

Ultimate Northern Tanzania Safari

13 Days Tailor-made safari, Departure; Any day

Over view

This incredible 13-day tour takes you to all the highlights of Northern Tanzania. You will visit the famous Serengeti National Park, the enormous Ngorongoro Crater, the beautiful Lake Manyara, and a Maasai village for some culture.

The tour starts in Arusha, from where you will travel to Tarangire National Park, where you will have your first game drives. This is one of the largest National Game Parks in Tanzania. After Tarangire, you will visit Lake Manyara and Lake Eyasi. Lake Manyara can be described as the hidden gem of Tanzania, and if lucky, you can spot a tree-climbing lion! The tour continues to the enormous Ngorongoro Crater, a wonderful haven for wildlife. After the crater, it is time for the well-known Serengeti National Park, famous for its annual wildebeest migration. The tour's final stop is at Lake Natron, and you will also visit a Maasai village for some culture.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Kilimanjaro airport – Arusha

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport, you will be met and transferred to Arusha. Overnight accommodation in Arusha.

Day 2: Arusha – Tarangire National Park

This morning you will travel to Tarangire National Park. Tarangire is one of Tanzania's largest national parks and a sanctuary for a substantial elephant population. Its natural vegetation consists mainly of Acacia woodland, where you can find over 500 bird species and the majestic African Baobab trees, an exciting feature of the park. Animals concentrate along the Tarangire River, which provides the only permanent water supply in the area, making it the place for many animals and predators. There is a great diversity of wildlife, including lions, leopards, cheetahs, and up to six thousand elephants. Enjoy your afternoon game drive. Overnight within Tarangire National Park.

Day 3: Tarangire National Park

Enjoy a full-day game drive in Tarangire National Park. Tarangire has beautiful scenery and many different areas to explore. Overnight in Tarangire National Park.

Day 4: Tarangire – Lake Manyara

This morning you will travel to Lake Manyara National Park. Spend the afternoon on a game drive in the park, described as one of Tanzania's hidden gems. This park is famous for its tree-climbing lions and large herds of elephants (which are not shy to come straight up to the vehicle). After your game drive, travel to Lake Eyasi. Overnight at Lake Eyasi.

Day 5: Lake Eyasi – Ngorongoro Crater

This morning you will travel to the Ngorongoro crater. Enjoy scenic views on a game drive overnight on the crater's rim.

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater

This morning you will descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, a wonderful haven for wildlife. Ngorongoro is unique in that almost all the wildlife lives within the crater walls; hence you have the opportunity to find game easily. The crater supports a wide variety of animals, which include herds of wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, eland, warthog, hippo, elephants, and the endangered white rhino. Another big draw card to this picturesque crater is its dense population of predators, which include lions, hyenas, jackals, cheetahs, and occasionally leopards. Enjoy a full-day game drive, including a picnic lunch by the hippo pond, overnight on the crater's rim.

Day 7: Ngorongoro Crater – Serengeti National Park

Begin your journey from Ngorongoro to Serengeti. On route, you have the opportunity to stop at Olduvai Gorge (one of the most impressive archeological sites in the world). The Serengeti is famed for its annual migration, where approximately three million wildebeest, zebra & Thompson's gazelle trek the park in search of fresh grazing. The spectacle of predator versus prey dominates Tanzania's most incredible park. Over the vast flat plains, you will likely find lions, cheetahs, leopards, hyenas, and many other predators.

Enjoy an afternoon game drive, and get an experience of sleeping in the middle of the Serengeti. Overnight within Serengeti National Park.

Day 8: Serengeti National Park

For a full day within this beautiful park, your guide will choose the best animal spotting locations for that time of year. You can spend time at the Hippo pool, watching these majestic animals laze about in the cool water alongside the crocodiles, watch a considerable pride of lions or be in the middle of the migration. You can journey from the wide-open plains to the kopjes. These rocky volcanic outcrops provide protection and shelter for a wide variety of animals, and from the top, we can look out across the vast grasslands of the Serengeti. This diverse and exciting landscape will provide you with the ultimate game viewing.

Overnight within Serengeti National Park.

Day 9: Serengeti – Lake Natron

Morning transfer to Lake Natron. Take a few hours to rest at the campsite before climbing the volcano at night (optional). The climb begins around midnight to reach the top by sunrise. This is a challenging climb with gratifying views once you reach the top. Overnight at Lake Natron.

Day 10: Lake Natron

This morning you will commence your journey to Lake Natron with an on-route game drive. Arrive late afternoon, and then after a couple of hours' sleep, you have the option to climb the active volcano of Oldoinyo-Lengai. Your climb will begin shortly before midnight, allowing you to reach the top for sunrise. It would be best if you were prepared for a challenging climb as it is steep and covered in volcanic ash. From the top, the effort is rewarding with incredible views. Overnight at Lake Natron.

Day 11: Lake Natron – Masaai village

This morning you will drive to a remote Masaai village. We will introduce you to the village upon arrival, and the afternoon starts with a lesson on their traditional Masaai medicine. Once the Masaai men return from their day with their cattle, you will have the chance to milk the cows, help collect firewood and watch the sunset. This evening you will experience a traditional Masaai goat ceremony and watch the Masaai dancing. Camping overnight stays at the village (please note that there are no shower facilities there).

Day 12: Maasai village – Arusha

Today you have much more to learn and discover about the Maasai way of life. Take a walk around the area, where the Maasai will show you the plants and practices they use to make local medicine. One last activity for the trip includes the women showing you the art of their jewelry making. The Maasai women learn this from a young age, and you will have the opportunity to purchase some of their work. Commence your drive back to Arusha in the late morning or early afternoon. Overnight accommodation in Arusha.

Day 13: Arusha – Kilimanjaro airport

Transfer back to Kilimanjaro airport in time for your flight.

Includes / Excludes:

Camping safari includes:

Park fees, camping fees, vehicle (unlimited km), English-speaking driver/guide, cook, all food, unlimited drinking water, camping equipment (including sleeping bags if you don't have your own), and at least one pair of binoculars.

Camping safari excludes:

Tips & drinks.

Lodge safari includes:

Park fees, lodge/tented camp accommodation, vehicle (unlimited km), English-speaking driver/guide, all food, unlimited drinking water, and at least one pair of binoculars.

Lodge safari excludes:

Tips & drinks.