12 Day Wildlife & Culture Safari

Arusha * Lake Manyara * Lake Eyasi * Ngorongoro * Serengeti * Tarangire

**DAY 1 ARUSHA**
Meet at your lodge and transfer to your lodge for pre-safari briefing.
ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE (Dinner)

**DAY 2 ARUSHA–TARANGIRE**
Our safari begins by passing through the town centre of Arusha and witnessing the sights and sounds of a colourful and bustling African city. We depart the city from the south west in the direction of the Great Rift Valley and the stunning national park of Tarangire. We enter the park for an afternoon game drive and then onto our treetop room for overnight.
TARANGIRE TREETOPS (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**DAY 3 TARANGIRE—LAKE MANYARA**
After breakfast, we set off in the direction of the Great Rift Valley and Lake Manyara at the base of an escarpment. We enter the park for an afternoon game drive and then onto our room overlooking the Rift Valley wall for overnight.
MANDHARI LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**DAY 4 LAKE MANYARA–LAKE EYASI**
We enter the true tribal areas of Tanzania after leaving the tourist trail after breakfast and heading towards Lake Eyasi. Upon arrival we are able to interact with the Hadzabe/Datoga tribes by taking an afternoon wilderness walk of the area.
ZIWANI LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**Highlights**
- An incredible and luxurious balance of wildlife, landscapes and culture
- Spend time with the Hadza, a nomadic tribe related to the San Bushmen of southern Africa
- Explore the best national parks on the northern safari circuit of Tanzania
- Recuperate in Arusha before setting off on a safari which highlights the best of the northern circuit

**Swahili Proverb**
Zawadi ni tundada la moyo
'A gift is fruit from the heart.'
DAY 5  LAKE EYASI

A very early morning of traditional hunting ensures we are learning ancient customs of the hunter-gatherer firsthand. We join in the singing & dancing and afterwards visit the Datoga, traditional blacksmiths of the area. Return to lodge for brunch and afternoon of relaxation.

ZIWANI LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 6  LAKE EYASI—NGORONGORO

Early transfer to Ngorongoro. Ngorongoro is collapsed volcano - an incredible natural amphitheatre, 25 km across and teeming with all of the African big game. Descent into the crater for spectacular scenery and game viewing in what has been described as the eighth wonder of the world. With several different habitats, Ngorongoro Crater can offer extensive viewing within this 22 square kilometre fishbowl. We enjoy a picnic lunch in the Crater before returning to the Maasai-run lodge on the crater rim forest for refreshment and overnight.

NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 7  NGORONGORO-SERENGETI

The transfer to the Serengeti is via a sea of red clothed warriors. We lunch en-route and arrive at our camp late afternoon.

EHLANE PLAINS CAMP (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

‘POLE POLE NDIO MWENDO’

Meaning: Slow, slow is the way to go/slowness is the better locomotion.
Application: Being steady and keen is important when performing given tasks.

Mother and Child —by Jonathan Garrigues
HADZA

The Hadza, or Hadzabe, are an ethnic group in north-central Tanzania, living around Lake Eyasi in the central Rift Valley and in the neighboring Serengeti Plateau. The Hadza number just under 1,000. Some 300–400 Hadza live as hunter-gatherers, much as their ancestors have for thousands or even tens of thousands of years; they are the last full-time hunter-gatherers in Africa.

The Hadza are not closely genetically related to any other people. While traditionally classified with the Khoisan languages, primarily because it has clicks, the Hadza language appears to be an isolate, unrelated to any other. The descendants of Tanzania's aboriginal hunter-gatherer population, they have probably occupied their current territory for several thousand years, with relatively little modification to their basic way of life until the past hundred years.

Since the 18th century, the Hadza came into increasing contact with farming and herding people entering Hadzaland and its vicinity; the interactions were often hostile and caused population decline in the late 19th century. Since then, there have been many attempts by successive colonial administrations, the independent Tanzanian government, and foreign missionaries to settle the Hadza, by introducing farming and Christianity. These have largely failed, and many Hadza still pursue virtually the same way of life as their ancestors are described as having in early 20th-century accounts.

DAY 8  SERENGETI

Our special camp is within prime viewing areas and as it is located in the unspoilt areas of the Serengeti. We spend the day in search of spectacular wildlife by combing the surrounding areas, while only to returning to the camp for lunch and resting before afternoon game driving.

EHLANE PLAINS CAMP (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 9  SERENGETI

We continue to explore the central areas of the Serengeti. We are able to explore game-filled plains and try to spot the Big Cats lazing among the kopjes.

EHLANE PLAINS CAMP (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 10  SERENGETI

An extension on areas already discovered allows today to be in pursuit of even more prime wildlife. It is a convenient access point for an optional Serengeti Balloon Safari or simply enjoy a private dinner under the stars of the Serengeti.

EHLANE PLAINS CAMP (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 11  SERENGETI-ARUSHA

Early morning game drive to our nearest airstrip for charter flight to Arusha. Transfer into the heart of Arusha for lunch at Arusha Coffee Lodge and Shanga Shangaa Workshop exploration and safari de-briefing.

ARUSHAN COFFEE LODGE (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 12  ARUSHA-BEYOND

We make a timely transfer to Arusha departure point for travel beyond.

(Breakfast)
RACK RATES (Ground Only)

2020

Low Season 01 Apr-31 May From US$7,240 per person
High Season Other dates From US$8,610 per person

(twin share, minimum 2 people travelling)

Notes: Discounts for children (min 5yrs) and larger groups are applicable—please ask your travel consultant for more information

Price quoted includes: All transport - 4WD Land Rovers or safari vehicles, accommodation as detailed for safari, safari and local guides, All National Park entrance and camp site fees, All food - breakfasts, packed lunches and evening meals, All house drinks and laundry except for Arusha Coffee Lodge & Ziwani Lodge, Donations and payments to local community project

Prices quoted exclude: International flights, Travel and personal accident insurance, Visa, passport, vaccinations, medicines, Tips, Expenditure on personal bar bills for premium drinks, and all bar bills at Arusha Coffee Lodge & Ziwani Lodge, souvenirs, personal items, Optional excursions/activities not detailed in itinerary, Any additional services requested

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Additional Days & Accommodation Upgrades on Safari

The adventure is still not enough? There are endless options for individuals and groups alike. - more wildlife viewing or cultural immersion days. Each accommodation in this itinerary can be upgraded upon request, subject to availability and additional surcharge. Please ask your travel consultant for more information. Please ask your travel consultant for more information.

Zanzibar Extensions

The ultimate way to round of a challenging adventure like Kilimanjaro and safari—enjoy the beach, Spice Tours, Snorkelling, Diving, Safari Blue, Swimming with Dolphins At Kizimkazi. Please ask your travel consultant for more information.

Hot Air Balloon Safari

Before the sun rises over the Serengeti (ex-Ehlane Plains 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

Customized Itineraries

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

'Respect and protect the natural environment. Instead of looking for just "stunning views", look for the richness of another culture and way of life'.

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