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Simba safari.

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TANZANIA | 8DAYS / 7NIGHTS
Route: Round-trip from and to Arusha
Type of tour: Safari
Departure days: Saturday

TOUR OVERVIEW

Experience eight days of breathless adventure on safari in northern Tanzania with this odyssey that explores three national parks and a conservation area. 'Safari' comes from the Swahili word for 'journey' and over the course of this unforgettable itinerary, you will undertake a journey like no other: you will discover some of the most dramatic landscapes in the world, come face to face with wildlife and encounter intriguing cultures. This programme is also available in two other versions – Simba and Sopa. Please contact the tour designer for more information.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DURATION: 8 days / 7 nights



Start & finish destination
Arusha

Destinations

1. Lake Manyara	3. Ngorongoro
2. Serengeti	4. Tarangire

Lake Manyara National Park: A lush habitat where tree-climbing lions, huge hippos and zebra and wildebeest herds can be seen

Serengeti National Park: Home to millions of wild animals and location of the great wildebeest migration every year

Ngorongoro Crater: The planet's largest intact volcanic caldera is a world within a world in which humans and wildlife cohabit

Tarangire National Park: Lush and green wetlands provide an ideal habitat for hundreds of species of birds

DON'T MISS

Maasai: Pass Maasai villages between the Serengeti and Ngorongoro, and watch herdsman bring their cattle to graze on the rim of the crater

Big cats: Observe lions, leopards and cheetahs relentlessly track wildebeest during the wet season Great Migration (subject to wildlife movement)

Flamingos: See lakes take a shimmering pink appearance when thousands of these birds flock to them in wet season

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 | KILIMANJARO AIRPORT – ARUSHA (50km – 45 min)

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport, where you are met by a representative and transferred to **East Africa All Suites Hotel**, located a short distance outside of **Arusha** city centre. The hotel offers spacious suites which cater to your every personal comfort. Meals are of the highest quality, creating a mixture of traditional and Western dishes. The East African Hotel is quickly becoming one of the most popular hotels throughout Tanzania. Perhaps relax by the pool as you prepare for the adventure of a lifetime over the coming days. (check-in available after 14:00)

- **Overnight in Arusha on bed-and-breakfast basis.**

DAY 2 | ARUSHA – LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK (120km – 2 hrs)

Enjoy breakfast and a morning of leisure in the genteel surroundings of the hotel before your safari briefing, followed by lunch. In the afternoon, take your seat in the safari vehicle and depart Arusha in a westerly direction, passing through the **Maasai Steppe**, a landscape dotted with many pastoral villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. Continue towards your accommodation, **Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp**, for the first night in the wild. The luxury accommodation features a mix of thatched cabins and tents, all with private balconies or viewing platforms overlooking the **Lake Manyara** flood plain. An upstairs lounge with open views over the surrounding landscape offers the ideal setting for a relaxing drink to ponder the majesty of what you will see during the week. Cap off the day with a fine bush dinner in the renowned restaurant.

- **Overnight at Lake Manyara on a full-board basis.**

DAY 3 | LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK (250km – 5 hrs)

After breakfast, there's a morning game drive in **Lake Manyara National Park**, which is renowned for its varied birdlife – notably flamingos – in wet season and large mammal viewing in dry season. Tree-climbing lions, large-tusked elephants and one-and-a-half-tonne hippos are among the denizens of this mesmerising park. Giraffes can also often be seen craning their long necks to sate their thirst in the waters of this soda lake, which in dry season evaporates to a much reduced area. **Baboons, buffaloes, warthogs and wildebeests** can also be observed in large numbers. Return to camp for lunch before departing in the afternoon for Serengeti National Park in the afternoon. Travel in a northwesterly direction across stunning hilly countryside filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you hopefully start spotting game well before you get into the park, arriving at **Serengeti Kati Kati Camp**, which will be your accommodation for the next two nights. This is a 'real' tented camp that can move about the vast Serengeti. The tents are en suite and there is a camp fire every evening for appetisers and snacks before dinner.

- **Overnight in Serengeti on a full-board basis.**



DAY 4 | SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK (5-6 hrs on game drives)

The **Serengeti National Park** is famed for being home to millions of animals and the annual **Great Migration** of wildebeests, zebras and gazelles but the dramatic landscapes in which the wildlife prowls are themselves worthy of admiration during the morning and afternoon game drives. Riverine forests and woodlands, rocky outcrops called kopjes and a volcano are just some of the backdrops in which the animals can be spotted during the game drives. With some luck, here you will see the **Big Five of the lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros**. Birds and reptiles are also plentiful in the national park. An optional early morning hot air balloon safari is available today. Pick-up is before sunrise and flight begins at dawn. Flight time is approximately one hour and champagne bush breakfast and return transfers are included.

