

Tanzania Safari - Maasai Adventure

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HIGHLIGHTS

- See herds of elephants, zebra and wildebeest in Tanzania's finest park - the Serengeti
- Search for rhino, lion, leopard, buffalo and elephant in the Ngorongoro Crater
- Visit Lake Natron for walks with Maasai guides, and meet the tribal Hadzabe people
- Stay in classic safari tents with proper beds and en suite facilities

AT A GLANCE

- Safari games drives and 2 half-day walks

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- All meals included

- Join at Kilimanjaro International Airport
- 2 nights Lodge
- 5 nights Tented Lodge

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Introduction

This Tanzania wildlife safari has an added extra: our visit to the hauntingly beautiful Lake Natron. This multi coloured, alkaline lake lures the flamingo during breeding season and is a sight to behold. Away from the normal safari circuit, the local Maasai guides take us on walks here in the shadow of the marvellous volcano of Ol Doinyo Lengai. Our circular route then takes us into the Serengeti along the lesser used road from Lake Natron. The massive plains of the Serengeti are world famous for their wildlife; including all the classics such as the giraffe, zebra, antelope and hippo, but also the wildebeest migration and the big cats that follow it. After a couple of days here we travel to the Ngorongoro Crater, which is the best place to spot the Big 5; rhino, elephant, buffalo, leopard and lion. It's a special atmosphere here in this huge crater. A second detour from the beaten track is our outing to Lake Eyasi where we meet the last hunter-gatherer tribe in Tanzania, the Hadzabe. We follow their simple lives, making an arrow, cooking and maybe some archery practice. This safari holiday is right for those who wish to have a taster of the splendid African wildlife with some additional cultural elements and walks by the lesser known Lake Natron. It is a special part of the world.

Is this holiday for you?

Fabulous days are spent in the game vehicles (land cruisers) either driving or quietly wildlife watching. The vehicles have 6 seats for clients, and these are all window seats. There will be a guide/driver for each vehicle. Much of the driving is done slowly on dirt roads and tracks. It can get dusty. The accommodation varies from hotels, lodges, permanent tented camps to mobile camps (all with proper beds and toilets!). All are en suite and although some can be simple, all are very well presented in local African styles. We have a morning and afternoon walk when at Lake Natron, each taking 2-3 hrs. Binoculars and patience to watch and appreciate the magnificent, beautiful and graceful African wildlife is essential!

Itinerary

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DAY 1

Meet at the group hotel. A transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport is provided to the group hotel.

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Meals: **D**



Accommodation
Lodge

DAY 2

Mto Wa Mbu village tuk-tuk ride, drive to the shores of Lake Natron.

After breakfast we set off along the road to Lake Manyara. We arrive at the village of Mto Wa Mbu, known for its local fruit and vegetable markets, as well as artists. We stop here and enjoy a tuk-tuk ride seeing the 'mamas' selling their mango, papaya, watermelon, avocado and famous red bananas. We watch and meet artists and craftsmen at their work. After lunch in a local restaurant, we continue our journey north along a dirt road to the little explored Lake Natron. This alkaline lake is shallow and salty with a high mineral content making it a stunning phenomenon, and the most important breeding site for the Lesser Flamingo. We arrive at its shores for a 2 night stay with views of the volcano Ol Doinyo Lengai.

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation
Tented Lodge

DAY 3

Walk with Maasai Guide, Lake Natron Flamingos and waterfalls.

After breakfast at our tented lodge, we meet our Maasai Guide from the local village who will take us to the shores of Lake Natron. We can see the famous flamingos (Sep-Jan) who come here in their thousands to breed. They are about the only wildlife which can survive the harsh conditions of the

alkaline lake. It's a magical place, full of mystery and stunning beauty, showing off its pink waters (from the minerals) and the flamingo wings. Our Maasai guide will tell stories and describe what life on this lake shores is like. We walk back to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon our Maasai guide takes us for a walk along the river to the Engare Sero waterfalls. Our feet might get wet as we walk along the river to the pools where we can have a cooling dip. This is a beautiful afternoon walk. Back at the accommodation we have a sundowner and dinner in this peaceful and special African place.

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation
Tented Lodge

DAY 4

Serengeti Game Drive.

