



NGORONGORO CRATER CAMP

AN A&K SANCTUARY

Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania



Ngorongoro Crater Camp's shaded woodland setting

A classic sanctuary on the edge of Tanzania's epic Ngorongoro Crater

Set in a cluster of acacia trees near the rim of the largest extinct volcano on earth, Ngorongoro Crater Camp is an enchanting hideaway. With just 10 pared-back guest tents and two adjoining bar and dining tents, it seems like a secret discovery on the edge of a hidden world. Over the lip of the caldera, more than 25,000 animals stomp and stalk, including all of the Big Five – among them, the largest of the remaining bull tusker elephants in Africa. This ancient land is also of significance in the story of human evolution, and its epic wilderness feels as if little has changed since our ancestors first walked upright here millions of years ago.

Six Reasons to Choose Ngorongoro Crater Camp



01



Animal portraits in the lounge

The intimate and minimalist design, with just 10 classic guest tents and two bar/dining spaces.

02



Each tent has its own deck

Beautiful, forested setting in the shade of acacia trees – with an enchanting dawn chorus from the resident birdlife.

03



The crater is rich with wildlife

The unique topography of Ngorongoro Crater, abundant with zebras, lions, rhinos, cheetahs, elephants, hippos, warthogs and even the elusive leopard.

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This is the home of the Maasai people

Encounters with local Maasai and the chance to take part in cultural activities.

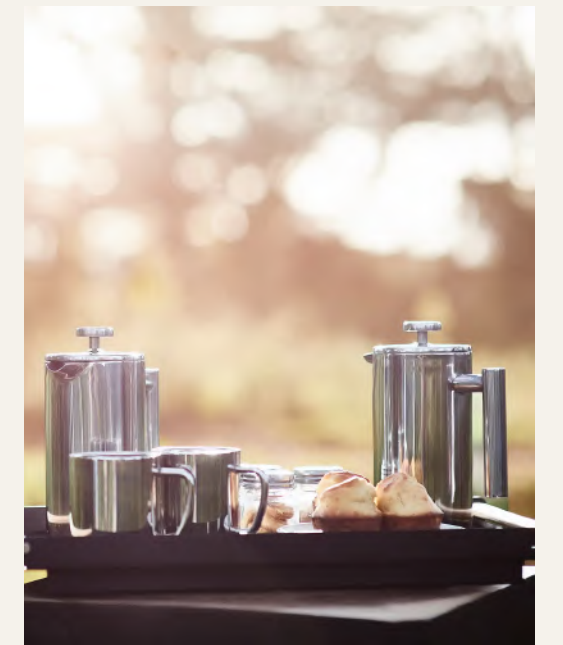
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The fire beckons as night falls

Sundowners overlooking nature while guests warm themselves by the fire pit.

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A wake-up call with morning coffee

Memorable picnics in the bush on thrilling full-day game drives.

The Camp



The wonderfully rolling name “Ngorongoro” refers to the sound made by cow bells as the Maasai herders lead their cattle across this extraordinary landscape. So too the pared-back design of Ngorongoro Crater Camp treads lightly on its incredible surroundings, which are home to some of the richest concentrations of wildlife in Africa (the crater is often referred to as “Africa’s green Eden”). Set under the shade of acacia trees, 10 impeccable guest tents and two adjoining bar and dining tents keep things simple – all the better to focus attention on the sublime views of the verdant crater highlands from the private decks. Indoors, monochrome portraits lining the communal areas depict the most regularly sighted neighbors: zebra, wildebeest, buffalo, elephants, lions and leopards. Outdoors, the fire pit is the hub of the action as night falls – a cosy and convivial setting for stargazing, after-dinner drinks and gentle chatter.

Lanterns light the fire-pit deck



"Black-and-white portraits of the regularly sighted animal neighbours hang on the walls."



The bar tent has a contemporary feel

The Camp



CLASSIC SAFARI TENTS

Equal parts romantic and thrilling, sleeping under canvas with the sounds of the bush as nature's white noise is an African safari highlight.

