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Wildebeest Calving Season

6 Days Ndutu Plains (Feb) Witnessing 8,000 Calves Born Daily & High Predator Drama

DURATION	WHERE	STOPS	BEST MONTHS
6 Days / 5 Nights	Tanzania	6	Jan – Mar

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Your route for this journey

> *Witness the miracle of new life on the Southern Serengeti plains where 8,000 calves arrive daily, surrounded by cheetahs and lions.*

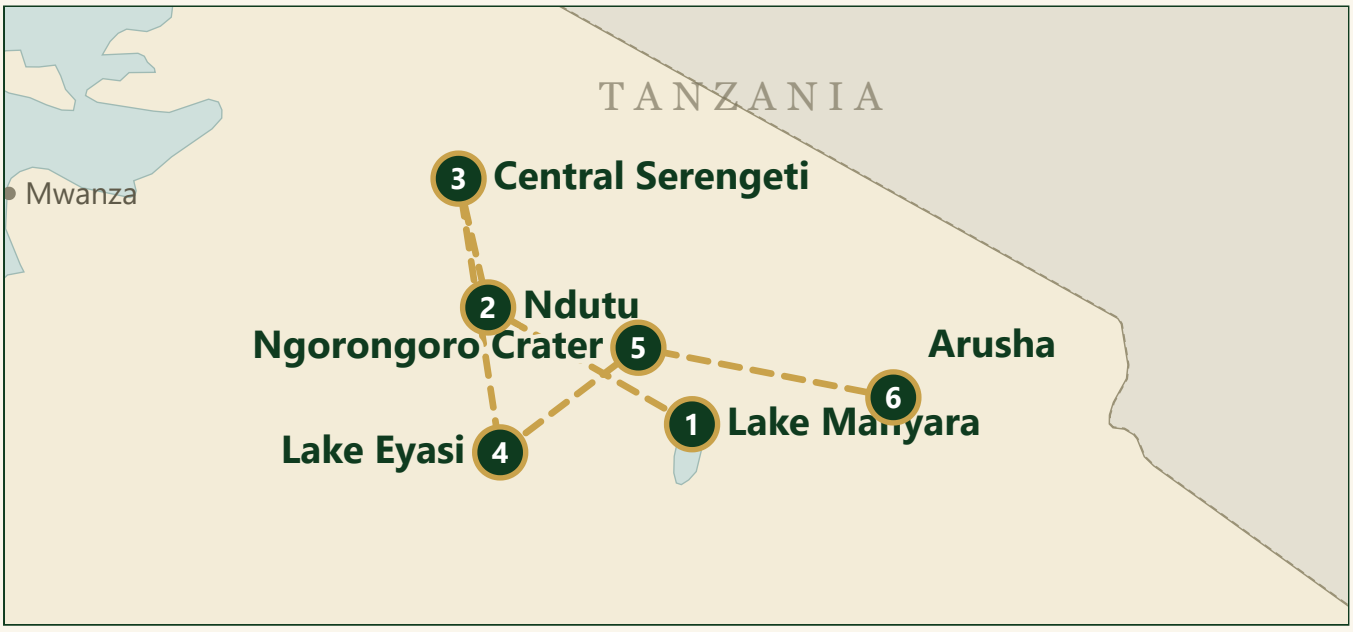
Highlights

- Witness approximately 8,000 wildebeest calves born every single day in February.
- Cheetah and lion action on the open short-grass plains.
- Complimentary 2-hour walking safari in the Ndutu marshlands.
- Game drives across the Ndutu plains.
- Encounter the ancient Hadzabe bushmen hunter-gatherer tribe at Lake Eyasi.

FREE 2-HOUR WALKING SAFARI

On the free 2-hour walking safari you can see different bird species and identify different plant species, escorted by an armed ranger.

