lake Manyara
- Two nights and a full day in the central Serengeti
- Tarangire's elephant herds and baobabs
- Nights in Mto wa Mbu and Karatu to break up the drives



8 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 goes through the route, the daily schedule and what to pack in your day bag. Overnight in Arusha.

OVERNIGHT Mount Meru Hotel



DAY 02

Arusha to Tarangire National Park, on to Mto wa Mbu

A two-hour drive brings you to Tarangire. You spend the day on game drives along the Tarangire River, where elephants, zebra, wildebeest and giraffe come to drink, with a picnic lunch in the park. In the late afternoon you drive on to Mto wa Mbu, a farming town at the foot of the Rift Valley escarpment.

OVERNIGHT Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge



DAY 03

Lake Manyara National Park, on to Karatu

The park gate is minutes from Mto wa Mbu. The morning drive runs through groundwater forest with baboons and blue monkeys, then out to the floodplain and lakeshore for buffalo, hippo and waterbirds. Tree-climbing lions live here but are seen only occasionally. After lunch you climb the escarpment to Karatu for the night.

OVERNIGHT Ngorongoro Farm House



DAY 04

Karatu to the Serengeti through the Ngorongoro highlands

You enter the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, stop at the crater rim viewpoint, and descend past Maasai villages to the Serengeti plains. The drive to Seronera takes most of the day, with game viewing from the park gate onwards. Overnight in the central Serengeti.

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Sopa Lodge



DAY 05

Full day in the central Serengeti

A whole day in the Seronera valley. You start at first light when lion and hyena are still active, check the riverine trees for leopard, and visit the hippo pool. You can return to camp for lunch or take a picnic and stay out. Overnight in the central Serengeti.

OVERNIGHT Serengeti Sopa Lodge



DAY 06

Serengeti to Karatu

One more early game drive, then you leave the park by the Naabi Hill gate and drive back across the conservation area to Karatu. If time allows you can stop at the Olduvai Gorge museum on the way (entry fee payable locally). Overnight in Karatu.

OVERNIGHT Ngorongoro Farm House



DAY 07

Ngorongoro Crater, return to Arusha

You are at the gate when it opens and on the crater floor soon after. This is your best chance of black rhino, along with lion, hyena, elephant and big herds of buffalo and wildebeest. After a picnic lunch by the hippo pool you climb out and drive back to Arusha, arriving in the late afternoon.

OVERNIGHT Mount Meru Hotel



DAY 08

Departure

Transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight home, or to Arusha Airport if you are flying on to 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 1-7 · 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



Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

DAY 2 · 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



Ngorongoro Farm House

DAY 3-6 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

Colonial-style cottages on a coffee farm near Karatu, a short drive from the Ngorongoro gate. Much of the food comes from the farm's own gardens, and the pool and lawns make it an...

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



Serengeti Sopa Lodge

DAY 4-5 · 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

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Inclusions and Exclusions

Included

- Professional guide support during the itinerary
- Accommodation as per itinerary nights
- Ground transfers and safari transport
- Park or activity fees as specified per day
- Meals according to itinerary notes

Not included

- International flights and visa charges
- Travel and medical insurance
- Tips and personal expenses
- Optional excursions not explicitly listed



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Make this journey yours

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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