
Sacred Places of the Maasai

Tarangire / Lake Natron/ Ngorongoro/ Serengeti
10 Days / 9 Nights

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A ten-day safari into Tanzania's Northern parks of Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Tarangire, as well as the Rift Valley and Lake Natron, plus a chance to climb the Sacred Mountain of the Masai (Ol Doinyo Lengai) and experience real Maasai culture. Our safari travels into the best areas of this game-packed region, camping amongst the game with the sounds of the African bush all around. Visit some off the beaten track areas of Masailand, where few venture. Lake Natron is often covered with thousands of flamingos as is a spectacular and fascinating region to visit.



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Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Honeyguide Tarangire Camp	Tarangire National Park	Full board	2 Nights
<u>Lake Natron Camp</u>	Lake Natron	Full board	2 Nights
<u>Serengeti Wilderness Camp</u>	Serengeti	Full board including local drinks	4 Nights
<u>Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp</u>	Ngorongoro	Full board	1 Night

Brief itinerary:

Day 1	Pick up from Arusha Hotel at 08h00. Depart to Tarangire – balance of day game drive. Overnight Honeyguide Tarangire Camp.	Lunch, dinner
Day 2	Full day in Tarangire, overnight.	Full board
Day 3	Set off early and drive to Lake Natron, along the Rift Valley. Overnight Lake Natron Camp.	Full board
Day 4	Lake Natron – day to explore the area. Walking to waterfall, Lake Natron and cultural interaction. Overnight Lake Natron Camp. Option to climb Ol Donya Lengai – additional day needed.	Full board
Days 5/6/7/8	Drive from Natron to the Serengeti. Overnight Serengeti Wilderness Camp/ Serengeti North Wilderness Camp/ Ndotu Wilderness Camp for 4 nights Game drives in the Serengeti	Full board including local drinks
Day 9	Depart Serengeti to Ngorongoro, Crater Visit. Overnight Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp.	Full board
Day 10	Drive back to Arusha, safari ends.	Breakfast, lunch

Detailed itinerary:

Day 1: Arusha - Tarangire National Park

This morning your guide will collect you from your Arusha hotel (which we can assist in prebooking for you) at 08h00. Head toward **Tarangire National Park**, a true hidden gem. Highly underrated, yet bursting with a dense wildlife population, it won't take you long to appreciate just why we love Tarangire.

It's a special park famed for its vast elephant population and gigantic baobab trees. During the dry season of June – September thousands of animals including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, kudu, and the rarely seen oryx migrate from the dry Masai steppe to the Tarangire River in search of water.

Lion, leopard and other predators follow – so be sure to charge your battery and empty your memory stick as some unique memories await you. Home to the largest population of elephant of any park in the northern circuit, and over 550 varieties of bird, Tarangire offers far fewer tourists and loads of game – a winning combination!

Overnight **Honeyguide Tarangire Camp**

Located just 15 minutes from the Tarangire National Park gate, the intimate Honeyguide Tarangire Camp offers guests an old world safari feel in an untouched savannah setting with great views. Featuring only ten spacious tents set well apart to ensure guest privacy, the camp faces the Manyara escarpment and offers safari experiences including game drives, bush dining, walking safaris and bush sundowners.



Day 2: Tarangire

Enjoy a full day exploring Tarangire. Overnight **Honeyguide Tented Camp**.

Day 3: Lake Natron

A half day drive brings you to Lake Natron, a fascinating salt and soda lake located in northern Tanzania. It is significant as the only regular breeding area in East Africa for the 2.5 million lesser flamingoes, whose status of "near threatened" results from their dependence on this single location.

Overnight **Lake Natron Camp**.

Located on the very edge of Lake Natron, this 10 tent luxury camp is perfectly hidden in the middle of nowhere. It's a very special camp, secluded, scenic – one of those rare places where you feel like you are alone on this magnificent earth.



Day 4: Lake Natron

Today at leisure to explore the area surrounding camp. Located within walking distance are the hominid footprints and Lake Natron. Cool off in one of the natural plunge pools outside your tent, hike to the waterfalls, enjoy a bird watching walk - there is loads to keep you busy before topping off a special day with scenic sundowners.



Overnight **Lake Natron Camp.**

Day 5: Serengeti National Park

Continue onto the Serengeti, one of the most world's most famous National Parks, and home to more than three million large mammals spread over the endless plains. It is here, at certain times of the year, that we may encounter the breathtaking spectacle of the annual wildebeest migration, where one and a quarter million wildebeest trek in columns of up to forty kilometres long in search of grazing, drawing with them their predators and numerous other species of game. From January to March the herds can largely be found in the southern area, proceeding north through the centre and Western Corridor during June and July before splitting to the west and north, continuing their way toward the Mara River. They return south in November to repeat this amazing instinctive procession all over again.

Significant numbers of zebra, buffalo, giraffe and warthog abound. Elephants are relatively scarce on the open plains, and more common in the northern areas and the western corridor. The few remaining black rhinos are restricted to a small part of the park and are not often spotted.



But the most popular animals to be found here in greater abundance than elsewhere on the northern circuit are the cats. Lions, cheetahs and leopard may all be seen here along with other predators, such as the spotted hyena, golden and black-backed jackals, wild cats and servals.

Overnight 4 nights in the Serengeti.

Depending on the time of year, overnight at either **Serengeti North Wilderness Camp / Serengeti Wilderness Camp** (Central) or **Ndutu Wilderness Camp**, or a combination of these camps.

