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8 DAYS - THE MAGIC NATURE OF TANZANIA EXPLORER



SHORT SAFARI PROGRAM

The Magic Nature of Tanzania Explorer takes you to four of Tanzania's most famous national parks featuring amazing wildlife wonders and magical landscapes to explore. Your safari adventure starts with a scenic drive from the Kilimanjaro International Airport in Moshi to the Tarangire National Park which covers 2,860 square kilometers in the northern Manyara region of the country and is famous for its elephant populations and baobab trees. Situated just a short drive from Arusha and established in 1970, the park is named after the Tarangire River and is usually the first stop on a tour exploring the northern safari destinations of the country. The park is also known for its wooded savannah landscapes, which attract high concentrations of wildlife along the banks of the Tarangire River, as it remains the primary water source for animals during the annual dry season in this region, which lasts from July to October. The park also features the highest population of elephants in Tanzania, in addition to the full complement of major and minor African wildlife. The breathtaking views of golden savannahs, interspersed with rocky ridges, riverine forests, baobab, and acacia trees, provide the spectacular backdrop for a fantastic game viewing experience, with hundreds of elephants and migratory wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, impala, buffalo, gazelle, and eland crowding the shrinking lagoons along the river banks during the annual dry season.

The second part of your safari takes you to the Serengeti National Park which was first established in 1952, covers almost 15,000 square kilometers, and features amazing landscapes, ranging from savannahs to woodlands and open grasslands dotted with rocky ridges. Which provides the backdrop for the world's largest seasonal animal migration with 1,5 million wildebeest, the largest population of big mammals still roaming the planet, 500,000 Thompson's gazelle, 250,000 zebra, followed by 20,000 eland trekking north across the Serengeti to the plains of the Mara at the beginning of the dry season. To reach their objective, the animals must cross two major rivers, the Grumeti River and the Mara River, where more than 3,000

crocodiles are waiting for the herds to appear. Add to that 3,000 lions, the largest concentration of big cats in the world, now living in the larger Serengeti ecosystem, which means that about 20% of the animals that make up 'The Great Migration' do not survive the journey one way or back six months later. The sight of the endless stream of animals crossing the rivers represents a well-established attraction for tourists and is a natural spectacle unlike anything the international traveler can expect to experience in this world.

The third part of your safari takes you to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which was established in 1959 as part of the Serengeti National Park but exists today as a separate management authority due to complex tribal interests in that region. At its heart is the famous Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest inactive, intact volcanic caldera. The crater initially formed when a giant volcano erupted and collapsed what some believe was the tallest mountain in the world about two to three million years ago, leaving a caldera 20 kilometers wide, 610 meters deep, with its floor covering 260 square kilometers of grasslands and swamps with a soda lake at its center. Other important sites found within the NCA are the eastern section of the Serengeti Plains, the Northern Highland Forest Reserve (NHFR), and the archaeological and paleontological important area known as the Olduvai Gorge, a steep ravine in the Great Rift Valley, as well as the early human fossil footprints discovered at Laetoli. The entire area was granted the status of World Heritage Site in 1979 and is also listed as an International Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO.

The last part of your safari goes to the Lake Manyara National Park which was established as a national park in 1960, and covers about 330 square kilometers below the 'Gregory Rift' escarpment of the Great Rift Valley and part of the alkaline soda lake beyond. In addition to delightful views of pink flamingoes skipping over the surface of the shallow lake, more than 350 tropical bird species have been observed on and around the lake. The lake ecosystem is part of the much larger 'Lake Manyara Biosphere Reserve', established in 1981 by UNESCO. Situated only about 130 kilometers from Arusha, Lake Manyara NP tends to be the second park most often visited first, next



to the Tarangire NP, by visitors exploring the northern safari circuit of Tanzania. In addition to the tens of thousands of flamingoes and pelicans for which the lake environment is most famous, Lake Manyara is also renowned for its tree-climbing lions, who have made their home in the acacia trees along the rocky escarpment and are a well-known feature of this park. In addition to lions and leopards, the park also features large numbers of elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, impala, waterbuck, and warthog, and is also home to large troops of olive baboons.

