SERENGETI FAMILY SAFARI

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Itinerary Overview

Experience the magnificent wildlife in Tanzania’s richest game parks and interact with tribal cultures on this African safari designed for families. Discover the incredible wildlife in the Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti and Tarangire National Parks and the traditional way of life still practiced by hunter gatherer tribes and the pastoral Maasai. A stalking lion, lumbering herds of elephants, masses of precisely marked zebras, a stealthy leopard lying in a tree, vast vistas, a caldera overflowing with wildlife, bow and arrow hunting with nomadic Bushmen, walking with Maasai warriors, and beading with Maasai women await you. Engaging, enriching, and awe inspiring this family safari will touch parents and children alike. Consider extending your family vacation on the powder soft sandy beaches and warm Indian Ocean waters of exotic Zanzibar Island.

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Itinerary in Detail

**DAY 1: ARUSHA**
Your Tanzania adventure begins as your plane touches down at the Kilimanjaro International Airport an hour outside the city of Arusha. You are met by your friendly guide and transferred to a welcoming guesthouse, you have a chance to enjoy a good night’s sleep. Overnight at Lake Duluti Lodge. [Meals on own]

**DAY 2: TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK**
Drive approximately two hours south to Tarangire National Park, Tanzania’s third largest national park. As the only permanent water source in the region, the Tarangire River draws numerous animals to the park in the July to November dry season including up to 6,000 elephants. A late afternoon game drive gives you a chance to see the great diversity of wildlife including giraffe, buffalo, eland, zebra, and predators such as lion, leopard, and cheetah who pass beneath the majestic baobab trees which dot the landscape. Your permanent tented camp is strategically located just outside the boundary of Tarangire National Park in a 25,000 acre concession area provided by the local Maasai Community and where it’s possible to go on bush walks with native guides. Each large canvas tent is raised on stilts with hard wood floors, ensuite baths, and hot and private verandas with stunning views of Rift Valley Escarpment. Overnight at Maramboi Tented Camp. [BLD]

**DAY 3: TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK, WALKING LAKE MANYARA**
A morning game drive gives you the chance to begin to feel the rhythms of the bush as you watch elephant families shuffling through the brush, learn to tell the difference between impala and Grant’s gazelle, and watch for jackals scavenging the remains of a kill. Your expert guide knows the park well and is always on the lookout for the signs of animal activity. Fortified with a delicious camp lunch, decide to go on a guided walk with Maasai warriors in the savannah learning about their tribe’s traditional values, rituals and daily life or simply relax and enjoy a swim at the lodge overlooking the expansive Lake Manyara shoreline. Overnight Maramboi Tented Camp. [BLD]

**DAY 4: MTO WA MBU VILLAGE & LAKE EYASI**
Visit a Maasai boma to learn about their way of life. The Maasai are known for their elaborate beaded necklaces and you have the chance to try your hand beading under the tutelage of Maasai women from a local beading co-op. Departing Tarangire your next stop is the vibrant market village of Mto Wa Mbu located near the shores of Lake Manyara and featuring a colorful mix of different Tanzanian cultures.
Walk with a local guide past village homes, through farms growing various fruits and vegetables and learn about milling rice and zero grazing techniques. Practice haggling in the local market and taste the spicy flavors of a traditional east African meal in the home of our village hosts. Continuing into the Ngorongoro Highlands stop to visit with a Wa Irakw family and learn how to make their traditional drums. Head south towards Lake Eyasi to find our small permanent tented camp lying amidst a palm and acacia forest on the shores of the lake. Overnight at **Kisima Ngeda. [BLD]**

**DAY 5: LAKE EYASI & NGORONGORO HIGHLANDS**

Arise early to spend the morning experiencing the daily life of the WaHadzabe, a tribe of hunter gatherers. Small in stature and speaking in an ancient click dialect, the Bushmen survive by their ability to blend into their surroundings and subsist off the land.

Choose to join the men and learn to hunt with a bow and arrow and start a fire or join the women gathering roots, tubers, and wild fruit used for preparing food. Exploring a way of life vastly different than your own is an unforgettable experience!