Route map



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Summary

Wildebeest Calving Season

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Day by day

DAYS	PLAN OF THE DAY	MEAL PLAN
Day 1	Arusha to Lake Manyara & Ndutu Edge	Full Board
Day 2	Ndutu Short-Grass Plains Calving Spectacle	Full Board
Day 3	Ndutu Predator Action & Big Cat Tracking	Full Board
Day 4	Lake Eyasi Hadzabe Tribe Bow Hunting Experience	Full Board
Day 5	Ngorongoro Crater World Heritage Safari	Full Board
Day 6	Highland Forest Walk & Departure Arusha	Breakfast & Lunch

Where you sleep is chosen with you at one of three levels (Silver, Gold or Platinum). The lodges for each level are on the pages that follow.

Best time to go

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
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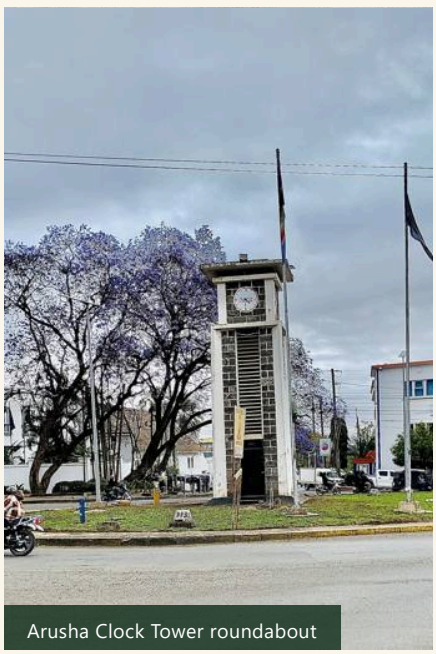
Wildebeest herd near Ndutu



Birds on the shore of Lake Eyasi



Arusha Clock Tower roundabout

Day 1

Lake Manyara

Arusha to Lake Manyara & Ndutu Edge



Lake Manyara wetlands

TODAY

Drive Arusha to Lake Manyara through the Rift Valley, about 2 hours (about 120 km)

OVERNIGHT

Silver / Gold / Platinum lodge or camp near Lake Manyara or Karatu

Scenic drive through the Great Rift Valley towards Ndutu.

08:00	Pick-up in Arusha and briefing from your guide.
08:30	Drive through the Great Rift Valley towards Lake Manyara.
10:30	View stop above Mto wa Mbu on the escarpment.
11:00	Enter Lake Manyara National Park for a short game drive.
13:00	Picnic lunch in the park or at the lodge.
14:30	Drive up towards Karatu and the crater highlands.
16:30	Arrive at the lodge or camp and rest.
17:00	Free walk around the lodge grounds or a nearby farm trail.
19:00	Dinner and briefing for the Ndutu drive.

BREAKFAST
Not included

LUNCH
Picnic box in the park or lunch at the lodge

DINNER
At the lodge or camp

FREE 2-HOUR WALKING SAFARI 17:00-19:00
Farm or village trail near the lodge outside the park, with the guide (to be confirmed with the park rangers)

TIP *Pack warm layers; Karatu is cool in the evening.*

Times are approximate and can change with weather, park rules and the day's conditions. Your guide confirms each day's timing.

Day 2 — **Ndutu Plains**

Ndutu Short-Grass Plains Calving Spectacle



Wildebeest herd near Ndutu

TODAY
Drive Karatu to Ndutu via the Lodoare gate and Ngorongoro, about 3.5 to 4 hours

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum lodge or camp in Ndutu

Full day among the large herds giving birth on the nutrient-rich short-grass plains.

06:00	Wake-up call and early breakfast.
06:45	Depart Karatu and drive to the Ngorongoro rim and the Serengeti road.
09:00	Cross the Ngorongoro area towards Ndutu.
10:30	Enter the Ndutu plains and start the game drive among the herds.
12:30	Picnic lunch with a view of the plains.
14:00	Afternoon drive to watch calves being born and predators nearby.
16:30	Arrive at the lodge or camp.
16:45	Free 2-hour walk around the lodge grounds with a ranger, if the lodge offers it.
19:00	Dinner at the lodge or camp.