❑ **Day 01 - Arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport to Tarangire NP.**
Arrival and transfer to the Tarangire National Park. *Game Drive*.
Activity Options *Nature Walk • Night Game Drive • Explore Maasai Boma*.

❑ **Day 02 - Tarangire NP to Serengeti National Park.**
Transfer to the Serengeti National Park. *Game Drive*.
Activity Options *Hot Air Balloon Safari*.

❑ **Day 03 - Serengeti National Park.**
Game Drive and *Nature Walk* in the Serengeti NP.

❑ **Day 04 - Serengeti National Park.**
Game Drive and *Explore Maasai Boma* in the Serengeti NP.

❑ **Day 05 - Serengeti NP to Ngorongoro Conservation Area.**
Scenic drive to the Ngorongoro CA. Visit *Prehistoric Olduvai Gorge*.
Activity Options *Crater View Walk • Explore Shifting Dune • Prehistoric Laetoli Footprints*.

❑ **Day 06 - Ngorongoro Conservation Area.**
Game Drive in the Ngorongoro CA.

❑ **Day 07 - Ngorongoro CA to Lake Manyara National Park.**
Transfer to the Lake Manyara NP. *Game Drive* and *Lake Manyara Treetop Walkway*.
Activity Options *Nature Walk • Night Game Drive • Maasai Boma*.

❑ **Day 08 - Lake Manyara to Departure from Kilimanjaro Airport.**
Return drive to Arusha. Visit *Tanzanite Museum* and *Maasai Curios and Crafts Market*. Airport transfer and departure from Kilimanjaro International Airport.
Activity Options *Cultural Heritage Center*.

❑ **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price**

Tarangire NP - *Game Drive*.
Serengeti NP - *Game Drives x 3*.
Serengeti NP - *Nature Walk*.
Serengeti NP - *Explore Maasai Boma*.
Ngorongoro CA - *Prehistoric Olduvai Gorge*.
Ngorongoro CA - *Game Drive*.
Lake Manyara NP - *Game Drive*.
Lake Manyara NP - *Lake Manyara Treetop Walkway*.
Arusha - *Tanzanite Museum*.
Arusha - *Maasai Curios and Crafts Market*.
English-speaking driver and tour guide.
Road transfers with 4 x 4 safari vehicles, including fuel.
National park and conservation fees listed in this itinerary.
Gorilla, chimp and other wildlife permits listed in this itinerary.
Meals as specified in this itinerary and mineral water.
Meal plan index: BB-Bed & Breakfast, HB-Half Board, FB-Full Board.

4 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

<i>Day 01</i>	1 night @ Tarangire Tortilis Camp - FB.
<i>Day 02 - 04</i>	3 nights @ Serengeti Tortilis Camp - FB.
<i>Day 05 - 06</i>	2 nights @ Ngorongoro Tortilis Camp - FB.
<i>Day 07</i>	1 night @ Lake Manyara Tortilis Camp - FB.

5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

<i>Day 01</i>	1 night @ Elewana Tarangire Treetops - FB.
<i>Day 02 - 04</i>	3 nights @ Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp - FB.
<i>Day 05 - 06</i>	2 nights @ Elewana The Manor At Ngorongoro - FB.
<i>Day 07</i>	1 night @ &Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge - FB.





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❑ Safari Activities & Services Not Included In Safari Price

Cost of international/local flights not listed in this itinerary.

Cost of mandatory visas and health certificates.

A valid **Yellow Fever** certificate is mandatory for Tanzania.

A **Tourist Visa** for Tanzania can be obtained online here:

<https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>

Cost of medical, travel, and any other personal insurance.

Cost of personal expenditures such as gratuities and tips.

