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Tanzanian Adventure Safari – trip notes

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Highlights

- *A grass-roots, great-value Tanzanian adventure*
- *Visit Tanzania's safari and wildlife highlights*
- *Wake to the sound of the African bush from your comfortable tent*
- *See lion, leopard, elephant and cheetah as well as prolific birdlife*

Overview



Tanzania is a safari destination without equal and this is an adventurous journey through some of the country's finest game-viewing areas and reserves. By camping in three of Tanzania's best parks - Ngorongoro, the Serengeti and Lake Manyara - you'll gain a real feel for the sights and sounds of the African bush and the wildlife within it – what could be more exciting than waking up to the distant roar of lions, or seeing the sun set across the African plains? This is a great value safari for those who really want to experience grass-roots Africa. Throughout the expedition you will be accompanied by an experienced crew, including cooks and guides, plus a group of like-minded people, all of whom will make your trip easy and enjoyable. What are you waiting for!?

Day-by-day itinerary

Day 1 – Depart UK

Day 2 – Arusha

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport, you'll make the short, one-hour transfer to Arusha where you'll settle into your accommodation for the night.

Upon arrival you'll have time to relax at your hotel or explore Arusha further, maybe having time to visit Arusha National Park where the Momella Lakes host a variety of water birds plus black and white colobus monkeys, common waterbuck and Kirk's dik dik. The views here are wonderful.

Impala Guesthouse - 1 night

Days 3-4 – Ngorongoro



On day three, you journey from Arusha to Ngorongoro and to your campsite, located overlooking the crater.

During your stay here you will visit the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which covers some 260 square kilometres. This consists of the Crater Highlands, an area of volcanoes some of which, including Ngorongoro Crater, have collapsed, plus the surrounding area of bush, plain and woodland. This is also the homeland of the Masai whose cattle have grazed on these pastures for centuries.

A game drive down into Ngorongoro Crater reveals an astonishingly rich variety of animals and plant life for such a



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relatively small area. As well as lion, elephant and buffalo, there's also black rhino and thousands of flamingos and other water birds. Despite being enclosed by the sheer crater walls, the animals come and go as they seek out grassland and water sources on the floor of the crater. The balance of predator and prey is so precise, the animals seldom leave – it contains possibly the largest concentration of wildlife in Africa, with an estimate of 30,000 large animals. You're also likely to see Masai herders tending their cattle; as this is part of their ancestral terrain and a conservation area rather than a national park, they live side by side with the game, which adds another dimension to your safari.

Your game drives will be in four-wheel drive vehicles, with a hatch in the roof for wildlife viewing. You may also have the opportunity to visit a Masai village this afternoon.



You'll camp in walk-in tents, which are some 3m wide, 3m long and 1.9m high. All equipment is provided, including a mattress, sleeping bag and liner, so, unless you want super comfort, you don't have to take anything with you! You will be expected to help set-up and break-down your tents, but nothing more than that – all of your meals will be cooked for you, leaving you free to enjoy the morning and evening sounds and changing colours of the African bush. Shower and toilet facilities are shared.

Camp - 1 night (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 5 – Olduvai Gorge & Serengeti

Today you climb past Ngorongoro Crater to enter Serengeti National Park (three to four hours drive). En-route you'll visit a 50 kilometre-long, 90 metre-deep gorge - Olduvai Gorge - where many fossils have been unearthed. Successive layers of volcanic deposits were laid down over the millenia, providing a unique record of life in pre-historic times. It was here that Mary Leakey discovered the famous jawbone that offered clues into the development of early man some two million years ago. After a short visit to the site museum you'll continue to the Serengeti and to your camp for the night – the same facilities and tents will be provided here as at Ngorongoro.

Your campsite is located in the Seronera area of the park, in the central Serengeti, one of the most picturesque areas of the park and great for game viewing.

Camp - 1 night (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 6 –Serengeti

Serengeti is Tanzania's largest national park and, justifiably, the most famous. The plains extend over the border into Kenya (*Serengeti* means 'endless plains') to become the Masai Mara National Park, thus creating a vast area that attracts large numbers of herbivores. Due to the varied terrain and concentration of wildlife, the



Serengeti is a great place to spend a couple of days, to take advantage of the unparalleled opportunities to see animals from close range. In order to see as much wildlife as possible, you'll take morning and afternoon game drives.

