



8 DAYS

TANZANIA · WILDLIFE SAFARI

8-Day Northern Circuit Big Five Safari

A private eight-day safari to Tarangire, Lake Manyara, the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater, the route with the best chance of seeing all of the Big Five.

DURATION

8 days

DESTINATIONS

6

ROUTE

Arusha › Arusha

AT A GLANCE

Experience Overview

The Big Five are lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino. No single park in northern Tanzania is the best place for all of them, which is why this route visits four.

Tarangire is where you will see elephants in the largest numbers. Lake Manyara adds forest, hippos and a long list of birds. The Serengeti is the place for lion and leopard, and you have two nights there with a full day around the Seronera River, where leopards rest in the sausage trees. Ngorongoro Crater comes last and is where you look for black rhino on open grassland, alongside buffalo herds several hundred strong.

You travel in a private Land Cruiser with a pop-up roof, so the pace of each drive is yours to set. A hot-air balloon flight in the Serengeti can be added at extra cost.

Good for: a first safari where the aim is to see as much as possible. Sightings are never guaranteed, rhino and leopard least of all, but this route gives the best odds available in a week.

DURATION

8 days

DESTINATION

Tanzania

TRIP STYLE

Wildlife Safari

DESTINATIONS

Arusha · Tarangire National Park · Lake Manyara National Park · Central Serengeti · Ngorongoro Crater

Highlights

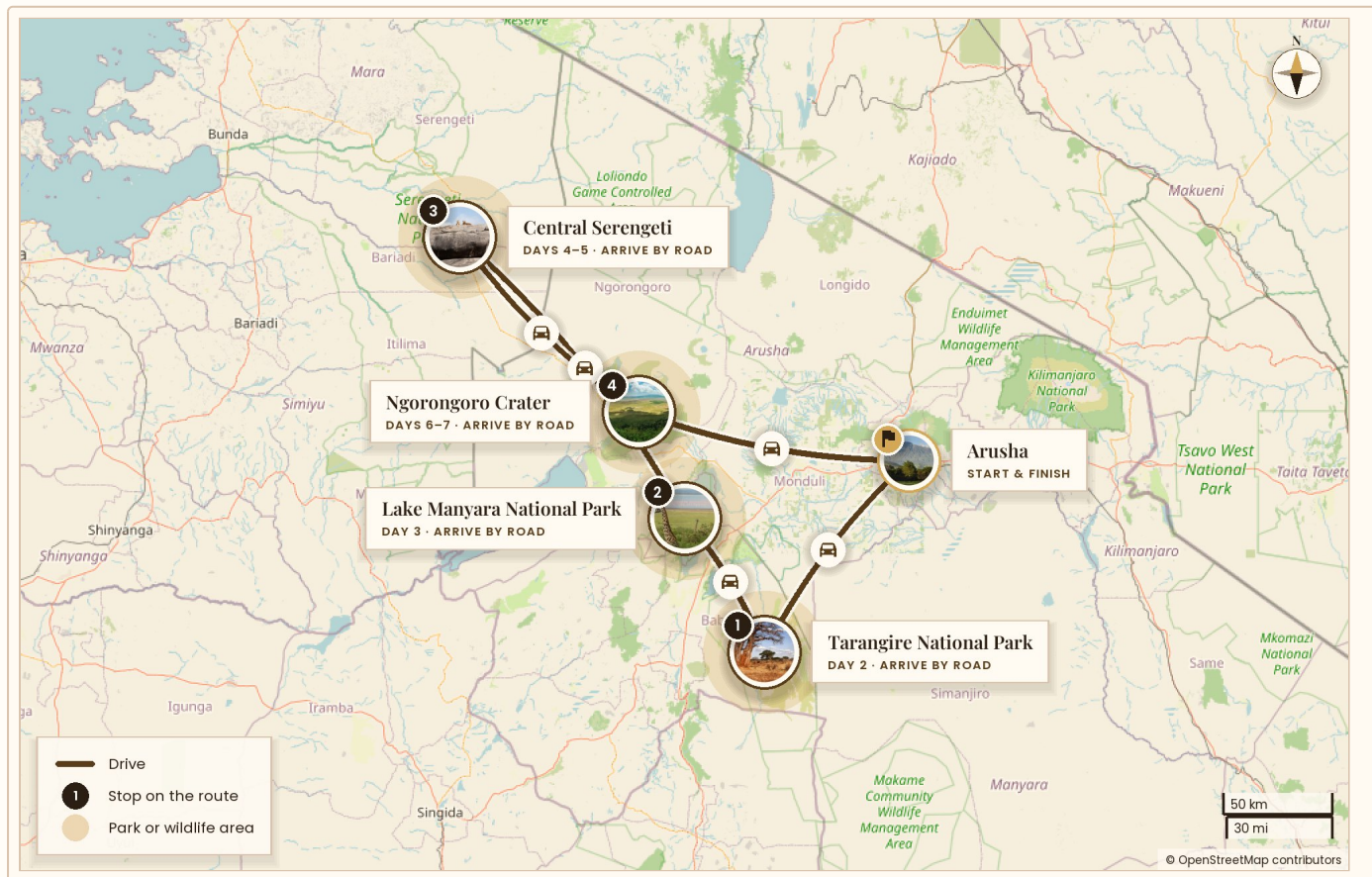
- Four parks chosen to cover each of the Big Five
- Leopard country along the Seronera River
- Private 4x4 Land Cruiser with pop-up roof
- Black rhino habitat on the floor of Ngorongoro Crater
- Tarangire's elephant herds among baobabs
- Optional Serengeti balloon flight



