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Great Migration Safari

8 Days Serengeti Mara River Crossing & Ndutu Herds with 1.5M Wildebeest

DURATION	WHERE	STOPS	BEST MONTHS
8 Days / 7 Nights	Tanzania	5	Jul – Oct

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Your route for this journey

> *The holy grail of African wildlife spectacles. Follow 1.5 million wildebeest and zebras braving crocodile-infested waters of the Mara River.*

Highlights

- Witness the world-famous Mara River crossings with crocodile strikes.
- Deep exploration of Central Serengeti (Seronera) big cat predator territory.
- Free 2-hour guided walking safari.
- 1.5 million wildebeest and zebras moving across the endless plains.
- Two full days in Northern Serengeti close to the Kenya border.

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



1 Tarangire 2 Central Serengeti 3 Northern Serengeti 4 Olduvai Gorge 5 Arusha

Summary

Great Migration Safari

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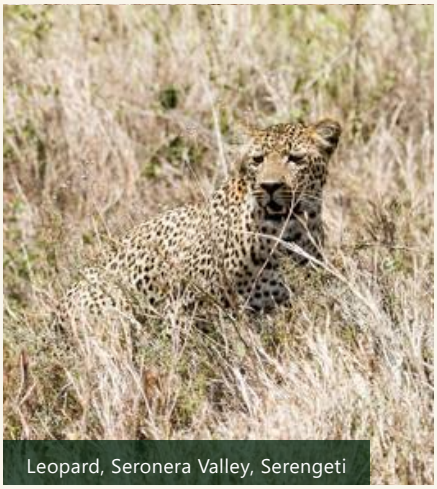
Day by day

DAYS	PLAN OF THE DAY	MEAL PLAN
Day 1	Arusha to Tarangire National Park	Full Board
Day 2	Tarangire to Central Serengeti Seronera	Full Board
Day 3	Seronera Big Cats Tracking (Lions, Leopards, Cheetahs)	Full Board
Day 4	Transit to Northern Serengeti (Kogatende & Mara River)	Full Board
Day 5	Full Day Mara River Crossings & Predator Action	Full Board
Day 6	Northern Serengeti Savannah & Walking Safari	Full Board
Day 7	Northern Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater Rim	Full Board
Day 8	Ngorongoro Crater Descent & Return to 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

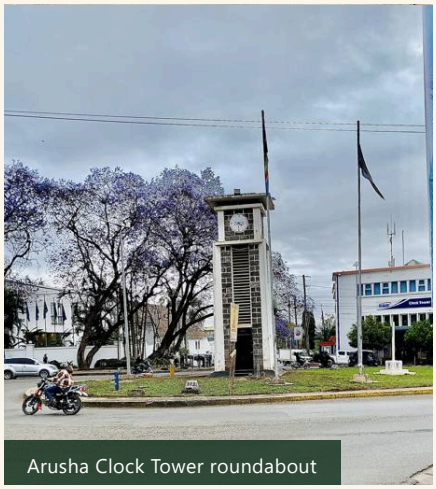
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	**Jul**	**Aug**	**Sep**	**Oct**	Nov	Dec



Leopard, Seronera Valley, Serengeti



Wildebeest at the Mara River, Serengeti



Arusha Clock Tower roundabout

Day 1 — **Tarangire**

Arusha to Tarangire National Park



Elephants and baobab, Tarangire

TODAY
Drive Arusha to Tarangire, about 2 to 2.5 hours (about 130 km)

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum tented camp near Tarangire

Begin your journey observing giant elephant herds and baobabs. Evening bush walk.

08:00	Pick-up in Arusha and briefing from your guide.
08:30	Drive across the Maasai Steppe.
10:45	Enter Tarangire National Park.
11:00	Game drive among elephant herds and baobabs.
13:00	Picnic lunch in the park.
14:30	Afternoon game drive, leaving the park by 16:00.
16:30	Free evening bush walk outside the park boundary near the camp.
19:00	Dinner at the camp and briefing for tomorrow's long drive.

