



# Big Five Safari in Tanzania with beach holiday in Zanzibar

15 day trip for the luxury traveller

In search of the Big Five in Tanzania!

In eleven days, you travel in your private 4x4 safari vehicle along the highlights in northern Tanzania. You visit the Tarangire National Park, famous for its many herds of elephants and huge baobab trees; The Lake Manyara National Park with the tree-climbing lions; And the ideal park to find the Big Five, the Ngorongoro. Of course, the extensive plains of the Serengeti are not lacking, where you stay 3 nights. The travel pace is gentle, and you have plenty of time to explore the parks. Accommodation is in luxury safari lodges and tent camps in the middle of the bush. After the safari, you fly to Zanzibar for a well-deserved relax at the white beaches and the azure waters of the Indian Ocean.

## Highlights



Fully catered private tour



Private driver/guide and safari vehicle



Hundreds of elephants in Tarangire



Flamingos and baboons in Manyara



Big Five in the Crater



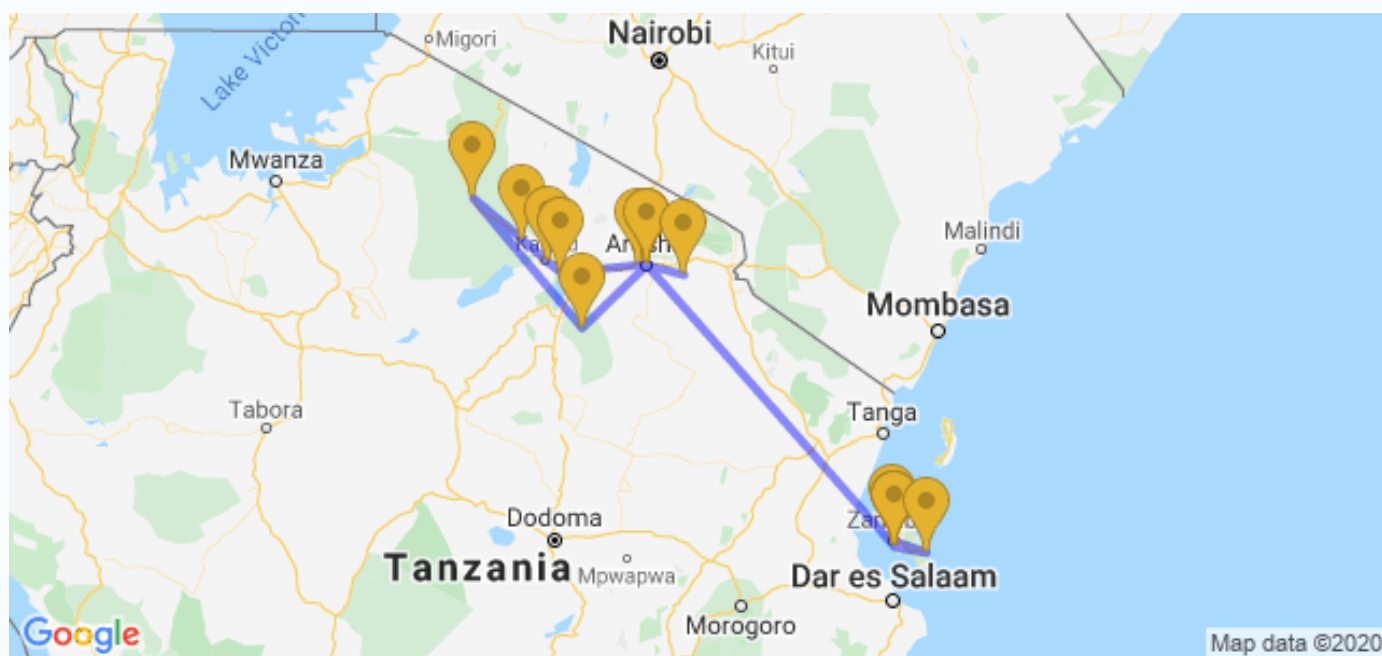
3 full days in the Serengeti



Hiking on the crater rim



# Day by day



**Days 1-2: Kilimanjaro International Airport Arusha .**

Tue, 24 Mar - Wed, 25 Mar

**Days 3-4: Kilimanjaro International Airport Tarangire National Park .**

Thu, 26 Mar - Fri, 27 Mar

**Days 5-7: Serengeti National Park .**

Sat, 28 Mar - Mon, 30 Mar

**Days 8-10: Ngorongoro Crater Karatu Lake Manyara National Park .**

Tue, 31 Mar - Thu, 2 Apr

**Days 11-14: Lake Manyara National Park Arusha Airport Arusha Zanzibar Airport Zanzibar - Beach .**

Fri, 3 Apr - Mon, 6 Apr

**Day 15: Zanzibar - Stone Town Zanzibar Airport .**

Tue, 7 Apr



# Your detailed itinerary

Day  
1

## Welcome in Tanzania!

Tue, 24 Mar

**Transfer from the airport to Arusha:** Today you fly to Kilimanjaro Airport where your driver/guide awaits you and takes you to your first lodge in the Arusha area. The remaining of the day you can relax, take a walk through the beautiful gardens or cool off in the pool.



[Machweo](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Dinner

Day  
2

## Explore your surroundings

Wed, 25 Mar

**From bean to cup: history of coffee:** On the slopes of Mount Meru, Tanzania's second largest mountain, the best Arabica coffee is grown, probably the country's most famous export product. 95% of coffee beans planted here grow on private farmland. The guide explains the entire procedure, from planting the cuttings, to harvesting and roasting the beans. Afterwards, a local lunch is served in a family home. The tour ends with a walk in the woods where different species of monkeys live.



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- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

