

Northern Tanzania Safari

8 Days Tailor-made safari, Departure; Any day

Over view

This exciting 8-day tour takes you to the best parts of Northern Tanzania. You will be picked up from Kilimanjaro Airport; the first stop of this tour will be Lake Manyara National Park, with its various ecosystems and evergreen groundwater. The park offers fantastic game viewing. After Manyara, you will travel further to the Serengeti National Park, famous for its beauty and the Wildebeest migration. Here you will stay for two days experiencing incredible game viewing.

On day six, the tour continues to Ngorongoro Conservation Area, where you will have a visit to the incredible Ngorongoro Crater and another game drive. Finally, this Northern Tanzania ends on day eight, and you will be dropped off at the Kilimanjaro Airport.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Kilimanjaro Airport – Moshi

Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport, Tanzania. After clearing with customs, please keep a look out for your driver, who will be waiting for you, holding a sign with your name on it. Your driver will transport you to your hotel on the outskirts of Moshi.

Day 2: Moshi – Lake Manyara National Park

This morning we drive to Lake Manyara National Park. Set against the steep escarpment of the Rift Valley, you'll find Lake Manyara National Park with its evergreen groundwater forest and various ecosystems, including acacia woodland, grassy plains, a swampy fan delta, and of course, the expansive lake. This diversity attracts a wide variety of mammal, bird, and wildlife species. Manyara is also home to rare tree-climbing lions. The park offers excellent game viewing with buffalo, impala, giraffe, bushbuck, waterbuck, hippos, and many elephants roaming near the lake. Also, look out for blue monkeys, vervet monkeys, and the very active Olive baboon troops.

Day 3: Lake Manyara National Park – Serengeti National Park

Head out after breakfast for the drive to Serengeti National Park. The word "Serengeti" is derived from the Maasai language, meaning "endless plain." En route to the Serengeti, you can opt to visit a Maasai Village, the perfect place to explore the Maasai culture and participate in some tribal activities. Or visit Olduvai Gorge, known as the Cradle of Humanity; the Museum is a testament to the long journey that humanity has made from its humble roots in East Africa to its current state as the dominant species on earth. Enjoy a game drive en route to your camp.

Optional Activity: Visit a Maasai Village, visit Olduvai Gorge

Day 4 & 5: Serengeti National Park

Enjoy two full days in the Serengeti (unequaled for its beauty and home to the Great Wildebeest migration) with incredible game drives. The vast herds of game, i.e., wildebeest, zebra, and antelope, dominate the park, while the attendant predators such as lion and cheetah can be found amongst the many kopjes scattered across the plain. Its landscape varies from open grass plains in the south, savanna with scattered acacia trees in the center, hilly, wooded grassland in the north, to extensive woodland and black clay plains to the west.

Day 6: Serengeti National Park – Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Enjoy a morning game drive in the Serengeti before your transfer to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Check in at the lodge for an afternoon walking safari. Walking with your local Masai guide, hiking through the hills and plains of Maasai country, you will get to know this ancient culture well, perhaps bumping into local herders along the way or the many animals that cohabitate with them within the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Day 7: Ngorongoro National Park

This morning, you will descend into the Ngorongoro Crater floor for game driving and exploration. The crater is 600m deep, 16km across, and 265 sq km in area. Enjoy the spectacular scenery and game viewing in what has been described as the world's eighth wonder. Many of Tanzania's last remaining black rhinos can be seen grazing on the open grassland of the crater floor, surrounded by some of the 20,000 large animals that occupy the crater, including lion, cheetah, eland, zebra, and gazelle.

Flamingo, among other bird species, can often be seen feeding at Makat Soda Lake. Afternoon drive to your lodge for your overnight stay.

Day 8: Ngorongoro National Park – Kilimanjaro Airport

Enjoy your morning at leisure before transferring to Kilimanjaro airport for your flight home. If your flight departs during the morning, you must add a night's accommodation in Arusha; speak to us to arrange this.

Includes:

Full board accommodation & meals while on safari, Airport transfers, All game drive viewing in custom-built 4x4 Safari Land Cruiser, All park and entrance fees, Professional English-speaking driver/guide, Bottled water on safari, Ngorongoro Crater car supplement fee, Current Government taxes and levies, 24-Hour support.

Excludes:

Internal or International flights, Balloon excursion (US\$550 pp), Entry visa to Tanzania, Travel and health insurance, Gratuities to your guide, hotel staff and porters, Meals, drinks, and excursions not described in the itinerary, Any other items of a personal nature, laundry, telephone and postage, Item of personal Nature, Maasai village tour & camp; Olduvai Gorge Tour.