As well as wildebeest there are big herds of giraffe, large numbers of zebra, both Thomson's and Grant's gazelle, the ubiquitous impala, plus eland, klipspringer and warthog, and much more. As far as carnivores go, the Serengeti lions are extremely well-known - many have been equipped with radio collars so they can be tracked and studied. There are also leopards here, although these are more elusive, and cheetah. Lion and cheetah are regularly sighted. The Serengeti's birdlife is particularly rich, with a number of endemic species that are commonly seen including Fischer's lovebird, grey-rumped spurfowl and babbler-like rufous-tailed weaver.



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Depending on which time of year you travel, you may also be able to see the greatest wildlife spectacle on earth – the fantastic wildebeest migration.

The migration sees 1.5 million white-bearded wildebeest and half a million zebra moving around the Serengeti and Masai Mara in Kenya. During the rainy season (Dec-May), they are scattered throughout the southern Serengeti. Once the rains stop the southern areas dry out quickly as there are few rivers and streams, so the wildebeest congregate in immense herds in the remaining green areas, and eventually migrate in a north-westerly direction across the border into Kenya in search of food. After spending the dry season (Jul-Oct) around the Masai Mara area, they migrate back southwards into Tanzania in anticipation of December's rains.

Camp - 1 night (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 7 – Lake Manyara National Park

Today, you continue to peaceful Lake Manyara National Park, a drive of approximately five hours.

The park lies between the lake from which it takes its name and the abrupt slope of the Rift Valley's western escarpment. Because of the lake it's a good place to see hippo and it also has excellent birdlife. The habitat and diversity is greater here - including pink flamingos that are attracted by the alkaline waters of the lake at certain times of year, and blue and vervet monkeys which play around in the mahogany and sausage trees of the park. You can also see elephants feeding off fallen fruit, plus bushbuck, baboons and leopards in the surrounding forest. It's most famous residents however, are the tree-climbing lions. It's really something special to see the lions, and the spectacular array of wildlife and birdlife in Lake Manyara National Park.

Your campsite is located just outside the park.

Camp - 1 night (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 8 – Lake Manyara game drive & Arusha

This morning you'll enjoy a game drive in the park, before continuing to Arusha (a journey of approximately two hours). There may be free time to take a peek at Arusha's colourful markets, before continuing on to Kilimanjaro airport for your return flight to London.

Note: Land only passengers can choose to continue to Kilimanjaro with the group, or stay in Arusha, depending on flight schedules.

Day 9 – Arrive UK

This itinerary includes our group flights from London. If you are making other flight arrangements, please refer to your Joining Instructions (sent approximately 21 days prior to departure) for details of the start or end of the trip. Please remember international flights and trip dates do occasionally change, so please always purchase flexible tickets.

This itinerary is run in conjunction with our local ground agent, and clients will not be exclusively from Wildlife Worldwide. Each itinerary is planned many months in advance and although it is our intention to operate the itinerary as printed in the brochure and detailed here, it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of alterations to flight schedules, climatic conditions, limitations of infrastructure or other operational factors which are beyond our control. As a consequence, the order or location of overnight stops may vary from those outlined but we will always endeavour to keep you informed of any such changes. Included meals are indicated in the daily itinerary.

Dates & prices

From London

Depart UK	Arrive UK	Price
Thurs 21 Jan 10	Fri 29 Jan 10	£1995
Thurs 04 Feb 10	Fri 12 Feb 10	£1995
Thurs 25 Feb 10	Fri 03 Mar 10	£1995
Tues 30 Mar 10	Mon 07 Apr 10	£1995
Thurs 10 Jun 10	Fri 18 Jun 10	£1995
Thurs 24 Jun 10	Fri 02 Aug 10	£1995



