

**Essence of Tanzania
7 days – 6 nights
Serengeti, Tarangire, Ngorongoro
Wildlife, Photography, Discovery, Adventure**

**This program may be operated for individual or for small groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

Unwind under vast African skies, in some of the few last expanses of true wilderness and arguably the best game viewing areas on the continent. From untouched Tarangire, to the world-famous Serengeti and Ngorongoro National Parks, this safari is run at a leisurely pace, allowing ample time to discover the wild spirit of Tanzania.

Our camps (Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Serengeti North Wilderness Camp and Ndutu Wilderness Camp) are located inside the national park and conservation areas respectively. These intimate camps, comprising a maximum of 12 tents, offer decent quality accommodation without costing a fortune. We strive to offer you the best experience possible – allowing flexibility on the ground to ensure you get to see, and be, in all the right places at the right time.

Serengeti Wilderness Camp is located centrally and is a great place to base up just about all year round. There is exceptional resident game in the area, including the big cats, herds of elephant, wildebeest and zebra, buffalo and plenty of antelope. At certain times of the year the migration is a stone's throw from the camp. The seasonal camp moves from Ndutu in the South during the calving season, to the north for the spectacular migration and river crossings.

There is always some action going down in the Serengeti - whether it's the thrill of predator action around the young calves, or the chaos as thousands upon thousands of wildebeest launch themselves into the Mara River. Our guides, who are amongst the very best in Tanzania, are experienced professionals who are committed to ensuring optimal game-viewing throughout your safari, while ensuring your comfort and safety when travelling with us.

Our camps and vehicles are designed with you in mind. In our specially customized, extended land cruisers the windows are enlarged and the roof height raised to allow ease of photography and game-viewing through the 360-degree view hatches, with plenty of room to stretch your legs.

Day 1: Kilimanjaro, Arusha

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Arusha. The rest of the day is free to rest from the long trip and recuperate a little of your jet leg. Accommodation at the hotel.

Day 2: Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro

An early morning briefing at your Arusha hotel kick starts your safari, before we head off away from the main safari route of the Northern Circuit, to Tarangire National Park, a true hidden gem. Highly underrated, yet bursting with a dense wildlife population, it won't take you long to appreciate just why we love Tarangire. It's a special park, virtually untouched, with far fewer visitors than the world-famous Serengeti and Ngorongoro. During the dry season (June to September) thousands of animals including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, kudu, and the rarely seen oryx migrate from the dry Maasai steppe to the Tarangire River in search of water. Lion, leopard and other predators follow, so be sure to be sure to charge your camera battery and empty your memory stick as some unique memories are waiting to be made. With impressive landscapes dominated by baobab trees, an enormous elephant population and over 550 varieties of bird, Tarangire offers secluded game viewing and loads of game – a winning combination in anyone's book! From Tarangire, we head up through the beautiful highlands to the farm rich area of Karatu on the outer slopes of Ngorongoro crater, where we overnight. [B]

Day 3: Ngorongoro

Incredible and unforgettable, today is surely one you've been itching to tick off your African travel

bucket list. One of the natural wonders of the world, the volcanic caldera of Ngorongoro offers spectacular game viewing in the crater. We can almost guarantee you four of the Big Five will show up, as well as a rich variety of birds, all viewed against the splendid backdrop of the thickly forested crater walls. Our picnic lunch on the crater floor will forever remain a unique memory. Varied and dramatic terrains consisting of forest, grasslands and both freshwater and soda lakes make the Ngorongoro Crater a true marvel of creation. Dinner and overnight at the camp. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Ngorongoro, Serengeti

After breakfast this morning, we continue onto Serengeti Wilderness Camp, or Ndutu/North Wilderness camp, our base from which to explore the Serengeti for the next three days. Overnight at Serengeti Wilderness camp, North Wilderness Camp or Ndutu Wilderness Camp depending on your departure date. [B/L/D]

