

6-Day Private Safari to Tarangire, Serengeti & Ngorongoro Crater – Discover the Best of Northern Tanzania

Highlights

Private safari to Tarangire, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro Crater

See elephants, lions, giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, rhinos, and more

Explore beautiful landscapes from savannahs to crater highlands

Travel in a private 4x4 safari vehicle with an expert guide

Stay in comfortable mid-range lodges and tented camps with all meals

Ideal for travelers looking for a deeper wildlife experience in just a week

Overview

This 6-day private safari is a perfect way to explore the beauty and wildlife of northern Tanzania. You'll visit three of the country's most famous national parks: **Tarangire National Park**, **Serengeti National Park**, and the **Ngorongoro Crater**. With your own safari guide and private 4x4 vehicle, you'll enjoy the freedom to travel at your own pace, stop for photos, and fully experience the sights and sounds of the African bush.

The journey starts in **Arusha**, where you'll have time to relax before heading out. On your first safari day, you'll explore **Tarangire**, known for its massive herds of elephants and ancient baobab trees. From there, you'll drive through the scenic **Ngorongoro Highlands** and enter the wide-open plains of the **Serengeti**, where you'll spend two nights in the heart of the park. The Serengeti is home to the Big Five and countless other animals, and you'll have time to enjoy game drives both in the early morning and late afternoon is the best times for spotting wildlife.

Your final stop is the world-famous **Ngorongoro Crater**, a massive volcanic caldera filled with animals all year round. Here, you'll have a chance to see rare black rhinos, hippos, lions, flamingos, and more, all within the crater walls. Each day brings new

discoveries, from peaceful sunsets to thrilling animal encounters. With comfortable mid-range lodges, tasty meals, and expert guiding throughout the trip, this safari offers an unforgettable experience in a short amount of time, ideal for couples, families, or friends looking to see the best of Tanzania in just under a week.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Arusha

Welcome to Tanzania! Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport in Arusha you'll be met by your safari guide and transferred to your hotel in Arusha. Depending on your arrival time, you can relax at the hotel, enjoy the gardens, or explore the town on your own. Arusha is a peaceful town at the base of Mount Meru and a great starting point for any safari.

- Meals: Dinner
Accommodation: Overnight in Arusha (mid-range hotel)

Day 2: Arusha to Tarangire National Park

After breakfast, your safari officially begins. You'll meet your guide and drive about 2.5 hours southwest to Tarangire National Park. As you enter the park, you'll see huge baobab trees, rolling hills, and herds of animals gathering near the Tarangire River. This park is especially known for large elephant families and many types of birds, but you can also spot lions, giraffes, zebras, buffaloes, and sometimes leopards. You'll enjoy a full-day game drive with a break for lunch at a picnic site inside the park. In the late afternoon, you'll exit the park and drive to the nearby town of Karatu, located on the edge of the Ngorongoro Highlands.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Overnight in Karatu (mid-range lodge)

Day 3: Karatu to Serengeti National Park

Today you'll have an early breakfast before starting your drive toward the Serengeti. The journey takes you through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, where you may see wildlife and Maasai herders along the way. There are several viewpoints where you can stop to enjoy stunning views over the plains. By midday, you'll reach the central Serengeti, known as Seronera, where you'll begin your first game drive. This area is rich in wildlife all year round and offers the best chances of seeing big cats, like lions, cheetahs, and sometimes leopards. You'll also see wildebeest, zebras, antelopes, and many types of birds. As the sun sets, you'll head to your tented camp inside the park for a hot shower, dinner, and rest in the peaceful bush.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight inside Serengeti National Park (mid-range tented camp)

Day 4: Full Day in Serengeti National Park

Today is all about wildlife and exploring the endless plains of the Serengeti. You'll start with an early morning game drive, a perfect time to see predators on the move. The cool air and golden light make it one of the most beautiful times of the day. You'll return to the camp for a late breakfast or continue exploring with a packed picnic lunch. Your guide will take you to different areas of the park based on where animals have been seen. You might visit riverbanks where hippos cool off, or watch giraffes eating leaves from tall trees. In the afternoon, you can relax back at camp or go out for another short game drive. The Serengeti is full of surprises; every drive brings something new.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight inside Serengeti National Park (mid-range tented camp)

Day 5: Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast, you'll enjoy one last morning game drive in the Serengeti. It's your final chance to spot anything you may have missed, maybe a pride of lions resting under a tree or a group of hyenas wandering the plains. You'll then begin your drive back through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, passing more wildlife and open landscapes. You'll arrive in the Ngorongoro Highlands in the late afternoon, where the air is cooler and the views are beautiful. You can rest, take in the fresh highland air, and enjoy your last dinner in the bush.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Overnight near Ngorongoro Crater (mid-range lodge)

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha - Departure

This morning you'll wake up early for one of the most special parts of the safari a visit to the Ngorongoro Crater, also called "Africa's Eden." You'll descend over 600 meters into the crater, a natural home to thousands of animals. It's one of the only places in Tanzania where you can see black rhinos, and it also has lions, buffalo, warthogs, zebras, flamingos, and hippos. After a picnic lunch near a waterhole, you'll drive back up to the crater rim and begin your journey to Arusha. You'll arrive in the late afternoon and be dropped off at your hotel or the airport depending on your plans.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Not included (return to your hotel or airport transfer)

Included

- Private 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof
- Professional English-speaking safari guide
- All Park and crater entrance fees
- Five nights in mid-range lodges or tented camps
- All meals as listed (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Bottled drinking water during the safari
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Government taxes and service charges

Excluded

- International and domestic flights
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Tips for guide and lodge staff
- Drinks at lodges (alcohol and soft drinks)
- Optional activities (e.g. village visits, balloon safari)
- Personal expenses like laundry, snacks, and souvenirs