

7-Day Private Safari to Lake Manyara, Tarangire, Serengeti & Ngorongoro – Classic Northern Tanzania Safari

Highlights

Private safari to four top national parks: Lake Manyara, Tarangire, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro Crater

Spot elephants, lions, giraffes, hippos, zebras, wildebeest, flamingos, rhinos, and more

Private 4x4 Land Cruiser with English-speaking safari guide

Explore forests, open plains, crater highlands, and lake shores

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

Great mix of scenery, wildlife, and adventure for first-time or return travelers

Overview

This 7-day private safari gives you the chance to **explore four of Tanzania's best national parks** in one well-planned trip. Starting from **Arusha**, you'll visit the peaceful **Lake Manyara**, the wild savannahs of **Tarangire**, the world-famous plains of the **Serengeti**, and the unique ecosystem of the **Ngorongoro Crater**. With your own professional guide and private safari vehicle, you'll enjoy the flexibility to travel at your pace, stop where you like, and fully experience every moment of your adventure.

Your journey begins with arrival in Arusha before heading out to **Lake Manyara National Park**, a small but beautiful park known for its tree-climbing lions, birdlife, and forested lakeside scenery. You'll then continue to **Tarangire**, a quiet park with large elephant herds and ancient baobab trees. Afterward, you'll drive through the Ngorongoro Highlands into the heart of the **Serengeti**, where you'll spend two nights watching wildlife on the vast open plains. Finally, you'll explore the floor of the **Ngorongoro Crater**, a collapsed volcano that holds thousands of animals in one of the most scenic settings in Africa. This safari is a perfect mix of game drives, landscapes, local culture, and relaxation, ideal for anyone wanting to experience the best of Tanzania in one unforgettable week.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Arusha

Welcome to Tanzania! Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport in Arusha, your safari guide will meet you and transfer you to your hotel in Arusha. Depending on your arrival time, you can rest at the lodge, you will enjoy the garden, or explore a bit of town.

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

Day 2: Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park

After breakfast, you'll drive to Lake Manyara National Park, which takes about 2 hours. This park is small but full of beauty and variety. You'll pass through forests filled with monkeys and birds, open grassy areas where you may see elephants and zebras, and the lake shore, where flamingos and hippos can often be seen. You'll enjoy a relaxed game drive and picnic lunch inside the park. In the late afternoon, you'll drive to the nearby highlands of Karatu for your overnight stay.

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

Day 3: Karatu to Tarangire National Park

After an early breakfast, you'll drive to Tarangire National Park, which is known for its large elephant herds, baobab trees, and seasonal swamps. This park is less crowded and offers peaceful game drives through scenic landscapes. You'll spend the day exploring the park and watching for wildlife such as lions, giraffes, zebras, antelope, and many bird species. After the game drive, you'll return to Karatu for the night.

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

Day 4: Karatu to Serengeti National Park

Today you'll travel to the Serengeti, one of Africa's most famous wildlife parks. After breakfast, you'll drive through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, passing through Maasai villages and rolling highlands before reaching the wide-open plains of the Serengeti. You'll enter the park by midday and enjoy a game drive in the central Serengeti region, where animals are active all year round. Expect to see wildebeest, zebras, lions, elephants, and possibly cheetahs or leopards.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Overnight inside Serengeti National Park (mid-range tented camp)

Day 5: Full Day in Serengeti National Park

This day is fully dedicated to exploring the Serengeti. You'll begin with an early morning game drive, one of the best times to see predators hunting or animals waking up for the day. You may see lions, hyenas, jackals, or even a leopard in the trees. After breakfast, continue your game viewing or return to camp to relax before lunch. In the afternoon, you can head back out for another game drive or simply enjoy the view from your camp.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation: Overnight inside Serengeti National Park (mid-range tented camp)

Day 6: Serengeti to Ngorongoro Highlands

After breakfast, you'll leave the Serengeti with a final morning game drive. This is your last chance to see animals crossing the plains, from grazing antelope to curious giraffes. You'll head back through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, reaching the crater highlands by late afternoon. The air is cooler here, and you'll enjoy views of green hills and local farms. Rest and enjoy your final evening in the bush.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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

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Day 7: Ngorongoro Crater to Arusha – Departure

After an early breakfast, you'll descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, one of the best places in Africa to spot wildlife in a single area. You'll explore the crater floor during a half-day game drive, looking for rhinos, hippos, warthogs, buffalo, zebras, and possibly lions. After a picnic lunch by a hippo pool, you'll drive back to Arusha, arriving in the late afternoon. Your guide will drop you off at your hotel or the airport, depending on your travel plans.

- Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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

Included

- Private 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof
- Professional English-speaking safari guide
- All park entrance and crater fees
- Six nights in mid-range lodges or tented camps
- All meals as listed (breakfast, lunch, dinner)

- Bottled drinking water during safari
- Airport transfers (arrival and departure)
- Government taxes and service charges

Excluded

- International and local flights
- Travel insurance and visa fees
- Tips for guide and lodge staff
- Drinks at lodges (alcohol and soft drinks)
- Optional activities (balloon safari, village visit, etc.)
- Personal expenses like laundry, snacks, and souvenirs