

6 Days Tanzania Midrange Safari 2026–2027

Explore the best of Northern Tanzania - Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro, Maasai culture, and hidden forest gems, on a 6-day immersive safari adventure.

Overview

This 6-day safari offers a rich combination of Tanzania's iconic wildlife, dramatic landscapes, and authentic cultural experiences. Begin with a relaxing arrival in Arusha before venturing into the elephant-filled Tarangire National Park. You'll then explore Lake Manyara, a compact yet diverse park known for its flamingos and tree-climbing lions.

The journey continues into the Ngorongoro Crater, home to one of the highest concentrations of wildlife in Africa, followed by a cultural visit to a Maasai village and a nature walk in Rau Forest. The final day allows for a choice of cultural or ecological activities before returning to Arusha. This itinerary is perfect for travelers seeking a deeper connection to both nature and Tanzanian culture, all while enjoying midrange comfort and warm hospitality.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Arusha

You'll be met upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) or Arusha Airport and transferred to your lodge in Arusha. Use the rest of the day to relax, adjust to the local rhythm, or explore Arusha town if time permits. Your safari guide will provide a short briefing ahead of your adventure.

- **Meals:** Not included

- **Accommodation:** Midrange lodge in Arusha

Day 2: Arusha to Tarangire National Park

After breakfast, depart Arusha and head to Tarangire National Park. Known for its towering baobab trees, sweeping savannah, and dense elephant population, Tarangire offers exceptional wildlife viewing. Enjoy game drives with a picnic lunch in the park. Later, continue to Karatu for dinner and overnight at a comfortable lodge.

- **Meals:** Lunch and Dinner
- **Accommodation:** Midrange lodge near Karatu

Day 3: Karatu to Lake Manyara National Park

Depart after breakfast for a full day in Lake Manyara National Park. This lush park is nestled between the Great Rift Valley escarpment and a shallow alkaline lake. Spot hippos, elephants, flamingos, and the famous tree-climbing lions. In the late afternoon, return to Karatu for dinner and rest.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **Accommodation:** Midrange lodge near Karatu

Day 4: Ngorongoro Crater Safari

Early morning departure to Ngorongoro Crater for a half-day safari. Descend into this UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you may encounter the Big Five, including endangered black rhinos. After a picnic lunch inside the crater, ascend back to the lodge for the evening.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner
- **Accommodation:** Midrange lodge near Karatu

Day 5: Maasai Village Visit and Rau Forest Walk

Today offers a mix of culture and nature. Start the morning with a visit to a local Maasai village, where you'll learn about traditional customs, dances, and daily life. Later, head to the Rau Forest for a peaceful nature walk. Look out for monkeys, birds, and rice paddies, and enjoy a packed lunch amidst serene surroundings. Return to Karatu for your final night at the lodge.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- **Accommodation:** Midrange lodge near Karatu

Day 6: Cultural or Ecological Activity & Return to Arusha

On your final day, enjoy a relaxed breakfast and choose from a selection of local cultural or ecological activities—such as visiting a coffee plantation, local market tour, or banana beer tasting. After lunch, you'll be transferred back to Arusha or to the airport for your onward travel.

- **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch
- **Accommodation:** Not included (End of tour)

Includes:

- Pick-up and drop-off from Arusha accommodation or airport
- 1 night in a midrange lodge in Arusha
- 4 nights midrange lodge accommodation near Karatu
- Private 4x4 safari vehicle with experienced English-speaking driver-guide
- Park entrance fees for Tarangire, Lake Manyara, and Ngorongoro Crater
- Cultural visit to Maasai village and Rau Forest nature walks
- Optional cultural/eco activity on Day 6 (e.g., coffee tour or local crafts)
- Game drives and all activities as outlined
- Meals as specified (5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners)
- Bottled water during game drives

Not included:

- International and domestic flights
- Visa and travel insurance
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal expenses and alcoholic beverages
- Additional activities not listed in the itinerary
- Accommodation after the tour ends