Tanzania Calving Season Fly-in safari

Ndutu / Southern Serengeti
4 Days / 3 Nights

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Our fly-in safari drops you right into the heart of Calving Season—combining quality tented camps, top-notch food, and expert guides who know the landscape inside out.

Game viewing here is exceptional all year, but December to February is something special. In December, the herds head south to Ndutu, setting the stage for calving season. By January and February, the short-grass plains from the western Ngorongoro Conservation Area to southeastern Serengeti turn into a nursery, with thousands of wildebeest and zebra giving birth—an unforgettable sight. And where there are newborns, predators follow—lion, cheetah, and hyena are often seen lurking nearby, creating dramatic wildlife encounters.

Travel in comfort with our custom extended Land Cruisers, designed for game viewing with enlarged windows and pop-up roofs for panoramic views.

Join shared game drives or opt for a private vehicle for a more personal experience—it's your safari, your way.

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Detailed itinerary:

Day 1: Arusha to Ndutu

Your safari kicks off with a scenic flight from Arusha Airport to Ndutu, where you'll be met on arrival and transferred to Ndutu Wilderness Camp.

Set in the northern reaches of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Ndutu is surrounded by vast grasslands—prime territory along the migratory path of hundreds of thousands of wildebeest, zebra and antelope. Spend your days exploring the nearby woodlands and the shores of Lake Ndutu, home to an impressive array of wildlife. Look out for lion, leopard, cheetah, caracal, serval, African wildcat—and a vibrant mix of birdlife.

Overnight: Ndutu Wilderness Camp for 3 nights including all meals and local drinks.

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Ndutu Wilderness Camp sits in a private, shady spot in the Ndutu plains, open from December to March for the calving season. Predators are ever-present, drawn by the birthing herds. With varied landscapes of woodlands, plains and soda lakes, it's also a haven for birdwatching.





Days 2-3: Ndutu

Spend the next few days enjoying game drives in and around the Ndutu area, where beautiful open plains and plenty of resident game allow for ideal photo opportunities.

Optional extra: Hot Air Balloon Safari

Begin your day before sunrise with a transfer to the launch site for an unforgettable one-hour flight over the plains. Watch the landscape come to life as the sun rises over the Serengeti. After landing, you'll be treated to a full English bush breakfast with sparkling wine—served in the wild. You'll also receive a personalised flight certificate, the perfect memento of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.



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Day 4: End of Itinerary

Transfer after breakfast to Ndutu Airstrip for your scheduled flight back to Arusha Airport.

(If you prefer your flights from Kilimanjaro airport, let us know and we'll adjust the package for you)

End of safari.

Please contact us on reservations@wildfrontiers.com for a detailed quotation

This package is available 15 Dec 2026 – 14 March 2027 due to opening dates of the seasonal Ndutu Wilderness Camp

Includes:

- Return flights Arusha Airport - Ndutu - Arusha
- Return airstrip to camp transfers
- 3 nights' accommodation at Ndutu Wilderness Camp on a full board basis including local house drinks
- Game drives with bottled water in vehicle
- Park fees of USD 426
- Donation to Tanzania Sustainable Tourism fund

Excludes:

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



THE MIGRATION EXPLAINED:

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. This overview should be used as a rough guideline when planning your safari as movement of wildlife depends on a combination of factors.

JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH
The southern plains of the Serengeti eco-system, including Ndutu, bustle with wildebeest during calving season. The open grasslands make for great visibility, with plenty of predators around. 500 000 calves are born at a rate of 8 000+ a day during the peak birthing period.

APRIL & MAY
The 'green' season is a great time to avoid peak season crowds and enjoy good low- season rates. While game drives might be affected by road conditions, the rains usually bring short, intense afternoon storms rather than persistent downpours. Dramatic clouds provide fantastic photo opportunities, while the rain washes the dust away.

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 herds are starting their journey southward, moving back into the Serengeti through the central Seronera region, ready to kick off the entire migration cycle once again.

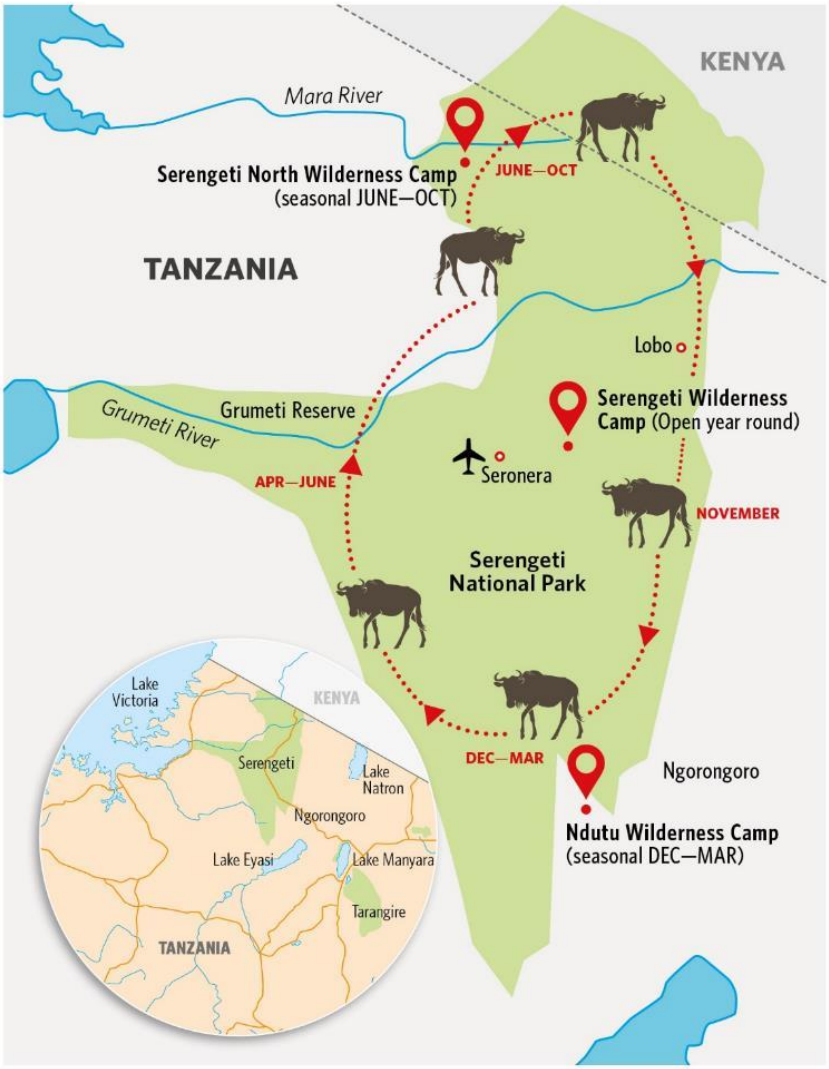
VISA REQUIREMENTS

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 do not require a visa. A single entry visa is currently US$ 50 for most other nationalities. Apply via the link: https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa.

TRAVEL INSURANCE is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All travellers require a Yellow Fever certificate / exemption letter for East Africa. If you're unable to receive the yellow fever vaccine for travel to Tanzania, you can still enter the country with a waiver from a doctor, which should be presented to immigration officials. This applies if your doctor advises against the vaccine due to medical reasons or if you're over 60 years old, according to tzembassy.go.tz. Precautions against Malaria are also recommended.



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