

## 7 Days Tanzania Midrange Safari 2026–2027

Experience the ultimate Northern Tanzania safari with wildlife, culture, and nature, from the baobabs of Tarangire to the Maasai heartland and the wonders of Ngorongoro Crater.

### Overview

This 7-day midrange safari is ideal for travelers who want to fully immerse themselves in the beauty and diversity of Northern Tanzania. Begin with a restful arrival in Arusha before heading into the wilds of **Tarangire National Park**, famous for its elephants and baobabs. Continue to **Lake Manyara**, known for its diverse ecosystems and birdlife, and then experience the awe-inspiring **Ngorongoro Crater**, home to the iconic Big Five.

Beyond wildlife, this itinerary includes a **cultural village tour of Mto wa Mbu**, a visit to a **traditional Maasai community**, and a tranquil **nature walk through Rau Forest**. Every detail from midrange lodge stays to well-planned meals is designed to ensure comfort, adventure, and cultural connection.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Arrival in Arusha

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) or Arusha Airport, you will be welcomed by your guide and transferred to your lodge in Arusha. Depending on arrival time, you may relax at the lodge or take a short local walk. Your guide will brief you on the safari ahead.

- **Meals:** Not included
- **Accommodation:** Midrange lodge in Arusha

## **Day 2: Arusha to Tarangire National Park**

After breakfast, depart for Tarangire National Park, known for its large elephant herds and ancient baobab trees. Enjoy a full day of game drives with a picnic lunch in the park. You'll spot lions, giraffes, zebras, antelopes, and a vast variety of birds. In the late afternoon, continue to your lodge near Karatu.

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

## **Day 3: Karatu to Lake Manyara National Park**

After breakfast, head to nearby Lake Manyara National Park. Though small, the park is incredibly diverse, with forested areas, open plains, and the lake itself. Look out for tree-climbing lions, elephants, hippos, baboons, flamingos, and over 400 bird species. Return to Karatu for dinner and overnight.

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

## **Day 4: Full-Day Ngorongoro Crater Safari**

After an early breakfast, drive to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and descend into the crater for a full-day game drive. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is home to black rhinos, lions, elephants, buffaloes, zebras, and more. Enjoy a picnic lunch at a scenic spot within the crater. Ascend in the afternoon and return to your lodge.

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

### **Day 5: Cultural Tour in Mto wa Mbu**

Today is dedicated to cultural immersion. Visit the vibrant village of Mto wa Mbu, a melting pot of over 120 Tanzanian tribes. You'll tour banana plantations, local markets, rice fields, and learn about traditional farming and food preparation. Enjoy a local lunch prepared by a host family. Return to Karatu for dinner and rest.

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

### **Day 6: Maasai Village Visit & Rau Forest Walk**

In the morning, visit a traditional **Maasai village**, where you'll learn about their customs, homes, attire, and dances. Afterwards, enjoy a guided nature walk through **Rau Forest**, a peaceful haven home to colobus monkeys, birds, and rice paddies. You'll enjoy a picnic lunch before returning to Karatu for your final dinner.

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

### **Day 7: Return to Arusha – Departure**

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast at your lodge before driving back to Arusha. Depending on your flight schedule, you may stop at local craft markets or coffee shops en route. You'll be dropped off at your hotel or airport for departure.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Accommodation:** Not included (end of tour)

**Includes:**

- Pick-up and drop-off in Arusha or airport
- 1 night midrange accommodation in Arusha
- 5 nights midrange lodge accommodation near Karatu
- Private 4x4 safari vehicle with English-speaking driver-guide
- All park entrance and conservation fees (Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro)
- Cultural tours: Mto wa Mbu village, Maasai village, Rau Forest walk
- All activities and game drives as outlined
- Meals as specified (6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners)
- Bottled water during game drives

**Not included:**

- International or domestic flights
- Travel insurance and visa fees
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal expenses and alcoholic drinks
- Additional activities not mentioned
- Accommodation after tour ends