



# Circle of Wildlife Safari

11 day trip for an encounter with wildlife and culture

Do not drive twice on the same route but make a real "circle" through northern Tanzania. This safari takes you to all the famous natural parks, such as Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara and of course the endless plains of the Serengeti. But because you are turn off the route just before the Ngorongoro highlands, you will also explore a completely different part of Tanzania: the rough plains around the famous "red" salt lake of Natron and the still active volcano Ol Doinyo Lengai, whit thousands of flamingos and small Maasai villages. Then enter the Serengeti from the east side to go game driving in the remote Lobo area for a few days. In addition to nature, flora and fauna, you also get an insight in Tanzania's everyday life by visiting the traditional Maasai tribe on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro.

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## Highlights



Fully catered private tour



The Maasai of Kilimanjaro



Hundreds of elephants in Tarangire



Lake Natron: Volcano, Flamingos and Waterfalls



3 full days in the Serengeti



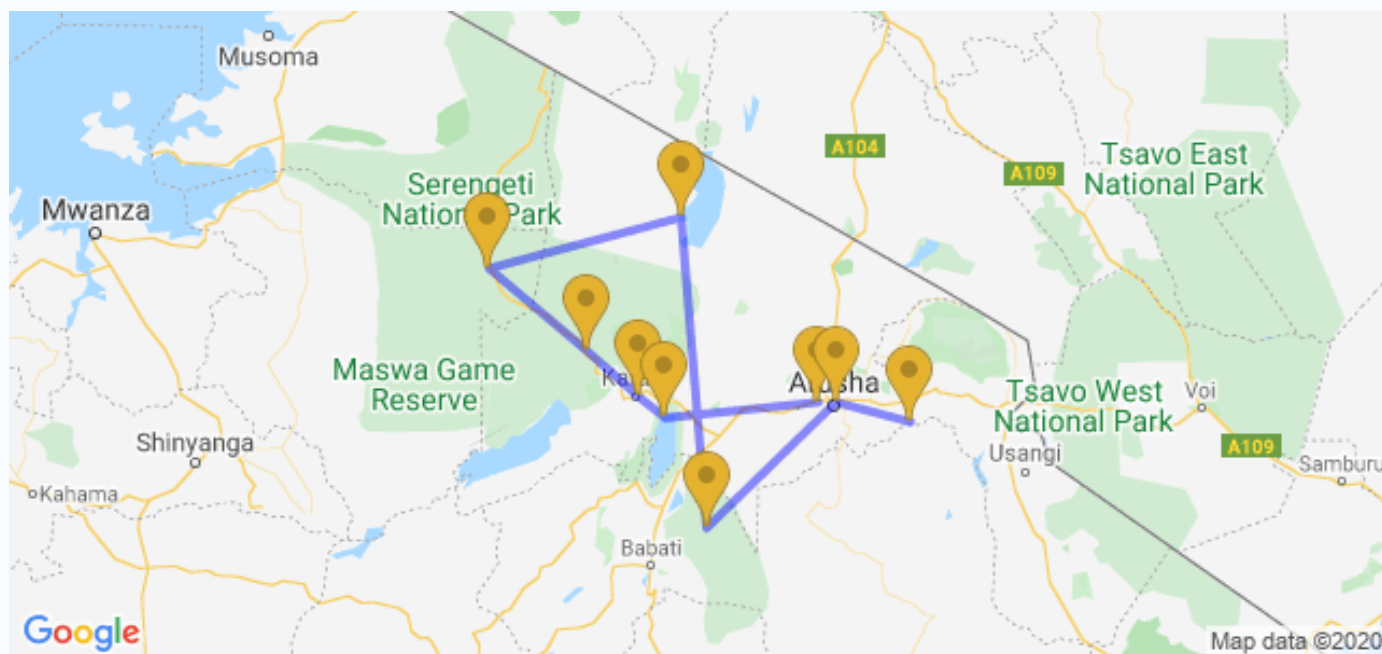
De Big Five at Ngorongoro



Tuk Tuk Tour in a Swahili village



# Day by day



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

Tue, 24 Mar - Wed, 25 Mar

**Day 3: Tarangire National Park .**

Thu, 26 Mar

**Days 4-5: Lake Natron .**

Fri, 27 Mar - Sat, 28 Mar

**Days 6-8: Serengeti National Park .**

Sun, 29 Mar - Tue, 31 Mar

**Days 9-10: Ngorongoro Crater Karatu Lake Manyara National Park .**

Wed, 1 Apr - Thu, 2 Apr

**Day 11: Mto wa Mbu Lake Manyara National Park Arusha Airport .**

Fri, 3 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.



