



Wildlife, adventure and culture in Tanzania

11 day trip for a safari with a cultural touch

Discover the real Tanzania during this 11-day fully catered tour. With your private driver/guide and safari vehicle, you visit the 5 most famous national parks in northern Tanzania. You might see the Big Five, but also so many other wonderful animals such as the rare black-and-white colobus monkeys, tree-climbing lions, large herds of wildebeest and zebras, and colorful birds like the flamingo. The game drives in the parks are alternated with walks and visits to primitive tribes, such as the bush men at Lake Eyasi. Accommodation is in charming small lodges and luxurious tent camps.

Highlights



Off the beaten track



Discover the history of coffee



Game drive in Ngorongoro Crater



Two full days in the Serengeti



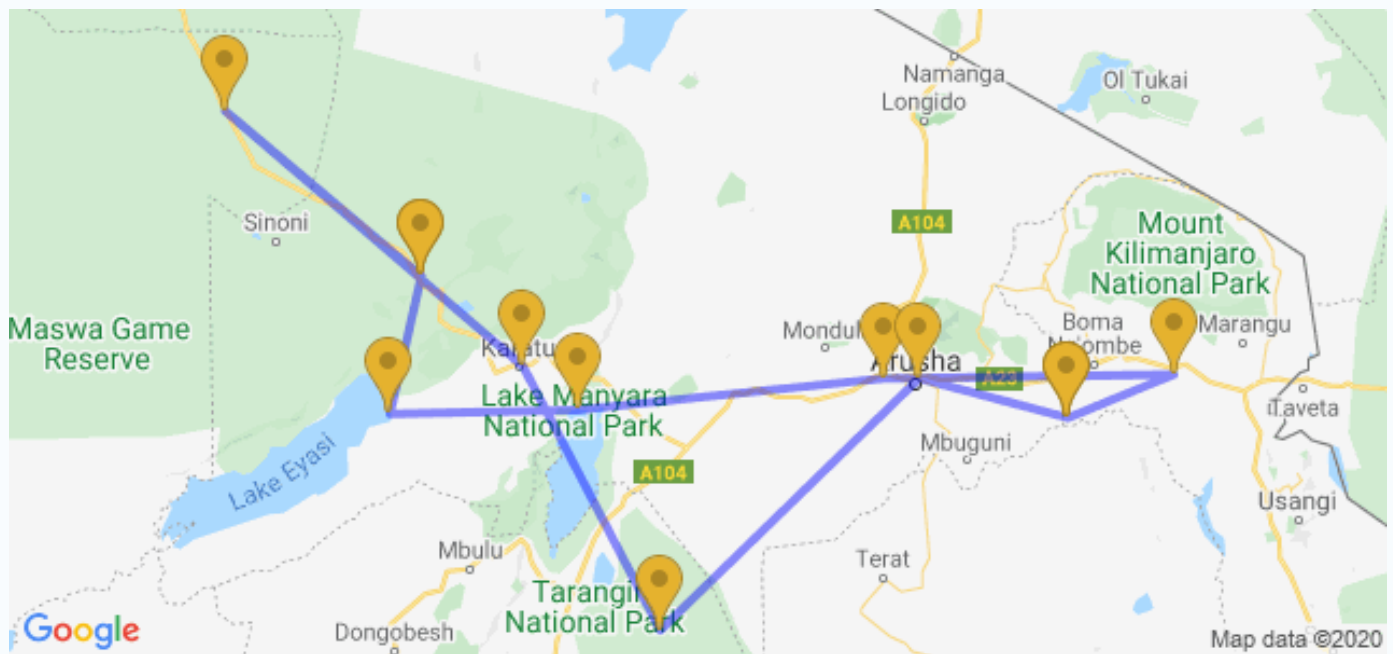
Hunting with the bush men of Eyasi



Hike on the crater rim



Day by day



Days 1-2: Kilimanjaro International Airport Arusha .

Tue, 24 Mar - Wed, 25 Mar

Days 3-5: Tarangire National Park Karatu Lake Manyara National Park .

Thu, 26 Mar - Sat, 28 Mar

Days 6-7: Serengeti National Park .

Sun, 29 Mar - Mon, 30 Mar

Day 8: Ngorongoro Crater .

Tue, 31 Mar

Days 9-10: Ngorongoro Crater Serengeti National Park Lake Eyasi .

Wed, 1 Apr - Thu, 2 Apr

Day 11: Lake Manyara National Park Arusha Airport Moshi Kilimanjaro International 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.



[Arusha Villa](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Dinner

Day
2

On the slopes of Mount Meru

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.