Another exciting day is in store for us as we leave Lake Natron and drive to the famous and fabulous Serengeti National Park. Driving through the Rift Valley and the heart of Maasailand we arrive into the magnificent Serengeti National Park. This park is world famous for its wildlife and the wildebeest migration. In the afternoon we have our first game drive in the park. We will see some of the splendid wildlife on these plains, including elephant, wildebeest, buffalo and of course the antelope and big cats including cheetah and leopard. We overnight in our tented camp (big classic safari tents with proper beds and en suite toilets) here in the Serengeti. Sleeping here is a tremendous experience and hopefully you'll hear some of the wildlife during the night!

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation
Tented Lodge

DAY 5

Herds of wildlife in Serengeti National Park and Ndutu.

This morning we have further game drives in this impressive park. The sheer size of it is incredible (about the size of Northern Ireland), and the vistas over the savannah to the horizons shimmering with green or yellowing grasses are almost as fascinating as the safari itself! After the rainy season, the golden plains become a huge carpet coloured with wildflowers. At our picnic lunch we enter the Ngorongoro Conservation Area bordering the Serengeti to continue our safari. In these wide plains with permanent watering holes it is common to see the herds of herbivores followed, in stealth, by the predators! We arrive at our accommodation in Ndutu in time for a sundowner.

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation
Lodge

DAY 6

Look out for the Big 5 in the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater.

After breakfast we take the road to Ngorongoro Crater, and we spend a full day here in the park discovering its wonders. The crater has an inside diameter of 20km, and has 600m sides from rim to bottom! It is also one of the few places in Tanzania with the opportunity to see the Big 5; elephant, lion, rhino, leopard and buffalo. More than 550 bird species are found here, and Lake Magadi in the crater is often pink because of the flamingos. We can also see the hippo and buffalo lounging in the mud in Ngoitotitok. It's a special place. At the end of the day we leave the crater to our accommodation for the next 2 nights, on the green, lush outskirts of the small village of Karatu.

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation
Tented Lodge

DAY 7

Meet the tribal people of Lake Eyasi.

Slightly off the beaten track we have a cultural experience today as we travel to the shores of Lake Eyasi and meet two tribes, the Hadzabe and the Datogas. A local guide will take us to the tribes. The Hadzabe are the last hunter-gathers in Tanzania, and the Datogas are sedentary people who have lived in the area for thousands of years. We will spend time learning about their everyday life including sitting by the fire learning the traditional craft of making arrows, possibly practising some archery, and maybe a hunt for lunch or dinner. This day is not a touristy tour but a true insight into how these people live and survive off the land. In the afternoon we return to our accommodation in Karatu.

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation
Tented Lodge

DAY 8

Departure day.

We leave the beauty of the plains of Africa and drive back to Arusha and then the airport. Depending on

flight times we have some time here to visit the lively market before transferring to the airport. Alternatively we can choose to transfer to the domestic airport and fly to the paradise island of Zanzibar for a peaceful and relaxing extension on white sandy beaches for a few days.

Meals: **B**

Extensions

When booking your holiday, you will be able to 'add an extension option'. Once we have received your booking we will contact you to discuss additional services required for the extension and to take any additional deposit.



Zanzibar - 4 day extension

The lure of Zanzibar -The Spice Island, is legendary, with its exotic towns, palm-fringed beaches and pristine coral reefs it is the perfect place to relax after either climbing Kilimanjaro and being on safari. We are based at The Unguja Lodge, The Ocean Paradise Resort, or similar (depending on availability) - all have access to the pristine white beaches. Zanzibar is bliss, and the perfect place to stop and relax for a few days after your time in Tanzania.

4 days from
US\$940 per person

Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional and qualified safari guide
- Airport transfers to/from the group hotel on arrival and departure
- All accommodation as described
- All meals
- All land transport required by the itinerary
- National Park entrance fees

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Tips
- Miscellaneous personal expenditure - drinks and souvenirs etc

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

Return airport transfers from/to Kilimanjaro International Airport to/from the group hotel are provided for all passengers.

If you have additional nights which are not booked at the group hotel then we can provide private airport transfers at an additional cost.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

Meal Plan

All meals included from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 8.