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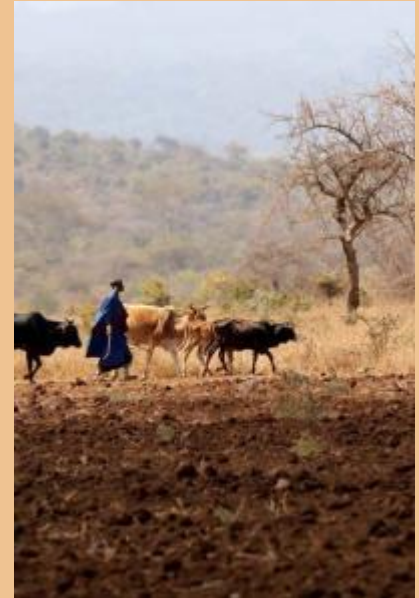
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## The safari adventure starts!

Thu, 26 Mar

**Transfer from the airport to Tarangire:** Via Arusha you drive in about 2 hours to Tarangire National Park. Along the way, you'll see the villages of the famous Maasai tribe and the shepherds with their herds. Maybe you can stop to visit a typical Maasai market. The rest of the day you can relax in the camp, take a bush walk with the lodge's guards, or just laze by the pool overlooking the park and maybe some wildlife, such as elephants or giraffes.

**A mysterious night tour through Tarangire:** In the evening, a completely different animal life awakens in the wilderness of Tarangire. During a night safari, you can see things you couldn't experience during the day. A whole new world is opening up for you. The nocturnal animals that hide during the day emerge during this hour. Many eyes light up in the dark when the lights of the safari vehicle shine into the depth of the night. Animals such as porcupines, several smaller felines, elephants, lions and leopards are often spotted at this hour. A night safari takes about 2.5 hours and before midnight you'll be back at your camp.

[Kichuguu Camp](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
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## A full day of game drives

Fri, 27 Mar

### Elephants and baobabs in Tarangire National Park:

Tarangire National Park is known for the many elephants (more than 6,000) that gather along the Tarangire River, where they can quench their thirst. This beautiful park is also home to buffaloes, wildebeests, antelopes, giraffes, zebras, ostriches, lions, leopards and cheetahs. The park is decorated with thousands of baobab trees, some of which are more than 10 meters wide. With more than 450 bird species, Tarangire is also a paradise for bird lovers. You will get a picnic lunch from the hotel, which you can take on a picnic place surrounded by little monkeys, with beautiful views over the river and the elephants. After a long day of touring, have a well-deserved shower and cold drink in the camp.

