Full Itinerary

TANZANIA SAFARI - GREAT MIGRATION CALVING SEASON

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Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00 GMT

JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Tanzania Great Migration Calving Season Safari

DURATION:

9 days / 8 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights to arrive into Kilimanjaro Airport [JRO] on Day 1 and to depart from Kilimanjaro Airport [JRO] on Day 9

PICKUP LOCATION:

Kilimanjaro Airport [JRO] on Day 1

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OVERVIEW

05 - 13 Feb, 2027

Northern Tanzania is the perfect region to witness the Great Migration in February, as the annual wildebeest and zebra migration arrives on these plains to give birth to thousands of calves.

Tanzania is the land of safaris and this journey is an excellent choice, whether it is your first safari or your fifth. Wildlife lovers, keen photographers and those who have been on safari with us in Kenya, should seriously consider joining us on yet another phenomenal safari. The country's prolific wildlife and stunning scenery make it one of the most sought after safari destinations. The Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater are stars of the show and are rightly world famous as two of the best places on the planet to encounter 'the Big 5'. Our first stop on the 'Northern Safari Circuit' is Lake Manyara, a bird watcher's paradise with an abundance of birdlife, and unique tree climbing lions.

On this safari you will be staying in a lodges in a more remote and unique camps set up in key wildlife corridors. This February departure is timed to coincide with the Great Migration calving season, and is without doubt one of the most special wildlife spectacles on earth!

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Karibu Tanzania

DAY 2 - Village Visit and to Lake Manyara

DAY 3 - Exploring Lake Manyara National Park

DAY 4 - Masaii Village Visit and to Ngorongoro Crater

DAY 5 - The Amazing Ngorongoro Crater

DAY 6 - The Spectacular Serengeti

DAY 7 - Discovering the Southern Serengeti

DAY 8 - Southern Serengeti

DAY 9 - Return to Arusha & Farewell Tanzania

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DAY 1 - KARIBU TANZANIA

Welcome to Tanzania!

On arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport in Tanzania, you will be met by your driver and taken to your hotel in Arusha, the safari capital of Tanzania, close to Mount Kilimanjaro and gateway to the great National Parks.

Your Big Safari Company will be there to welcome you at your hotel and where you also have the chance to meet your fellow travellers and get to know each other better during the Welcome Dinner.

Included meals: Welcome Dinner
Accommodation: Arusha Serena Hotel, Arusha

DAY 2 - VILLAGE VISIT AND TO LAKE MANYARA

Today, we head off to start our safari adventure.

We depart Arusha after breakfast and drive to the village of Mto Wa Mbu village. Here you can either explore the village on foot with a guide or tour the village in a Tuk Tuk, visiting farms, local houses, schools, milling machines and churches.

We take our lunch at the local banana plantation where they grow more than 30 different varieties of bananas. Other than learning how the banana is grown, you're also told of the different uses of this versatile fruit.

After lunch we head into Manyara National Park, which is located in a spectacular region of the Great Rift Valley, and has a large lake, wetland forest, acacia woodland and open grassland. Wildlife roams the plains and frequent the waters of the lake and the Simba River, which are teeming with hippo. The forests of the region are home to blue monkeys, vervets, baboons, aardvark, pangolin, leopard and even black rhino. The area is also home to famous tree-climbing lions.

You'll spot your first wild animals before you reach the lodge. Standing high cliff above Lake Manyara, the our lodge for the next two nights commands panoramic views across the Great Rift Valley.

In the evening we have dinner together at the lodge.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

DAY 3 - EXPLORING LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, you can enjoy a visit to Tanzania's first and only Treetop walkway in the country - an excellent way to experience the groundwater forest ecosystem from a unique birds-eye view. The walkway's suspension bridges connect several viewing decks situated around tree trunks and the local guides provide fascinating information on the trees, butterflies, birds, monkeys and wildlife.

Afterwards, enjoy a game drive in the park with a picnic lunch. The rest of the afternoon is free.

After dinner this evening, we venture out on a rare night game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, offering a completely different perspective on nocturnal wildlife. With its diverse ecosystems, Lake Manyara is one of the best locations in Tanzania for this unique experience.

Included meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Lake Manyara Serena Lodge

DAY 4 - MASAII VILLAGE VISIT AND TO NGORONGORO CRATER

After breakfast depart Lake Manyara for Ngorongoro Crater.

Our lodge for the next two nights is set in 50 acres of Tanzanian bush in the volcanic landscape located near to Ngorongoro Crater.

After lunch, we visit a Maasai village. A semi-nomadic indigenous people, the Maasai live in northern Tanzania and Kenya. For centuries,

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they've existed in harmony with wildlife, living in 'bomas', made from mud, sticks, grass and cow dung. Today, some 42,000 Maasai live in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area with their cattle, donkeys, goats and sheep. The Maasai are allowed to take their animals into the Crater for water and grazing, but not to live or cultivate there. During our visit, we'll learn about their unique culture.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge

DAY 5 - THE AMAZING NGORONGORO CRATER

This morning we depart very early to descend into the crater for a full day game viewing on the crater floor.