Serengeti North Wilderness Camp is a seasonal camp located in the north, a short distance from the banks of the Mara River. Comprising 10 spacious tents, the intimate camp offers tasty food, great coffee, comfortable accommodation at an excellent price and exceptional staff. It's also perfectly positioned for witnessing masses of wildebeest hurling themselves into the waters in dramatic river crossings as they dodge danger to reach the other side. (July to October)

Serengeti Wilderness Camp (Central) is a permanent camp in central Serengeti, in a prime location overlooking a wildlife-rich valley with a permanent water source. Guests enjoy tranquil privacy away from the busyness of central Serengeti. With excellent resident game, high predator concentrations and the migration free to pass through camp, you can savour superb food, a relaxing atmosphere and warm Tanzanian hospitality. (late March – June, Nov – mid Dec)



Ndutu Wilderness Camp is a seasonal camp located in the Ndutu region in southern Serengeti to coincide with the calving season. With 10 canvas tents, expect excellent food, a comfortable stay in the heart of the bush, and attentive staff.

Days 6/7/8: Serengeti National Park

Our guides will take you to the heart of the best game viewing possible. Sometimes that may entail a long day in the vehicle, other times the game may be close by! Our team go that extra mile to give you an unforgettable trip with us. In our specially customised extended land cruisers the windows are enlarged and the roof height extended to allow ease of photography and game-viewing through the 360degree view hatches, with plenty of room to stretch your legs.

Why not book a Balloon Safari and experience a bird's eye view over the vast plains of the Serengeti.

Day 9: Ngorongoro

Your route from Serengeti to Ngorongoro takes you via fascinating Olduvai Gorge and the 'cradle of humankind'. It's here where, in 1959, the ground-breaking discovery of a hominid (human-like) skull dating back 1.8 million years preceeded other more recent hominid remains discoveries - dating as far back as 3.7 million years.

Visit one of the Natural Wonders of the World, the volcanic caldera of Ngorongoro, with spectacular game viewing in the crater. We can almost guarantee you four of the Big Five will show up, as well as a rich variety of birds, all viewed against the backdrop of the thickly forested crater walls. Your picnic lunch in the crater will forever remain a special memory. It'll be hard to beat this view next time you dine!



Overnight: Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp [View iBrochure](#)

Nestled beneath a grove of red thorn acacia trees, high atop the eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, lies Lions Paw Camp. The location of this camp was carefully selected for its sense of privacy, its panoramic views of the Crater Highlands, and its proximity to the crater floor - a mere 10 minutes!

Guest accommodation is in 15 spacious suites designed to offer guests an authentic safari experience without sacrificing the warmth and comforts of home.

You may even be lucky enough to spot large, tusked elephants and endangered Black Rhinos with your binoculars from the comfort of the bar and lounge area. Enjoy a unique dining experience in the dense forest, or drinks around the campfire at night.



Day 10: End of Safari

Return by road to Arusha where your safari ends.

Package price: please contact us on reservations@wildfrontiers.com for a quotation

Included:

- Pick up from Arusha hotel and briefing
- Services of driver/guide, private vehicle throughout
- All park and camp fees
- 2 nights Honeyguide Tarangire Camp on a full board basis
- 2 nights Lake Natron Camp on a full board basis
- 4 nights in Serengeti on a full board basis including all meals and local beer, house wine & soft drinks
- 1 night Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp on a full board basis
- Ngorongoro crater visit
- Game drives and walks as mentioned

If you wish to climb Ol Donya Lengai, we will ADD AN ADDITIONAL NIGHT on to the above safari itinerary. Enquire for pricing and details.

Excluded:

- All flights, visas, travel insurance, health requirements including Yellow Fever inoculation, all items of a personal nature including gratuities

We also specialise in designing private tailor made trips throughout Tanzania and East/ Central/ Southern Africa to meet your exact personal interests.

THE MIGRATION EXPLAINED:

The following should be used as a guideline when planning your safari to East Africa – movement of wildlife depends on a great many aspects. The following migration calendar helps to explain the seasonality of game viewing. Remember there is resident game throughout the year in the Serengeti/Ngorongoro eco-systems.



JAN / FEB / MARCH

The large herds of wildebeest are generally in the southern plains of the Serengeti eco-system, calving takes place over approximately two weeks. An abundance of predators, good visibility of game, mix of open plains and some woodland.

APRIL / MAY

The herds start moving toward central Serengeti. This is typically the rainy season, however, game viewing is still excellent and there are some great discounts available at lodges and camps. It generally doesn't rain all day. Conditions for photography are generally superb with moody skies and good depth of colour.

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST

The wildebeest move from the central area and split to the west and north, continuing their trek toward the Mara River. River crossings may be seen in both the western corridor (Grumeti area) and north (Mara River).

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Whilst some of the wildebeest successfully reach the Masai Mara, there are still hundreds of thousands remaining in the northern region of Serengeti, offering those with guests with loads of patience the chance to see exciting river crossings (the Mara River runs through the Serengeti).

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

The massive herds start to return from the north to the southern plains, before the cycle repeats again!



VISA REQUIREMENTS: All visitors to Tanzania must have a valid passport which needs to be valid for 6 months after return date of travel and have at least 3 blank pages in it. Except for exempted countries all visitors require a visa to enter Tanzania. South Africans visiting on holiday currently do not require a visa. Visas are currently US\$ 50 per person, single entry for most other nationalities. An exception is US citizens for whom a single-entry visa is US\$100
Visitors should apply via the e-visa portal: <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa>.
Visas are issued within 2 - 3 weeks.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Precautions against Malaria are recommended. Yellow fever vaccines are no longer required to enter Tanzania unless you have been via an endemic area. However, it often differs on the ground and you may be asked for Yellow Fever certificate, even if you have only been in transit via Nairobi. We strongly suggest you have a Yellow Fever vaccination, as regulations can change and often staff at border posts have the incorrect information on this, which can cause delays. (For a list of countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring yellow fever vaccination click [here](#)).

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.



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