BREAKFAST
At the lodge or camp, early

LUNCH
Picnic box on the plains

DINNER
At the lodge or camp in Ndutu

FREE 2-HOUR WALKING SAFARI 16:45-18:45
Lodge or camp grounds and the Ndutu marshland edge with a ranger or the lodge's escort, if the Ngorongoro Conservation Area allows it (to be confirmed with the park rangers)

TIP *Keep binoculars ready; predators are most active at dawn and dusk.*

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Day 3

Ndutu & Southern Serengeti

Ndutu Predator Action & Big Cat Tracking



Leopard, Seronera Valley, Serengeti

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum lodge or camp in Ndutu

Follow cheetah coalitions and lion prides stalking vulnerable calves.

05:45	Wake-up call, tea or coffee.
06:15	Morning drive to look for cheetah coalitions and lion prides.
09:30	Breakfast at the lodge or camp.
10:30	Drive into the southern Serengeti plains.
13:00	Picnic lunch near a kopje or the herds.
14:30	Afternoon drive following predators near the herds.
16:30	Return to the lodge or camp.
16:45	Free 2-hour walk around the lodge grounds with a ranger, if allowed.
19:00	Dinner at the lodge or camp.

BREAKFAST
At the lodge or camp

LUNCH
Picnic box on the plains

DINNER
At the lodge or camp

FREE 2-HOUR WALKING SAFARI 16:45-18:45
Lodge or camp grounds with a ranger or the lodge's escort, not in the open Serengeti (to be confirmed with the park rangers)

TIP *Take an early start for the best chance of a cat hunting.*

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Day 4

Lake Eyasi

Lake Eyasi Hadzabe Tribe Bow Hunting Experience



Birds on the shore of Lake Eyasi

TODAY

Drive Ndutu to Lake Eyasi via Ngorongoro and Karatu, about 5 to 6 hours

OVERNIGHT

Silver / Gold / Platinum lodge or camp near Lake Eyasi or Karatu

Dawn bush walk with the nomadic Hadzabe tribe practicing ancestral click-language hunting.

06:00	Wake-up call and early breakfast.
06:45	Depart Ndutu and drive to the Ngorongoro highlands.
10:00	Drive down the escarpment through Karatu.
12:30	Lunch near Karatu.
14:00	Drive to the Lake Eyasi area on a rough road, about 1 to 1.5 hours.
15:30	Meet the Hadzabe community and learn how they make bows and arrows.
16:15	Short bush walk with the hunters, if they are hunting that evening.
18:00	Return to the lodge or camp.
19:30	Dinner at the lodge or camp.

BREAKFAST

At the lodge or camp, early

LUNCH

Picnic box on the road or lunch in Karatu

DINNER

At the lodge or camp near Eyasi or Karatu

TIP *Wear long trousers, closed shoes and a hat, and ask before taking photos of people.*

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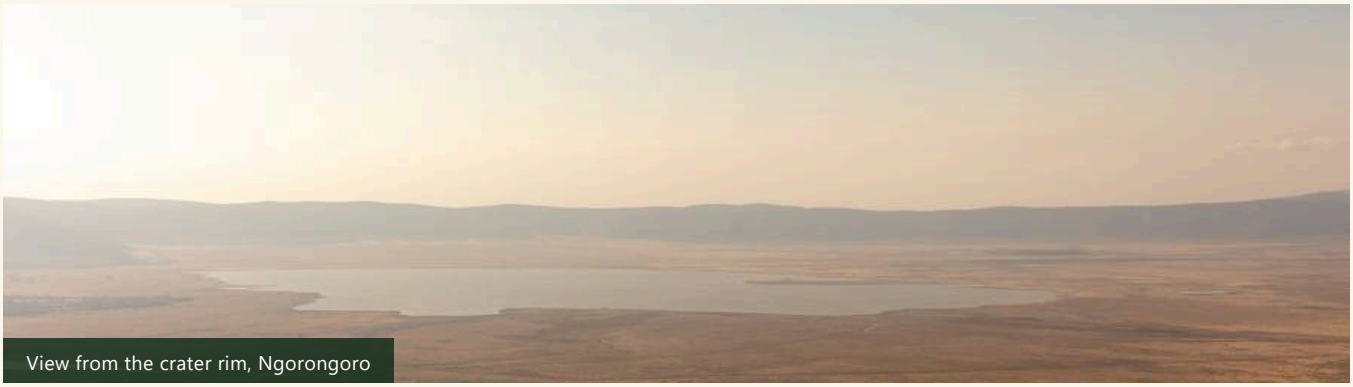
Day 5

