

THE BEST OF TANZANIA

7 DAYS

DESCRIPTION

The best route for everyone, but especially for those who want to visit Africa for the first time and go on a safari, we suggest this route. Why? Because it combines all the best parks in northern Tanzania including the **Tarangire National Park**, the great **Serengeti**, the wonders of the **Ngorongoro Crater**, **Lake Manyara** and not forgetting the area of **Lake Eyasi** where we can visit two ethnic groups, the **Hadzabe** and the **Ndatoga**.

All this with an **expert local** English-speaking driver/guide.

ITINERARY

- 01 Kilimanjaro International Airport – Arusha
- 02 Arusha – Tarangire National Park – Karatu
- 03 Karatu – Lake Eyasi – Serengeti National Park, central area
- 04 Serengeti National Park, central area
- 05 Serengeti National Park – Ngorongoro Crater – Karatu
- 06 Karatu – Lake Manyara National Park – Arusha
- 07 Arusha – International Airport – Departure

Departure dates: all year round.

DETAILED ROUTE

01 KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – ARUSHA:

We will land in Tanzania, specifically at Kilimanjaro International Airport. After completing the entry procedures to the country and collecting our luggage, we will meet our guide, who will be waiting with our names on a sign. We will be transferred to the nearby city of Arusha to rest and prepare for the next day's safari.

Fun Retreat — BB (Bed & Breakfast): <http://funretreat.com/>

02 ARUSHA – TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK – KARATU:

First contact with the rich fauna and landscape of the country. We will explore the nordic Tarangire National Park, less famous (and little explored) than its counterparts Ngorongoro and Serengeti, but no less interesting for that matter. Tarangire, known for its huge population of elephants, is also famous for the gigantic baobabs that sift the park, the enormous African tree whose legend tells us how the gods turned them upside down to punish human pride. On the way to the park, we will also have the first visual contact with the Masai ethnic group's huts and we will observe their daily activities in the distance. We will eat our picnic lunch in the park and complete the safari in Tarangire as we look looking for lions, leopards, giraffes or buffalos. After a full day, we will leave the park behind and move to the Great Rift Valley, specifically to the town of Karatu, the last town bordering the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Tanzanice Farm & Guesthouse — FB (Full Board): <http://www.tanzanice.net/>

03 KARATU – LAKE EYASI – SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK:

Early today, we will have a coffee / tea and be on our way to Lake Eyasi, where we will spend the day in coexistence with the Bushmen, a traditionally hunter-gatherer people, characterized by the use of northwestern joisan languages, which incorporates clicking sounds or clicks. We will spend time with a family to get an up-close experience and learn about their daily lives. Later, we will meet the Ndatoga, a cattle-breeder people in the area but also with a reputation for being fierce warriors. Finally, we will be able to observe a smith working in his ancestral profession. After saying goodbye, we will drive straight to the great Serengeti National Park, arriving in the afternoon. Without further delay, we will enter and cross the famous endless plain, the starting point for our amazing safari in search of animals such as lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes, buffaloes, wildebeests, zebras, antelopes, birds and much more. The safari will take us to the central area, better known as Seronera, and with an unforgettable sunset in the background. We will arrive at our well located camp in the middle of the savanna with views of the entire plain.

04 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK: The oldest and most famous of the national parks in Tanzania (and Africa) is the representation of the safari par excellence. With large savanna plains and forests where millions of herbivores graze, the Serengeti hosts the most significant specimens of Africa all year round: giraffes, elephants, rhinos ... keeping in mind the fierce lions. Known for the annual migrations of wildebeests and other herbivores (where millions of animals travel nearly a 1,000 kilometers in search of fresh pastures starring in a unique spectacle of wild nature), Serengeti is the must-visit place in Tanzania. One of the scenes that we will experience is that of hippos and Nile crocodiles in one of the large ponds that populate the park. One of these natural pools is the Retina Hippo Pool. It is located 10 kilometers from Seronera and has become one of the best places to see these fascinating animals. Our lunch will be a picnic in the park, in the middle of the savanna, so as to not lose a second of the sensations of participating in a safari in capital letters.

Serengeti Tanzania Bush Camp — FB (Full Board): <https://www.tanzaniabushcamps.com/central-serengeti>

05 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – NGORONGORO CRATER – KARATU: Early and with the first rays of the sun, we will leave Serengeti and enter the Ngorongoro Crater, one of the largest volcanic calderas in the world. Formed by a gigantic explosion in the volcano, the caldera is a huge hole with walls over 600 meters high filled with forests. Inside, a peculiar universe of ecosystems (forests, lakes, savannas ...) of 20 kilometers in diameter has been formed. With a population bordering 25,000 animals of different species, we will indulge ourselves and seek among others, the endangered black rhino. In this safari, we will have the possibility to see the so-called Big Five. Specifically in the Munge River area, we will be on the lookout for the lions with the darkest mane. In this paradise, we can enjoy a picnic lunch in front of a swamp as we watch hippos bath. In the afternoon, we will leave the crater and head to the town of Karatu.

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06 KARATU – LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK – ARUSHA: After breakfast, we will enter the Lake Manyara National Park. It is a natural space that includes from dense jungles to savannahs, to the wetlands of the lake that bears its name. In this magnificent safari, we will have the opportunity to see the famous climbing lions. It is also an ideal place to see, especially between December and March, large colonies of flamingos that, thanks to their plumage, we can see the pink optical effect they produce on the horizon. As if that were not enough, Lake Manyara National Park is home to baboons, zebras, giraffes and up to 380 different species of birds. At the agreed time, we will leave this area behind and move to Arusha to spend the night.

07 ARUSHA – INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – DEPARTURE : Last day in Tanzania. After breakfast and if time allows and we feel like it, we can go for a stroll in the city of Arusha or visit the local market. At the agreed time, we will transfer to the airport to take the flight back home or to spend a few days on a beach in the Indian Ocean.

END OF SERVICES

***ASK FOR A FREE QUOTATION.**

ACCOMMODATION:

ARUSHA:	Fun Retreat or similar.
KARATU:	Tanzanice Farm & Guesthouse or similar.
SERENGETI:	Serengeti Tanzania Bush Camp or similar.

NOTE the accommodations offered will be guaranteed once the reservation is confirmed by the client. If the accommodations are not available, they will be exchanged for others with similar characteristics. Such change could increase or decrease the price, so the client will be informed.

INCLUDED SERVICES: All transfers to and from the airport; 4x4 vehicles, Land Cruiser or Land Rover; professional English-speaking driver-guide throughout the safari; park fees for all national parks mentioned; B&B at the hotel in Arusha; full board during the safari, except drinks at hotels; Visits: Bushmen and Ndatoga tribes in the Lake Eyasi area; bottled water during the safari (unlimited); electric fridge in the 4x4 vehicles to cool drinks; socket for cell phone and camera in the 4x4 vehicles.

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED: international and national flights; any services not specified as **Included**; any type of visa (\$50 per person); any type of activity not mentioned in the itinerary; drinks of any type at hotels except when specified; tips and personal extras; travel insurance; transportation expenses in case of emergency, personal first-aid kit; drinks of any type at hotels except when specified; Easter, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's supplements.