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Tanzania, Africa: 8-Day Serengeti Safari Detailed Itinerary

No place in Africa captures the imagination quite like Tanzania. From the snow-capped summit of Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa at 19,340 feet, to the wildlife-filled plains of the Serengeti to the coral reefs and beaches of Zanzibar. Tanzania is a fascinating country situated in East Africa and bordering the Indian Ocean. It has great natural beauty and extensive protected land whose unique ecosystems are unparalleled.

In addition to its wildlife and stunning scenery, Tanzania is a melting pot of cultures and religion, with over 100 ethnic groups living peacefully together. If the land doesn't call you back again and again, then, certainly, the people will.

Our journey starts in Arusha from where we begin our unforgettable five-day safari to Ngorongoro Crater and the Plains of Serengeti. Tanzania is home to the highest concentration of wildlife in East Africa. On our journey we will witness the delicate balance of life as hyena, lions and cheetah stalk their prey. The migration of over a million wildebeest and nearly 200,000 zebra is a spectacle that should not be missed! We will travel in comfortable jeeps and sleep in traditional "safari-style" canvas tents with the added luxuries of attached hot showers, toilets and beds.

Trip Summary

- Five-day wildlife driving safari with private luxury tent camps
- Visit Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti Plains
- Opportunities for cultural exchange with the Maasai
- Travel in comfortable, specially modified 4WD Jeeps
- Expert and knowledgeable trip leaders
- Hygienic and tasty safari cuisine

Itinerary

Key: B, L, D—breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner included; O/N—overnight in hotel or camping

Day One, Depart your Home Country

Travel from your home country to Kilimanjaro Airport in Arusha, Tanzania, Africa. Most international flights travel overnight and subsequently you will arrive on Day Two.

Day Two, Arrive in Arusha

A Lotus Expeditions representative will meet you outside the baggage area and transfer you to your hotel in Arusha. Group orientation and welcome dinner in the evening. *D; O/N, hotel*

Day Three, Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area

Drive from Arusha to the highlands of Ngorongoro Crater, a 12-mile wide crater left by a massive volcano with incredible wildlife-viewing opportunities. Our private luxury camp is located near the homestead of our Maasai friend and walking safari guide Ole Dorop. Before reaching camp, our guide can take anyone interested on a hike through the highlands and into camp. *B, L, D; O/N, private luxury tent camp*

Day Four, Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area

From our camp we will drive twenty minutes to begin the 2000 foot descent into Ngorongoro Crater. Inside the Crater you will see a wide variety of wildlife up close. You can spend the entire day in the crater as your picnic lunch will be with you in the vehicle. At the end of the day ascend the wall of the crater and return to the comforts of your private camp where an Opol (dinner celebration) and cultural exchange with our Maasai friends awaits. *B, L, D; O/N, private luxury tent camp*

Day Five, Serengeti National Park

Today we leave the Crater highlands and drop onto the famous Serengeti plains. En route we will visit the Olduvai Gorge, an archaeological site where East Africa's earliest known humanoid remains were discovered in 1959. The Serengeti is the largest park in Tanzania and offers incredible diversity, including plains, rivers, lakes, hills and rocky outcrops. During January through March vast heads of wildebeest can be seen during their annual migration. A wildlife extravaganza! *B, L, D; O/N, private luxury tent camp*

Day Six, Serengeti National Park

A second day in our private camp will give you plenty of time for further exploration of the vast plains and the diverse wildlife. According to the group's interest we may either have lunch in camp, or travel with a picnic lunch and go out for the entire day. *B, L, D; O/N, private luxury tent camp*

Day Seven, Return to Arusha

After an early breakfast there may be time for one last game drive if you would like. We return to the hotel in Arusha where hot showers, a celebratory dinner and "dayroom" await before we board our international flights. *B, L, D, dayroom*

Day Eight, Arrive Home