Leaving the nomadic life of the Bushmen travel to the outer slopes of the Ngorongoro Crater, stopping on the way to visit a local school (when in session) and talk with teachers and students. (School supplies, teaching materials, puzzles, games, and sports equipment are always much needed and appreciated gifts. Please ask us for suggestions if interested in making a donation.) After arriving at the Ngorongoro Farmhouse relax with a refreshing swim in the lodge pool before feasting on delicious homemade cuisine featuring fresh vegetables, free range chicken, dairy products and coffee from this working organic farm. Overnight at **Ngorongoro Farmhouse. [BLD]**

**DAY 6: NGORONGORO CRATER**

Descend the 2,000-foot walls of the Ngorongoro Crater for a day of game viewing inside this World Heritage site. The caldera is home to more than 20,000 animals spread throughout a variety of ecosystems. Mesmerized by the herds of animals, look for the rare black rhinoceros, elephant bulls with enormous tusks, black-maned lions among the wildebeest, Thomson’s gazelles, zebra, reedbuck, monkeys, and baboons.

As the animals have little to fear from humans it is often possible to see wildlife quite close up. You may also see local Maasai grazing their cattle along the crater rim.

Take time during your picnic lunch to simply soak in the beauty of this memorable scene. Overnight at **Ngorongoro Farmhouse. [BLD]**
**DAY 7: SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**
Leaving the crater highlands, you travel to one of the most famous wildlife sanctuaries in the world, the Serengeti National Park. Stopping to walk in the Olduvai Gorge, learn more about the early hominid findings of Louis and Mary Leakey and see the remains of early man, his artifacts, and other fossilized prehistoric animals. Game view as you drive across the vast and pristine landscape seeing animals roaming freely just as they have for thousands of years. During the months of migration these seemingly unending plains contain huge numbers of wildebeest and zebra. In February through March these animals are concentrated at the Ndutu and Salei plains where calving takes place attracting the attention of predators such as lion, cheetah, and hyena.

In the summer months, the migration moves northwards towards the border with Kenya where It makes a daring surge across the Mara River. Your nights will be spent at a deluxe tented safari camp which follows the yearly migration, putting you in a prime wildlife location no matter when you travel. Overnight at Kati Kati Tented Camp or upgrade to Under Canvas Tented Camp. [BLD]

**DEPART OR BEGIN EXTENSION**
Appreciate your last morning in the bush before a spectacular light aircraft flight over the plains of the Serengeti brings you back to Arusha. Relax in your hotel dayroom and enjoy dinner before you transfer to the airport to board your international flight loaded with enough African memories to last a lifetime. [BLD]

*Optional Serengeti balloon flights are offered at an estimated cost of $495 per person (please reconfirm pricing with the program director for your specific travel dates).*

**END OF SERVICES**

*Actual routes and activities may vary. Local trip coordinators reserve the right to change accommodations to similar quality alternatives*
Pricing and Dates:
For current pricing please click here: Pricing
For scheduled departure dates please click here: Dates

Included Services
- All guided tours and excursions
- English-speaking naturalist guides
- Airport-hotel transfers
- Local air transportation Serengeti-Arusha
- 9 nights hotel accommodation as indicated
- Safari transport on specially outfitted 4WD safari vehicle
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner]
- Bottled water in the safari vehicle and at the Private Mobile Camp
- Drinks with meals including local beer and wine at the Private Mobile Camp
- Park entrance & camping fees
- Wildland Adventures travel consultation and pre-departure services

Not Included Services
- International airfare (USA-Kilimanjaro-USA)
- Tips and gratuities
- Visas
- Airport departure taxes
- Drinks with meals at permanent camps and lodges on Days 1-6
- Drinks, alcoholic beverages, and meals other than listed above
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Travel insurance for trip cancellation, medical services, or evacuation
- Any other items not mentioned above

33 LB. (15KG) Per Person Baggage Weight Limit on Domestic Airplanes
There is a 33 lb. per person baggage weight limit for transportation on domestic airline flights within your itinerary. The airline operator enforces this limitation on your checked baggage for safety reasons. Please keep your luggage at 33lbs or less. Carry-on space is not available, so all of your luggage will be counted as check luggage. Cameras or binoculars that are around your neck or in a small bag will not be included in this limit.
Accommodations

**Lake Duluti Lodge, Arusha**
In the rolling countryside just outside of Arusha lies the peaceful Lake Duluti. The lodge features 18 spacious and modern chalets that look out onto the lake offering the perfect respite pre or post safari. Here you’ll find all the modern conveniences of a downtown luxury hotel (king bed, flat screen tv, wi-fi, hair dryer, safe, walk in shower) but in the peace and serenity of a mountainside retreat. Consider spending extra time in this area to enjoy hikes of Mt. Meru and the nearby Arusha National Park.