FIRE PIT DECK

Guests gather around the crackling fire at this elevated platform for after-dinner drinks and to swap tales of adventures in the epic Tanzanian wilderness.

BAR

The well-stocked bar is a natural gathering space for guests, with comfortable seating for a cosy sundowner or a nightcap.

UNIQUE LOCATION

Ngorongoro Crater Camp occupies an idyllic position near the largest extinct volcano on earth, whose vast caldera is both arrestingly beautiful and game-rich.

BUSH PICNICS

Delicious packed breakfasts and, on full-day game drives, packed lunches are an unforgettable experience when exploring one of the seven natural wonders of Africa.

ECO CREDENTIALS

The light-touch design of Ngorongoro Crater Camp incorporates a water treatment system and electricity generated by solar power.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT

One of the 10 guest tents

The communal areas are shaded by acacia trees

A woodland view from the tent

The Camp



Dine at a linen-clad table in the bush

The setting is natural inspiration

GPS Coordinates	GPS 03° 07' 23.3" S, 35° 39' 49.8" E
Open Year Round	Closed during April and May
Number of Rooms	10
Maximum Number of Guests	20
Child Policy	Children aged 6 and over are welcome. Children under 15 must share with an adult
Guide/Pilot Accommodation	Yes
Wheelchair Accessible	No
Power Supply	Generator
WiFi Available	Yes, in all areas
Binoculars Provided	Yes; Leica binoculars provided for every guest
Camp Fenced	No
Credit Cards Accepted	Visa, MasterCard
Currencies Accepted	USD, Pound, Euro, and Tanzanian Shillings

The Tents



A canopy of acacia trees delivers cooling shade to the 10 classic, teak-floored canvas tents at Ngorongoro Crater Camp. This is safari in its purist form, with the chorus of tree-dwelling birdlife as a morning alarm call and timeless views of the lush crater highlands from each tent's private deck. Inside, all is light and airy with soft linens, wooden furnishings and window panels peering out into the bush, plus the luxury of an ensuite bathroom and a king-size bed.

