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Chem Chem

SAFARI

The home of Slow Safari, where wellbeing,
wonder, culture and connection are woven
into every moment.





Our story

Chem Chem Safari was born from a shared dream between Fabia Bausch and Nicolas Negre – two visionaries united by a deep love for Africa. Their vision took root in 2008 when they secured a lease for a threatened tract of wilderness linking Tanzania’s Tarangire and Lake Manyara national parks. Their goal was clear: to restore and protect this area, while uplifting the surrounding communities.

The art of a Slow Safari

At Chem Chem, every moment of your stay is yours to schedule. Our pioneering Slow Safari philosophy invites you to slow down, attune yourself to nature and savour each moment spent together with your loved ones in the Tanzanian wilderness. Here, you can fill your days with as many – or as few – experiences as you wish.

Signature experiences

The Chem Chem experience elevates the traditional safari with a selection of signature experiences, including:

Day and night game drives with your private guide and vehicle, visits to our photography hides, and sundowners in scenic locations – from the shores of Lake Manyara to our baobab lookout deck.

Immersive activities including a Maasai blessing ceremony* as well as running with a Maasai warrior, educational nature walks and transformative silent walks.

Cultural experiences including visits to a nearby Maasai village or a traditional Barabaig tribe’s boma.

Bush breakfasts immersed in the wilderness and picnic breakfasts and lunches..

Wellbeing-centric experiences including health-centric Ponya menu and rejuvenating spa treatments*.

*Available at an additional cost.



Why you'll love Chem Chem

1. *Explore the wilderness at your own pace*

Embracing the Slow Safari ethos, Chem Chem offers a fully flexible experience. Slow down, engage the senses and enjoy a schedule-free safari, where each moment is yours to define.

2. *Extraordinary encounters*

Enjoy private access to the abundant wildlife and birdlife within our exclusive-use protected wildlife area (which forms part of the Kwakuchinja Wildlife Corridor). Here you'll revel in intimate and uncrowded wildlife encounters, from majestic Big Tusker elephants and tree-climbing lions to graceful giraffes and plains antelope.

3. *Luxury and privacy*

Our trio of luxury properties – Chem Chem Lodge, Little Chem Chem and Forest Chem Chem – assure privacy and personalised service. Each property is thoughtfully designed to blend seamlessly with the environment, offering spacious accommodation, gourmet dining, and amenities such as in-room coffee machines and outdoor showers.

4. *An infusion of local culture*

The Chem Chem experience is inspired by the vibrant cultures in the region. Learn about the Maasai culture while on a nature walk with your Maasai guide or in a traditional Maasai blessing ceremony. We also offer interactive visits to a Maasai village and Barabaig boma, where you can catch a glimpse into their day-to-day lives.

5. *Commitment to conservation*

Every stay at Chem Chem directly supports our vital conservation and community initiatives. Through the Chem Chem Association, we work to conserve the Kwakuchinja Wildlife Corridor and empower the communities that surround us through education and economic development initiatives.