**Maramboi Camp, Lake Manyara**
Maramboi is a beautiful permanent camp built on a 25,000 acre concession area and natural migratory route between Lake Manyara and Tarangire National Park. The land was provided by the local Maasai and thus enjoys a very close relationship with the community. The rooms are spacious canvas sided tents raised up with wood flooring, thatched roofing, and mesh windows. There are 26 standard rooms and 14 suites, 4 of which feature interconnected rooms which are ideal for families or close friends traveling together. Each tent has their own private bathroom and verandah looking on to Lake Manyara and the great rift escarpment. The open air dining room serves family style meals and offers a large deck which opens to a sky filled with endless stars. Enjoy a dip in the pool following your game rive or a safari walk around the property. ([Click here to see more photos](#))

**Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp, Lake Eyasi**
Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp is situated amidst a palm-lined oasis on the shore of Lake Eyasi. Across this huge, seasonal soda lake the Alipi escarpment wall rises two thousand feet up into the Endulen area of the Ngorongoro Conservation area providing a stunning view. The seven permanent tents are constructed with local materials and feature hand-carved wooden beds, attached bathrooms with flushing toilet and hot water showers and spacious verandahs with a cozy chaise lounge. Kisima Ngeda is designed to be low-impact, spacious and comfortable—plus each tent has an amazing view of the lake and escarpment. ([Click here](#) to see more photos)
Ngorongoro Farmhouse, Karatu
Nestled in the Ngorongoro Highlands, this comfortable colonial farmhouse is located only minutes from the entrance to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Complete with 51 spacious chalet rooms with private baths and verandahs, this beautiful Tanzania vacation spot brings you to a working farm on the fertile slopes of the crater. Meals from the dining room are prepared with delicious food from the six acre organic vegetable garden. Additional facilities include a swimming pool and two dining rooms. Tanzania safari experiences are offered leading to the Oldeani Volcano and to Lake Eyasi in the Rift Valley, still inhabited by the culturally intriguing Hadzabe people. (Click here to see more photos)

Kati Kati Tented Camp
This classic tented camp consists of ten large canvas tents set around a large dining tent and campfire. Each tent has either two twin beds or a large king bed, and is complete with an en suite bathroom and a flush toilet. Camp staff will heat water for you and suspend it in an overhead bucket, which is then gravity-fed down into your showerhead. A campfire is prepared every evening for enjoying appetizers, snacks, and sharing the days wildlife sightings before dinner. A cozy dining tent is located in the centre of the camp where you will enjoy family-style meals including wine or beer with dinner. The camp is well poised to view the great migration and is located either in the Central or Southern regions of the Serengeti National Park depending on the time of year. (Click here to see more photos)

Under Canvas Tented Camp
This deluxe mobile camp is the perfect base to launch your wildlife explorations into the plains, rocky kopjes, and woodlands of the Serengeti National Park. The original expeditions were transient in design in order to quickly traverse the vast distances of this wilderness area in hopes to capturing great trophies. Serengeti Under Canvas blends the old ideals of a rustic safari camp with the comforts and service of the modern times. The camp is comprised of ten fully-furnished and spacious tents each with private en suite facilities, an elegant dining tent, comfortable lounge tent, and outside fire pit for enjoying an evening sundowner and retelling stories of the day. From Dec-March the camp is located in the short grass plains of the Southern Serengeti near Ndutu and Lake Masek. From June-August the camp can be found in the centrally located Moru Kopjes and later in the year it moves further north in to the Bologonja and Mara areas near the border with Kenya. Upgrade costs $500 per person. (Click here to see more photos)
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Deposit requirements are as follows:
- 20% of land cost. This deposit is generally non-refundable.

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Full payment of the trip balance is due 90 days prior to departure. If you must cancel before departure, money will be returned less the cancellation fees charged by WA Inc. plus any additional non-refundable cancellation fees and payments already advanced to airlines, hotels and local operators:

Days Prior to Departure: Fee per person
61 or more: Initial deposit amount
31-60 days: 50% of land cost
30 or less: 100% of land cost

PRE-DEPARTURE SERVICES
Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will send you a comprehensive Pre-departure Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions and more. You will receive a final trip packet including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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