

# Tanzania Wildlife Safari



Come face-to-face with the “locals” during your game drives.

## DAY 1: FLY TO TANZANIA

On your overnight flight, begin imagining the timeless savannahs and wondrous wildlife of Tanzania.

## DAY 2 : ARRIVAL IN ARUSHA

Arriving at Kilimanjaro Airport, you will be escorted directly to your hotel in Arusha where you'll enjoy an included dinner.

Included meals: breakfast (in flight), dinner

## DAY 3: TARANGIRE

The adventure begins today as you travel to Tarangire National Park, one of the best-kept secrets in Tanzania. On your way, you'll be inspired by the work at Shanga River House. The project provides local people with disabilities the opportunity to work and develop new skills, including jewelry making. While there, you'll also get to explore the oldest coffee estates in Tanzania. After an included lunch, it's off to Tarangire National Park, a wildlife wonderland that is the perfect introduction to your African experience. With landscapes that vary between dry scrub to lush swamp, this park offers great game-viewing year round, and you'll see it on an afternoon game drive. Leopards and lions may be on the hunt, searching plains game such as kudu, eland and gerenuk, the famed long-necked antelope. Recount the day's exploits at tonight's included dinner.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

## DAY 4: TARANGIRE

As you rumble across the baobab-dotted plains on your game drive this morning, the wildlife comes in waves: zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, buffalo and one of the largest herds of elephants in Africa. The park also has 500 recorded bird species, including majestic ones like bateleur eagles and quirky ones like the white-bellied go-away bird (so named because its distinctive call sounds like “Go away!”). Before your included lunch, you'll embark on an invigorating walk through the savannah to a Masai village, and your Masai guide will explain the tribe's conservation efforts built on a deep connection to the land and wildlife in this region. Another game drive awaits in the early evening, where the savannah comes alive again—keep an eye out for predators on the prowl. In the evening, enjoy an included dinner, and then perhaps go out to listen to the nightly chorus of the bush.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

## DAY 5: MANYARA REGION

Today, immerse yourself in Masai way of life on a tour of an authentic boma, the heart of the Maasai village where livestock are kept. Your local guide will illuminate the fascinating culture of this proud and enduring tribe. Then it is off to Manyara and a starkly different landscape: acacia woodland and grassy plains along the steep and scenic Rift Val-

## 12-DAY TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip air transportation with a major airline and airport transfers
- The services of a multilingual Go Ahead Tour Director
- 9 nights accommodations in well-located hotels including baggage handling
- Buffet breakfast daily; 8 lunches; 10 three-course dinners, including wine or beer on days 3 and 10
- Safari transport, featuring a small jeep or van with a guide for every seven travelers

## GAME DRIVES

**DAY 3:** Tarangire National Park (p.m.)

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**DAY 5:** Lake Manyara National Park (p.m.)

**DAY 6:** Serengeti National Park (p.m.)

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**DAY 8:** Serengeti National Park (a.m. & p.m.)

**DAY 10:** Ngorongoro Crater (a.m.)

## Tour Highlight

The Serengeti National Park is Tanzania's premier wildlife park. It is one of the best places to view big game in Africa and hosts the largest mammal migration in the world. Serengeti is known for its huge herds of wildebeest, zebras and gazelles as well as lion population.

## Insider's Tip

Participate and learn about the many conservation programs taking place in Tanzania that help protect both the local communities as well as the environment



A young Masai morani, or “warrior-youth”



Acacia dotting the wide Serengeti plains

ley escarpment. You'll explore this verdant region on a game drive, spying the park's stunning variety of wildlife: giraffe, zebra, hippos and perhaps even the elusive tree-climbing lions. Of course, the region is well known for its alkaline namesake: beautiful Lake Manyara, home to a massive population of flamingoes—a stunning swath of pink across a shimmering lake. At your included lunch and dinner, you'll have time to rest and relax.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner

#### DAY 6: SERENGETI

The Serengeti is your next stop. This is the Africa of countless tales, a legendary golden landscape that has drawn adventurers for centuries. A mix of sweeping grassland, tree-lined streams and open woodland, the Serengeti is world-famous for its diverse wildlife. After you have arrived and had lunch, you'll set off for a game drive. The dramatic dance of predator and prey continues on the plains as it has for millennia, and you'll have a front row seat to the fascinating spectacle. You'll pass the striking Moru Kopjes (Rocky Cliffs) and spy plains game and hopefully all of the Big Five: lion, leopard, elephant, Cape buffalo and rhino. Dinner is include back at the lodge.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### DAY 7: SERENGETI