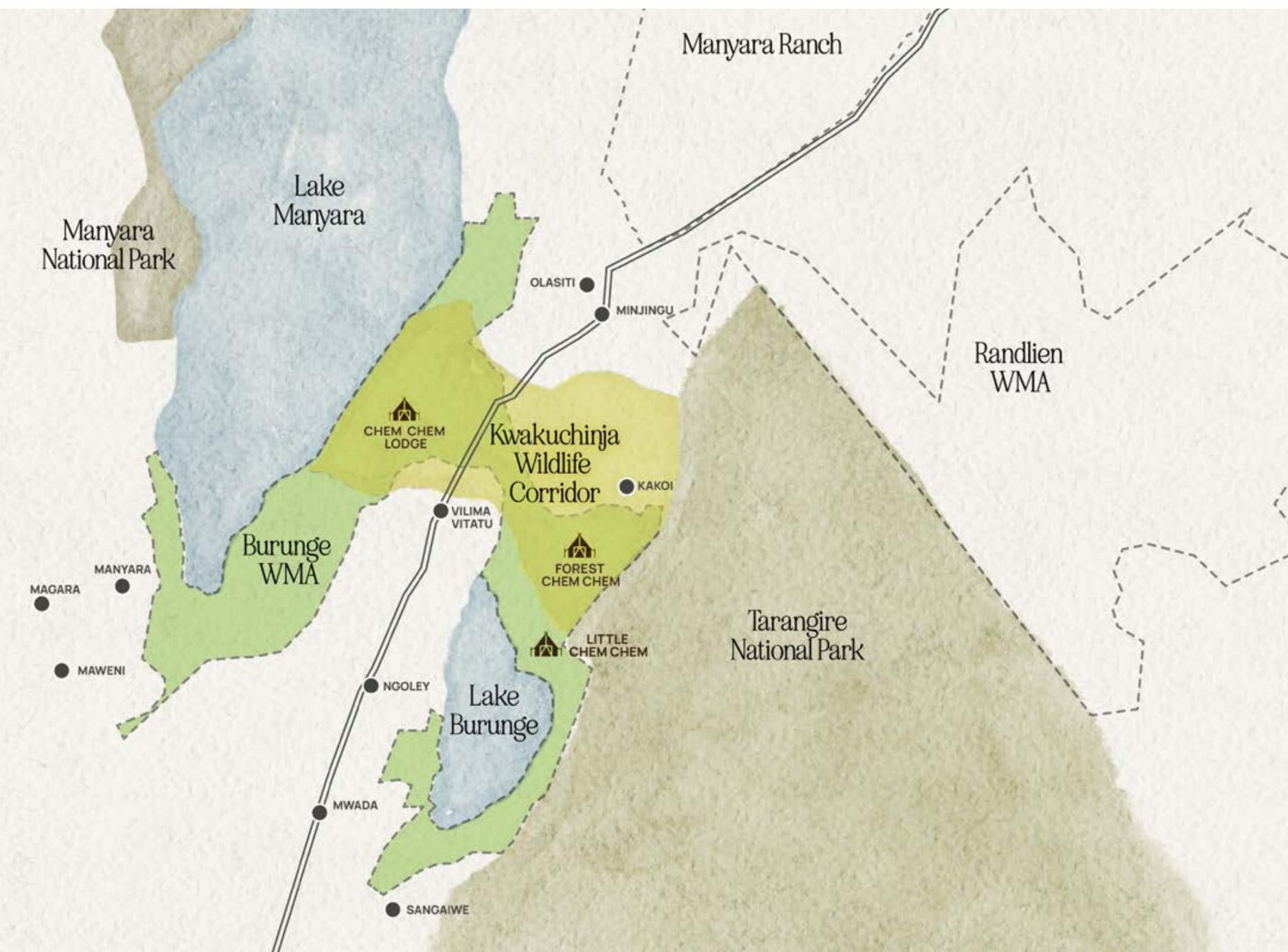


Location

Our trio of properties are located within our exclusive-use protected wildlife area, which sits between the shores of Lake Manyara and the Tarangire National Park.

The Kwakuchinja Wildlife Corridor

Over a decade and a half of tireless conservation work has transformed the once-barren Corridor into a thriving ecosystem. There is no shortage of stunning scenery in this diverse landscape, from the sweeping short grass plains and glittering soda lakes to the enchanting African woodland and ancient baobabs that tower above the trees. The Corridor is home to an abundance of wildlife, from big tusker elephants and tree-climbing lions, to giraffes, antelopes, and leopards. The birdlife here is also prolific.





Chem Chem Lodge

A safari sanctuary set amid a palm-dotted oasis, Chem Chem Lodge champions sophistication, space and seclusion above all else. The design-led lodge's appeal lies in its seamless cohesion with the surrounding wilderness, as abundant plains game grazes at your doorstep, and the striking views stretch from the nearby watering hole all the way to the distant shores of Lake Manyara.

7 private tented suites with indoor and outdoor showers

1 tented family suite (Comprising 2 bedrooms, each with an en suite bathroom)

Private guide and vehicle included in every booking

Spa, gym and swimming pool

Gourmet dining and select beverages included

Cultural interactions with Maasai and Barabaig tribes

Guided nature walks, silent walk experience, running with the Maasai

Ponya wellness menu

Experiences:

