7 Days Safari (Lake Manyara / Serengeti Plains / Ngorongoro Crater / Tarangire and Arusha National park)

The travel itinerary below is a suggested or sample safari itinerary – it can be adapted to suit your own personal needs and preferences or to any seasonal changes and migratory animal movements. As with all our Tanzanian safaris, we have offered you a variety of accommodation options – directly impacting on the total safari costs – in order to offer you – the widest possible tour budget options. Please do not hesitate to contact one of our travel consultants directly.

Day 0: Arrive in Tanzania
You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to your hotel in Arusha town; you will meet your guide who will brief you on your upcoming Adventure. Overnight at your arranged Hotel

Hotel is Bed & Breakfast based.

Accommodation

- *Arusha Planet Lodge*

Day 1 – Arusha National Park
Pick up from the hotel in Arusha then drive to Arusha national park with a lunch box packed for a full day game drive. Arusha National Park is a multi-faceted jewel, often overlooked by safari goers, despite offering the opportunity to explore a beguiling diversity of habitats within a few hours. The entrance gate leads into shadowy montane forest inhabited by inquisitive blue monkeys and colorful turacos and trogons – the only place on the northern safari circuit where the acrobatic black- and-white colobus monkey is easily seen. In the midst of the forest stands the spectacular Ngurdoto Crater, whose steep, rocky cliffs enclose a wide marshy floor dotted with herds of buffalo and warthog.

As you enter Arusha National park passing through wooded savannah where buffalos and giraffes are frequently encountered, the ascent of Meru leads into forests aflame with red-hot pokers and dripping with Spanish moss, before reaching high open heath spiked with giant lobelias. Everlasting flowers cling to the alpine desert, as delicately hoofed klipspringers mark the hike's progress. Astride the craggy summit, Kilimanjaro stands unveiled, blushing in the sunrise. After a game drive back to Arusha For dinner and overnight.

Meals*: Breakfast, Lunch*
Accommodation

- *Arusha Planet Lodge*

Day 2 – Arusha to Tarangire

Non game-viewing travel time: 3 hours
Distance: 210 km
After breakfast, a professional Guide from Tanzania Tour and Safaris will meet you and deliver a short briefing then drive to the Tarangire National Park for a game drive. The park runs along the line of the Tarangire River and is mainly made up of low-lying hills on the Great Rift Valley floor. Its natural vegetation mainly consists of Acacia woodland and giant African Baobab trees, with huge swamp areas in the south. Both the river and the swamps act like a magnet for wild animals, during Tanzania's dry season. The Tarangire National Park is reputed to contain some of the largest elephant herds in Africa. This African national park is also home to three rare species of animals – the Greater Kudu, the Fringe-eared Oryx, as well as a few Ashy Starlings. We eat lunch at a picnic after which we continue with the game until late evening, then drive to the accommodation overnight.
Meals*: Break, Lunch and Dinner*
Accommodation

- *Farm House Lodge*

Day 3 – Tarangire to Serengeti

Non game-viewing travel time: 6 hours
Distance: 205 km
After breakfast we head towards the Serengeti National Park, via the beautiful high lying farmland of Karatu and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Leaving the highlands behind, we descend into the heart of wild Africa – the Serengeti National Park – with its endless plains, rolling into the distance as far as the eye can see. We head to the central park area, known as the Seronera area, one of the richest wildlife habitats in the park, featuring the Seronera River, which provides a valuable water source to this area and therefore attracts wildlife well representative of most of the Serengeti's species.
We arrive in time for lunch and enjoy an afternoon game drive in the Serengeti national park.
***Meals**: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*
Accommodation

