



Treasures of Tanzania and Zanzibar

AFRICAN WILDLIFE SAFARI & CULTURAL DISCOVERY TOUR

The herd stirs as the first brilliant light of dawn paints the horizon on the black canvas of the night sky, then reveals the vast Serengeti plain. A predator catches the scent born on the wispy breeze wafting across the Savanna...

Tanzania Safari August 27- September 6, 2024*

Zanzibar Island Extension September 6-9, 2024*

Heia Safari!

Our magical Swahili wish (let's travel) evokes exotic African adventure and is the theme of our next discovery tour. This thrilling safari will carry us through the Serengeti and beyond in search of the Big Five (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard, rhinoceros) on daily game drives. Maasai will lead us on bush walks. We will visit tribal villages to experience the way of life and traditions. Striking lodges and luxurious wilderness tented camps provide a unique African ambiance. Optional Zanzibar, the exotic palm fringed spice island in the Indian Ocean will relax us after Safari. Join us on this once in a lifetime Africa experience.

- Behold majestic Kilimanjaro, highest mountain on the African continent
- Track the 'Big Five' overland across Serengeti and in four singular National Parks
- Encounter giraffes, gazelles, antelopes, zebra
- Descend into Ngorongoro Crater, Africa's Garden of Eden and a microcosm of diverse wildlife
- Study the origins of Homo Erectus at the Leakey site and museum in Olduvai Gorge
- Meet Maasai in their tribal villages and learn about their way of life and customs
- Follow our Maasai guides on safari walks
- Experience unparalleled game viewing during twice daily game drives in Central and Northern Serengeti, Tarangire, and Ngorongoro Crater
- Celebrate sundown and dine alfresco in style in the heart of the Serengeti
- Hear legends of 2000-yr-old baobab trees and feel "umoja"
- Overnight in classic tented camps and fine game lodges and listen to the night sounds.
- Stargaze under the endless African sky. Locate brilliant constellations included the Southern Cross
- Witness the animal kingdom come alive at sunrise
- Rise above the savanna in a hot air balloon(opt)
- Support sustainable tourism. Be mindful of wildlife conservation and respect tribal culture
- Bargain in exotic craft markets and dream about a blue-lavender Tanzanite as we return to Arusha.
- Swim, snorkel & relax in turquoise Indian Ocean on the exotic spice island Zanzibar (Optional Extension)

*Dates subject to change based on final booking confirmation

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Day 1 Depart US Overnight Flight. Meals in flight

Depart your home gateway independently on the flight of your choice to Kilimanjaro Airport, Tanzania. International flight is not included in tour price.

Day 2 Arusha, Tanzania Jambo! (Welcome!) Our local hosts greet us warmly us at the airport this evening and transfer us to our comfortable hotel on the outskirts of Arusha Overnight Arusha Kibo Palace Hotel

Day 3 Arusha/Tarangire National Park B, L, D

A refreshing night's rest and late breakfast allow us to recuperate from the long flight. But adventure beckons, and we depart for Tarangire National Park at 11 am (drive time 2.5 hrs). Tarangire National Park is the third largest National Park in Tanzania, covering an Area of 2600 sq/km. Known as the Elephant Kingdom of Tanzania, in dry season more than 2000 elephant roam around this ecosystem teaming up with thousands of other large mammals including wildebeest, buffalos, impalas, waterbucks, dik dik, zebras giraffes etc. Additionally, the bird life here is outstanding. The varied landscape is dotted with giant Baobab trees and the acacia woodland. Tarangire River is the heart of this ecosystem as it serves as the only source of permanent water during dry season.

After lunch at the lodge there is time for a short rest before going out for a guided nature walk at around 4:30 with Masai guide. We will learn about Masai medicinal plants, insects, birds, animal footprints etc. We may also see dik dik, impalas, giraffes and more. Celebrate this evening with a Welcome Dinner and retire early for another well deserved good night's rest. B L D

Overnight Tarangire Simba Lodge



Day 4 Tarangire National Park B, L, D

We rise early and depart on our morning game drive and day's exploration in Tarangire National Park. The interaction of game animals around Tarangire river is impressive. If lucky we may also see some large cat family members. Late afternoon, drive back to the lodge for a late lunch after which there is time for a short rest before going out for a guided nature walk at around 4:30 with a Masai guide. We will learn about Masai medicinal plants, insects, birds, animal footprints etc.

Overnight Tarangire Simba Lodge

Day 5 Tarangire/Tloma Village/Karatu B, BL, D

We will begin the day very early and drive to Tloma village to do village walk. (Drive time 2 hrs) where we will see the daily life and activities of the local people including local brick making using clay soil, dispensary and a primary school after which we will visit a local family and learn about the culture and tradition of the Iraqw tribe. We drive on to our comfortable accommodations for the night strategically located close to the Ngorongoro Crater gate so we can be among the first to enter the crater in the morning.