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Thurs 08 Jul 10	Fri 16 July 10	£1995
Thurs 29 Jul 10	Fri 06 Aug 10	£2395
Thurs 19 Aug 10	Fri 27 Aug 10	£1995
Thurs 02 Sept 10	Fri 10 Sept 10	£1995
Thurs 30 Sept 10	Fri 08 Oct 10	£1995
Thurs 28 Oct 10	Fri 05 Nov 10	£1995
Thurs 25 Nov 10	Fri 03 Dec 10	£1995
Mon 20 Dec 10	Tues 28 Dec 10	£2395
2011 dates available on request		
Single room supplement £125 (not Arusha)		

Land only

Start date in Arusha	End date in Arusha/Kilimanjaro airport	Price
Fri 22 Jan 10	Thurs 28 Jan 10	£1325
Fri 05 Feb 10	Thurs 11 Feb 10	£1325
Fri 26 Feb 10	Thurs 02 Mar 10	£1325
Weds 31 Mar 10	Sun 06 Apr 10	£1325
Fri 11 Jun 10	Thurs 17 Jun 10	£1325
Fri 25 Jun 10	Thurs 01 Aug 10	£1325
Fri 09 Jul 10	Thurs 15 July 10	£1325
Fri 30 Jul 10	Thurs 05 Aug 10	£1795
Fri 20 Aug 10	Thurs 26 Aug 10	£1325
Fri 03 Sept 10	Thurs 09 Sept 10	£1325
Fri 01 Oct 10	Thurs 07 Oct 10	£1325
Fri 29 Oct 10	Thurs 04 Nov 10	£1325
Fri 26 Nov 10	Thurs 02 Dec 10	£1325
Tues 21 Dec 10	Mon 27 Dec 10	£1795
Single room supplement £125 (not Arusha)		

Guide information

Your guide will be Tanzanian with a fondness and familiarity for the country and the regions visited. All of those we use for your trip will be experts in wildlife, having a passion for walking safaris in particular. Trained safari guides, they'll be a mine of information for your trip and be able to react to your particular passion – whether that be bird-watching or flora and fauna, all with infectious enthusiasm.

Optional excursions

Arusha National Park visit - \$215 pp – based on two people

Serengeti balloon safari - \$500 pp

Responsible tourism

We work with a company that's wholly African owned, with staff that has a range of benefits to make to help them in life and work, such as good wages and holiday allowance (such basics are not the norm in Africa). The camps are all run in a sustainable manner, with particular emphasis on the use of solar lighting, proper waste disposal, water conservation and non-pollution of water resources and areas, and your supplies on this trip will be bought from local suppliers. There are also a number of grass-roots projects that are supported in Tanzania, such as helping villages by providing wood, food, fruit and shelter, and donating gifts to schools and orphanages. Your group leader may be able to arrange a visit to one of these, should you wish – please ask him or her about this during your trip.



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Clothing and equipment

We list below what we think you'll find useful on the trip. You'll also need a soft bag to carry your main luggage and a daypack of about 25 litres. We recommend you limit your luggage to 20kgs. If you require more information, please do call one of our wildlife specialists on the number below.

- T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts and long, lightweight trousers
- A couple of warm fleeces or jumpers for cooler evenings
- Waterproof jacket
- Comfortable shoes for safari, such as trainers or light walking shoes
- Sandals
- Sunhat
- Swimwear
- Please note, for our winter departures (November and January) you'll need to take warmer clothing like a heavy fleece, hat, gloves, scarf and thermal underwear

- Binoculars are essential for wildlife viewing
- Camera – please note, if you take a universal travel adaptor you will (power cuts permitting) be able to charge your camera batteries in the vehicles. There is an inverter with an output of 220-240v (square pin, British type), although it is advisable to take extra batteries, too
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent with high DEET factor
- Personal first aid kit
- Sunglasses
- High-factor sunscreen
- Wash kit – antibacterial gel
- Universal travel adaptor
- Torch and batteries
- A small, lockable money pouch to keep valuables and plastic bags to keep them dust free during safari

Recommended reading

Cheetah of the Serengeti Plains (1994)

TM Caro

Collins Traveller's Guide: Wildlife of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda (2006)

Hosking/Withers

Serengeti - Natural Order on the African Plain (1996)

Mitsuaki Iwago

Birds of Africa - A Comprehensive Illustrated Field Guide to the Birds of the South of the Sahara (2003)

Ian Sinclair and Peter Ryan