- **Overnight in Serengeti on a full-board basis.**

DAY 5 | SERENGETI – NGORONGORO CRATER (200km – 4 hrs)

Take to the road after breakfast for a breathtaking drive to **Ngorongoro Crater**, viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains, stopping en route for a picnic lunch. Continue towards Ngorongoro, passing along the rim of the crater and descending to the park gate and the lodge, just a short distance away. Accommodation for the next two nights will be in either **Ngorongoro Farm House** or **Tloma Lodge**. Ngorongoro Farm House is a sheltered and secluded coffee plantation. The thatched roof adds a touch of nostalgia while the interiors are a modern take on colonial décor with a hint of traditional African motifs. The main building features a lounge, a restaurant and a viewing deck, which offers views of the **Oldeani Volcano**. The large vegetable gardens are ideal for a stroll and also provide the farm with the finest fresh ingredients from which meals are prepared. Just a 15-minute drive away is Tloma Lodge, an exclusive 36-cottage complex located on a raised shoulder of a valley in the Crater Highlands. The lodge offers breathtaking views over a coffee-plantation and the eastern wall of the Ngorongoro Crater. The attractive garden is full of flowering plants and bushes

while a heated outdoor pool adds to the feeling of utter luxury. Rooms are spacious and feature understated, soft-hued colours as well as four-poster beds with netting.

- **Overnight in Ngorongoro on a full-board basis.**

DAY 6 | NGORONGORO CRATER (5-6 hrs on game drives)

An unforgettable experience awaits you this morning as you explore what is considered to be the world's largest wildlife zoo. Descend through the early morning mists to the basin of the crater, some 600 metres below the rim, for a picnic lunch. The crater is the world's largest intact volcanic caldera and due to its size – it has a diameter of 19km – and diversity, the crater floor features distinct areas that range from forests, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grasslands and sandy dunes. The crater has traditionally been inhabited by the **Maasai** people, who share it with **more than 25,000 wild animals**, including black rhinos, wildebeests, zebras, eland, gazelles, lions, leopards, elephants, buffalo, spotted hyenas, jackals and cheetahs to name but a few. It's an awesome wildlife experience.

- **Overnight in Ngorongoro on a full-board basis.**

DAY 7 | NGORONGORO – TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK (200km – 4 hrs)

Begin the day with a fabulous breakfast before departing for **Tarangire National Park**, heading southeast past Lake Manyara and the village of Mto wa Mbu. Continue through the highlands and the Karatu district across stunning hilly countryside filled with wheat and coffee plantations before journeying down the spectacular escarpment where you turn south on to the Arusha–Dodoma road. Stop at the camp for lunch and then travel a short distance to the Tarangire park gate, where you spend the afternoon game viewing and enjoying the sight of beautiful baobab trees. This unusual landscape dotted with ancient baobab trees has an almost pre-historic feel, accentuated by the wealth of wildlife that roams its almost 3,000 square kilometres. The park is home of one of **the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa** and other game, including the elusive leopard, zebras and tree-climbing lions. More than 550 bird species can be spotted here, too. Return to the camp for dinner. Accommodation is in the magnificent **Lake Burunge Tented Camp**, situated on the shores of Lake Burunge and located in the migratory corridor of Manyara and Tarangire, only a 20-minute drive from Tarangire National Park. The camp has 20 thatched guest rooms and pleasant elevated public areas with spectacular views onto Lake Burunge. All rooms offer large beds with mosquito netting, en-suite bathrooms, private verandas and views of the park and lake, and are powered by solar energy. Relax and enjoy a sundowner on the deck, or to simply sit and enjoy the warm fireplace. Breakfast offers both cooked and fresh options.

- **Overnight at camp near Tarangire on a full-board basis.**

DAY 8 | TARANGIRE – ARUSHA – KILIMANJARO AIRPORT (160km – 3 hrs)

Bid farewell to **Tarangire National Park** after breakfast and head to **Arusha**, passing through the **Maasai Steppe**, a landscape dotted by many picturesque tribal villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. Lunch is on arrival in the city followed by transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport, for departures after 16:30.

END OF SERVICES

INCLUDED

TOUR GUIDE:

- Operated with English-speaking guides – bilingual guides are available in French, Spanish, German and Italian

ACCOMMODATION:

- Six nights' accommodation on a full-board basis and one night on a bed-and-breakfast basis

MEALS:

- As specified and one bottle of mineral water per person per day during game drives

TRANSPORT:

- All transport and game drives on road safaris will be in a 4x4 vehicle in Tanzania (with seven guaranteed window seats and a photo roof)

ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:

- Admission to and game drives in Lake Manyara National Park, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire National Park

NOT INCLUDED

- Visas and international flights
- Airport taxes (clients pay direct)
- Driver-guide gratuities, drinks, dining rooms tips and portorage
- Personal travel, medical and evacuation insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- Optional tours such as hot air balloon ride on Day 4
- Third adult sharing pays full per person sharing rate
- One child aged 7-11 sharing with 2 adults pays 55% of safari cost*
- Children aged 7-11 in own room pay 75% of safari cost
- Children under 12 pay 50% of festive supplements

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

A wide range of optional excursions and pre and post-programme extensions are available on request. Please ask tour designer Taqi Moledina for rates and conditions

RECOMMENDATIONS

Passengers should bring only soft-sided bags on safari. Passport/identity card required for internal flights, for which baggage is limited to 15kg per person, including hand luggage. Excess baggage will be charged at check-in. Passengers arriving Tanzania may be asked to present a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate. Travellers' cheques are generally not accepted in east Africa. US banknotes cannot be older than 2004 and must have the most current security markings (large portrait of the president). Sun protection, sunglasses, a hat and mosquito repellent can be very useful during your stay.