

Hakuna Matata - Family Tanzania Safari

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MULTI ACTIVITY



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HIGHLIGHTS

- See herds of elephants, zebra and wildebeest in some of Tanzania's finest parks
- Search for rhino, lion, leopard, buffalo and elephant in the Ngorongoro Crater
- Walking safari in Arusha NP and an introduction to Tinga Tinga painting
- Zanzibar - enjoy quality family time on the white sandy beaches of this paradise island

AT A GLANCE

- Game drives and safari / walking safari (1-2hrs) / Big Five / Kilimanjaro views / R&R on Zanzibar
- Join at Kilimanjaro International Airport / Ends in Zanzibar

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 8 Breakfasts
- 4 Lunches
- 5 Dinners
- 8 nights Hotel with swimming pool

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Introduction

This Tanzania safari holiday is a true gem, and is especially designed for the family traveller. We start our adventure visiting Arusha National Park, seeing acrobatic black and white colobus monkeys and have an exciting walking safari with the ranger amongst the giraffe and zebra. In this special forest ecosystem the ranger will teach us interesting nuggets about the wildlife and geography at the foot of Mt Meru and Kilimanjaro. We then have game drives in Lake Manyara National Park famous for its lions lounging in the Umbrella Thorn trees and herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra, wildebeest and giraffe. Breaking up the game drives we have a session with a local artist having a go at a fun Tinga Tinga painting. The next day gives us the opportunity to spot the Big Five, including the rhino in the Ngorongoro Crater. It's a pretty special place here. Our last stop is Tarangire National Park famed for its large herds of elephants where we can enjoy our picnic lunches under baobab or acacia trees before heading off for some relaxing and water sports at the white sandy beach island of Zanzibar. We have 3 nights on Zanzibar soaking up the rays and completely relaxing. This family safari takes out the long and dusty journey to the Serengeti so you can maximise the time actually viewing the wildlife in these special National Parks. All of our accommodations have swimming pools so you and the children can 'dust off' and splash around after the game drives. This is a complete wildlife holiday and is perfect for an African safari first-timer or a regular safari goer alike. With the days on Zanzibar at the end it's a winning formula.

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. We have at least 2 nights at each accommodation, making it more restful for everyone involved. All are en suite and although some can be simple, all are very well presented in local African styles. We have a short 1-2 hr walking safari in Arusha National Park, the pace is slow. After the safari we have 3 nights in Zanzibar to relax. Several excursions are also available in Zanzibar if you prefer to keep active over relaxing on the beach. All in all this is a very balanced Africa family holiday.

Itinerary

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DAY 1

Meet at the group hotel in Arusha. A single timed transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport is provided.

Our holiday starts at the group hotel in Arusha. A single timed transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport is provided. Depending on our arrival time we have the afternoon to relax by the pool or visit one of the interesting markets.

Meals: **D**



Accommodation

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 2

Arusha National Park, full day safari including walking with park ranger.

Our introductory first day is great! We visit the nearby Arusha National Park which is just 30 minutes drive. At the foot of Mount Meru, 4566m (the baby sister of Kilimanjaro) this park gives us a great taste of how exciting our game drives are. We drive towards to the lakes searching for giraffe, zebra, flamingo, buffalo and the famous acrobatic black and white colobus monkey, which is we won't see anywhere else. Also included on this day is a walking safari with a park ranger (1.30-2hrs), it's a fabulous experience walking freely with the wildlife and there are no hippo or big cats commonly in the park so walking is perfect here. so close with the mighty giants of Kilimanjaro and Meru as a backdrop. The ranger will explain about the animal tracks and behaviour in this special forest ecosystem. After our relaxing game drives we transfer back to the accommodation with its bar and swimming pool. Apart from the quality experiences that we have in Arusha National Park, the beauty of today is that we have 2 nights in Arusha - enabling us to settle in and recover from the journey.

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 3

Lake Manyara National Park. Paint our own Tinga Tinga Painting.