Cost of hotels and lodges listed as **Lodge Options** in this itinerary.

Cost of activities listed as **Activity Options** in this itinerary.

SAFARI PRICE OPTIONS

Our tours include all major activities, park and conservation fees, permits required for viewing gorillas, chimpanzees, and other wild-life, and a full-board meal plan as specified. The group price options in the following tables are based on high-season hotel/lodge rates and may be subject to change without prior notice.

Other hotel/lodge options are listed in the **Detailed Safari Program** below in this document. Please ask our reservations staff for additional lodge options and available activity rates by location and based on your specific requirements. All prices listed here are **Per Person Sharing in a Double / Twin Room**, and **Single Traveler Supplements** are available on request:

4 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Price Per Person Sharing (PPS) in a Double / Twin Room

2 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,950
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,382
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 5,097
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 4,927
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 4,813

4x4 Vehicle Included In Safari Price: 5/7 Seater Safari Land Cruiser



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5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Price Per Person Sharing (PPS) in a Double / Twin Room

2 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 12,320
3 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 11,751
4 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 11,467
5 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 11,297
6 pax traveling	PPS from	US \$ 11,183

4x4 Vehicle Included In Safari Price: 5/7 Seater Safari Land Cruiser

LONG SAFARI PROGRAM

Day 01 - Arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport to Tarangire NP.

Arriving in Tanzania, your appointed driver/guide will collect you from Kilimanjaro International Airport for a briefing on your upcoming tour and a scenic drive to the Tarangire National Park, where you venture on a **Game Drive**.

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lagoons along the river banks during the annual dry season. And of the predatory species, Tarangire includes lion, leopard, cheetah, caracal, hyena, and the African wild dog. The park also features over 550 tropical bird species, making it a paradise for bird enthusiasts at the same time.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Tarangire National Park and their respective cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Night Game Drive - US \$ 50 Per Person

In contrast to the regular daytime game viewing opportunities, a selection of lodges offers night game drives, which add a new dimension to your safari experience. As you drive through the park's diverse habitats, additional hand-held flashlights are used to search and identify the nocturnal animals of the savannah landscapes.

Activity Option - Nature Walk- US \$ 60 Per Person

You have the optional opportunity to join a guided walking safari, which will provide you with the amazing opportunity to experience the wildlife and landscapes of the African savannah up close.

Activity Option - Explore Maasai Boma - US \$ 100 Per Person

You can visit an authentic Maasai village and gain insights into their unique cultures and traditions. A village chief will lead a tour of the Boma and explain how Maasai traditions and lifestyles have remained unchanged for centuries. You also have the opportunity to watch or take part in traditional Maasai dance ceremonies.

Activity Option - Hot Air Balloon Safari - US \$ 600 Per Person

Starting early in the morning, you also have the option of joining a hot air balloon safari, with the balloon gliding silently over the savannah as you observe the wildlife below. This adventure features a bush breakfast after a successful landing.



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4 Star Lodge Options

Mbali Mbali River Camp

Tarangire Tortilis Camp

Angata Tarangire Camp

African View Tarangire View Camp

Tarangire Sopa Lodge

5 Star Lodge Options

Elewana Tarangire Treetops

Lemala Mpingo Ridge

Little Chem Chem

Asilia Oliver's Camp

Nomad Kuro Tarangire

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

📦 Day 02 - Tarangire NP to Serengeti National Park.

Today, you transfer to the Serengeti National Park where you will go on a **Game Drive**. The Serengeti National Park in Tanzania was established in 1952, covers almost 15,000 square kilometers, and features amazing landscapes, ranging from savannahs to woodlands and open grasslands dotted with rocky ridges. Which provides the backdrop for the world's largest seasonal animal migration with 1,5 million wildebeest, the largest population of big mammals still roaming the planet, 500,000 Thompson's gazelle, 250,000 zebra, followed by 20,000 eland trekking north across the Serengeti to the plains of the Mara at the beginning of the dry season.