[Kichuguu Camp](#)



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- ✓ Dinner

Day  
**5**

## A first day in Tanzania's most famous park

Sat, 28 Mar

**Thousands of wildebeest and zebras in the Serengeti:** Time to chase the big migration! Leaving the Ngorongoro area, the vast extensions of the Serengeti plains before you will impress you and wanting you to explore this area in deep. In general you will find impala, giraffe, hippo, hyena and often lions and other big cats such as leopards and cheetahs. The migration, consisting of around 2 million animals, is on the move all year round. Usually the wildebeest and the zebras during the short rainy season in October and November are to be found moving from the hills in the north of the Serengeti, to the plains in the south. During the longer rainy season of April, May and June they return north, always in search for green pastures. With fluctuations of annual rainfall the exact location of the animals varies from year to year. Your guide however will know the location of the herds and also where to get the best views. Naturally it also attracts a mass of predators and you may be able to see a band of lionesses gather for a hunt. Through the Nabi Gate you enter the Serengeti and you keep on searching for game until you arrive at your accommodation. After taking a refreshing shower, sit down at the campfire and relax with a cold drink. The night will be filled with, far away, the hyena's laughs and the roar of the lion and who knows, an elephant or giraffe strolling around your room.



### Nyumbani Camp

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- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day

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## Join the predators on their hunt

Sun, 29 Mar

**Keep on searching for game on the endless plains:** A full day to discover as much as possible of the wonders of the Serengeti, the Big Migration and all other wild animals. Together with your guide you can set up your program: a full day of game driving with picnic lunch, or an early morning drive with back in the camp a late breakfast, rest and lunch, after which you set off again late afternoon. You drive through a varied landscape, often in the wide open savannah scattered with the typical *kopjes* (rock formations), but also through hilly forests and along the hippo pools, where dozens of hippos are relaxing in the water. If you would like to enjoy a real once-in-a-lifetime experience, go for a hot-air balloon safari (optional with supplement).

[Nyumbani Camp](#)



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- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day  
7

## Hippos and secretary birds

Mon, 30 Mar

### Start the day with an unique balloon safari (Optional with supplement):

Experience the beauty of the Serengeti from above. A hot air balloon safari over the Serengeti offers a birds-eye view of the rolling plains of East Africa. Take in the sights of the wildlife and landscapes below as the balloon gently floats through the crisp air. A hot air balloon safari provides excellent photographic opportunities from a unique perspective. Along with the incredible photos come memories that will last a lifetime; being thousands of meters above the Serengeti is definitely an unparalleled, once in a lifetime safari experience.



**Another spectacular day in the Serengeti:** Two days in the Serengeti are not always enough, there is so much to see! So today you leave again, along the curvy dust roads, searching for lions, leopards and cheetahs. But apart from the Big Five and the Great Migration the savannah has so much more to offer.

Herds of cheerful impala and Thomson gazelle, curious zebras and elegant giraffes are all around you. And look also in the sky and the trees to discover all those colourful birds, from hard-working yellow weavers and the smart lilac-breasted rollers to the bigger secretary birds and marabou storks.

[Nyumbani Camp](#)

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Day

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## Into the Ngorongoro Highlands

Tue, 31 Mar

**Walk on the Ngorongoro Crater rim:** Would you like to stretch your legs after a few days of gamedriving? After leaving the Serengeti, you arrive mid-afternoon on in the forested area of the Ngorongoro Highlands. Together with an armed ranger (imagine you meet an elephant on your way...), you make a lovely walk of around 2 1/2 hours on the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. You might meet with zebras or buffalos, however what this walk merely is about are the unique plants and trees found on this high altitude. But above all enjoy the breath-taking views over the crater!

[Gibbs Farm](#)



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- ✓ Dinner

Day

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## The Ngorongoro, a highlight to never forget

Wed, 1 Apr

**Big Five in the Ngorongoro Crater:** With a diameter of 18 kilometers, an area of 260 km<sup>2</sup> and a 600-meter-high crater wall, the Ngorongoro Crater is the largest still intact crater in the world. From the edge you look out over this amphitheater with impressive and breathtaking beauty. Green vast plains, rivers, forests, marshes and the often-white Lake Magadi form a home for about 30,000 animals. A lot of people want to witness this. As a result, it is no longer allowed to make a game drive longer than 6 hours per day. But this is enough to discover the whole crater. This Noah's Ark is an ideal breeding ground for this unique ecosystem teeming with wildlife. Predators such as lions, leopards, cheetahs but also elephants, monkeys, zebras, gazelles, rhinos, buffaloes, wildebeest and hippos live here. Most of these animals, whenever they want, can walk in and out of the crater through the steep crater walls as they please.