- *Kubukubu Tented Camp*

Day 4 – Serengeti

Be one of only a few fortunate people to glide in a Hot Air Balloon over the Serengeti Plains (available at supplementary cost by pre-arrangement). Floating silently above the awakening bush, while spotting wildlife and enjoying the amazing scenery of Africa, across rivers and over numerous small villages.
We do an after breakfast game viewing drive along the Sogore River Circuit, which loops into the plains south of the Seronera River, and which is good for possible Lion, Thomson gazelle, topi, ostrich and cheetah sightings. The Visitor Centre close to the Serengeti Seronera Lodge and public campsites, is well worth a visit after the morning's game drive. This nicely designed center offers some interesting wildlife displays as well as a gift shop selling information leaflets and maps of the area. The center also has a shop where cold drinks and snacks can be purchased, as well as a picnic area and information trail up and around a nearby kopje. We will enjoy a relaxed picnic lunch at the center in the shade of the giant acacia trees.
In the afternoon we will follow the Kopjes Circuit, which goes anti-clockwise around the Maasai Kopjes, which usually attract a number of lions and some formidably large cobras. Kopjes are weathered granite outcrops, scattered around the plains, most of which are miniature ecosystems, providing shade and drinking water in pools left in the rock after the rains. This makes the kopjes particularly good for spotting wildlife in the dry seasons – including lions, which like to lie in wait for animals coming to drink!
***Meals**: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*
Accommodation

- *Kubukub Luxury Tented Camp*

Day 5 – Serengeti to Ngorongoro

Non game-viewing travel time: 4 hours
Distance: 145 km
Be one of only a few fortunate people to glide in a Hot Air Balloon over the Serengeti Plains (available at supplementary cost by pre-arrangement). Floating silently above the awakening bush, while spotting wildlife and enjoying the amazing scenery of Africa, across rivers and over numerous small villages.
If you are not interested in Hot Balloons, you will work up early in morning for sunrise game drive. Then return to your accommodation area for breakfast and afterward we continue with game drive until lunch time. After lunch we head to Ngorongoro overnight. On the way we can experience the Maasai traditional life and experience a little bit of these cultural people lives in the Ngorongoro conservations.
***Meals**: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*
Accommodation

- *Lion's Paw*

Day 6 – Ngorongoro Crater Tour

After breakfast we descend 600m into this magnificent crater for a full-day game drive. The Ngorongoro Crater is one of the most densely crowded African wildlife areas in the world and is home to an estimated 30,000 animals including some of Tanzania's last remaining black rhino. Supported by a year round water supply and fodder, the Ngorongoro National Park supports a vast variety of animals, which include herds of wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, eland, warthog, hippo, and giant African elephants. Another big draw card to this picturesque national park is its huge population of predators, which include lions, hyenas, jackals, cheetahs and the ever-elusive leopard. We will enjoy a picnic lunch on the crater floor.

***Meals**: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner*
Accommodation

- *Farm House Lodge*

Day 7 – Lake Manyara to Arusha

After breakfast, I drove to Lake Manyara national park with a lunch box packed. This national park is one of Tanzania's most dramatically located wildlife areas, consisting of a massive but shallow soda lake (covering two-thirds of the park), located at the foot of the Great Rift Valley's western escarpment. The park's varied habitat attracts a wide variety of animals, including one of Africa's largest concentrations of elephants, Lake Manyara's unique tree-climbing lions, as well as large flocks of flamingos attracted by the algae in the lake. After a game drive, then drive back to Arusha for dinner and Overnight.

***Meals**: Breakfast, Lunch*
Accommodation

- *Arusha Planet Lodge*

Departure dates
The departure dates for all our safaris and tours are totally flexible according to your own personal needs. Please contact us for further and more detailed info.

END OF THE SERVICE

TOTAL COST OF THE TOUR

PER PERSON US $3,150

TOTAL COST BREAKDOWN

Safari Include:

- Full board accommodation whilst on safari in the above mentioned en suite tented camps and lodges
- Private safari guide
- Maasai Experience tour
- Extended Toyota Land Cruiser
- Private 4 x 4 safari jeep with pop up roof for game viewing
- Transfers in both directions between the International Airport and Moshi.
- All entrance Park fees
- NgorongoroCrater fees
- 18% VAT to our entrance fees.
- All meals while on safari.
- One night Hotel accommodation in Moshi/Arusha.
- Government taxes, VAT and service charges relating to accommodation and included meals

Safari Exclude:

- Tanzania Visa: $50 per person on arrival, USA and CANADA passport holders USD.100
- Personal Expenses (e.g. laundry, telephone, beverages, etc.)
- Meals not listed above
- Optional Tours (balloon rides USD. 540 per person etc)
- Tips and any items of personal nature