[Osiligilai Maasai Lodge](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day  
2

## On the slopes of the Kilimanjaro

Wed, 25 Mar

**A day with the Maasai:** In between Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru lies the beautiful Maasai steppe, an undulating harsh landscape dotted with traditional Maasai villages. Get more insight in the way of living of this famous tribe by staying in a comfortable lodge, built and run by the Maasai themselves. Together with a Maasai guide you visit a village and one of its "elders", the chief of the community. You will be explained how certain plants and herbs are used as medicine, you see how the women cook and the men are busy with their cattle, small children proudly show you their baby goats and a traditional dance will be performed. In the evening around the campfire stories will be shared, an ancient habit in order to maintain keep traditions and history alive.



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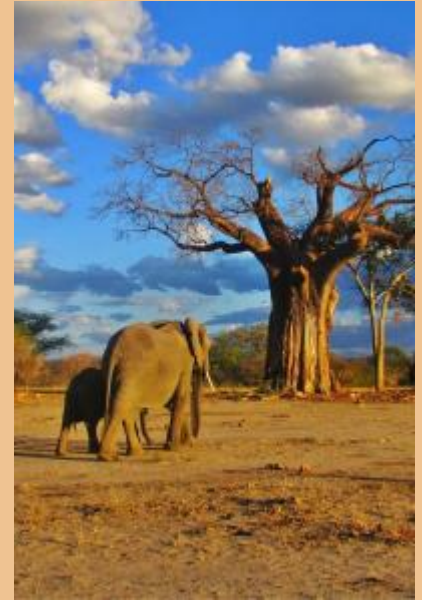


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## The safari adventure begins

Thu, 26 Mar

**Elephants and baobabs in Tarangire National Park:** From Arusha it is about 2 hours' drive to Tarangire National Park. This impressive 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, just drive a little further for a well-deserved shower and cold drink in the lodge or tented camp.



[Sangaiwe Tented Lodge](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day

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## Off the beaten track

Fri, 27 Mar

**The isolated bizarre Lake Natron:** Far from the touristic route, you visit this special area with breath-taking scenery and the stately Ol Doinyo Lengai. The landscape is bizarre and with the active volcano in the background very photogenic. Rough dirt roads right through the Great Rift Valley lead you to the Lake Natron Game Controlled Area, a desolate steppe, also a typical Maasai area, with the as centrepiece the impressive Ol Doynio Lengai, "the mountain of God" in the language of the Maasi . Lake Natron is one of Tanzania's many alkaline lakes. It is home to many small crustaceans; for the lesser flamingo it is one of the most important breeding grounds in the world. Every year 2 1/2 million lesser flamingos hatc here their eggs; the lake therefore turns all pink at certain times of the year. Once you arrive at the lake, a rock can be climbed from where you can enjoy stunning views of the Ol Doinyo Lengai and Lake Natron. The colors of ash, grass, soda, flamingos and alkaline water makes this place as a landscape completely different from the rest of Tanzania. Protect yourself from high temperatures!



[Maasai Giraffe Lodge](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day

5

## An adventurous day

Sat, 28 Mar

**Climbing to the waterfalls:** Today you hike through a gorge to the Ngare Sero waterfalls. It is an adventurous walk as there are no clear footpaths and sometimes the river must be crossed. After some climbing and scrambling you arrive at the waterfalls where a refreshing dip can be taken in the 'natural pool'.

[Maasai Giraffe Lodge](#)



### Price includes:

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- ✓ Dinner



Day  
6

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

Sun, 29 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.



After a long adventurous ride from the Natron area, you enter mid afternoon the Serengeti through Klein's Gate 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.

[Serengeti View Mobile Camp](#)

#### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner





Day  
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## Join the predators on their hunt

Mon, 30 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).



[Serengeti View Mobile Camp](#)

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- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day

8

## Hippos and secretary birds

Tue, 31 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.

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Day

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## The Ngorongoro, a highlight never to 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.

[Acacia Farm Lodge](#)



### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ 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.



