2-Day Private Safari to Tarangire National Park & Ngorongoro Crater – Wildlife Highlights from Arusha, Tanzania

Highlights

- Private safari to Tarangire and Ngorongoro Crater from Arusha
- See elephants, lions, zebras, wildebeest, rhinos, flamingos & more
- Game drives in custom 4x4 vehicle with professional guide
- Scenic views of the Great Rift Valley and crater highlands
- Overnight stay in a mid-range lodge with full-board meals
- Ideal short safari for wildlife lovers with limited time

Overview

This 2-day private safari is the perfect escape into Tanzania's wild north, ideal for those with limited time but high expectations for adventure. From Arusha, you'll explore **Tarangire National Park**, famous for its elephant herds and giant baobab trees, and the world-renowned **Ngorongoro Crater**, where Africa's highest density of wildlife roams inside an ancient volcanic caldera.

Your experienced safari guide will lead you through dramatic landscapes and rich ecosystems in a private 4x4 vehicle, ensuring personalized service and maximum flexibility. You'll enjoy hearty meals and restful accommodation at a lodge nestled in the Ngorongoro highlands. Whether it's your first safari or a quick add-on to a longer trip, this experience will leave you with lifelong memories of Tanzania's majestic wildlife and natural beauty.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arusha to Tarangire National Park – Karatu

Your safari begins with morning pickup from your hotel in Arusha at around 7:30 AM. You'll drive approximately 2.5 hours to Tarangire National Park, known for its dense population of elephants and scenic savannah dotted with baobab trees. You'll enjoy a full-day game drive, where you might encounter lions, giraffes, buffaloes, zebras, and a variety of bird species. After your safari in Tarangire, you'll exit the park in the late afternoon and head to the highland's town of Karatu, located near the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

- **Meals:** Lunch, Dinner
- **Accommodation:** Mid-range lodge in Karatu

Day 2: Ngorongoro Crater - Return to Arusha

After an early breakfast, you'll drive to the **Ngorongoro Crater** and descend 600 meters into this incredible wildlife sanctuary. The crater floor offers a high chance of seeing the Big Five, especially black rhinos, elephants, lions, and large herds of wildebeest and zebra. Watch for hippos around the lakes and flamingos near the soda flats. You will enjoy a picnic lunch inside the crater near a hippo pool, then ascend the crater rim in the early afternoon and begin your return journey to Arusha, arriving around 4:00–5:00 PM.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch
- **Accommodation:** Not included (return to your own hotel in Arusha)

Included

- Private 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof
  Professional English-speaking safari guide
  Park fees for Tarangire and Ngorongoro Crater
  1 night accommodation in mid-range lodge
  All meals as listed per day
  Bottled drinking water during safari
  Government taxes and crater service fees
  Pick-up and drop-off in Arusha

Excluded

- International or local flights
  Travel insurance
  Tips for driver/guide and lodge staff
  Drinks at lodges (alcohol/sodas)
  Optional excursions (e.g. Maasai village visit)
  Personal expenses such as souvenirs and laundry