BREAKFAST
Not included

LUNCH
Picnic box in the park

DINNER
At the camp

FREE 2-HOUR WALKING SAFARI 16:30-18:30
Bush walk with the guide on land outside the Tarangire park boundary near the camp (to be confirmed with the park rangers)

TIP *Bring binoculars, a hat and sunscreen.*

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

Day 2

Serengeti Seronera

Tarangire to Central Serengeti Seronera



Leopard, Seronera Valley, Serengeti

TODAY
Drive Tarangire to Seronera via Karatu, Ngorongoro and Naabi Hill, about 8 to 9 hours (about 330 km)

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum tented camp in central Serengeti (Seronera)

Drive past the Crater highlands into the endless golden savannah of Seronera.

06:00	Wake-up call and early breakfast.
06:45	Depart and drive through Karatu.
09:00	Pass the Ngorongoro Conservation Area gate and the crater rim.
10:30	Drive past Olduvai Gorge towards the plains.
12:30	Picnic lunch at Naabi Hill gate while park papers are done.
13:30	Game viewing across the southern plains.
16:00	Enter the Seronera valley.
17:30	Arrive at the camp.
19:00	Dinner at the camp.

BREAKFAST
At the camp, early

LUNCH
Picnic box at Naabi Hill gate

DINNER
At the camp

TIP *Roads are dusty; keep camera gear in bags.*

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Day 3 **Serengeti**

Seronera Big Cats Tracking (Lions, Leopards, Cheetahs)



The Serengeti plains

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum tented camp in central Serengeti (Seronera)

Full day game tracking prides hunting along the Seronera river loops.

05:45	Wake-up call, tea or coffee.
06:15	Morning game drive along the Seronera river loops.
09:30	Breakfast back at camp, rest.
10:30	Drive out to the kopjes and plains to track lions and cheetahs.
13:00	Picnic lunch near a river or kopje.
14:30	Afternoon drive for leopards in the riverine trees.
17:00	Return to camp before the 18:00 gate closing.
19:00	Dinner at the camp, campfire if the camp has one.

BREAKFAST
At the camp

LUNCH
Picnic box in the park

DINNER
At the camp

TIP *Early mornings and late afternoons are best for big cats.*

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Day 4 **Northern Serengeti**

Transit to Northern Serengeti (Kogatende & Mara River)



Leopard, Seronera Valley, Serengeti

TODAY
Drive Seronera to Kogatende, about 5 to 6 hours with game viewing (about 190 km)

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum tented camp in the Kogatende area, northern Serengeti

Journey north where mega-herds gather on the river banks preparing to plunge.

06:00	Wake-up call and breakfast.
06:45	Depart Seronera and drive north via the Lobo area.
09:30	Game viewing on the Lobo and Kogatende plains; herds may be seen.
12:30	Picnic lunch with a view of the migration plains.
14:00	Continue to the Mara River area.
15:30	First look at the river and crossing points.
17:00	Arrive at the camp in the Kogatende area.
19:00	Dinner at the camp and briefing for the river day.

BREAKFAST
At the camp, early

LUNCH
Picnic box on the road

DINNER
At the camp

TIP *Bring warm layers for the cooler north and a hat for the sun.*

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

Day 5 **Mara River**

Full Day Mara River Crossings & Predator Action



Wildebeest at the Mara River, Serengeti

TODAY
Short drives to crossing points, about 20 to 40 minutes each

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum tented camp in the Kogatende area, northern Serengeti

Wait at prime crossing points to observe the thunderous river surge.

05:45	Wake-up call, tea or coffee.
06:15	Drive to the first crossing point and wait for herds.
09:00	Breakfast box or back to camp, then return to the river.
10:00	Wait and watch at the crossing points; crossings are not guaranteed.
12:30	Picnic lunch at the river viewpoint.
14:00	Drive along the river for lions, crocodiles and hippos.
16:30	Last look at the herds before the return.
17:30	Arrive at camp.
19:00	Dinner at the camp.

BREAKFAST
At the camp

LUNCH
Picnic box at a viewpoint by the river

DINNER
At the camp

TIP *Crossings need patience; bring binoculars and a book.*

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

Day 6 **Northern Serengeti**

Northern Serengeti Savannah & Walking Safari



The Serengeti plains

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum tented camp in the Kogatende area, northern Serengeti

Morning game drive followed by a free 2-hour walking expedition with our guide.

06:00	Wake-up call and tea or coffee.
06:30	Morning game drive across the northern savannah.
09:30	Breakfast at the camp.
10:30	Optional second look at the river or the herds.
13:00	Lunch at the camp and rest in the heat.
15:30	Tea and briefing from the guide and ranger.
16:00	Free 2-hour walk with a ranger around the camp area.
18:30	Sundowner at the camp.
19:30	Dinner at the camp, campfire if available.