The centrepiece of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area is the breathtaking Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. The crater floor is a natural sanctuary for thousands of animals and many species of insects and birds, including the big five.

We'll spend the day in the Crater, enjoying a picnic lunch as we go before ascending back to the lodge at the end of the day.

Included meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Neptune Ngorongoro Luxury Lodge

DAY 6 - THE SPECTACULAR SERENGETI

After breakfast, we depart the Ngorongoro Crater as we make our way to probably Tanzania's most famous park - the Serengeti.

We drive towards our lodge in the Serengeti, spotting game and enjoying lunch as we go.

The name Serengeti comes from the Maasai 'Siringet', meaning an endless plain. Declared a Game Reserve in 1929, in 1951 the Reserve became Tanganyika's first National Park, which included the Ngorongoro Crater.

Further alterations to the park's limits took place to provide more protection to the wildebeest migration. Covering 14,763 square kilometres, today it is roughly the size of Northern Ireland and Tanzania's largest National Park.

The Ndutu area is popular with the wildebeest and zebra, which often calve in its short grassy plains.

Our lodge here offers a superb base from which to explore the range of habitats that lie within easy reach - swamps, woodlands, soda lakes and the world famous Serengeti short grass plains.

Included meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Ndutu Safari Lodge, Southern Serengeti

DAY 7 - DISCOVERING THE SOUTHERN SERENGETI

After breakfast depart for game drive in the short grass plains, where we will also enjoy a picnic lunch.

Later in the day we can take part in a walking safari with a ranger, subject to park regulations and local conditions.

There is also the possibility this morning to enjoy a Hot Air Balloon ride as dawn breaks over the Serengeti and view the beautiful plains from the air (supplement payable).

Included meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Ndutu Safari Lodge, Southern Serengeti
Optional extras: Serengeti Balloon Safari (pre-book only)

DAY 8 - SOUTHERN SERENGETI

Today, enjoy a full day game drive in the iconic Serengeti. Discover the wildlife of the Ndutu or Seronera zones, stopping for a picnic lunch en route.

Return back to your lodge in time for dinner and enjoy your last night in the Serengeti.

Included meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch & Dinner
Accommodation: Ndutu Safari Lodge, Southern Serengeti (or similar)

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DAY 9 - RETURN TO ARUSHA & FAREWELL TANZANIA

This morning we transfer to Ndutu Airstrip for our light aircraft flight back to Arusha. Flying low over the landscape, enjoy spectacular aerial views of the Ngorongoro Crater and the Great Rift Valley — a memorable final perspective on Tanzania's iconic scenery. Please note that the flight may make brief stops to collect or drop off other passengers.

Important luggage note:
Luggage on the light aircraft is limited to 15kg / 33lb per person in soft-sided bags, with hand luggage included in this allowance.

On arrival in Arusha, you will be transferred to the Arusha Coffee Lodge, where we enjoy our final meal together as a group.

After lunch, you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your onward flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch
Accommodation: None

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet at Kilimanjaro Airport on arrival
- One way economy flight: Ndutu Airstrip - Arusha Airport [ARK] - **Note: Maximum luggage allowance is 15kg per person. Don't worry — we can store any extra luggage at our office and return it to you after your safari.**
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Transfers as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- Transport in 4x4 vehicle with national English speaking tour guide
- Park Entrance Fees into specified Parks and Reserves.
- All activities, visits and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- Mineral Water Bottles per person in Safari vehicle.
- Tour Director from The Big Journey Company as well as the local tour guide (subject to minimum group size being reached.)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- All entrance fees to non-stipulated attractions
- Visas
- COVID tests - entry & exit requirements
- Drinks
- Gratuities
- Visas, travel and medical insurance
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Any optional activities offered

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Flights:** International flights to/from your chosen destination are not included in this package. The Big Journey Company will be happy to provide a quotation for your flights—please contact us for further details.
- **Vaccinations & Health:** Vaccinations may be recommended depending on your destination. Please consult your doctor or travel clinic for the most up-to-date medical advice.
- **Visas & Entry Requirements:** Entry requirements vary by destination, and a visa may be required. Please refer to the travel tips section for full details. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the necessary travel documentation prior to departure.
- **Medical Needs:** Please inform The Big Journey Company prior to travel of any medical conditions or medications you take that we should be aware of to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.
- **Accommodation Check-in/Out:** Unless otherwise stated in your itinerary, check-in is after 2–3pm and check-out is before 10am. Please note that hotels may be subject to change to the same or similar standard due to availability.
- **Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations made within 90 days of departure are subject to a 100% cancellation fee. Deposits are non-refundable, and balance payments are due 14 weeks prior to departure. It is your responsibility to ensure adequate travel insurance is in place to protect against the need to cancel your holiday.
- **Minimum Numbers:** The Big Journey Company host will accompany the tour should minimum guest numbers be met. We will confirm this closer to the departure date.
- **Terms & Conditions:** Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation. This does not affect your statutory rights. All offers are subject to availability and space is limited.

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