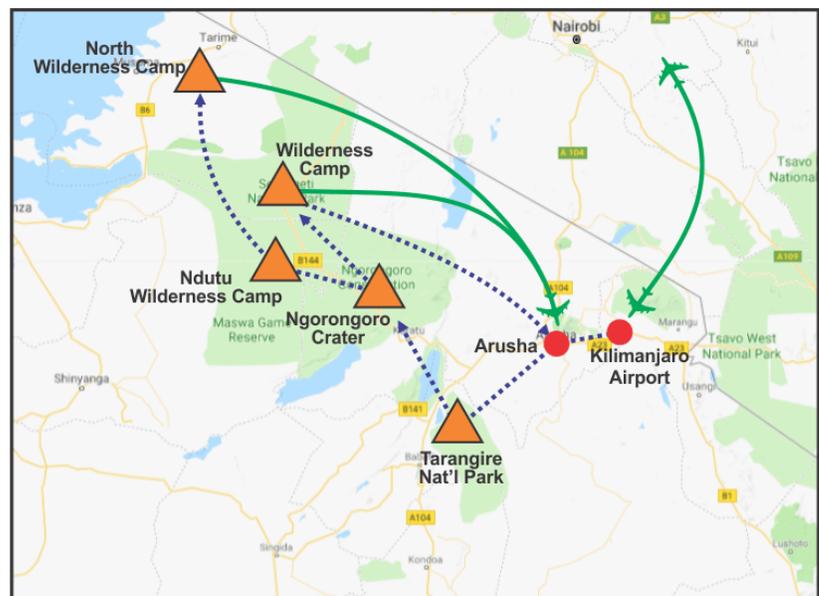
Days 5 & 6: Serengeti

Relax with two full days in the Serengeti, home to more than three million large mammals spread over vast endless plains. Early morning, in one of these 2 days schedule your Balloon Safari, an adventure words fail to capture, as you soar effortlessly above the vast plains in a hot air balloon and get a completely different perspective of the topography and appreciate the animal life below you. It is here that we may encounter the fascinating spectacle of the annual wildebeest migration, where one and a quarter million wildebeest trek in columns of up to 25 miles long in search of grazing, drawing with them their predators and numerous other species of game. From January to March the herds can largely be found birthing their young in the southern area around Ndutu, before proceeding north through the center and Western Corridor during June and July, eventually splitting to the west and north as they continue their way toward the Mara River. August to October sees dramatic river crossings which can only be considered Africa's "greatest leap of faith", before the herds return south in November to repeat this amazing instinctive procession all over again. Aside from massive herds of wildebeest and zebra, smaller concentrations of other gazelle and buck, as well as significant numbers of buffalo, giraffe and warthog are easily spotted. Elephants are relatively scarce on the open plains, and more common in the northern areas and the western corridor. The few remaining black rhinos are restricted to a small part of the park and are not often spotted. But the most popular animals to be found here in greater abundance than elsewhere on the northern circuit are the cats. Lions, cheetahs and leopard may all be seen here along with other predators, such as the spotted hyena, golden and black-backed jackals, wild cats and servals. Dinner and overnight at the camp. [B/L/D]

Day 7: Serengeti, Arusha, USA

Morning transfer to the Seronera/Ndutu or Kogatende airstrip for your (optional) flight back to Arusha. It is an exceptionally scenic flight (weather dependent) across the sweeping expanse of the Rift Valley escarpments and the highlands of Ngorongoro. Alternatively return to Arusha by road. Transfer to the airport to board a flight connecting with your transatlantic flight back home. [B/L]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure transfers
- 6 nights' accommodation at hotel, quality lodges and tented camp:
 - Arusha –1 night
 - Ngorongoro crater - 2 nights
 - Serengeti - 3 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast in Arusha
 - All meals on safari
- Game viewing activities as indicated
- Tarangire National Park
- Serengeti Wilderness Camp
- Ndotu Wilderness Camp
- Ngorongoro National Park
- Ngorongoro Caldera
- Baloon Safari]
- Services of a driver/guide, support crew and cook as appropriate

- Bottled water for game drives (not at hotels/lodges)
- Transportation on special vehicles
- Guaranteed window seat. No 'middle' seats.
- Maximum seven guests in a vehicle

Tour does not include:

- International or domestic airfares
- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Park fees and entries (listed separately with Tour Prices)
- Optional tours or activities listed in the itinerary
- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Meals and drinks not mentioned under inclusions
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Available facilities:

- Cash bar at the Serengeti Wilderness camps
- Charging facilities while on safari:
 - At the lodges/camps
 - In Safari vehicles for camera batteries and mobile phones etc.
 - Two-pin plugs as well as the round three-square pin plug points

Hotels in your Tour:

Location	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Arusha	African Tulip	4.5
Ngorongoro crater	Bougainvillea Lodge	4.5
Serengeti	Wilderness Camp	5
	North Wilderness Camp	3
	Ndotu Wilderness Camp	4.5

Hotel and camps will be confirmed at time of booking

The aim of our Essence of Tanzania safari is to be located as near to the migration as possible.

