



In search of Serengeti's Great Migration

10 day trip for the real safari lover

Thousands of wildebeest, gazelles and zebras migrate each year in the dry season from the south of the Serengeti to the north and cross the Mara River towards Kenya. Later they return and keep on chasing the rain to assure fresh grassy areas. A spectacle that also attracts many predators such as lions, leopards and crocodiles. This trip takes you to the northern region of Kogatende in the Serengeti; together with your private guide you will try to follow these mega-herds. You drive to the Mara River where you might have the chance to see such a spectacular river crossing. On the way to the Serengeti, you visit the smaller parks of Tarangire and Lake Manyara, and you go in search of the Big Five in Ngorongoro Crater. Upon arrival in Tanzania, you will spend a day in Arusha for an adventurous hiking safari. After the safari, fly back to Arusha for your return trip to Europe or an extension on one of the tropical islands Zanzibar, Pemba or Mafia.

Highlights



Fully catered private safari



3 full days in the Serengeti



Private driver/guide and safari vehicle



Night safari at Lake Manyara



Mara River Crossing



Big Five at Ngorongoro



Tree-climbing lions in Manyara



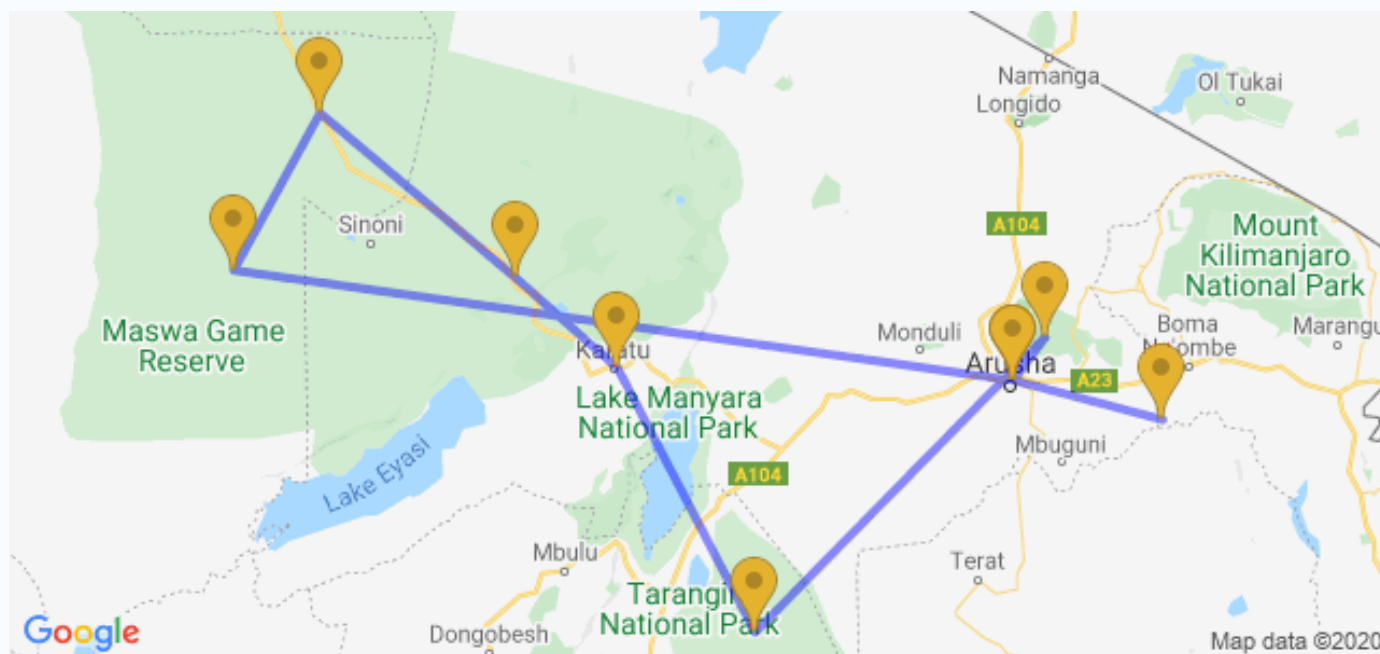
Hiking safari in Arusha National Park



Domestic flight Serengeti to Arusha



Day by day



Days 1-2: Kilimanjaro International Airport Arusha Arusha National Park .

Tue, 24 Mar - Wed, 25 Mar

Days 3-4: Tarangire National Park Karatu Lake Manyara National Park .

Thu, 26 Mar - Fri, 27 Mar

Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater .

Sat, 28 Mar

Day 6: Serengeti National Park .

Sun, 29 Mar

Days 7-9: Serengeti National Park Serengeti National Park - Ndutu Serengeti National Park - Mara River

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Mon, 30 Mar - Wed, 1 Apr

Day 10: Serengeti National Park - Mara River Arusha .

Thu, 2 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.



[Hatari Lodge](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Dinner

Day
2

A walk in the wilderness

Wed, 25 Mar

Arusha National Park: The ideal place for a walking safari: Get closer to nature by taking a walk through Arusha National Park with an experienced armed ranger. Although the park is one of Tanzania's smallest nature reserves, it has a lot to offer to the travelers. The Arusha National Park is very diverse with high mountains, craters, lakes and a beautiful flora and fauna. It is also one of the few parks in Tanzania where walks can be made. With a bit of luck, there are several bird species to be seen during the walk, for example the lesser flamingo. The park also includes giraffes, buffaloes and various species of antelope, as well as the exotic white and black colobus monkey, which often swings high up in the trees. After the walk, the trip goes to the Momella Lakes for a picnic lunch and an afternoon game drive. During the game drive you'll enjoy amazing views of the peaks of the Mount Meru and the Kilimanjaro.