Each tent has an ensuite bathroom

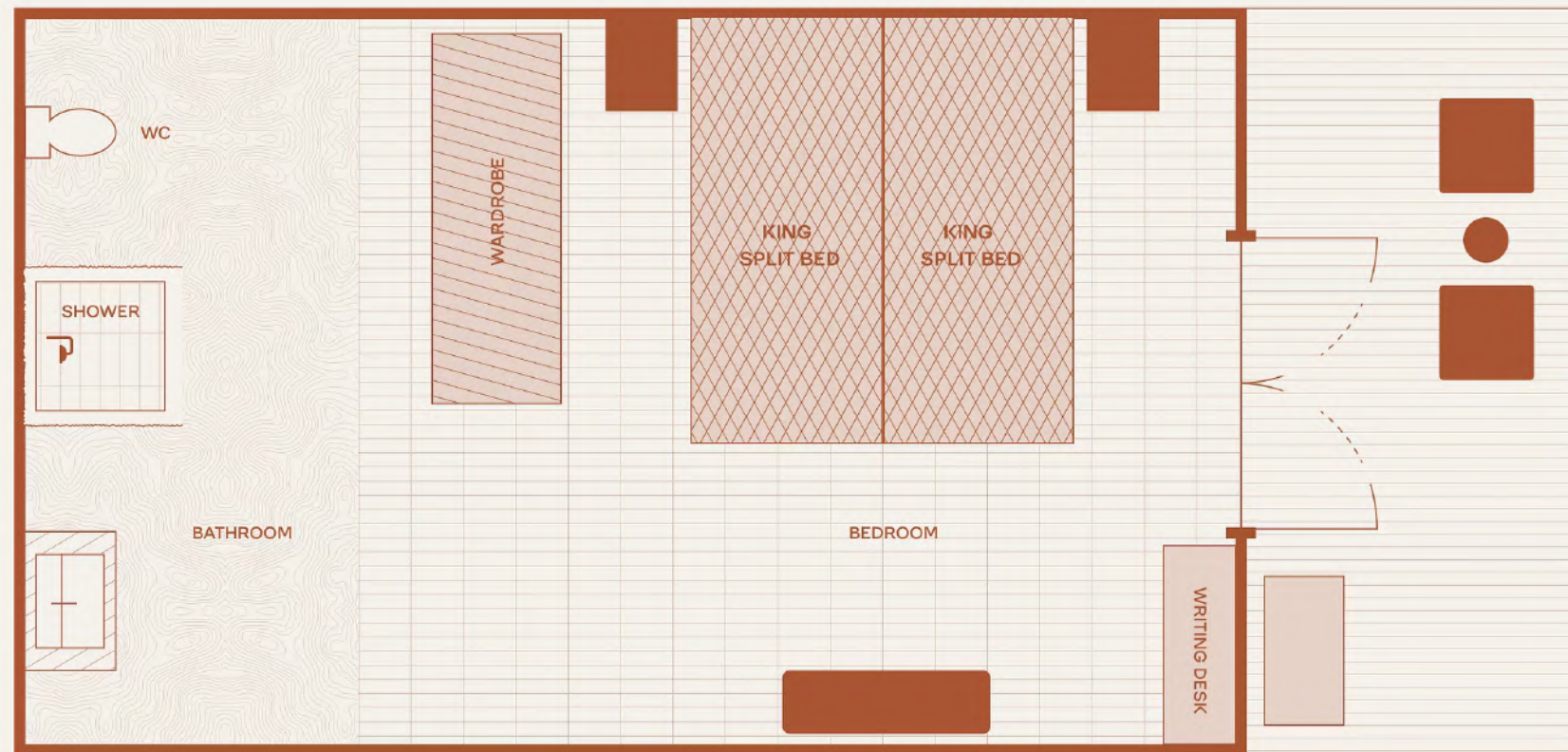


"The camp offers airy tents with private decks and uninterrupted views of the crater highlands."



Classic design frames the highland views

The Tents



LUXURY GUEST TENT | SLEEPS 2 | 42 SQM

Each of the camp's 10 peaceful, pared-back tents has an ensuite bathroom with shower, a king-size bed, a hairdryer and plug points, as well as a raised private deck overlooking the plains. Gas heaters are provided for chilly nights.

Rooms Size	42m2
Bed Configuration (King or Twin)	All rooms can be converted to a king or twins
Triple Rooms Available	Yes; subject to availability
Mini Bar	No
Tea and Coffee Station	No
Air Conditioning	No
Overhead Fan	No
Mosquito Net	Yes
Plug Type	Type G Plus, USB and USB Type C
Bath	No
Indoor Shower	Yes
Outdoor Shower	No
Hairdryer	Yes
Gas Heater	Yes



Meals are served on the tree-shaded front deck

Food & Drink



The brilliant kitchen team at Ngorongoro Crater Camp continually impress by creating flavor-packed international classics with a safari twist – filled flatbreads, hearty stews, aromatic tagines, local vegetable dishes and decadent desserts (crater coffee cheesecake, perhaps). These are served buffet-style in the camp's dining tent, and eaten at the white linen-clad tables on the tree-shaded front deck. Guests on the go can enjoy packed lunches out in the bush, or return to camp for a late lunch and drinks in the golden afternoon sunlight. A delicious three-course dinner rounds off each day. As with all A&K Sanctuary lodges and camps, food and drink is included.

- A continental or English breakfast is served in camp before the morning game drive, or guests can opt for a packed breakfast out in the bush.
- Lunch is either back at the camp, or picnic-style if guests are out game-spotting on a full-day drive.
- Sundowners are a delightful daily ritual, followed by a three-course dinner in camp, expertly assembled from fresh, locally sourced, seasonal ingredients.
- Private dining experiences can be arranged on request.

