Essential Tanzania

10 Day Wildlife Safari & Zanzibar—private departure

Arusha * Ngorongoro * Serengeti * Lake Manyara * Zanzibar

DAY 1 ARUSHA
Meet at your arrival point and transfer to your lodge for pre-safari briefing.

RIVERTREES COUNTRY INN (Dinner)

DAY 2 ARUSHA
Depart after leisurely breakfast for Arusha National Park, home of the highest concentration of giraffe of any park in Africa. Situated near to Arusha town, and your lodge, it also homes Tanzania's 2nd highest mountain, Mt Meru (4562m). We take a hike to waterfalls with a park ranger for a scenic picnic lunch before heading off for a game drive and the 'secret' crater of Ngurdoto.

RIVERTREES COUNTRY INN (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 3 ARUSHA-NGORONGORO
After leaving Arusha behind we travel to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and our lodge set atop the Ngorongoro Crater rim. We enjoy a picnic lunch upon entering the Crater for a game viewing extravaganza. This ancient caldera is home to exotic residents, from the rhinoceros to the crowned crane. Return to the lodge to enjoy a dramatic African sunset.

NGORONGORO SOPA LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Swahili Proverb

Kila jambo ina wakati wake

"There is an opportune time for everything"
DAY 4  NGORONGORO-SERENGETI

After an early morning hike on the crater rim, taking in the beauty of the Crater Highlands, we continue on to the treeless plains of the Serengeti. Our camp is mobile and migrates with the great season herds. The Serengeti eco-system and the abundance of wildlife is awe-inspiring. We take an afternoon game drive amongst the big cats before continuing to our private camp for overnight.

NASIKIA MOBILE MIGRATION CAMP (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) [revert to Naona Moru Camp ins Apr/May/Nov]

DAY 5  SERENGETI

An early morning game drive is on the menu today after an early continental breakfast. After exploring the surrounding areas, we return for lunch and resting. In the afternoon, we continue to explore the surrounding prime wildlife areas before returning to our intimate camp for the evening.

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DAY 6  SERENGETI-LAKE MANYARA

Departing the Serengeti we once again skirt the rim of the Ngorongoro Crater and Conservation Area, dotted with Maasai warriors and their herds. We take a lunchbox enroute and enter the lake area for the late afternoon and in pursuit of the magnificent birdlife and herd animals that Lake Manyara has to offer. From a flash of pink flamingoes on the horizon to bull elephants at close range - this park showcases a superb variety of mammal life and birdlife alike. Continue to camp overlooking the soda lake of Manyara for overnight.

MANDHARI LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

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Serengeti National Park

Tanzania’s oldest and most popular park, also a world heritage site and recently proclaimed a 7th Wonder of the World, the Serengeti is famed for its annual migration when some six million hoofs pound the open plains. More than 200,000 zebra and 300,000 Thomson’s gazelle join the wildebeests’ trek for fresh grazing. Yet even when the migration is quiet, the Serengeti offers arguably the most scintillating game viewing in Africa: great herds of Cape buffalo, smaller groups of elephant and giraffe and thousands upon thousands of topi, eland, hartebeest, impala and Grant’s gazelle.

The spectacle of predator versus prey dominates Tanzania’s greatest park. Golden-maned lion prides feast on the abundance of plains grazers. Solitary leopards haunt the acacia trees lining the riverine areas while a high density of cheetah prowl the southern plains. Almost uniquely, all three species of African jackal occur here, alongside the potted hyena and a host of more elusive predators ranging from the aardwolf to the serval cat.

**Facts:**
- Size: 14,763 sq km
- Location: 335km from Arusha, stretching north to the Kenya border and west to Lake Victoria.
- Secret: Maasai rock art paintings located in the Moru Kopjes area

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**DAY 7 LAKE MANYARA-ZANZIBAR**

An optional early morning hike in the area nearby the lodge can reveal the last of the nocturnal animals returning home for the night, it is an exciting expedition and it entices an appetite for a hearty breakfast upon return. A quick transfer to Arusha before boarding our one hour flight to Zanzibar. Meet and transfer to our Swahili-style accommodation on the east coast.

**BREEZES BEACH CLUB (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

**DAY 8 ZANZIBAR**

The eastern beaches of Zanzibar offer a quiet retreat from the hustle of Stone Town and other areas on Unguja. Breezes’ friendly staff can assist you in anything from scuba diving to lazing in the sun and relishing cocktails. The suites offer exquisite views of the sleepy Indian Ocean and its breezes or simply lounge by the pool.

**BREEZES BEACH CLUB (Breakfast, Dinner)**

**DAY 9 ZANZIBAR**

Continue your relaxation with a day by the pool, wander along the local beaches, explore nearby fishing villages or perch yourself upon on a sunbed on the private beach area and watch the time pass by.

**BREEZES BEACH CLUB (Breakfast, Dinner)**

**DAY 10 ZANZIBAR-BEYOND**

Transfer to Stone Town after breakfast for a glimpse at the Omani inspired architecture while revelling in the sights and sounds. Explore the alleyways before continuing on to the airport for our flight to the mainland and beyond.

(Breakfast)
**RACK RATES (Ground Only)**

**2020**

**Low Season**  
16 Mar-15 Jun & 01 Nov-22 Dec  
From US$4,060 per person

**High Season**  
Other dates  
From US$4,600 per person

(twin share, minimum 2 people travelling)

**Notes:** Discounts for children and larger groups are applicable—please ask your travel consultant for more information

**Price quoted includes:**  
* All transport, Hotel and lodge accommodation as detailed, Bottled drinking water—2 x 1L per person per day, Services of various local guides, All National Park entrance and service fees, All food - breakfasts, packed lunches and evening meals as indicated, Flight from Arusha to Zanzibar, Donations and payments to local community projects,

**Price quoted excludes:**  
* International flights, Departure from Zanzibar (flight or ferry) Travel and personal accident insurance, Visa, passport, vaccinations, medicines, Tips, Expenditure on personal bar bills (including all additional drinks), souvenirs, personal items, Optional excursions/activities not detailed in itinerary, Any additional services requested

**OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

**Hot Air Balloon Safari**

Before the sun rises over the Serengeti (from Nasikia Mobile Migration Camp), transfer to the balloon launch site for instruction. And as the plains are dotted with the nocturnal species returning to rest or predators on the prowl, we enjoy a one hour hot air balloon ride above them. When we return to the ground, a champagne breakfast is served and flight certificates issued – US$599 per person (add US$71pp for Ndutu location, landing permit)

**Night Game Drive Lake Manyara**

From Mandhari Lodge, you can gain the opportunity of a night game drive in Lake Manyara National Park. Explore the nocturnal animals behaviours by spotlighting with rangers – US$140 per person

**Zanzibar Activities**

Spice Tours, Snorkelling, Diving, Safari Blue, Swimming with Dolphins At Kizimkazi and many activities can be booked directly at your accommodation upon arrival in Zanzibar.

**Accommodation Upgrades**

Each accommodation in this itinerary can be upgraded upon request, subject to availability and additional surcharge. Please ask your travel consultant for more information.

**Customized Itineraries**

All itineraries can be customized further to suit your exact safari needs. Please ask your travel consultant for more information.

(Note: The Zanzibar road transfers in this itinerary are operated by our Zanzibari partner – contact details will be given)