Food & Water

It is not recommended to drink untreated water from the taps. You should take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a [Water-To-Go bottle](#)) to treat your water. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

You will be fed well during this holiday. Breakfasts will include fresh fruits, cereals, and usually some form of cooked eggs or bacon. Picnic lunches will contain fruit, a sandwich or boxed salad and usually a drink. These are provided by our accommodation. Dinners are a hearty three course meal with a variety of vegetables, rice, pasta, potatoes, meats and vegetation options. We might try some traditional Tanzanian dishes and spices, but the majority of the food will be familiar to the traveller!

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your diet with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Accommodation

During this holiday we stay in simple, clean hotels, lodges, permanent tented lodges and tented camps. They have an African style to them with colourful traditional blankets, ornaments and smiling friendly staff. All accommodation has en suite facilities and 'proper' beds - there is no camping. Below is an indication of the places we stay, however please do aware that these are subject to change.

When in Arusha we stay at Moyoni Airport Lodge. This new lodge is perfectly situated near the international airport and with great views of Kilimanjaro. At Lake Natron we have 2 nights at the Natron River Camp. These are the classic African permanent tented camps, with safari tents with proper beds and en suite facilities. There is a restaurant, bar and a small dip pool with splendid views of Ol Doinyo Lengai. In the Serengeti we stay in a mobile safari camp. Again these classic safari tents have proper beds, and a toilet and a shower. The large main tent has a small bar, a dining table, proper chairs and sofas - it's very pleasant! In Ndutu we stay at Ndutu lodge, which has individual thatched stone cottages. Most evenings they have a campfire to sit around outside. Bliss under the African skies. In Karatu we stay for 2 nights at the Ngorongoro Forest Tented Lodge, which again are classic safari tents on platforms with en suite inside and outside showers. It's a very beautiful place with great views of the green forest.

All accommodation has mosquito nets provided.

If you are travelling by yourself, you will be paired up with another single client of the same sex. Single rooms are available for a supplementary cost. If you are planning on extending your holiday additional nights at the group hotel are available on request.

Group Leader & Support Staff

Group leaders are the key to any successful safari. On this safari, you will travel with a qualified and experienced field guide. In the vehicle there are also books on fauna, and one set of binoculars.

Spending Money

We estimate that a total of around £200 per person (or equivalent in euros/dollars) should be allowed for personal spending. This amount should be sufficient to cover miscellaneous expenses, including tips to local staff. If you are intending to buy expensive souvenirs, considerable quantities of soft drinks / beer you should budget accordingly (credit cards can be useful in this respect). You can choose to take your money in pounds sterling, dollars or euros. There will be the opportunity to change money into local currency on arrival at the airport on arrival, and we advise you to use the facilities here. Credit cards are useful and it is a good idea to carry one in case of emergency, however be aware that not all lodges/hotels accept cards.

Guidance on Tipping

Your tour leader also works extremely hard to ensure that your holiday runs smoothly and that you are happy. We suggest you tip the guide \$20 per day from all the people in one vehicle (max 6 clients). As in all cases with tipping, the final decision of the amount tipped is up to the individual. It is up to you to decide if you thought the service was poor, or exceptional, and the amount tipped should reflect that.

Beat the Jet Lag

Our holidays are normally designed with minimal 'down time' at the start of the trip, but having a day or two at the beginning will have the additional benefit of allowing you time to get over the stress of a long journey or travelling across time zones, leaving you refreshed and ready for your holiday. We can easily arrange for you to have additional nights and airport transfers.

Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Please keep the weight of your main luggage to 15kg. You should bring a soft bag, as these are more suitable to pack in the vehicle. It is possible to leave clothes or other items not required on safari at the group hotel. For international flights please check your baggage allowance with your airline.

Please be aware that plastic/polythene bags are illegal in Tanzania. The law says that they are not allowed to be manufactured, imported, used or sold in Tanzania (since Jun 2019).

Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status and so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday. Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

Visa Tanzania

UK passport holders do require a visa. The visa fee is \$50 (single entry) and is obtainable on arrival or prior to departure online at <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/>. The online application requires a scanned passport photo, a scanned copy of your passport bio page and evidence of your return flight details.

If you are arriving into Kilimanjaro Airport, Dar es Salaam or into Tanzania via the Namanga border crossing, we advise you to get a visa prior to arrival as there can be long queues for visas services at customs.