Day and night game drives

Big Tusker encounters

Sundowner experiences

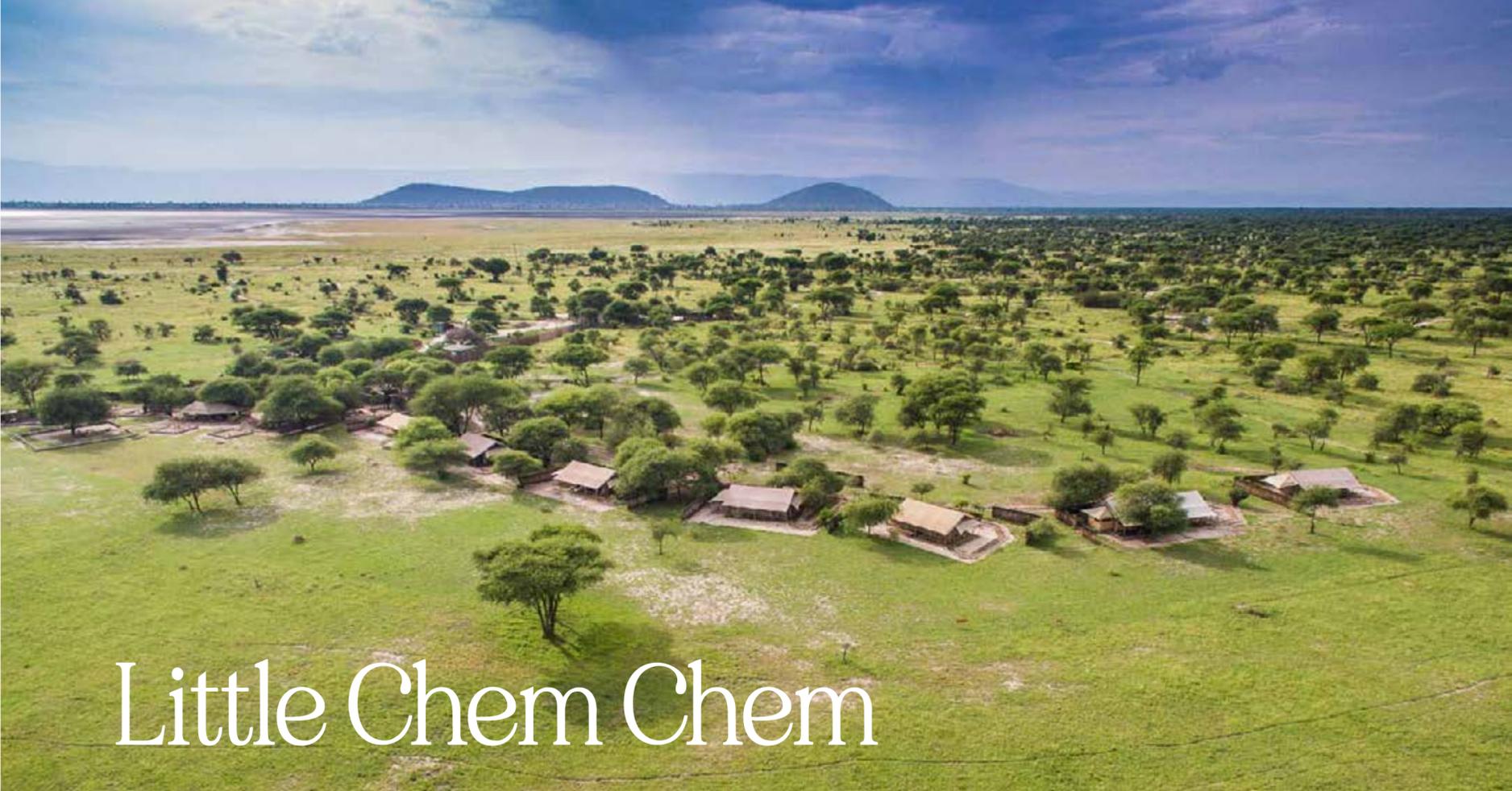
Bush picnics

Cultural interactions with Maasai and Barabaig tribes

Hot air balloon trips

Helicopter rides





Little Chem Chem

Known as the sunrise camp, Little Chem Chem offers sweeping views from the shores of Lake Burunge to the distant Babati Mountain Range. The region is flush with wildlife and you'll revel in unforgettable encounters every day.

Blending modern comfort with the timeless appeal of a vintage safari experience, the camp embraces Chem Chem's 'Slow Safari' ethos—where nature sets the pace, and every detail exists in harmony with the wilderness.

5 luxury tented suites with indoor and outdoor showers

1 tented family suite (Comprising 2 bedrooms, each with an en suite bathroom)

Private guide and vehicle included in every booking

Gourmet dining and select beverages are included

Spa, gym and swimming pool

Ponya wellness menu

Experiences:

Day and night game drives

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Forest Chem Chem

The perfect setting for a family-centric safari, Forest Chem Chem is a place for delighting in shared adventures and making memories around a crackling campfire. Here, exclusivity is the ultimate luxury. What sets this elegant tented camp apart is its vintage style and secluded location, which envelops you in an enchanted African woodland.

Exclusive-use camp

3 luxury tented suites with indoor and outdoor showers

1 tented family suite (Comprising 2 bedrooms, each with an en suite bathroom)

Private guide and vehicle included in every booking

Gourmet dining and select beverages are included

Ponya wellness menu

Spa, gym and swimming pool

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Our conservation and community impact

At the heart of Chem Chem's conservation efforts lies the restoration and protection of the Kwakuchinja Wildlife Corridor. Declared abandoned in 2009, this Corridor has witnessed a remarkable resurgence, with wildlife populations, including elephants, returning after decades of absence. To do this, we developed a conservation model that combines community empowerment, conservation, and tourism.

Conservation

Anti-poaching patrols to prevent illegal hunting.

Wildlife monitoring through the Joint Monitoring and Protection Centre (JMPC).

Habitat management to ensure the ecosystem continues to flourish.

Human-wildlife conflict (HWC) mitigation in the communities surrounding the Corridor.

Community empowerment

Recognising that sustainable conservation is intertwined with community wellbeing, we place a strong emphasis on uplifting our communities and breaking the cycle of poverty.

Education: Improving school attendance by supporting local schools, providing scholarships, and enhancing educational infrastructure, as well as inspiring learners through conservation education.

Economic empowerment:

Future Entrepreneurship Programme – providing youths the entrepreneurial skills needed to start their own businesses.

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Health: Championing health and independence by providing wheelchairs to individuals with disabilities.



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