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Your route

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



Arusha Day 1 → Tarangire National Park Day 2 → Lake Manyara National Park Day 3 → Central Serengeti Days 4-5 →

Ngorongoro Crater Days 6-7 → Arusha Day 8



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Arusha

DAY 1 • START

Overnight: Mount Meru Hotel


1

Tarangire National Park

DAY 2 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Tloma Lodge


2

Lake Manyara National Park

DAY 3 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Tarangire Treetops


3

Central Serengeti

DAYS 4-5 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Zuri Serengeti Camp


4

Ngorongoro Crater

DAYS 6-7 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

Overnight: Zuri Serengeti Camp, Ngorongoro Farm House


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Arusha

DAY 8 • ARRIVE BY ROAD

8 DAYS

Day by day

Your journey through Tanzania, one day at a time.



DAY 01

Arrive Kilimanjaro Airport, transfer to Arusha

Meet your driver at Kilimanjaro International Airport and transfer to Arusha. Evening briefing with your guide. Overnight in Arusha.

DESTINATION Arusha

OVERNIGHT Mount Meru Hotel



DAY 02

Tarangire National Park

Drive two hours to Tarangire and spend the day on game drives along the river and through the baobab woodland. Elephants are the highlight, with buffalo, giraffe, zebra and lion also likely. Overnight near the park.

DESTINATION Tarangire National Park

OVERNIGHT Tloma Lodge



DAY 03

Lake Manyara National Park, on to Karatu

A morning game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, through the groundwater forest to the hippo pool and the lakeshore. After a picnic lunch you climb the escarpment to Karatu.

DESTINATION Lake Manyara National Park

OVERNIGHT Tarangire Treetops



DAY 04

Karatu to the central Serengeti

Cross the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, pausing at the crater rim, and descend to the Serengeti plains. You game-drive from the gate to Seronera and arrive at your lodge or camp by late afternoon.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Zuri Serengeti Camp



DAY 05

Full day in the central Serengeti

A full day to search for lion and leopard around the Seronera River and for cheetah on the open plains. Buffalo and elephant are also common here. Those who have booked the balloon flight go before dawn.

DESTINATION Central Serengeti

OVERNIGHT Zuri Serengeti Camp



DAY 06

Serengeti to the Ngorongoro highlands

A morning game drive, then the journey back to Ngorongoro with an optional stop at the Olduvai Gorge museum. You stay on or near the crater rim, ready for an early descent.

DESTINATION Ngorongoro Crater

OVERNIGHT Zuri Serengeti Camp



DAY 07

Ngorongoro Crater, return to Arusha

Descend at first light for a game drive on the crater floor, the best chance of rhino on this trip. After a picnic lunch you drive back to Arusha.

DESTINATION Ngorongoro Crater

OVERNIGHT Ngorongoro Farm House



DAY 08

Departure

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, or fly on to Zanzibar.

DESTINATION Arusha

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Where you stay

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

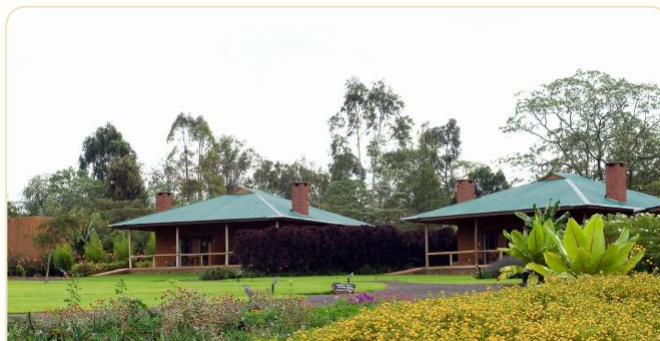


Mount Meru Hotel

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



Tloma Lodge

DAY 2 · SAFARI LODGE · MID-RANGE

Tloma Lodge is a hillside retreat nestled among the forested slopes above Karatu, with panoramic views stretching across the patchwork farmlands of the Great Rift Valley. The lodge...

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



Tarangire Treetops

DAY 3 · SAFARI LODGE · LUXURY

Treehouse suites built around ancient baobab and marula trees in a private area bordering Tarangire. Raised decks look out over the bush, and the private setting allows activities...

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



Zuri Serengeti Camp

DAY 4-6 · TENTED CAMP · MID-RANGE

Zuri Serengeti Camp is a semi-permanent tented camp positioned in the central Seronera valley of the Serengeti, one of the richest year-round wildlife areas on Earth. The camp's 12...

Restaurant · Private bathroom · Evening campfire · Device charging



Ngorongoro Farm House

DAY 7 • 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

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Inclusions & Exclusions

Included

- All park and conservation fees
- Private 4x4 Land Cruiser with pop-up roof
- Professional safari guide
- All meals, water, and select beverages
- Premium lodge and tented camp accommodation
- Ngorongoro Crater service fee
- Airport transfers
- AMREF Flying Doctors insurance

Not included

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Optional balloon safari (\$599)
- Gratuities
- Personal expenditure



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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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