[Arusha Villa](#)

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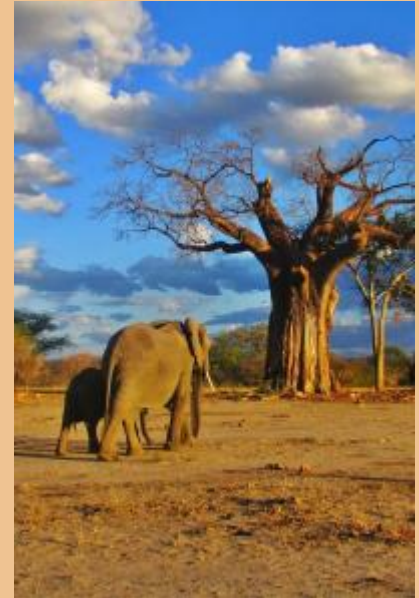


Day
3

Via Arusha to 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.



[Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day

4

Meet the locals!

Fri, 27 Mar

Visit to the Iraqw tribe: Tanzania counts more than 120 different tribes, including the Iraqw, an ethnic group of about half a million people! The Iraqw mainly live of agriculture. Many members of the tribe live in the area around Karatu, now mostly in more modern cottages, but some still live in the traditional huts of mud, branches and straw.

During the visit to the Iraqw village, a lot of information is given about the lifestyle of this ethnic group and their history, such as the battle with the hostile Maasai, which is still sensitive. The residents like to show their simple houses and tell about their agriculture. Chickens, goats and other animals often roam the villages and the country roads. The population is generally very welcoming and often invite guests for a cup of tea or coffee.

The Children's Home of Rhotia: Each day between 5 and 6 p.m., the Rhotia Valley Children's Home can be visited. It's nice to play football with the kids or help with their homework. The orphanage was founded in 2005 by the Dutch medical couple Marise and Joris Koch. The orphanage currently houses 38 children between the ages of 3 and 18. The goal is to support the orphans in Rhotia Valley with education, shelter and work in order to give these children a safe place to stay so that they can face a happier future. Staying at the Rhotia lodge is a contribution to the children's home.



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- ✓ Dinner



Day
5

At Lake Manyara

Sat, 28 Mar

Canopy walk in Manyara National Park: A Canopy Walk or a treetop walkway is a unique way to experience nature from a whole new perspective. It is a sturdy bridge between the treetops, made of wood and ropes. The walkway is flanked by strong nets, ensuring safety. The walkway in Manyara National Park is the only one in Tanzania and with its 370 meters length also the longest in Africa. Together with a local guide, you stroll along the walkway with a height of 18 meters in search of primates, butterflies and various exotic birds in the treetops, and who knows, an elephant or a herd of antelopes in the depths below you.



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.

[Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge](#)

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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. 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.



[Serengeti Centre Tingitana](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day
7

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).



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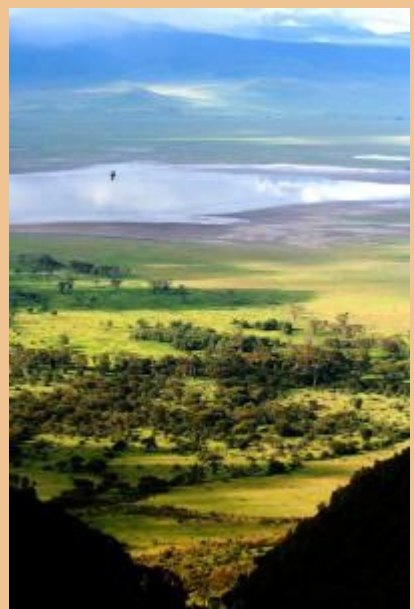
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Day
8

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!



[Rhino Lodge](#)

Price includes:



- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner

Day
9

From the Ngorongoro into unknown Tanzania

Wed, 1 Apr

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.

Off the beaten track to the Eyasi plains: Through the highlands you proceed towards Lake Eyasi. In the beginning the landscape is still green and hilly, but after a while the land is becoming drier and flatter. Lake Eyasi borders the south side of the Serengeti and gives an exotic view with the many palm trees along the banks. The soda lake has many birds as residents. It is possible to see flamingos, pelicans, storks and many other bird species here. However, the main reason to go here is to visit the still very primitive Hadzabe and Datoga tribes. These nomadic tribes live in the surrounding forests of the lake and are like the bushmen in southern Africa: they speak a similar click language and still live of hunting and everything else nature offers them. Mid-afternoon you arrive at Lake Eyasi. After checking into your accommodation, you can take a walk through the beautiful nature around the lake.



[Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp](#)

Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day
10

Two of Tanzania's 120 tribes

Thu, 2 Apr

The Hadzabe and Datoga, 2 primitive tribes: The day begins with a visit to the Hadzabe who have lived here for over 10,000 years. The tribe communicates through click sounds and still lives in a traditional way; they still hunt for their meat, milk their cows, and eat the wild fruits from the forests around the lake. Today you will experience how the Hadzabe spend their days. The men hunt with bow and arrow for their daily meals, which consists mainly of poultry and baboon meat. The women grow vegetables and milk the cows. You join them on their morning hunt and who knows taste their catch. A local guide explains you the customs and habits of this unique tribe. Upon arrival at the Datoga tribe in the afternoon, the women are already waiting. They all have the same husband and live together in a boma: several huts on a small property surrounded by branches. Take a look inside the huts and find out how it is decorated and how the Datoga live. The men still practice professions they have done for a few hundred years; you will see how they forge arrowheads on a fire, which they sell to the Hadza in exchange for honey.



[Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp](#)

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- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dinner



Day

11

Mto wa Mbu, a melting pot of cultures

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. or home. With lots of pictures in your pocket and hopefully many happy memories you fly back home. Kwa heri!



Price includes:

- ✓ Breakfast



Accommodations

Arusha Villa on days 1 & 2



Arusha Villa is intimate and beautifully located, in the middle of a coffee plantation where the monkeys swing through the giant trees, a short distance from the city and the national parks. Arusha Villa has a total of 12 rooms. Eight large rooms in the villa including two spacious family rooms for up to 5 people. These rooms all have fantastic views over the green valley. In the farmhouse are four garden view rooms, with interconnecting bedrooms with their own porch. Every room, both in the villa and in the farmhouse has a large bathroom, with a double sink, a shower and toilet. Regularly vegetarian food is cooked with produce from their own garden, served with delicious South African wines. Personal attention and high service quality are priority here.

Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge on days 3, 4 & 5



Rhotia Valley Lodge is located in the highlands near the town of Karatu, just a few kilometres from the famous Ngorongoro area. Perched on a hill, the lodge offers stunning views of the forests of the Ngorongoro, the surrounding villages and the terraced fields of the local farmers. There are 15 spacious tents built on stilts located on a hilltop in an authentic African landscape. Each tent has a small wooden porch, an en-suite bathroom with hot and cold water, a toilet and a shower. Meeting point of the guests is the cozy open restaurant with large terrace with breath-taking views. Here you can enjoy the good cuisine of the lodge, with lots of vegetables and herbs from the private garden. Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge is more than just a lodge. Your stay contributes directly to the well-being of the local children because part of the proceeds goes to two local schools and an orphanage. You can gain a good insight into everyday Tanzanian life on a guided walk to the village of Rhotia or a visit to the children's home.



Serengeti Centre Tingitana on days 6 & 7



A colorful tented camp with only 12 canvas tents, all with private shower and toilet. Located centrally in the heart of the Serengeti, the camp is an ideal base for game drives across the vast plains, offering stunning views of the wilderness. Open your tent in the morning and enjoy the first rays of sunshine over the acacia trees and savannah from your comfortable bed. You can have an appetizer around the campfire at sunset and dining takes place in the specially set mess tent. At night you can hear zebras and elephants scurrying around your tent and who knows you may meet a giraffe in the morning on your way to breakfast!

Rhino Lodge on day 8



Auf 2200 Metern Höhe liegt diese gemütliche Lodge, nur hundert Meter vom Kraterrand entfernt. Die 24 Zimmer sind einfach dekoriert in der typischen roten Farbe der Maasai und bieten allen Komfort, den Sie brauchen, einschließlich eines Herdes. Im Lodge arbeiten viele Maasai aus der Region und Sie werden angenehm überrascht sein von den bunt gekleideten Frauen, die Sie willkommen heißen und die Männer, die ihren Kampftanz zeigen nach dem Abendessen. Im gemütlichen Restaurant wird der Tag der Tierbeobachtung ausgiebig rund um die 2 riesigen Kamine besprochen und in den Gärten trifft man regelmäßig auf Zebras und Büffel, selbst auf den sporadischen Elefanten!

Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp on days 9 & 10



Kisima Ngeda Tented Camp is a traditional safari camp on the shores of Lake Eyasi, beautifully located in a date palm forest. The permanent tents are made up of local materials, making the camp completely blend into the surroundings. The tents are built on a wooden platform and have roofs made of palm fronds. Inside, the tents are spacious and feature beautiful, handmade beds and a bathroom with hot shower. There is a beautiful view over the lake and from the camp you can enjoy the sunset. The restaurant serves delicious, fresh dishes prepared with local ingredients, such as dairy products from private cattle and vegetables from the surrounding farms. As from all tents, you can also see the lake from the restaurant and bar. For refreshment there is a small swimming pool and over a wooden pier you can walk to a small lakefront deck, where you can lounge with a drink.



We wish you a great trip!