To reach their objective, the animals must cross two major rivers, the Grumeti River and the Mara River, where more than 3,000 crocodiles are waiting for the herds to appear. Add to that 3,000 lions, the largest concentration of big cats in the world, now living in the larger Serengeti ecosystem, which means that about 20% of the animals that make up 'The Great Migration' do not survive the journey one way or back six months later.

The sight of the endless stream of animals crossing the rivers represents a well-established attraction for tourists and is a natural spec-

tacle unlike anything the international traveler can expect to experience in this world. Other mammals and predators found in the Serengeti NP are hippos, elephants, Cape buffalo, black rhinos, olive baboons, warthog, aardvark, leopard, lion, spotted hyena, jackal, honey badger, African civet cat, caracal, serval, banded mongoose, and pangolin. In addition, the park also has over 500 tropical bird species ranging from the Maasai ostrich, secretary bird, crowned crane, lesser flamingo, shoebill stork, fish eagle, pelican, various types of hornbills, many species of vultures, with black eagles soaring effortlessly above the golden savannahs of the Serengeti.

The primary landscapes of the larger Serengeti ecosystem can best be defined as follows. **Serengeti Plains:** Primarily features mostly treeless savannahs in the south, dotted with rocky ridges and granite formations that serve as observation platforms for predators. **Western Corridor:** This sector is predominately defined by a pair of rivers, the Grumeti and Mbalageti, which feature extensive riverine forests and some small mountain ranges and stretch to Lake Victoria on its western border. The seasonal great migration passes through this corridor between May and July yearly. **Northern Serengeti:** It is dominated by open woodlands and ranges from the main settlement of Seronera in the south to the Mara River on the border with Kenya in the north. It is generally considered remote and relatively inaccessible.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Serengeti National Park and their respective cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Nature Walk- US \$ 60 Per Person

You have the optional opportunity to join a guided walking safari, which will provide you with the amazing opportunity to experience the wildlife and landscapes of the Serengeti National Park ecosystem up close.





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Activity Option - Explore Maasai Boma - US \$ 100 Per Person

You can visit an authentic Maasai village and gain insights into their unique cultures and traditions. A village chief will lead a tour of the Boma and explain how Maasai traditions and lifestyles have remained unchanged for centuries. You also have the opportunity to watch or take part in traditional Maasai dance ceremonies.

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4 Star Lodge Option

*Mbali Mbali Soroi Serengeti
Serengeti Tortilis Camp
Angata Serengeti Camp
African View Serengeti View Camp
Acacia Seronera Luxury Camp
Entara Olmara Camp
Entara Esirai Migration Camp
Serengeti Sopa Lodge*

5 Star Lodge Options

*Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp
Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp
&Beyond Grumeti Serengeti River Lodge
&Beyond Klein's Camp
Asilia Sayari Camp
Asilia Namiri Plains
Nomad Serengeti Safari Camp
Nomad Lamai Serengeti
Legendary Mila Tented Camp
Legendary Songa Tented Camp
Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
Lemala Nanyukie Lodge*

Day 03 - Serengeti National Park.

Today, you will go on a **Game Drive** and **Nature Walk** in the Serengeti NP. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

4 Star Lodge Option

*Mbali Mbali Soroi Serengeti
Serengeti Tortilis Camp
Angata Serengeti Camp
African View Serengeti View Camp
Acacia Seronera Luxury Camp
Entara Olmara Camp
Entara Esirai Migration Camp
Serengeti Sopa Lodge*

5 Star Lodge Options

*Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp
Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp
&Beyond Grumeti Serengeti River Lodge
&Beyond Klein's Camp
Asilia Sayari Camp
Asilia Namiri Plains
Nomad Serengeti Safari Camp
Nomad Lamai Serengeti
Legendary Mila Tented Camp
Legendary Songa Tented Camp
Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
Lemala Nanyukie Lodge*

Day 04 - Serengeti National Park.

