

5 DAY SAFARI

LAKE MANYARA
SERENGETI
NGORONGORO CRATER
TARANGIRE

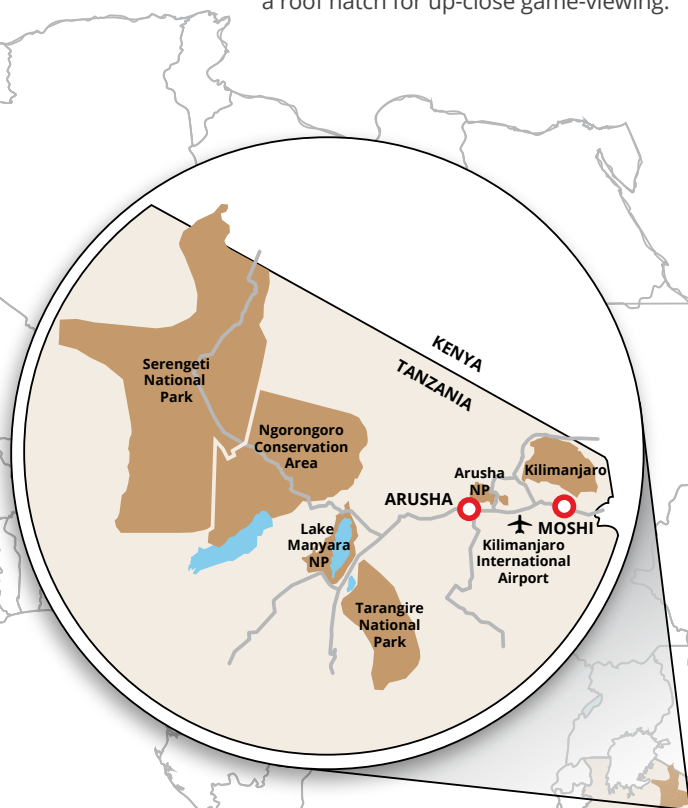
This five day safari is the ultimate itinerary for the best wildlife experience in Northern Tanzania. On this tour, we journey through the most famous national parks and conservation areas—Lake Manyara National Park, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and Tarangire National Park. The Big Five await your arrival! Our expert guide will locate these animals and many more as you cruise around in our well-maintained Land Cruiser with a roof hatch for up-close game-viewing.

DAY 1 Our first stop is **Lake Manyara National Park**. Although small in size, this park is one of the most diverse reserves in the country. Lake Manyara covers two-thirds of the park. As we enter the park, in the distance, the wall of the Great Rift Valley stretches out for miles. In the foreground lies the giant fig and mahogany trees winding through and eventually giving way to vast grasslands that surround the lake.

Lake Manyara National Park is a birding paradise that has more than 350 species of bird. The park is also famed for its unique and elusive tree-climbing lions. Baboons, blue monkeys and vervet monkeys scurry endlessly among the low brush. Along the way, we will stop for a picnic lunch away from the tall grasses and dense trees to avoid any unwanted visitors. The safari's highlight is the drive along the banks of Lake Manyara where we can view buffalo, elephants, giraffes, flamingos and wildebeest. After several hours, we finish the loop drive and head to your lodge for dinner and overnight.

DAY 2 After breakfast, we drive for several hours through the Maasai region of Tanzania en route to the most famous safari park in the world—**Serengeti National Park**. The word Serengeti means “endless plains”, which describes its 5,600 square mile boundary. Despite its vastness, the Serengeti does not disappoint when it comes to rich game-viewing.

During your adventure, you will see both male and female lions. Sometimes they lie around lazily sunning themselves while napping, other times you may watch them as they stalk an unaware gazelle or you may see a female lioness teaching her cubs to hunt. You may even spot a cheetah or two and a leopard. The leopard can be found by searching for the straight, hanging tail amongst the Acacia trees. The park closes at sunset to allow the predators to feed, we take this cue and head to our lodge for dinner and overnight. We may see animals strolling through our camp and need to stay indoors after dark to avoid becoming the unfortunate target of a lurking predator.





DAY 3 After breakfast, we embark on an encore game drive in the expansive **Serengeti National Park**. The Serengeti boasts one of the most varied collections of wildlife on the planet. Annually, from May until December, millions of animals migrate from central Serengeti to Kenya's Masai Mara.

We will continue to see such animals as the ostrich and their hilarious mating dance, herds of zebra, gazelles, impalas and wildebeest gathering near the waterholes. Africa's deadliest creature, the hippopotamus, wallows around in these waterholes as does the crocodile, just waiting to pounce on an unsuspecting prey that has saunter over for a drink. We will drive among herds of elephant and giraffe and view the packs of hyenas, jackal and vultures as they battle over the carcass of an impala. After a long day watching nature at its finest, we depart the Serengeti and drive to our lodge near Ngorongoro Crater for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 We visit the largest intact volcanic crater in the world—the breathtaking **Ngorongoro Crater**. It is said that the crater used to be a volcano taller than Mt. Kilimanjaro, but when it erupted the cone collapsed creating the massive crater we see today. It is more than 2,000 feet deep and 11 miles in diameter. The Ngorongoro Crater has one of the largest concentrations of wildlife in Africa. 30,000 animals make their home in this crater, making it an ideal place for sightings of the 'Big 5' – lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino. This truly world-class attraction is known as the '8th Wonder of the World'. After several hours we depart Ngorongoro Crater for dinner and overnight at our lodge.

DAY 5 We visit **Tarangire National Park**. Tarangire is known for its vast herds of elephants. It is estimated that there are over 2,500 elephants in the park. The park surrounds the perennial Tarangire River. More than 500 species of birds, wildebeest, buffalo, waterbuck, giraffe and zebra find shelter along the banks of the river. Though hard to find, the cheetah and leopard, as well as the hyena stalk their prey along these same banks. We enjoy an outdoor lunch overlooking the bluff and viewing Tarangire's plains.

With prior arrangement*, we can drop you off at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) after the safari or arrange for additional lodging.

** Clients can make any flight departing after 8:00 pm from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)*

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