Order a cocktail at the well-stocked bar



Camp Location



Tanzania's Ngorongoro Conservation Area spans more than 3,400 square miles of highland, savannah and forest, stretching from the plains of Serengeti National Park to the eastern prong of the Great Rift Valley. Its northern grasslands are the scene of the thundering herds of the annual Great Migration, as more than a million wildebeest, zebra, gazelles move south in search of greener pastures. Coexisting with the natural cycles and spectacles of the area – which was designated as multiple land use in 1959 – are semi-nomadic Maasai pastoralists, who graze their cattle on its highlands and plains.

This unique corner of Tanzania is also rich in archaeological finds – the footprints of our early human ancestors were discovered in Laetoli, near

Olduvai Gorge. The fossilized tracks of one of the first upright-walking humans had been preserved in volcanic ash from a nearby eruption. Just as groundbreaking was the volcanic activity that created the greatest natural wonder of the conservation area: Ngorongoro Crater.

The world's largest inactive, intact, unfilled caldera was formed about three million years ago when a volcano erupted so violently that it collapsed upon itself. It's now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its 160 square miles throb with life. Between 25,000 and 30,000 animals, including all of the Big Five, roam the crater floor, creating a self-contained ecosystem that is hugely significant for wildlife conservation. Set on edge the forested rim of the caldera, Ngorongoro Crater Camp is unrivalled as a base from which to explore it all.

The camp is near the rim of the caldera



Ngorongoro Crater spans 160 square miles

Getting There



Drinks on the private deck



Arusha Airport to Manyara Airstrip

40-minute flight



Manyara Airstrip to the Camp / Arusha to the Camp

2-hour drive / 5-hour drive

Please note, luggage restriction for light aircraft is 20kg/44lbs per person in a soft-sided bag, including hand-luggage.

Experiences



Exploring the perfectly contained, wildlife-rich Ngorongoro Crater feels like stumbling upon some lost prehistoric world. Ngorongoro Crater Camp occupies an idyllic position near the edge of this, the largest extinct volcano on earth. Twice-daily game drives – or full-day excursions – offer the possibility of spotting elephants, hippos, buffaloes, lions, leopards, cheetahs, impalas, zebras, wild dogs, jackals and hyenas, plus a multitude of birdlife. A hike around the edges of the crater, to gaze down its 2,000ft sheer drop and watch the animals roaming below, is highly recommended too. Visiting the local Maasai community is a hugely enriching experience, when guests learn about the unique culture of one of Tanzania's most iconic ethnic groups.



Lions thrive in the Ngorongoro Crater

GAME DRIVES

Drives in the early morning and late afternoon in a closed 4x4 take guests into the thick of this unique and extraordinarily biodiverse habitat – either around the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater (spectacular in itself) or down on the crater's floor (best experienced on a day-long drive).



Guests learn about the Maasai way of life

MAASAI COMMUNITY VISITS

The camp has a strong, longstanding and mutually beneficial relationship with the local Maasai. Expect a warm welcome to their manyatta village, enclosed by thorn bushes and comprising small huts decorated with beadwork and fabrics. There is no better way to learn more about local culture, customs and daily life than from the Maasai themselves.

Wildlife & Nature

Home to endangered black rhinos and impressively tusked elephants; tree-dwelling leopards and one of the densest populations of lions in Africa, the Ngorongoro Crater is a sublime setting for spotting the most iconic creatures on the continent. The high drama of survival plays out here continuously: hyenas scavenging after a kill; lions climbing trees to avoid aggressive buffalo; warthogs retreating backward into burrows as a defense mechanism. The year-round supply of water and food supports a huge variety of animals including wildebeest, zebra, eland, hippo, elephant, jackals, cheetahs, and an endemic species of shrew.

There is a 500-species-strong population of birdlife too – from kori bustards (one of the world's heaviest flying birds) on the plains to African paradise flycatchers calling noisily in the woodlands. Only giraffe and antelope are missing from the scene – the surrounding cliffs perhaps proving too steep for such long-limbed creatures.

