

## Tanzania's Northern Highlights

### Light Mobile Safari

*An eco-friendly and affordable driven safari with light mobile camps*



#### **Day 1 Tarangire National Park**

*NB. Your programme begins with a pick-up from your Arusha hotel or from Kilimanjaro International Airport. Please note that pre-tour accommodation in Arusha is not included in the itinerary cost. Gane and Marshall can quote for your international flights to Tanzania, transfers within Arusha, and for a variety of Arusha hotels.*

Your driver/guide will collect you from your hotel early this morning to begin your private safari. All camping equipment and supplies will be packed in advance. Before setting off from Arusha you will be able to buy soft and alcoholic drinks from the local shop. Our vehicles include a good-sized electric cool-box.

From Arusha, transfer approx. 2½ hours to Tarangire National Park. Often bypassed by those exploring Tanzania's famous northern safari circuit in favour of its more famous neighbours, the Serengeti and Ngorongoro, Tarangire is a quiet, lovely safari park that carries a real air of undiscovered Africa – the perfect place to start your light mobile adventure!

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Following an afternoon of game drives in Tarangire, you set up camp in the north of the park. Today will be your first night under canvas in Tanzania. You sleep in large Dome or A-Frame tents with a comfy mattress on light weight camp beds. Beds are made up with sheets and blankets (or you can choose to have sleeping bags). Solar lighting and a hand torch are provided.

The facilities in the national park public camping sites will typically include very basic loos and washing areas and occasionally showers.

This is a participatory safari so you might like to help put up the tents on arrival, and take them down on departure. Your driver/guide and assistant will prepare meals.



## Day 2 Ngorongoro Crater Highlands

After an early breakfast, you depart Tarangire for the Ngorongoro Highlands. The scenery you will encounter en route, and the views as you approach the famous Crater, are magnificent!



Late morning, descend into the Crater for a full-day safari (maximum length permitted by the national park guidelines is six hours), with picnic lunch.

The best self-contained safari destination in the world, the rich pasture and permanent water of the crater floor shelters a staggering population of animals. Indeed, the 8,000km<sup>2</sup> crater floor is one of the most densely crowded game areas in the world, home to about 30,000 animals. The open grassland and natural walls make it easy to police, so it is also a stronghold for endangered species like black rhino and cheetah, which elsewhere are much more susceptible to poaching.

In the late afternoon, drive to your highland camp near the Crater rim for dinner and overnight.

## Day 3 To the Serengeti

After breakfast, depart for the vast plains of the Serengeti eco-system.

The name 'Serengeti' is derived from the Maasai word 'Serengit', which means 'endless plains', or 'the place where the land runs forever'—a reference to the flat grasslands which are the park's defining feature. It is these seemingly endless savannah plains which ensure that the park attracts such prodigious quantities of game. With any luck, you can hope to see wildebeest, zebra, gazelles, hyena, lion, leopard, cheetah and caracal during your time in the Serengeti.



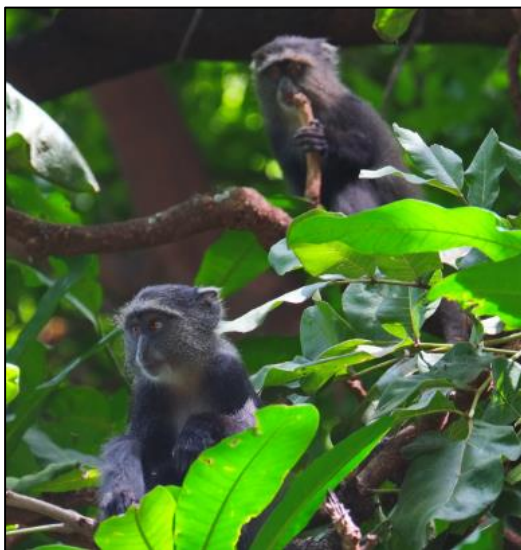
After a long game drive through the Crater Highlands and into the Serengeti, you'll arrive at your campsite in the central Seronera region of the park, and set up camp under the African night sky.

## Day 4 Serengeti National Park

Full day of game drives in the Serengeti. Overnight at your light mobile camp in Seronera region.

Your guide will discuss with you how best to use this day in the Serengeti. You may like to enjoy a full-day game drive with picnic lunch, or you may prefer to return to camp for lunch and to rest off the midday heat. Your game drive will likely focus on the central Seronera region of the Serengeti, though you have scope to travel further afield. During May and June, when the migration herds are typically seen in this region of the Serengeti, tracking the wildebeest and zebra herds may form the focus of the day's activities.

## Day 5 Lake Manyara



Wake early and depart the Serengeti for Lake Manyara National Park. The drive will take most of the day with stops en-route for photos and a picnic lunch. Overnight at Lake Manyara light mobile campsite.

Lake Manyara stretches along the base of the 600-metre high Rift Valley escarpment. Its ground water forests, bush plains, baobab strewn cliffs, and hot springs offer incredible ecological variety in a small area that is rich in wildlife. Lake Manyara is especially famous for protecting a huge variety of birdlife, particularly water birds: pink flamingo by the thousands, yellow-billed storks, herons, geese, grebes, ibises, kingfishers and much more can be seen in Lake Manyara.

Amongst Lake Manyara's other wild attractions are its tree-climbing lions. Among the only of their kind in the world, they

make the mahogany and acacia trees of Lake Manyara their home, particularly during the rainy season.



## Day 6 Lake Manyara – International departure/extend programme

After breakfast, enjoy a game drive in Manyara National Park, and then drive to Arusha with onward transfers to the airport for your return flight home or for your flight to the coast.

*It is also possible to extend your tour. Possible options include:*

- *Light Mobile Safari of 2 or 3 nights into the Maasai lands of the Rift Valley floor, following a 4WD trail under the lee of the Great Rift Valley Escarpment and heading towards Lake Natron and the majestic volcanoes Kerimasi and Ol Doinyo Lengai. See our Into the Maasai Lands itinerary for more information.*

- *From Arusha Airport, board an early afternoon flight to Zanzibar or the mainland coast of Tanzania, where we can book a range of beach accommodations.*

**Price guide:** *The cost of this itinerary is from **£1,848** per person (before international flights) based on two travellers in a shared tent. This price is inclusive of all transfers, tented accommodation, meals and an experienced driver/guide and camp support. For small groups and families of 4 or more, the cost is from **£1,344pp**. To upgrade to private (special) camps in Tarangire and Serengeti, please allow **£390pp**.*

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