Lake Manyara Day Trip 2027

A scenic 1-day safari with wildlife, birdlife, and forest drives, a perfect nature escape from Arusha.

Trip Overview

This full-day tour to Lake Manyara National Park offers a rewarding safari experience in just one day. Located about 2 hours from Arusha, the park is known for its lush groundwater forest, open plains, and the sparkling alkaline lake that attracts thousands of flamingos.

Lake Manyara is rich in wildlife, including elephants, buffaloes, zebras, baboons, and the park's famous tree-climbing lions (though sightings are rare). Bird lovers will especially enjoy the variety of species here, from pelicans and storks to flocks of pink flamingos.

This trip is ideal for couples, birdwatchers, photographers, and anyone who wants a scenic and relaxing day in nature. With a mix of forest drives, lake views, and wildlife encounters, it's a perfect introduction to Tanzania's beauty.

Itinerary:

06:30 AM – Pick-up from your hotel
Your safari guide will collect you from your Arusha hotel. You'll set off on a comfortable drive through the Great Rift Valley, arriving at Lake Manyara National Park in about 2 hours.

09:00 AM – Game drive through the park
You will begin your safari with a drive through the dense forest, where you might spot troops of baboons and elephants. As the forest opens into grassy plains and acacia

woodland, look out for zebras, giraffes, wildebeest, and the occasional lion lounging in a tree.

12:30 PM – Picnic lunch at the hippo pool
You will enjoy your lunch at a scenic picnic site overlooking the lake or hippo pool. Take in the views and watch for birds, hippos, and other wildlife that come to the water.

01:30 PM – Afternoon game drive
After lunch, you'll explore more of the park, including the hot springs area and the lake shore, known for its flamingos and water birds. This is a great time for photography and peaceful observation.

03:30 PM – Begin drive back to Arusha
After a final look at the wildlife, you'll exit the park and start the journey back.

05:30 PM – Drop-off at your hotel
Arrive back in Arusha, ending a refreshing day full of natural beauty and wildlife.

What's Included:

- Private 4x4 safari vehicle with a professional guide
- Park entry fees
- Picnic lunch inside the park
- Bottled drinking water throughout the trip
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off in Arusha

What's NOT Included:

- Tips for your guide
- Personal items or additional snacks/drinks
- Optional cultural visit to Mto wa Mbu village (add on request)