Overnight Ngorongoro Farm House

Day 6 Ngorongoro Crater B, BL, D

Let's greet the sunrise in Ngorongoro Crater, one of the most spectacular wildlife sanctuaries in the world. Ngorongoro Crater, once a volcano the size of Kilimanjaro before it collapsed into itself about 2.5 million years ago, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the largest volcanic caldera in the world. Nicknamed the African Garden Of Eden, the crater, whose steep walls rise more than 2000 feet, is home to more than 20,000 mammals- both terrestrial and aquatic bird species as well as Great views of different swamps and Lake Makat. We will spend the day exploring this natural zoological park, observing an extraordinary variety and concentration of wildlife. A highlight will be our picnic lunch by a hippo pool. Late afternoon, return to the lodge and relax.

Overnight Ngorongoro Farm House

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Day 7 Serengeti National Park:

Central Region

B, L, D

This morning we spearhead to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Serengeti National Park. The word Serengeti is synonymous with unspoiled Africa. It is teeming with fantastic populations of herbivores, carnivores and more than 450 species of birds. To the Masai, it is Siringitu – “the place where land moves on forever”. We check into the park and on a game drive en-route to our luxurious tented lodge we may see lions, hyenas, Jackals and possibly even cheetahs and leopards. Once at the tented lodge we’ll relax and absorb the beauty and serenity of the Serengeti sunset over the acacia trees and vast savanna before sumptuous dinner and falling asleep serenaded by the sounds of the wild.

Overnight Kubu Kubu Tented Lodge

Day 8 Serengeti National Park Central Region

B, L, D

The stunningly beautiful quintessential Serengeti landscape is our backdrop today during morning and late afternoon game drives observing the multitude and diversity of wildlife which is unrivalled anywhere else on the planet. We plan to return to camp mid-day for lunch and to relax, however, depending on the distribution of wildlife, we may opt for a full day game drive with packed lunch. Central Serengeti is carnivore territory. We will search for lions and the elusive big cats—cheetahs and leopard in addition to herbivores such as giraffes, impalas, reedbeek, and gazelles. We rest tonight in the midst of the vast Serengeti in the comfort of our tented camp.

Overnight Kubu Kubu Tented Camp



Day 9 Central Serengeti / Northern Serengeti

B, L, D

After breakfast, drive to Northern Serengeti with game drive enroute, arriving at our luxurious tented camp in time for a sumptuous lunch and time to rest (maybe a siesta?) before the 4:00 pm game drive. We will be keenly on the lookout for predators such as lions, leopards and cheetahs and we may even spot the elusive black rhinos. Late afternoon we return to the comfort our camp and enjoy the sunset over the vast plains of northern Serengeti and a sumptuous dinner before drifting off to sleep listening to the night sounds of the Serengeti savanna.

Overnight Mara Kati Kati Semi-Permanent Tented Camp

Days 10 and 11 Serengeti Northern Region

B,L,D

Today and tomorrow we explore deeply this part of the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem and enjoy its beautiful scenery dotted with massive rock outcrops called kopjes. Serengeti National Park, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, and the Masai Mara Reserve across the border in Kenya, protect the greatest and most varied collection of terrestrial wildlife on earth, and one of the last great migratory systems still intact. We have scheduled our visit to coincide with the Great Migration which can vary according to a number of factors, most especially the rains. If we are lucky, and depending on the rain pattern at the time of visit, in addition to the vast variety of other animals, we may see part of the epic wildebeest migration crossing the Mara River. Our experienced guide and drivers are experts reading weather patterns and interpreting fresh wildlife signs, They know the area intimately and intuitively know how to position us for the best game spotting.

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Day 12 Northern Serengeti/ Arusha/ Home B, L

After breakfast we drive to Kogatende Airstrip for our scenic flight to Arusha departing at 10:30. On arrival at Arusha Airport, we will visit the Cultural Heritage restaurant for lunch and last shopping. We will have a dayroom at Kibo Palace Hotel. In the evening, we will transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for flight back home.

****Those who go to Zanzibar will connect another flight from Arusha Airport to Zanzibar for the post extensions to Zanzibar.**

Day 12 Arusha/ Zanzibar B

Our morning flight carries us to exotic Zanzibar. We will check into our well located hotel in Stone town and enjoy an afternoon orientation and Stone Town walking tour. Overnight Dhow Palace Hotel www.dhowpalace-hotel.com

Day 13 Zanzibar- Spice Plantation Tour and Beach B

Wander the picturesque neighborhoods this morning before our spice plantation tour and drive to the beautiful white sand beach and azure blue waters of our beach front hotel. Hotel Casa del Mar www.casa-delmar-zanzibar.com

Day 14 Zanzibar B

Free Day Today is a free day at beach. Swim, snorkel, relax in a hammock- or do all three. Let's meet for a sunset cruise on a traditional Dhow and celebrate our Treasures of Tanzania and Zanzibar experience with a farewell dinner. B D Hotel Casa del Mar www.casa-delmar-zanzibar.com

Day 15 Zanzibar/ Dar es Salaam/ Flight Home B

Transfer to the airport for the flight to Dar es Salaam and connect with your international flight back home



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