On a full-day game drive, explore one of the Serengeti's richest ecosystems: the Seronera Valley. The network of rivers running through the valley ensures a year-round supply of water, making it a wildlife-viewing bonanza. This is a particularly

good place to spot the ever-elusive leopard: the lack of trees make it easier to spot this awe-inspiring animal. A picnic lunch adds to a remarkable experience in the wilderness, and the cozy ambience of the lodge is perfect for dinner this evening.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### DAY 8: SERENGETI

The name of this region comes from the Masai word *Serenget*, meaning “endless plain”. You'll continue your exploration of this vast landscape on another game drive. The plains practically ripple with life: giraffe, antelope, jackals, colobus monkey, ostrich and of course the big cats. This is a great place to have a chance encounter with the exceedingly rare black rhino, one of the Serengeti's most formidable creatures. Yet some of the smaller animals of the bush are equally interesting: like the diminutive dik-dik, a tiny, Bambi-like antelope that mates for life. After your included lunch, you'll set out again to see the Moru Kopjes—stunning granite formations rising out of the plains—as well as some ancient Masai cave art. Dinner is included at the lodge this evening.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### DAY 9: OLDUVAI GORGE

On your way to the Ngorongoro Crater from the Serengeti, enjoy a stop at the famed Olduvai Gorge. The fossil *Homo habilis* (the handy man) was discovered here, and you will visit this “Cradle of Mankind” and see some of the finds firsthand. Dating to more than 1.75 million years ago, the fossil ranks as one of the most important in the

history of archeology and provided unprecedented insight into human evolution. After a picnic lunch, you are off to the Ngorongoro Crater region, home to the celebrated “Eighth Wonder of the World”. Dinner is included this evening.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### DAY 10: NGORONGORO CRATER

It is among the most spellbinding sights in all of Africa: the incomparable Ngorongoro Crater. An intact caldera covering over 100 square miles, the Crater is regularly referred to as “Africa's Garden of Eden”. As you descend the 1,000 feet into the crater, you can see why: a magnificent menagerie of staggering scale. Over 25,000 species are spread across the open grasslands—including the densest population of lions. You'll explore this landscape for half the day, enjoying a picnic lunch before returning to the lodge to relax before your farewell dinner.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### DAY 11: DEPARTURE

Your safari draws to a close. Drive form Ngorongoro to Kia. If you are not joining the extension, you will have time to relax in a dayroom before your included dinner. Then a Go Ahead representative will help you transfer to the Kilimanjaro airport for your flight home. If continuing on to Zanzibar for the extension, you will fly to Stone Town in the afternoon.

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### DAY 12: ARRIVE HOME

## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

# Zanzibar

3 nights

### DAYS 11: ARRIVE IN ZANZIBAR

After driving from Ngorongoro Crater to Kilimanjaro Airport, fly over the shimmering Zanzibar Channel to the magnificent isle of Zanzibar. The name alone conjures exotic visions of gentle trade winds, palm-fringed beaches and a medley of fascinating cultures. This is the "Isle of Spices", an alluring destination that has captivated bygone explorers and modern-day travelers alike. Savor an included dinner at your hotel in Stone Town, the historic center of Zanzibar.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

### DAY 12: STONE TOWN

This morning, wander the narrow alleys of Stone Town, exploring the intriguing corners of a place that has remained largely unchanged for 200 years. Visit an old Anglican church, colonial mansions and an old slave market. Even more intriguing sights await: the House of Wonders, Palace Museum (People's Palace), Dr Livingstone's House and the Arab Fort. After a quick stop at a nearby spice plantation, you'll make your way to the East Coast beaches. This area evokes visions of paradise: beaches of powdery sand, placid turquoise waters, coconut palms swaying in a gentle sea breeze. This picture-perfect setting is ideal for soaking in the sun or simply unwinding. Enjoy an included dinner this evening.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

### DAY 13: ZANZIBAR BEACH

Continue to bask in the sunny splendor of Zanzibar's beaches. Close your eyes, listen to sounds of the surf and smile at the simple pleasures of life here. If you wish, take advantage sailing, snorkeling and fishing offered here. Dinner is included.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