Today, you venture on a **Game Drive** in the Serengeti NP followed by a visit to a **Maasai Boma**. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

4 Star Lodge Option

Mbali Mbali Soroi Serengeti





Serengeti Tortilis Camp
Angata Serengeti Camp
African View Serengeti View Camp
Acacia Seronera Luxury Camp
Entara Olmara Camp
Entara Esirai Migration Camp
Serengeti Sopa Lodge

5 Star Lodge Options

Elewana Serengeti Migration Camp
Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp
&Beyond Grumeti Serengeti River Lodge
&Beyond Klein's Camp
Asilia Sayari Camp
Asilia Namiri Plains
Nomad Serengeti Safari Camp
Nomad Lamai Serengeti
Legendary Mila Tented Camp
Legendary Songa Tented Camp
Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge
Lemala Nanyukie Lodge

□ Day 05 - Serengeti NP to Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Today, you transfer to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area with a visit to the Prehistoric Olduvai Gorge on the way. The larger Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) was established in 1959 as part of the Serengeti National Park but exists today as a separate management authority due to complex tribal interests in that region. At its heart is the famous Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest inactive, intact volcanic caldera. The crater initially formed when a giant volcano erupted and collapsed what some believe was the tallest mountain in the world about two to three million years ago, leaving a caldera 20 kilometers wide, 610 meters deep; its floor covering 260 square kilometers of grasslands and swamps with a soda lake at its center.

Other important sites found within the NCA are the eastern section of the Serengeti Plains, the Northern Highland Forest Reserve

(NHFR), and the archaeological and paleontological important area known as the Olduvai Gorge, a steep ravine in the Great Rift Valley, as well as the early human fossil footprints discovered at Laetoli. The entire area was granted the status of World Heritage Site in 1979 and is also listed as an International Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO.

With several small streams and rivers draining into the central Lake Magadi from the surrounding caldera, the crater effectively became a natural sanctuary for more than 30,000 animals. The 120 species of mammals recorded to date include black rhinos, lions, elephants, wildebeests, zebras, hippos, eland, and Grant's and Thomson's gazelles with a flock of flamingoes gracing Lake Magadi, and leopards roaming the higher elevations of the crater rim.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and their respective cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Crater View Walk - US \$ 60 Per Person

A popular activity some lodges offer is a nature walk along the crater rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. This walk allows you to experience various habitats, such as acacia woodland, lush forests, and open grasslands, and it also allows you to observe a fantastic variety of African bird species.

Activity Option - Prehistoric Olduvai Gorge - US \$ 80 Per Person

Visiting the famous Olduvai Gorge, also known as 'The Cradle of Mankind,' allows you to explore its ancient treasures of prehistoric human life. The Gorge was discovered in 1911, and Louis and Mary Leakey conducted significant archaeological excavations in the 1930s. Exhibits from different research periods are on display in the Olduvai Museum.

Activity Option - Explore Shifting Dune - US \$ 30 Per Person

You can also visit the mysterious moving black dune, composed of





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volcanic ash and slowly moving across the Ngorongoro plains at about 15 meters per year.

Activity Option - Prehistoric Laetoli Footprints - US \$ 30 Per Person

You have the optional opportunity at extra cost to visit the prehistoric Laetoli site, famous for its hominin footprints, which are preserved in volcanic ash.

Activity Option - Explore Maasai Boma - US \$ 100 Per Person

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4 Star Lodge Options

*Acacia The Castle Ngorongoro
Ngorongoro Tortilis Camp
Angata Ngorongoro Camp
The Retreat At Ngorongoro
Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge*

5 Star Lodge Options

*Elewana The Manor At Ngorongoro
Lemala Ngorongoro Tented Camp
&Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge
Asilia The Highlands
Nomad Entamanu Ngorongoro
Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge*

□ Day 06 - Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Today, you venture on a **Game Drive** in the famous Ngorongoro Crater. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

4 Star Lodge Options

Acacia The Castle Ngorongoro

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□ Day 07 - Ngorongoro CA to Lake Manyara National Park.

