

THE GREAT MIGRATION

8 DAYS

DESCRIPTION

Every year, the show repeats itself. Hordes of animals travel hundreds of kilometers in search of fresh pasture. The **Great Migration** is a unique phenomenon of great flexibility. In a circular way, the Great Migration occurs in the **ecosystem** of the **Serengeti National Park**, in Tanzania, and **Masai Mara** in Kenya. A safari that syncs with this great wild movement is an opportunity that should not be missed. The **crossing** of the animals across the Mara River is probably the most sought after photograph in Africa.

In our program, we will have the opportunity to enjoy this phenomenon from different areas within the park depending on the time we travel; read below what the defined plan would be like.

January to March: migrations are located in the famous area of Ndutu plain, located between the south of Serengeti and the north of Ngorongoro. This is the time for calving and the vegetation is lush, creating a unique contrast for photography.

Mid-May to late June: Large herds are already in the western corridor of the Serengeti Park, also known as the Kirawira and Grumeti Plains; this is the time for mating to begin again.

July to October: already pregnant, they head north towards the Serengeti reaching the famous Mara River where they will be part of the amazing show: crossing to enter Masai Mara in Kenya.

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

ITINERARY

- 01 Kilimanjaro International Airport – Arusha
- 02 Arusha – Tarangire National Park – Karatu
- 03 Karatu – Serengeti National Park, northern zone (the Great Migration)
- 04 Serengeti National Park, northern zone (the Great Migration)
- 05 Serengeti Park (from northern to central zone)
- 06 Serengeti Park, center – Ngorongoro Crater – Karatu

07 Karatu – Lake Eyasi – 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 – SERENGETI PARK, NORTHERN ZONE (THE GREAT MIGRATION):

Very early, we will head to the northern part of the Serengeti Park, also the largest park in northern Tanzania. Once there, it will be time to enjoy an interesting safari and seek many animals such as lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes, buffaloes, wildebeest, zebras, antelopes, birds and much more. We will continue north to follow the routes of the

Great Migration, a visual spectacle starring wildebeest and zebras in search of fresh pastures; hordes of animals in unison, in a exceptional animal caravan. In the afternoon and with the sunset as a companion, we will reach our accommodation located in the middle of the savannah and enjoy the best views of the entire plain.

Mara Kati Kati Tented Camp — FB (Full Board): <http://twctanzania.com/en/accommodation/mara-kati-kati-tented-camp/>

04 SERENGETI PARK, NORTHERN ZONE (THE GREAT MIGRATION):

The great day we have been waiting for. We start this day very early in search of the great herds of animals which is known as the Great Migration. We will follow the migratory routes until the famous Mara River, where we can witness the spectacular show of the crossing of the Wildebeests. We will go on a safari in this area seeing countless animals and large herds of zebras and wildebeest, but also predators. By the river, we will witness the movements of Nile crocodiles that can weigh more than 1,000 kilos. Today's lunch will be a picnic lunch in order to use our time efficiently. We'll go back to the camp at dusk in order to rest and spend the night right in the middle of the savannah.

Mara Kati Kati Tented Camp — FB (Full Board): <http://twctanzania.com/en/accommodation/mara-kati-kati-tented-camp/>

05 SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK (FROM NORTHERN TO CENTRAL ZONE):

Today, we will have the opportunity to return to Mara to see more rows of animals crossing this great river. Later, with a safari en route, we will go to the central area also known as Seronera. There, we will cross the valley in search of felines and other wild animals. We will continue exploring the area and transfer to the camp at sunset, located in the central area and the best views of the entire plain.

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

06 SERENGETI PARK, CENTER — 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.

07 KARATU – LAKE EYASI – ARUSHA :

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 city of Arusha to spend the night.

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

08 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:	Mara Kati Kati Tented Camp or similar.
	SERENGETI 2:	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; safari on foot in Ngorongoro; 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.