A lion on the prowl



Elephants are among the crater's Big Five

Your Ngorongoro Crater Camp Safari



A leisurely lunch at camp

Days at Ngorongoro Crater Camp deliver pulse-quickening adventure as well as serene moments to simply soak up the incredible nature all around. The camp's expert team of guides and support staff cleverly choreograph every detail – from action-packed morning game drives to delicious feasts around a campfire in the bush.

A TYPICAL DAY MIGHT INCLUDE:

- **Wake-Up Call** - Enjoy a tea or coffee on your own deck as the soft morning light filters through the acacia trees.
- **Breakfast** - A fresh, hearty breakfast served at the camp to the soundtrack of birdsong.
- **Morning Activity** - Set out with binoculars primed to spot some of the 25,000 animals that call the crater home.
- **Lunch** - Return to the camp for a delicious lunch of safari-style dishes, or have a picnic out in the bush.
- **Afternoon Activity** - Another opportunity to explore with the expert guides.
- **Drinks and Dinner** - The moment to sit back and swap stories of the day's adventures over cocktails and a three-course dinner.

The Details



HONEYMOON, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Romance and luxury are woven into each of our stays, and our Ngorongoro Crater Camp team adds an extra sprinkling of magic when it comes to special occasions. From a private bush picnic (subject to the site and vehicle availability) to a romantic turndown, the team creates special experiences that celebrate a visit to the unique Tanzanian setting.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Ngorongoro Crater Camp welcomes children aged 6 years and older. Children aged 15 years and younger are required to share with an adult.

INCLUSIONS

- All meals, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages (including premium brands)
- Return transfers from/to Manyara Airstrip
- Game viewing activities including: game drives
- Emergency medical evacuation
- Laundry services

EXCLUSIONS

- Park and concession fees
- International and domestic flights, landing fees
- Road transfers to and from other camps and lodges
- Travel insurance, boutique purchases, gratuities, and all other items of a personal nature
- Additional activities not listed



Encounters with the local Maasai are a highlight.



The teak-floored tents are light and airy

Travel Tips



WHAT TO PACK

Clothing should be cool and comfortable; and colours should blend in with nature as much as possible. Greens, browns and khaki coloured clothing are advisable for safaris. We suggest long sleeves and long trousers for morning and evenings due to mosquitoes; and a fleece, sweater or warm jacket for morning and evening game drives. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential. A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the camp.

Accessories: Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential. Binoculars and good cameras are an absolute must. The camp provides a torch as well as complimentary mosquito repellent and toiletries.

HEALTH

Please discuss health precautions for your travel itinerary with a qualified health professional at least six weeks before departure. We also advise all travellers to take precautions against malaria and we recommend speaking to your GP or personal physician four to six weeks before departure. Yellow fever vaccination is required for guests travelling to Tanzania.

MONEY & CREDIT CARDS

All extras can be paid for with Visa, MasterCard, American Express and traveller's cheques. US dollars, British pounds, Euros are also accepted; however, change will be given in the local currency.

GRATUITY GUIDELINES

Tipping and gratuities remain entirely at your discretion.

Relaxing in the sun



Climate



While it's impossible to predict the weather, guests might find it helpful to learn how a visit to Ngorongoro Crater Camp might differ from one month to the next: from the secret perks of the rainy season to the best time to spot the Big Five – perhaps all in one day.



Zebra graze in the grasslands



The area is home to 500 bird species



An epic scene in the Ngorongoro Crater



The landscape is verdant during this season

JANUARY–MARCH

Mass wildebeest calving takes place on the green plains just outside the crater, creating excellent photo opportunities. The presence of newborn animals also draws the attention of stealthy predators. Note that the camp is closed in April and May.

JUNE

The month is characterized by crystal-clear air and dramatic skies, with the prospect of rainbows. There is increased predator activity as big cats work harder to catch their prey. Game drives are still less crowded just before peak season kicks off.

