



Tanzania Safari

May 27 - June 11, 2025

15 days | 14 nights



Situated on the eastern coast of Africa along the Indian Ocean, Tanzania is home to the largest concentration and diversity of animals in Africa. Nearly 30% of the country is within a national park! One can find more than 1,100 species of birds, 650 species of reptiles and amphibians, and 450 species of mammals in this biologically diverse country. We will focus our efforts in the Northern part of the country in Serengeti, Arusha and Tarangire National Parks and the Ngorongoro Crater. Seeing elephants, buffalo, rhino, hippo, crocodile, birds, the Great Migration, and more will be our objective as we fully immerse ourselves in a Tanzanian safari. In addition to wildlife viewing, we will have opportunities to see and experience culture with visits to a Maasai village and the Nainokanoka School.

To maximize your sight-seeing experience, this is primarily a driving safari. Participants will travel from park to park across Northern Tanzania in search of wildlife.



Day 1-2

Travel to Kilimanjaro

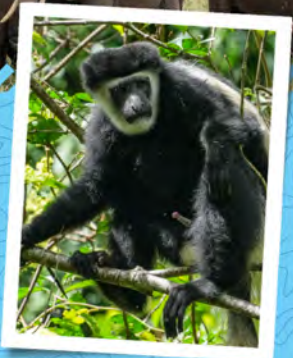
We'll spend our first day and a half traveling, including an overnight flight through Europe. We'll have a layover in Europe before heading south to Kilimanjaro International Airport near Arusha, Tanzania. (Meals on your own, though international flights do offer meals.) Our first night in Tanzania will be spent at the African Tulip Hotel.





Day 3

Game Drive at Arusha National Park



Our first day on the ground in Tanzania will take us to Arusha National Park which is home to Mt Meru. Standing at 4,565m, it's the second tallest mountain in Tanzania and fifth tallest on the continent. Though considered a smaller park, Arusha includes the Ngurdoto Crater and Momella Lakes and is a great place to see Colobus monkeys, elephants, giraffes, buffalo and flamingos. Overnight accommodations will be at African Tulip Hotel. (B,L,D)



Day 4-5

Tarangire National Park



Our next two days include game drives on our way to and at Tarangire National Park. We'll see impressive baobab trees and search for big cats and other carnivores. Overnight accommodations will be at Tarangire Treetops amid the baobab trees north of the Tarangire National Park. (B,L,D)



Day 6

Tarangire National Park and Karatu



We'll continue our exploration for big mammals and other wildlife with another game drive at Tarangire National Park, where the largest concentration of elephants in all of Africa can be found. Then we'll spend the afternoon driving to Karatu for dinner and overnight accommodations at the Retreat at Ngorongoro. (B,L,D)



Day 7

Lake Manyara National Park



Though 60% of Lake Manyara National Park is the lake itself, the surrounding forests are teeming with wildlife including big mammals like impala, lions, hippos, elephants, and giraffes. Overnight accommodations will be at the Retreat at Ngorongoro. (B,L,D)



Day 8

Drive to Ndutu

We will continue our trip with a game drive on our way to the Ndutu region which is famous for the Great Migration and all six big cat species. The area, sometimes called the “cradle of mankind”, is considered part of the Serengeti ecosystem though it is not part of the Serengeti National Park. Overnight accommodations will be at Ndutu Safari Lodge. (B,L,D)



Day 9

Drive to Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, we will drive through the Maswa Game Reserve to reach our destination within the Serengeti National Park. Overnight accommodations will be at Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge. (B,L,D)



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Day 10

Serengeti Game Drive

The Serengeti is called the “land of endless plains” by the Masaai and covers over 14,000 sq km. We will take a game drive here that you will not soon forget. The park is famous for not only the great migration but an abundance of resident wildlife. Get your camera ready to capture some amazing wildlife shots. Overnight accommodations will be at Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge. (B,L,D)



Day 11-12

Ngorongoro Conservation Area

We will drive southeast out of Serengeti National Park into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area where we will stop at the Olduvai Gorge situated at the edge of the Great Rift Valley. The site is considered the most important paleo-anthropologic site in the world with evidence of early human species found there dating back 1.9 million years. On day 12 we will descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, the world’s largest intact crater and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a pristine wilderness area that includes swamps, lakes, rivers, woods, and mountains but also permits the subsistence farming of the Masaai. It is home to all “Big Five” African species and is the largest population of predators on the continent. Keep your camera ready to capture shots of Cape buffalo, leopard, African elephant, lion and rhinoceros! Overnight accommodations will be at Ngorongoro Serena Lodge. (B,L,D)





Day 13

Nainokanoka School, Masai Village and return to Arusha



Before we leave the area, we will travel to the eastern edge of the famous Ngorongoro Crater where we will have a unique opportunity to visit the Nainokanoka School and community. We will also visit a Masai village to learn how these famously nomadic people have come to live in harmony with Africa's wildlife. We will continue out of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and around Lake Manyara to reach Arusha for the night. Overnight accommodations will be at African Tulip Hotel. (B,L,D)



Day 14-15

Travel Home



After a relaxing morning at the African Tulip Hotel with breakfast and lunch included, we will head for home with a layover in Europe before heading back to the U.S. (Meals on your own though international flights do offer meals.) (B,L)

TRIP COSTS

\$5,800 per person based on double occupancy -
\$800 single supplement.

Trip cost includes all taxes, park & guide fees, tips, lodging, meals & ground transportation, as well as a collection of high-quality photos from ODC staff. It does NOT include flights to/from Africa, any required tourist visas, trip insurance, personal items/souvenirs, or alcoholic beverages.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$1,000 deposit due at registration

\$2,400 due April 1, 2024

Balance due Jan 1, 2025

Please note there is a 3% surcharge for credit card payments

CANCELLATIONS:

Inquire with trip leaders

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**Itinerary subject to change*