Today, you transfer to the Lake Manyara NP where you will go on a **Game Drive** and Lake **Manyara Treetop Walkway** adventure. Established as a national park in 1960, Lake Manyara NP covers about 330 square kilometers below the 'Gregory Rift' escarpment of the Great Rift Valley and part of the alkaline soda lake beyond. In addition to delightful views of pink flamingoes skipping over the surface of the shallow lake, more than 350 tropical bird species have been observed on and around the lake. The lake ecosystem is part of the much larger 'Lake Manyara Biosphere Reserve', established in 1981 by UNESCO. Situated only about 130 kilometers from Arusha, Lake Manyara NP tends to be the second park most often visited first, next to the Tarangire NP, by visitors exploring the northern safari circuit of Tanzania.

Other lake features include extensive marshlands, swamps, saline flats, a grassy floodplain on its fringes, a hippopotamus pool at the lake's northern end, and two hot springs, one near the park's center and the other near its southern edge. Most of the park's land area is a narrow strip running below the rocky escarpment of the 'Gregory Rift' wall and primarily consists of dense woodland dominated by evergreen fig, acacia, baobab, and mahogany trees. In addition to the tens of thousands of flamingoes and pelicans for which the lake environment is most famous, Lake Manyara is also renowned for its



tree-climbing lions, who have made their home in the acacia trees along the rocky escarpment and are a well-known feature of this park. In addition to lions and leopards, the park also features large numbers of elephants, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, impala, water-buck, and warthog, and is also home to large troops of olive baboons.

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Activity Option - Lake Manyara Treetop Walkway - US \$ 50 Per Person

Lake Manyara features the longest treetop walkway in East Africa, offering a unique experience of viewing nature and wildlife from a 370-meter air walk that rises from the ground up through the canopy of the Manyara forest to a height of about 18 meters. Walk across a series walk over a series of suspension bridges, each complemented by a viewing platform.

Activity Option - Nature Walk- US \$ 60 Per Person

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4 Star Lodge Options

Lake Manyara Tortilis Camp

The Plantation Lodge

Tarangire Sopa Lodge

5 Star Lodge Options

&Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge

Chem Chem Lodge

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

□ Day 08 - Lake Manyara NP to Departure Kilimanjaro Airport.

It is time to say farewell to Lake Manyara and the flamingoes and enjoy a scenic drive back to Arusha, where you will visit the *Tanzanite Museum* and *Maasai Curios and Crafts Market* before your driver/guide will transfer you to the Kilimanjaro International Airport for your scheduled departure from Tanzania later that day.

Arusha is a city in northern Tanzania, situated on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, and was first established as a settlement by agro-pastoral Arusha Maasai in 1830. A German imperial administration was established next in 1986 and reinforced with a military fort in 1900. The town soon changed hands again, and in 1916, World War I established the British as the new colonial rulers of East Africa. They remained until independence in 1961 when the United Kingdom signed the documents ceding independence to Tanganyika at Arusha. Since then, Arusha has grown economically in terms of size and importance. Today, it hosts the African Union Court, the East African Community's capital, and previously hosted the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

The city is also known as the 'Safari Capital' of Tanzania and features its own national park just below Mt. Meru. In addition to being the main starting point of most tours to parks in the northern region of the country, such as Mount Kilimanjaro NP, Arusha NP (Mt. Meru),



the Tarangire NP, Lake Manyara NP, the Ngorongoro Crater, and the Serengeti NP with its famous wildebeest migration. As a result of its central importance to the tourism industry, Arusha offers its unique blend of cultural experiences, museums, and Maasai crafts markets, with many opportunities to explore before you start your safari. You can begin with tours to the nearby local Maasai villages, offering insights into their cultures and traditions, including camel riding tours into the countryside. The Arusha central market is also a good starting point for exploring Maasai crafts and curios, traditional fabrics, hand-woven baskets, beadwork, and jewelry.