[Gibbs Farm](#)


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- ✓ Dinner

Day  
10

## Baboons and pink flamingos

Thu, 2 Apr

**Lion in trees? Yes for sure, in Manyara National Park!** Nestling at the base of the Great Rift Valley escarpment, Lake Manyara National Park is recognized for its incredible beauty and special inhabitants. Upon entering the park you imagine yourself being in the jungle: this part is a green oasis with high trees and waterfalls, the ideal habitat for big groups of baboons, waterbuck, aardvark and blue meerkats. Deeper into the park this tropical rainforest converts into wide-open savannah, where you can see many game animals such as buffalo, elephant, giraffe, impala, hippo and others. Enjoy an afternoon of game viewing in search of the famous but rare tree climbing lion. From a sea of pink flamingos as far as the eye can see to bull elephants at close range, Lake Manyara showcases a superb variety of herd animals and birdlife.



[Gibbs Farm](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day

11

## To Zanzibar!

Fri, 3 Apr

**Your last day on Tanzania mainland:** Your wildlife safari ends here and you head back towards Arusha. On the way you visit Mto wa Mbu, a melting pot of Tanzanian tribes with a vibrant atmosphere. The village is famous for its rare exotic red bananas. A visit Mto Wa Mbu is a great cultural experience, busy markets with all kinds of handcrafts, Tinga Tinga artists, women who sell bananas at the side of the roads, small shops, terraces... Then you proceed towards Arusha Airport for your flight to Zanzibar.

**Flight from Arusha to Zanzibar:** Another adventure! You board a small plane that takes you to Zanzibar in 1 ½ hour. A beautiful flight because with the low altitude you can see perfectly the beautiful rolling scenery, the coastline, the turquoise colours of the Indian Ocean and the white dots of the sails of the traditional dhows.

**Arrival in Zanzibar and transfer to your hotel:** Upon arrival at the airport of Zanzibar, our driver will welcome you and transfer you to your beach hotel. After such an impressive safari it will be wonderful to relax at the white sandy beaches on the Indian ocean.


[Anna of Zanzibar](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
**12**

## At the Indian Ocean

Sat, 4 Apr

**And then just nothing.....:** Over the next few days, you will be able to relax and enjoy everything the island has to offer. You can lounge on the beach or by the pool, or take part in some of the many activities. There are several optional day trips to small islands or to the coral reefs. Professional PADI diving schools offer a full range of scuba diving with professional equipment. Other water sports such as kiting, kayaking, catamaran sailing, wind surfing, deep sea fishing, water skiing, parasailing and jet skiing are also on offer. Zanzibar is known as the Spice Islands and was once the world's leading producer of cloves. A guided tour of one of the spice farms is also an option here. You will be able to see, smell and taste aromatic spices and scented plants including guava, mangoes, vanilla, cloves, nutmeg, ginger, chillies, black pepper and cinnamon. Your stay in Zanzibar includes breakfast, dinner and overnight.

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### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
**13**

## Optional excursion: dream island Mnemba

Sun, 5 Apr

**Snorkeling at Mnemba Atoll:** Mnemba Atoll is Zanzibar's most popular diving and snorkeling spot with a wide variety of sea creatures. Boat trips go to this place with guests who can dive or snorkel here. Mnemba Atoll is a well-known nature reserve and consists of a reef of 7 x 4 km, which also includes the small island of Mnemba. The water here is so clear that one has a good view 10 to 30 meters deep. You can dive and snorkel here in two different places. Tea and snacks are served on the boat. On the way back, the boat takes you along the beautiful island of Mnemba to take amazing photos.

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- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
14

## Just lounging...

Mon, 6 Apr

**An extra free day to discover your beach and surroundings:** A day to enjoy sun, sea and beach.

Zanzibar's coast offers not only vast white sandy beaches flanked by swaying palm trees, but also a unique glimpse into the daily life of the fishing villages. During low tide, large parts of the beach fall dry, where the villagers are busy with their daily work. Take a walk across the beach and see how the locals live. Often the men fish with trawls, and the women harvest seaweed that they grow in these shallow waters.

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- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
15

## Back home

Tue, 7 Apr

**Time to say goodbye.....:** Unfortunately your holiday ends here and after breakfast it is time to head back to the airport. With lots of pictures in your pocket and hopefully many happy memories you fly back home. Kwa heri!