Ngorongoro Crater

Ngorongoro Crater World Heritage Safari



View from the crater rim, Ngorongoro

TODAY
Drive Karatu to the crater rim, about 45 to 60 minutes, then descend 600 m

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum lodge near Karatu or on the Ngorongoro rim

Descend to the crater floor tracking the endangered black rhino.

05:45	Wake-up call and early breakfast.
06:30	Drive to the crater gate.
07:00	Descend to the crater floor.
09:30	Search for black rhino, lions, hyenas and elephants.
12:00	Picnic lunch at the hippo pool.
13:00	Drive around Lake Magadi and the Lerai forest.
14:00	Climb out of the crater (the time on the floor is limited to about 6 hours).
16:30	Free 2-hour walk on a highland farm trail near the lodge.
19:00	Dinner at the lodge or camp.

BREAKFAST
At the lodge or camp

LUNCH
Picnic box at the hippo pool on the crater floor

DINNER
At the lodge or camp

FREE 2-HOUR WALKING SAFARI 16:30-18:30
Highland farm or rim trail near the lodge, with a ranger if on conservation land (not on the crater floor) (to be confirmed with the park rangers)

TIP *The crater is cold early in the morning, so bring a warm jacket.*

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Day 6 **Arusha**

Highland Forest Walk & Departure Arusha



Arusha Clock Tower roundabout

TODAY
Drive Karatu to Arusha, about 2.5 to 3 hours (about 150 km)

Morning guided forest walk then transfer to Arusha.

07:30	Breakfast at the lodge or camp.
08:30	Guided forest walk in the highlands with a local guide, about 1.5 to 2 hours.
10:30	Drive towards Arusha.
12:30	Lunch at a restaurant on the way or in Arusha.
14:00	Arrive in Arusha; drop-off at hotel or Arusha airport.
15:30	Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO), about 1 hour, if needed.

BREAKFAST
At the lodge or camp

LUNCH
Restaurant in Karatu or Arusha

DINNER
Not included

TIP *Tell us your flight time so we can plan the day.*

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Where you will stay

Every level includes your accommodation. Where more than one lodge is listed, we choose one for you depending on availability, and your quote confirms the final lodge for each night.

Lake Manyara & Karatu Days 1, 4

SILVER

Simple lodges, tented camps or campsites



Fig Tree Lodge & Camp
Mto wa Mbu, about 10-15 minutes from the...



Poa Park Resort

GOLD

Mid-range lodges and tented camps



Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge
On the Mto wa Mbu escarpment above Lake...



Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge
On a hill in Rhotia near Karatu, between Lak...

PLATINUM

Luxury lodges and camps



Foot on Africa Safari Lodge
Mto wa Mbu, close to Lake Manyara Nation...



Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge
On the edge of the Ngorongoro highlands n...



Manyara's Secret
Mto wa Mbu, about 15 minutes from Lake ...

Where you will stay

Ndutu Day 2

SILVER

Simple lodges, tented camps or campsites



Africani Safari Ngorongoro Ndutu Camping

GOLD

Mid-range lodges and tented camps



Lake Ndutu Luxury Tented Lodge

Ndutu region, between the south-eastern Se...



Ndutu Safari Lodge

Ndutu, south-eastern Serengeti / Ngorongo...

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Luxury lodges and camps



Lake Ndutu Luxury Tented Lodge

Ndutu region, between the south-eastern Se...