Another worthwhile addition to your explorations is a tour of the 'Tanzanite Museum', showcasing the history of the precious gemstones that are unique and famous to Tanzania, including lending their name to the country. Then there is the 'Boma Museum', which chronicles the colonial history of the town as well as the tribal history of the region. The last stopover on explorations of Arusha should be the 'Cultural Heritage Center', a multistorey facility with an outside exhibition area dedicated to the country's history, wildlife, and culture with the additional opportunity to buy unusual souvenirs.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Arusha and their respective cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Tanzanite Museum - US \$ 15 Per Person

A tour of 'The Tanzanite Experience Museums' allows you to venture into the history of the precious Tanzanite gemstones with an exciting visual journey describing the complex procedures of its mining and the artisan skills required in the cutting and polishing process, garnished with additional stories and myths surrounding the precious stones.

Activity Option - Cultural Heritage Center - US \$ 15 Per Person

A visit to the 'Cultural Heritage Center' is a must as it is a multistorey facility with an outside exhibition area where you can experience the

past and present of Tanzania's 120 tribes. The complex showcases indigenous carvings, artifacts, clothing, gemstones, and books representing the various tribes and cultures of the country.

Activity Option - Maasai Curios and Crafts Market - US \$ 00 Per Person

A walk through the central market of Arusha is a good starting point to explore Maasai crafts and curios, traditional fabrics, hand-woven baskets, and beadwork and jewelry. There is also the 'Mount Meru Curios and Crafts Market' on Fire Road, which offers further opportunities to shop for crafts and curios.



With our love for Africa, our knowledgeable team of expert safari consultants is ready to personalize your safari adventure to your travel needs. Curated and delivered with attention to detail, quality, and innovation, promoting sustainable tourism, supporting local communities, and respecting wildlife conservation and the preservation of the environment.

Our comprehensive approach to customized cross-border tour developments means you can enjoy the very best 'Bucket List' experiences East Africa has to offer, from the snow-capped peaks of the Rwenzori mountains to the golden savannahs of the Serengeti and on to the sandy white beaches of Zanzibar and Mombasa. We can provide you with a unique and responsible exploration of the breathtaking vistas along the 'Great Rift Valley', which is the heart of East Africa.



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BOOKING TERMS

General Terms & Conditions

- The prices stated in this document are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Suitable alternatives will be provided if accommodation and/or activities listed in this document are not available at the time of booking.
- The single traveler supplement applies to single travelers in groups with a minimum of 3 pax.
- Language-specific tour guides are available on request and against a surcharge.
- A baggage restriction of 15 kg in soft-sided bags applies to chartered flights within East Africa.
- Meal plan index: BB-Bed & Breakfast, HB-Half Board, FB-Full Board.
- Room index: SDR-Standard Double Room, SC-Self Contained, NSC-Non Self Contained.

Payment Terms & Conditions

Tour deposit: 40% of the tour price within 7 days of written tour confirmation.

Gorilla and chimp permits: 100% of the permit fees are required with the 40% tour deposit.

Full balance: 70 days (10 weeks) before the tour start date.

Reservations within 70 days before the tour start date require immediate full prepayment.

Cancellation fees are applicable within the following day ranges:

30 to 15 days before the safari date: 45% cancellation fee

14 to 05 days before the safari date: 75% cancellation fee

04 to 00 days before the safari date: 100% cancellation fee

Changes Without Notice

This document's prices and permit fees are valid for 2024/25 but may be subject to change without prior notice. This applies explicitly to price changes in hotel/lodge rates, vehicle rental fees, gorilla/chimpanzee permit fees, park/conservation fees, govern-

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