JULY–SEPTEMBER

This is the time for optimal wildlife viewing as animals gather in large numbers within the crater during the dry season. There's even the possibility of spotting leopard, lion, rhino, buffalo and elephant all in one day. Clear skies and mild weather make it ideal for photography.

OCTOBER–DECEMBER

Witness the transformation of the landscape. The short rains (November-December) bring lush, colorful scenery while fewer tourists allow for serene safari experiences. The first migrant birds arrive with the rains, making this one of the best times for birdwatching in the Ngorongoro Crater.

A&K Philanthropy Initiatives in Tanzania



Community connection is at the heart of A&K Philanthropy

JOURNEYS WITH PURPOSE

The A&K Philanthropy nonprofit network now spans 24 countries on all seven continents, positively impacting hundreds of thousands of lives and helping preserve some of the world's most precious ecosystems. Our initiatives focus on education, enterprise, health and environment, aiming to support and empower local communities to facilitate the protection of their surroundings, and to ensure that the people in the places where we travel are also benefitting directly from tourism.

SAFE WATER FOR SCHOOLS

Since 2017, A&K Philanthropy has partnered with LifeStraw, makers of an accessible water filtering and purification device, to provide safe water to thousands of children in India, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam and Zambia. AKP has funded and distributed 829 filtration systems in schools, with each filter serving up to 100 children for a period of five years. Guests in the areas where LifeStraw has been installed can see firsthand how this simple device makes a great impact on the community's overall health and wellbeing.

EDUCATION ON THE EDGE OF TANZANIA'S WILDERNESS

Children who attend Gijedabung and Mwikantsi primary schools in Tanzania share their beautiful surroundings with the animals of Tarangire National Park in which the schools are located. Proximity to wild animals can be challenging for local communities, due to the impact on livestock and crops. Part of AKP's educational work is to find ways to support communities to live alongside wildlife so that conservation of the region's special megafauna can continue. At these schools AKP provided new classrooms, educational materials, accommodation for teachers and solar power so that both teachers and students can focus on learning.

A&K Philanthropy Initiatives in Tanzania



ILBORU SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION UNIT

In 2006, A&K Philanthropy partnered with teaching specialist Loitushui “Loy” and the local community to build the Ilboru Primary School for Children with Special Needs. AKP and Tanzania’s Ministry of Education expanded the primary and opened a secondary school in 2016, and AKP has since updated the school’s kitchen, built a dining hall, constructed a playground and partnered with Bootstrap Africa to build girls’ and boys’ dormitories. In 2024, six classrooms were added to the campus, boosting capacity to 200 students, making it by far the largest school of its kind in the district.

PROJECT CURE

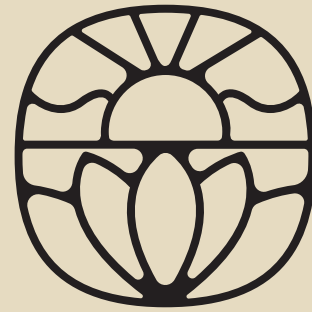
AKP’s global medical assistance program has been created in collaboration with U.S. nonprofit Project C.U.R.E to bring essential medical equipment and healthcare supplies to resource-limited communities. Funded by AKP, containers are filled with donated medical supplies and equipment in the U.S. and shipped overseas to one of our partner facilities in Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda and Cambodia, where the supplies are then distributed to local hospitals, health centers and clinics.

KAFIKA HOUSE

AKP partnered with Kafika House to provide disabled children in the Tanzanian city of Arusha with a holistic, transformative healthcare facility. Kafika House affords a safe and loving home for children receiving pre- and post-operative care and rehabilitation for surgically correctable disabilities such as cleft lip and palate, clubfoot, skeletal fluorosis, burn scar contractures, masses and osteomyelitis. Children spend an average of three months at Kafika House, all the while learning, playing and receiving the care they need.



Schoolchildren in Tarangire National Park



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