[Acacia Farm Lodge](#)

### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day

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## Your last day on the mainland

Fri, 3 Apr

### In the tuk tuk through Mto wa Mbu:

The entrance to Lake Manyara National Park is located at the edge of the colourful farming village Mto wa Mbu, a melting pot of Tanzanian tribes with a vibrant atmosphere. The village is famous for its rare exotic red bananas. Visit Mto Wa Mbu for a great cultural experience and dive into the busy markets with all kinds of handcrafts, Tinga Tinga artists, women who sell bananas at the side of the roads, small shops, terraces... You will see local farms, schools, a kindergarten, local homes, the busy market and milling machines. Make the tour in a Tuk Tuk, an ideal vehicle to get between farms and local houses, because it's so light, small and easy to ride. A Tuk Tuk can carry up to three passengers on a bench seat behind and a driver and a guide. The sides of the vehicle are open so you can still have a great feeling of being outside and connected with the people and places.

Your wildlife safari ends here and you head back towards Arusha for your flight to Zanzibar or home.



#### Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast



# Accommodations

## Osiligilai Maasai Lodge on days 1 & 2



Beautiful small eco-lodge located on the Maasai steppe with views over the peaks of Meru and Kilimanjaro. The 11 bungalows are built as authentic earth houses and decorated with handmade furniture and lots of red decoration, the typical colour of the Maasai tribe. All modern amenities are available in the rooms, as well as a cozy restaurant, a pool and of course a place for a camp fire.

## Sangaiwe Tented Lodge on day 3



The simple but comfortable Sangaiwe Tented Lodge is located on a wooded hill just outside the park about 1 km away from the park's Sangaiwe Gate. From the lodge you have beautiful views of the area and Lake Burunge. Wild animals sometimes walk through the not-fenced camp. Sangaiwe Tented Lodge features 16 spacious safari tents on a wooden platform with a cooling thatched roof. All tents have an en-suite bathroom with shower and toilet, double bed or two single beds, carpet on the floor, desk with chair, a seating and wooden furniture. There are also 2 family cottages with 2 bedrooms. In the common area are the reception, lounge, bar and restaurant. There is also a spacious stone patio with beautiful views over the surrounding wilderness. The chef prepares delicious meals with fresh produce.

## Maasai Giraffe Lodge on days 4 & 5



This charming intimate eco-lodge was set up by a Belgian/Maasai couple to give employment to the locals. The 10 rooms, built as a typical Maasai hut, are tailored to the rugged and hot surroundings and provide the basic comfort you need after a long day. A natural water pool offers cooling, the terraces have wide views over the sweltering plain and the Ol Doinyo Lengai, and the restaurant is decorated with the red color of the Maasai tribe. In the morning you can see the giraffes and zebras pass by on their way to the lake for water.



## Serengeti View Mobile Camp on days 6, 7 & 8



Serengeti View Camp is a mobile tented camp that follows the rhythm of the annual Wildebeest Migration. Setting up in the best locations for the time of year means guests are assured excellent game viewing, including during the Migration's most exciting chapters: the early-year birthing season and the mid-year river crossings. Serengeti View Camp is the ideal accommodation for nature-lovers and wildlife photographers who want to immerse themselves in the landscape. Indeed, it is not unusual for zebra to wander between tents during the day. Your accommodation is simple and you will not want for comfort. Each of the 10 tents is large enough to stand up in and you have a made-up bed, outdoor seating area and a private bathroom with shower and toilet. Lamps light the way around camp at night and there is also solar power to recharge batteries. You sit down to 3-course dinners as well as drinks and popcorn around the convivial campfire.

## Acacia Farm Lodge on days 9 & 10



The charming Acacia Farm Lodge is neatly tucked away between the Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Parks on one side and the renowned Ngorongoro Conservation Area and Serengeti National Park on the other. Boasting spectacular views from high up on the escarpment, this romantic country lodge is situated on a working farm in the picturesque agricultural district of Karatu. Simple and yet luxuriously comfortable, the 28 contemporary African chalets combine all the modern amenities with private balconies that open up onto scenic vistas and magical African sunsets. Away from the tranquil solitude of their chalet, guests can enjoy the shared sitting area or enjoy a drink in the intimate bar. Meals are served in the airy dining room or the secluded coffee shop. An inviting swimming pool, well-equipped gym and refreshing spa cater for all the guests' needs. The activities available include farm tours, a town tour, cultural experiences, game drives and nature walks.

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We wish you a great trip!

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