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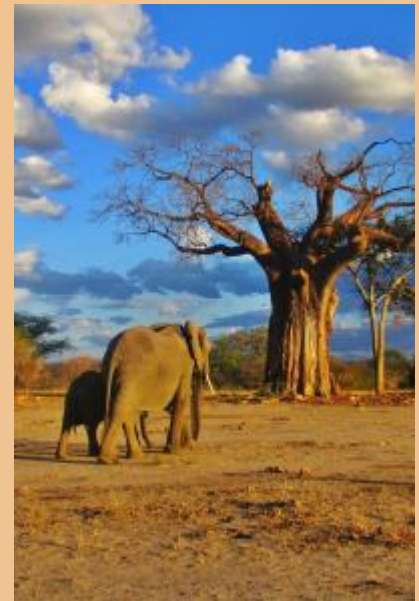


Day
3

Hundreds of elephants in Tarangire

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.



[Plantation Lodge](#)

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Day
4

Baboons and pink flamingos

Fri, 27 Mar

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.

A mysterious night tour through Manyara: In the evening, a completely different animal life awakens in the jungle of Lake Manyara National Park. 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, hippos, 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 lodge.



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Day
5

The Ngorongoro, a highlight never to forget

Sat, 28 Mar

Big Five in the Ngorongoro Crater: With a diameter of 18 kilometers, an area of 260 km² 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.

[Pakulala Safari Camp](#)



Price includes:

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- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day

6

A first day in the most famous park of Tanzania

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. 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](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day
7

Game driving to the north

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).



[Chaka Camp](#)

Price includes:

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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.

[Chaka Camp](#)

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- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day

9

The peak day of the Great Migration

Wed, 1 Apr

The spectacle around the Mara River: Today you drive to the Kogatende region in the north of the Serengeti, which borders the Kenyan Masai Mara. Here the herds of wildebeest and zebras must cross the very dangerous Mara River. Dangerous because hippos and crocodiles are already lurking to catch with this easy prey. So the jump into the water of a wildebeest is an all or nothing for the animal. They follow the animals and stand up at a strategic point to have the opportunity to see a river crossing with their own eyes. Such an impressive spectacle of thousands of animals descending and climbing the steep banks of the river like a big spot will always stay with you!

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- ✓ Dinner

Day

10

Back to Arusha

Thu, 2 Apr

Transfer to the Kogatende airstrip: It's time to say goodbye to the wilderness. Your guide will take you in the morning to the Kogatende airstrip with a final game drive. An adventurous bush flight awaits you!

Flight from Serengeti to Arusha or Kilimanjaro: You board a small plane that takes you in 1 ½ hour to Arusha. A beautiful flight because due to the low altitude you can see the rolling landscape, the savannah with the acacia trees and the herds of animals. Depending on route, you may even be flying over the Ngorongoro. Once you arrive at the airport, say goodbye to your guide. The safari is over and with a lot of beautiful photos and great memories you will return home. Kwa heri!



Price includes:



✓ Breakfast



Accommodations

Hatari Lodge on days 1 & 2



Between Kilimanjaro and Mt. Meru in the southern foothills of the Kilimanjaro-Maasai savannah lies the stylish, comfortable Hatari Lodge, named after the Hollywood classic "Hatari!". The once private residence of Hardy Krüger and his farm manager Mallory form the heart of the estate. 9 lovingly designed retro-style rooms with private fireplaces and large bathrooms await the guests. Meals are served in the central living room or on the spacious breakfast terrace with magnificent views of Kilimanjaro and the Momella lakes. The historic John Wayne bar, a small library and a cosy TV corner are other amenities of the lodge. Safaris in 4x4, on foot or by canoe, as well as excursions to the Maasai are possible.

Plantation Lodge on days 3 & 4



The Plantation Lodge sits like a green oasis on red-brown hills, a few kilometres south of the Ngorongoro Crater and not far from the small village of Karatu. The individually decorated rooms and suites blend perfectly with the fragrant, flower-filled garden. Stylishly and with great attention to detail, this lodge is characterized by a personal atmosphere and an excellent service. Due to its proximity to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, the lodge is the ideal starting point for safaris. Individuality, comfort and a relaxed feel-good atmosphere – all this is offered by the Plantation Lodge. Rooms range from luxurious suites to stylish double rooms to the spacious four-bedroom garden house. The restaurant offers a four-course menu, which is served every evening. All ingredients have been specially grown or come from local markets and suppliers, such as the meat used. The bar with its wine cellar and a viewing terrace are also recommended.

Pakulala Safari Camp on day 5



This intimate camp with only 11 tents is the only camp with direct views over the Ngorongoro Crater. Sleeping and dining in this amazing setting is an exceptional experience. The tents are luxury decorated with solid beds, thick duvets (it can be quite chilly up here) and en-suite shower and toilet. The camp is ideally located for crater rim walks together with an armed ranger.



Nyumbani Camp on day 6



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.

Chaka Camp on days 7, 8 & 9



The Chaka Camp is a mobile camp that alternates between its locations according to the season, so that guests are always close to the Great Migration. In the northern Serengeti you can visit the crossing of the Mara River and in the southern Ngorongoro Conservation Area you will immerse yourself in the calving season of the gnu and zebra herds. In search of peace and quietness, you can retreat to the camp, which nestles in the grassy landscape under acacias and allows the observation of flora and fauna up close thanks to its open construction. The camp offers five standard tents and two family tents. All tents have a small verandah, en-suite bathroom with flushing toilets and bush shower, desk and electric light.

We wish you a great trip!