For visas on arrival you require 2 passport photos for the visa, however we recommend you travel with 4 passport photos just in case. Payment must be in cash when getting your visa on arrival.

USA passport holders do require a visa. The visa fee is \$100. It is advised to obtain this prior to departure, full and up to date information can be found online <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Tanzania.html>

We (KE) require copy of the information page of your passport in order to make the arrangements in Tanzania. A colour scan must be emailed or posted to us at the earliest opportunity.

TRAVELLING WITH UNDER 18YRS

If the children (under 18yrs) with whom you are travelling have a different surname to yours, you should consider taking with you the child's full birth certificate. It is not a requirement, but some border personnel in Tanzania as well as the UK, may request to see it when travelling to/from Africa.

If you are travelling via Kenya to your destination you may also require a visa for Kenya. If you have connecting flights and your baggage has been checked all the way through to your destination you will not need a Kenyan visa.

Health & Vaccinations

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

Dengue fever is a known risk in places visited. It is a tropical viral disease spread by daytime biting mosquitoes. There is currently no vaccine or prophylaxis available and therefore the best form of prevention is to avoid being bitten. We recommend you [take precautions to avoid mosquito bites](#).

VACCINATIONS

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you specific require any vaccinations or other preventive measures. You should be up to date with routine courses and boosters as recommended in the UK e.g. diphtheria-tetanus-polio and measles-mumps-rubella), along with hepatitis A and typhoid. Malarial prophylaxis are required. A certificate of yellow fever vaccination is required if travelling from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for travellers having transited for more than 12 hrs through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dentist check up. A good online resource is [Travel Health Pro](#).

Currency

The unit of currency in Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling.

Climate

There are essentially 2 main seasons. The dry season from May to October and rainy from November to April. However there is less rain at the end of December and January. It is slightly hotter during the rainy season, but generally temperatures are in the high 20 degrees C. When it rains here it does so in sudden enormous downpours, it is very localised and is over quickly (Unlike a consistent drizzly day in the UK). The end of the rainy season is otherwise known as the 'green season'. The majority of wildlife give birth between February and March. The wildebeest migration will normally go through the Serengeti from November to June. It is a vast area and the exact location where the herds are depends on the rains and therefore cannot be accurately predicted from year to year.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that prior to travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: www.travel.state.gov for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates direct from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

Please note that a paper copy of your travel insurance is required if you are travelling to Huaraz and the Huayhuash region.

Equipment Information

Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

You should bring the following items:

- Lightweight walking boots/shoes or sturdy trainers
- Sandals
- Socks & Underwear

- Lightweight trousers / Shorts / Skirts
- T-shirts, tops and/or casual shirts
- Lightweight waterproof jacket & trousers
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Sunhat
- Sunglasses
- Daypack 20-25 litres
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Water bottles - minimum 2 litres (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Washbag and toiletries (biodegradable soap is preferred)
- Antibacterial handwash
- Insect repellent
- Basic First Aid Kit including: antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment and re-hydration salts (Dioralite).

The following items are optional:

- Swimwear
- Pen-knife (remember to pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Camera
- Binoculars (highly recommended)
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

Notes:

Bright bold colours and white are not suitable for game viewing or bush wear as they attract insects and the attention of animals. Please do not bring camouflage or military style clothes as they can cause problems with local authorities.

Please dress appropriately for village and market visits - ie: no bare feet, no bare chests, no bikinis.

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Cotswold Outdoor



Many of the Equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive 12.5% discount voucher from Cotswold Outdoor and other retailers. [>> Find out more](#)

Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary joining in Arusha, Tanzania. For clients making their own flight arrangements, Kilimanjaro International Airport is the most convenient for transfers to the group hotel.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Kilimanjaro International airport. Outbound flights depart the UK in the afternoon, arriving the morning (day 1 of the land only itinerary). Return flights will depart Kilimanjaro International airport in the evening of the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK on morning of the following day.

Why Choose KE

Why KE

Very few operators in the UK do a classic safari which includes Lake Natron and the tribal people on Lake Eyasi. These elements make this trip a real gem.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 22/05/2024 and the trip is subject to change