Serengeti Day 3

SILVER

Simple lodges, tented camps or campsites



Public campsite

GOLD

Mid-range lodges and tented camps



The African Kongoni Serengeti Safari Camp

Lomoti 8, Serengeti National Park, Tanzania (...



Amani Lamai Luxury Camp

Northern Serengeti National Park, Tanzania, I...

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Luxury lodges and camps



Mara River Camp (Tanzania Bush Camps)

Kogatende area, northern Serengeti Nationa...

Melia Serengeti Lodge

Where you will stay

Ngorongoro Day 5

SILVER

Simple lodges, tented camps or campsites



Public campsite

GOLD

Mid-range lodges and tented camps



Ngorongoro Lion's Paw (Karibu Camps & Lodges)
Eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, Tanza...



The Wilderness Collection - Craters Edge
North-eastern rim of Ngorongoro Crater, ~1...

PLATINUM

Luxury lodges and camps



Wellworth Ngorongoro Oldeani Lodge
Karatu, Ngorongoro highlands



Lemala Ngorongoro Tented Camp
In an acacia forest close to the rim of the Ng...



Ngongorim Lodge

Arusha Day 6

SILVER

Simple lodges, tented camps or campsites



Arusha Giraffe Lodge
Plot 64, Olosiva area, Nairobi Road, Arusha, ...

GOLD

Mid-range lodges and tented camps



Mount Meru Hotel
Kanisa Road, Arusha, Tanzania

PLATINUM

Luxury lodges and camps



Gran Meliá Arusha
Arusha, Tanzania

What's included in your journey

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- All park fees
- 4x4 safari Land Cruiser
- Lodge/tented camp full board
- Guide
- Daily walking safari

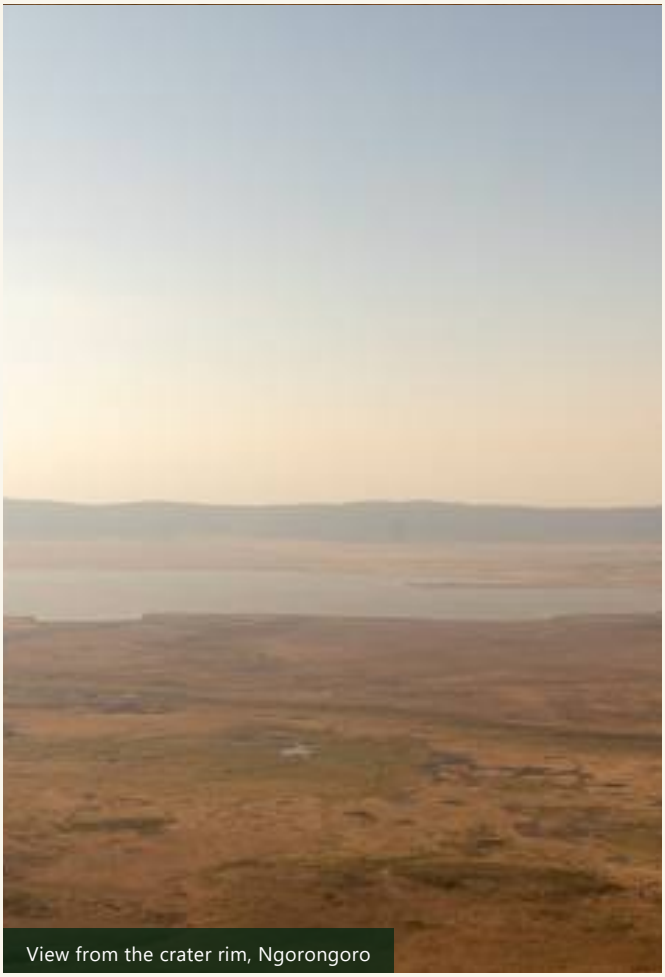
NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Flights
- Visas
- Staff gratuities

Good to know

Why is February the ideal month for calving?

The short-grass plains contain concentrated calcium and minerals essential for nursing mothers and newborn calves.



View from the crater rim, Ngorongoro



Morning on the crater floor, Ngorongoro

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