- During the months December to mid-March, we include nights at Ndotu Wilderness for the wildebeest calving in the South.
- Between April and July, our central Serengeti Wilderness Camp is well located for the herds moving through
- From August to October we include two nights in the North for anticipated river crossings over the Mara River.

Camp schedule:

- (1) Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 3 nights
 - (2) Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 1 night / Serengeti North Wilderness Camp x 2 nights fly from Kogatende (Flight to Kogatende not included)
- Optional One-way Flights:

Seronera - Arusha
Kogatende – Arusha
Ndotu – Arusha

Please check with travel agent or with HWDT. These flights may be combinable with your international ticket.

If the last night is in Serengeti North then a one-way flight from Kogatende to Arusha/Kilimanjaro is compulsory (Due to the distance, it is not possible to drive back in one day)

Tour Price:

These programs can be customized for individuals and groups.

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- Program

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- Other options

- The program was designed with private services however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- Quotation

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Signature option: Arusha overnight extension

If you are not flying out tonight, but overnighting in Arusha, we highly recommend heading out to Mosque Street. Here, you will find probably the best chicken in Africa (we will phone in your order the day before - to be sure...) Relax, eat, meet the locals ... real people. In every town there are a few gems - delightful places off the beaten track that give you a sense of the soul of the town. Khan's is undoubtedly one of the key attractions in Arusha, and while it's definitely been discovered, it's still the real deal. You may have heard of Khan's as "Chicken in the Ditch", "Chicken on the Bonnet", "Kuku on the Curb", "That place by Soko Kuu with the fantastic chicken" or "Zubeda Autospares by Day, Khan's Chicken BBQ by Night".

Tasty salads, Zanzibar pizzas, garlic naan, barbecued chicken, beef mishkaki and mutton shish kabob are all winners. Even the passion juice is top notch. But Khan's serves up more than an evening out - it's one place that will always remain a highlight of your trip to Arusha. Another great spot is the " Lively Lady Bar and Grill ", down by the old train station, where the ambience is great (best pork chops ever), drinks icy, and, 1960's ROCK AND ROLL is played ... loudly! However, you choose to end off your Essence trip with us, your journey through Tanzania promises to leave you with many fond memories.

Other Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and long-time relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.

Weather and Eco-system in Tanzania:

Weather:

Months	Rain	Day	Night
Dry season			
June-October	Sporadic	77°	57°
Rainy Season			
November-December	Short	80°	59°
January-February	Intermittent	81°	59°
March-May	Long	79°	51°

Tanzania is a land without winter. However, if you are travelling to high altitude areas like Ngorongoro Crater and Kilimanjaro, the temperature drops substantially. The average temperature mentioned above are for exemplification only and may vary during your stay.

Eco-system:

The Migration explained: The following should be used as a guideline when planning your safari to East Africa – movement of wildlife depends on a great many aspects. The following migration calendar helps to explain the seasonality of game viewing. Remember there is resident game throughout the year in the Serengeti/Ngorongoro eco-systems.

January-March

The large herds of wildebeest are generally in the southern plains of the Serengeti eco-system, calving takes place over approximately two weeks. An abundance of predators, good visibility of game, mix of open plains and some woodland.

April-May

The herds start moving toward central Serengeti. This is typically the rainy season, however, game viewing is still excellent and there are some great discounts available at lodges and camps. It generally doesn't rain all day. Conditions for photography are generally superb with moody skies and good depth of color.

June-August

The wildebeest move from the central area and split to the west and north, continuing their trek toward the Mara River. River crossings may be seen in both the western corridor (Grumeti area) and north (Mara River) within the Serengeti.

September-October

Whilst some of the wildebeest



successfully reach the Masai Mara, there are still hundreds of thousands remaining in the northern region of Serengeti, offering those with guests with loads of patience the chance to see exciting river crossings (the Mara River runs through the Serengeti).

November-December

The massive herds start to return from the north, to the southern plains, before the cycle repeats again!