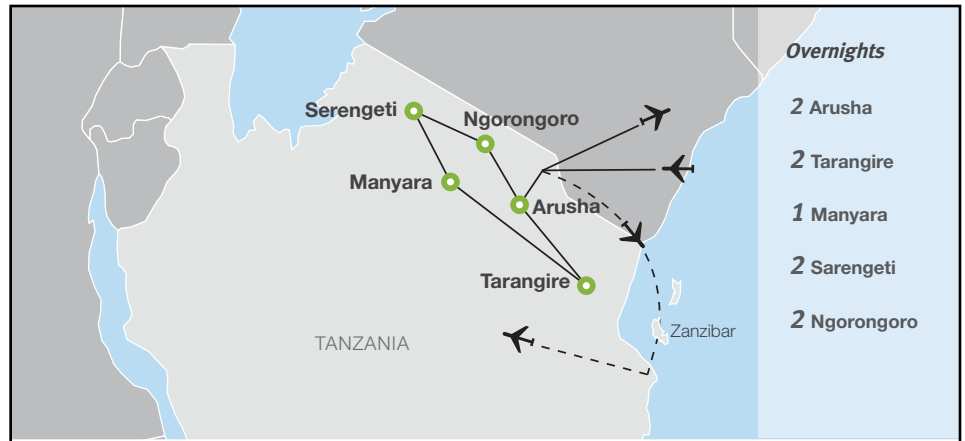
### DAY 14: DEPARTURE

Ferry across the waters of the Zanzibar Channel to Dar es Salaam, where you'll savor a final dinner with your group before your flight home.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

### DAY 15: ARRIVE HOME

Extension is available on select departure dates, and space is limited. Please call early to hold your spot. Extension also requires a minimum of 10 travelers.



## Travel Pace: 4

Travel pace levels are based on criteria such as length of tour, number of cities visited, number of included activities, as well as length of flights and land transfers.

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| 1 - leisurely   | 3 - active      |
| 2 - comfortable | 4 - challenging |

## Walking on Tour

The amount of walking on this tour is quite low. All game drives are conducted by a specially equipped safari van, and walking is prohibited in these areas. The "Travel Pace" of 4 is instead based on the number of transfers and the difficulty of transfers. For more information, see our "Transportation" section.

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## Climate

Tanzania enjoys a pleasant climate throughout the year due to the high altitude of most of the area. Temperatures generally range from low 50s to mid 80s. The rainiest part of the year is March to May, with a secondary rainy season from October to December. The following guide provides average temperatures for the regions on your itinerary.

### ARUSHA

Jan-Feb	66°-84°F / 19°-29°C
Mar-Apr	66°-80°F / 19°-27°C
May-Aug	60°-70°F / 16°-21°C
Sep	60°-75°F / 16°-24°C
Oct	64°-80°F / 18°-27°C
Nov-Dec	64°-80°F / 18°-27°C

### TARANGIRE

Jan-Feb	61°-84°F / 16°-29°C
Mar-Apr	63°-84°F / 17°-29°C
May-Aug	57°-77°F / 14°-25°C
Sep	61°-82°F / 16°-28°C
Oct	61°-84°F / 16°-29°C
Nov-Dec	63°-86°F / 17°-30°C

### MANYARA

Jan-Feb	68°-84°F / 17°-31°C
Mar-Apr	64°-86°F / 18°-30°C
May-Aug	57°-79°F / 14°-26°C
Sep	61°-82°F / 16°-28°C
Oct	61°-84°F / 16°-29°C
Nov-Dec	68°-86°F / 17°-30°C

### SERENGETI

Jan-Feb	77°-88°F / 25°-31°C
Mar-Apr	73°-88°F / 23°-31°C
May-Aug	66°-82°F / 19°-28°C
Sep	66°-82°F / 19°-28°C
Oct	70°-84°F / 21°-29°C
Nov-Dec	72°-88°F / 22°-31°C

### NGORONGORO

Jan-Feb	51°-63°F / 11°-17°C
Mar-Apr	54°-64°F / 12°-18°C
May-Aug	50°-61°F / 10°-16°C
Sep	50°-64°F / 10°-18°C
Oct	51°-68°F / 11°-20°C
Nov-Dec	54°-66°F / 12°-19°C



# Pre-departure information for your tour

## PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

In order to enter Tanzania, U.S. and Canadian citizens need a valid passport. The expiration date must extend at least six months beyond the date of your return home. U.S. and Canadian passport holders are also required to obtain a visa in order to enter Tanzania. Though it is possible to obtain a visa at the airport upon arrival, we recommend that you obtain an individual visa through Zierer Visa Service (1-866-788-1100; [www.zvs.com](http://www.zvs.com)), using the application that will be mailed to you with your confirmation letter. If you are not a U.S. or Canadian citizen, you must contact the relevant embassies as soon as possible for your specific entry requirements.

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## AIRPORT AND DEPARTURE TAXES

All airport and departure taxes for this tour are included in the total trip cost printed on your invoice.

You are requested to obtain Yellow Fever inoculations at least 14 days prior to arrival in Tanzania. Please be prepared to present your vaccination record or other proof of this inoculation. Visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) for more information.

## BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Due to limited luggage space in transfer vehicles, you will need to pack in a duffel or soft-sided bag. Laundry services also are available at select hotels for a nominal fee. Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies. Bear in mind that your luggage will probably weigh more on your return trip due to souvenir shopping. One carry-on bag is also permitted, provided that it does not exceed the airline regulations of 45 inches (length + width + height). There may be times when you will have to handle your own bag, and you'll find that lightweight luggage provides a distinct advantage. Make sure you label your baggage and carry valuables, medication and documents in your carry-on luggage.

## CLOTHING AND PACKING TIPS

Safaris are informal, and casual dress in comfortable lightweight cottons is appropriate. Since the temperature varies significantly from midday to evening, clothing that can be layered is a good idea, as are comfortable shoes such as sneakers or lightweight hiking boots. Sandals or other shoes that expose your skin are discouraged. We advise that you wear a hat during the day, and make sure you use a strong sunblock. For your game drives,

we recommend muted colors, as bright clothing can scare off the animals.

## HEALTH

Visitors should be in good health. Please contact your family doctor well in advance of your departure for information regarding immunization and personal travel requirements. Because of Tanzania's proximity to the equator, you can sunburn very quickly. While on safari, you are assured the services of emergency medical evacuation to Nairobi, which has been designed to bring first-rate medical care by superbly qualified personnel to outlying areas. See below for information on drinking water.

## IMPORTANT HEALTH TIPS

In order for you to stay healthy on your Tanzania tour, we recommend the following:

- Drink bottled water. Refrain from drinking tap water, including when brushing teeth.
- Avoid eating fresh fruits and vegetables unless they are cooked or washed in clean water and peeled.
- Bring a small first aid kit, including antacids, anti-diarrhea medication and any prescription medications.

## CUISINE

You'll find that most cuisine in the game lodges reflects the region's European colonial influence. Always avoid drinking tap water in Tanzania. Use bottled water for drinking and even for brushing your teeth, and be sure the bottle is sealed when you receive it. Bottled water is provided on tour each day. Remember also to avoid any drinks served with ice cubes.

## TRANSPORTATION

Round-trip flights arrive in Kilimanjaro Airport and depart from Kilimanjaro Airport. The extension includes a flight from Kilimanjaro Airport to Zanzibar and a ferry across Zanzibar Strait to Dar es Salaam on return. On safari, you will be traveling in a specially equipped safari van. The vehicle is open at the top, allowing for a panoramic view during game drives. Window seats are also guaranteed. Please keep in mind that transfers between the different parks are long and roads are not always of the best quality. The vans are roomy and comfortable, but some bouncing is to be expected.

## ELECTRICITY

Tanzania operates on 230 volts.

## TIME ZONES

Tanzania is three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), or eight hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Standard Time (EST). When it is noon in New York, it's 8 p.m. in Dar Es Salaam.

## CURRENCY

The currency you will be using on your tour is the Tanzania schilling. All African countries have stringent exchange regulations, and their currencies are not interchangeable. We recommend that you carry as little local cash as possible, and small amounts of the U.S. dollar for small purchases. (Please make sure that you only bring U.S. dollars printed in 1997 or later.) It is important to keep a receipt whenever you convert foreign currency. No local currency can be taken in or out of the country. Major American credit cards are accepted in Tanzania. We suggest that you inform your bank and credit card company of your travel plans, so that they won't confuse your international purchases for fraudulent charges.

## SPECIAL INFORMATION: SHOPPING

Local handicrafts are generally inexpensive and make wonderful souvenirs of your trip. You will have the opportunity to shop at outdoor markets, small shops and tribal roadside stalls, as well as elegant boutiques at some of the lodges. Prices in Tanzania are almost always negotiated, providing an excellent way of meeting the Tanzanian people up close.

## ITEMS TO GIVE OR TRADE

Tanzanians are fond of North American goods. Many travelers bring token items to offer as gifts or when bartering for souvenirs. Inexpensive items include T-shirts, baseball caps, anything imprinted with professional sports logos, pens, cosmetics and toiletries. Offering Tanzanian children candy and gum is somewhat controversial because the availability of dental care for these children may be negligible. Instead, offer children's books in English or crayons.

## TIPPING

All portage gratuities are included on safaris. However, it is customary to tip the driver/guide at the end of the program. We recommend tipping in your tour country's currency, the equivalency of \$8USD/CAD to \$10USD/CAD per person per day. Tips can only be paid in cash. Please keep current local currency exchange rates in mind when tipping.

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