BREAKFAST
At the camp

LUNCH
At the camp or picnic box

DINNER
At the camp

FREE 2-HOUR WALKING SAFARI 16:00-18:00
Walk around the camp area and surroundings with the camp's armed ranger; the park authority must allow it for this camp (to be confirmed with the park rangers)

TIP *Wear neutral colours and closed shoes for the walk.*

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Day 7 — **Ngorongoro Rim**

Northern Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater Rim


Olduvai Gorge

TODAY
Drive Kogatende to the Ngorongoro rim via Seronera and Naabi Hill, about 9 to 10 hours (about 380 km)

OVERNIGHT
Silver / Gold / Platinum lodge on the Ngorongoro crater rim

Scenic drive south stopping at Olduvai Gorge archaeological museum.

05:30	Wake-up call and early breakfast.
06:15	Depart the northern Serengeti and drive south, with game viewing on the way.
11:00	Pass Seronera.
12:30	Picnic lunch on the plains or at Naabi Hill gate.
14:00	Exit the Serengeti at Naabi Hill gate.
15:00	Stop at the Olduvai Gorge museum if time allows.
16:30	Drive along the highland road to the crater rim.
18:00	Arrive at the lodge on the rim.
19:30	Dinner at the lodge.

BREAKFAST
At the camp, very early

LUNCH
Picnic box on the road

DINNER
At the lodge on the rim

TIP *This is the longest day; rest and eat well the day before.*

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

Day 8 **Ngorongoro & Arusha**

Ngorongoro Crater Descent & Return to Arusha



Arusha Clock Tower roundabout

TODAY
Crater floor game drive, then drive to Arusha, about 3.5 to 4 hours (about 190 km)

Crater floor safari looking for black rhinos, then drive to Arusha for departure.

05:45	Wake-up call and early breakfast.
06:30	Descend into the crater.
07:00	Game drive on the floor looking for black rhino, lions and elephants.
10:00	Visit the hippo pool and the lake.
12:00	Picnic lunch on the floor.
12:45	Climb out of the crater (time on the floor is limited to about 6 hours).
13:15	Drive to Arusha through Karatu and Mto wa Mbu.
17:00	Arrive in Arusha; drop-off at hotel or Arusha airport.
18:00	Transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO), about 1 hour, if needed.

BREAKFAST
At the lodge

LUNCH
Picnic box on the crater floor

DINNER
Not included

TIP *Book flights from JRO after about 20:00.*

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

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.

Tarangire & Makuyuni Day 1

SILVER

Simple lodges, tented camps or campsites



Ndanindani Lodge & Campsite
Naitolia village, Monduli District, northern Ta...



Altare Safari Home Stay



Public campsite

GOLD

Mid-range lodges and tented camps



Tarangire Sopa Lodge
Inside Tarangire National Park, roughly 2 ho...

PLATINUM

Luxury lodges and camps

Tarangire Hideaway



Mbali Mbali Tarangire River Camp
On the Tarangire River in Tarangire National ...

Where you will stay

Serengeti Days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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...

PLATINUM

Luxury lodges and camps



Mara River Camp (Tanzania Bush Camps)

Kogatende area, northern Serengeti Nationa...

Melia Serengeti Lodge

Where you will stay

Ngorongoro Day 7

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 8

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 Serengeti and Ngorongoro conservation fees & transit passes
- Full board accommodation in tented camps
- 4x4 safari Land Cruiser
- English-speaking safari guide
- Free 2-hour walking safari daily
- Airport pick-up and drop-off in Arusha/Kilimanjaro

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Optional extras such as a hot air balloon safari (on request)
- Tips
- Visas
- Travel insurance

Good to know

When is the best time for Mara River crossings?

Mid-July through late October is typically the prime window when herds cross between Serengeti and Kenya Masai Mara.

Can we add a hot air balloon flight?

A hot air balloon flight is not part of the package, but we can arrange it as an optional extra on request.



Olduvai Gorge



Olduvai Gorge viewpoint

About Strenger African Safaris

Strenger African Safaris is a Destination Management Company (DMC) based in Arusha, Tanzania. Explore tradition and wildness with a guide who plans every day around you.

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