### Price includes:





✓ Breakfast



# Accommodations

## Machweo on days 1 & 2



Machweo Wellness Retreat & Fine Dining was opened next to Onsea House in 2011 as boutique hotel. Machweo brings an even more luxurious and tranquil environment while maintaining the same personal approach. All 9 new rooms offer top class amenities and a private balcony and have amazing views on sunset ('machweo' in Swahili) and Mount Meru. Unwind by the pool with a cocktail or get completely relaxed in the wellness center where you can enjoy a massage or take a sauna or hammam. Enjoy an amazing meal in the critically acclaimed restaurant by star chef Axel and his team. Mixing local influences with classic French cuisine and only working with the best and freshest products, every bite and every sip will be an experience for your senses. Machweo can be your home base for a safari or Kilimanjaro climb with beach holiday extension on Zanzibar, while supporting the iThemba Foundation Baraa Primary School project and other responsible tourism initiatives. We believe Machweo to be the hidden gem you have been looking for: a refuge for those who enjoy the finer things in life.

## Kichuguu Camp on days 3 & 4



This beautiful tented camp is named after the countless termite hills in the park. The camp is surrounded by the typical acacia trees and is completely eco-friendly thanks to the use of solar panels and recycled materials. Kichuguu consists of 9 spacious canvas tents, all with wooden floor, comfortable bed and en-suite bathroom with bucket shower. The common area includes 2 large canvas tents: one as a lounge and one as dinner area.



## Nyumbani Camp on days 5, 6 & 7



This contemporary tented camp is permanently situated in the Central Serengeti. Comprising only eight luxury, tented suites, your exclusively personal setting provides for a memorable wilderness adventure. Each spacious safari tent offers its own indoor sitting area where you're invited to relax through the day and gaze across the star-filled sky at night. Elegant furnishings have been chosen from custom-made Indian rugs, crisp linens, cozy duvets, bathrobes, and slippers, and include eco-friendly, reclaimed wood crafted by local artisans and carpenters in Arusha. The essence of Nyumbani is African, embracing simple, earthy colors for a stylishly rustic and organic charm. In between exhilarating daily activities and safari game drives, custom armchairs and delicious cocktails are yours to accompany indulgence in the simple pleasure of observing the vast stillness of the Serengeti plains. In the evening, a campfire springs to life where tales of the day are shared and a hearty meal is served under constellations of brilliant stars.



## Gibbs Farm on days 8, 9 & 10



One of the most famous properties in the Ngorongoro Highlands, Gibb's Farm was once the family home for the Gibb's family and is a true sanctuary after the heat of the Serengeti or the national parks to the east. Comprising a series of quirky cottages, set amongst stunning flower gardens, this is certainly one of the best choices if you are staying in the highlands. Gibb's Farm is located approximately a 45 minute drive from the entrance to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, off the main road past the town of Karatu. Consisting of the main house – dining room, lounge, open fire, bar – and 20 rooms, Gibb's Farm is largely a stone and wood build. The farm house is a large bungalow, and is characteristic of a certain upcountry style – white stone exterior, chimney, corrugated roofing – and its wooden floors, open stone chimney breast and mixed furnishings are very much in keeping with country frontier styles. The sleeping rooms at Gibb's Farm – a mix of bungalows and cottages – are spotted around the gardens. Each is individually themed, individually named, and stands as a monument to a particular slice of the farm's history. Surrounded by plants and lawns, most of the cottages are a wood and corrugated iron build, simply and elegantly furnished. Depending on its size, each has comfortable double/twin bed, a seating area, veranda and a seating area. Much emphasis is placed on art – it has its own studio and artists-in-residence – and on literature, and the rooms, which house small libraries and original pieces, are designed to reflect and encourage this interest. The bathrooms are spacious, well-lit and have giant sized baths.



## Anna of Zanzibar on days 11, 12, 13 & 14



Situated on the famous white beaches of the south-eastern coast of Zanzibar, Anna of Zanzibar offers "barefoot luxury", a combination of individual service, a relaxed atmosphere and all the benefits of a five-star hotel. The 5 individual villas are nestled in the tropical garden and offer exceptional views of the Indian Ocean. Each villa consists of a large bedroom with separate dressing room, a living room and a bathroom with shower, bidet and toilet and a spacious private veranda. All bedrooms are fully air-conditioned. Wi-Fi is also available in the rooms. From elegant, heavy colonial furniture and colourful African fabrics to Portuguese porcelain, Anna creates a warm and cozy atmosphere on the stunning Swahili coast with its endless white sandy beaches. Guests can relax by the freshwater pool with a depth of 3 metres under small private beach pavilions or bring a fresh mango juice to the beach. Sunbeds are also available there, so that there is no lack of comfort. The kitchen serves fresh seafood, local fruits and vegetables. You can have your food served in the restaurant, on your terrace, by the pool or on the beach.

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We wish you a great trip!

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