We set off early this morning to Lake Manyara National Park. It's around a 2 hr drive to the main gate where the road winds through luxurious jungle where groups of a hundred or more baboons can be found along the road. Blue monkeys climb in the acacia tress and the bushbuck antelope gentle graze in the shade of the forest. In the meantime the impressive silvery-cheeked hornbills have a cacophonic concert in canopy! We stop for a picnic lunch under the Umbrella Thorn before continuing our game drive. This small park has herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra, wildebeest and giraffe. It is famous for its lions who lounge in the Umbrella Thorn (not the one we have our picnic under though!). Leaving the park we stop at Mto Wa Mbu village which is famous for its artists. Here we have a go at painting our own Tinga Tinga with the guidance of the artists. The style is bright, bold and colourful and the subject is mainly the wildlife of Tanzania. At the end of the session we take our paintings and drive to our accommodation for the next 2 nights, on the green, lush outskirts of the small village of Karatu.

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 4

Ngorongoro Crater to try to spot the Big Five (rhino, lion, buffalo, leopard and elephant).

After breakfast we drive to Ngorongoro Crater, about 30mins. We spend a full day here in the park discovering its wonders. The crater has an inside diameter of 20km, and is 600m from its rim. It is also one of the places in Tanzania 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. We return to our lodge in Karatu for our overnight.

Meals: **B L D**



Accommodation

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 5

Tarangire National Park known for its large elephant herds.

We have breakfast and depart our accommodation for Tarangire National Park. This park is famed for its large herds of wildlife, especially the elephants between August to January. It also harbours antelope species which are difficult to see in other parks such as' gerenuk, kudu, oryx and eland. We have a picnic lunch and see the many baobab trees on the hilly plains that Africa is so famous for. The landscape is also dotted with a large number of termite mounds. The Tarangire River crosses through the park giving way

to permanent water points - a life line for the wildlife. At the end of the afternoon we drive back to our accommodation in Arusha.

Meals: **B L D**

**Accommodation**

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 6**Off to the paradise island of Zanzibar.**

This morning is free, and we can look around the large and lively, fruit and veg market, or buy some colourful souvenirs. We transfer to the domestic airport for a short flight to Zanzibar. Here we transfer to the east coast. The lure of Zanzibar -The Spice Islands, is legendary, with its exotic towns, palm-fringed beaches and pristine coral reefs it is the perfect place to relax. We arrive and have a cooling fruit cocktail and enjoy the views of the white sandy beaches. Bliss!

Meals: **B**

**Accommodation**

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 7**Zanzibar.**

Our time on Zanzibar will be delightful. The children can play in the swimming pool or on the beach, and there is plenty of time for reading and unwinding. Excursions are plentiful and can include a trip to the historic and UNESCO-listed Stone Town, a snorkelling trip, a local village visit to name just a few.

Meals: **B**

**Accommodation**

Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 8**Zanzibar.**

A further day on Zanzibar to soak up the sunshine and relax in this corner of paradise.

Meals: **B**

**Accommodation**Hotel with swimming pool

DAY 9**Departure day.**

Our holiday ends after breakfast at the Zanzibar hotel. We have a single timed transfer (1hr 30mins) to Zanzibar Airport.

Meals: **B**

Holiday Information

What's Included

- A professional and qualified safari guide
- Single timed airport transfers on arrival & departure
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- All land transport required by the itinerary
- Internal flights from Arusha to Zanzibar
- Game drives as described
- Walking safari (1-2hrs) with ranger in Arusha National Park
- Tinga Tinga painting with artist in Mto Wa Mbu village
- National Park entrance fees

What's not Included

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

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the hotel in Arusha.

A single transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport to the group hotel in Arusha is provided in the afternoon on of Day 1 of the Land Only itinerary.

On the last day of the Land Only itinerary there will be a single transfer back from the hotel to Zanzibar International Airport timed for the check in for afternoon flights back to London.

Anyone may join the group transfers by prior arrangement. Travelling as a saves energy. If this is not practical, we can provide private transfers at an additional cost. Please note that on Zanzibar we only drive during daylight hours. If you have a night-time flight then we can arrange a hotel in Stone Town.

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

Meal Plan

All breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners included in the holiday price. When in Zanzibar your breakfasts are included, giving you and your family the opportunity to dine at a restaurant of your choice and taste.

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. There is always plentiful fresh fruit and vegetables. 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, chips, meats and vegetarian 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

All of our hotels on this holiday have swimming pools. They have an African style to them with colourful traditional blankets, ornaments and smiling friendly staff. One of the beauty's of this itinerary is that you don't have to change hotels every night, which becomes tiring for adults and children alike! We also do not have the long dusty drives associated with the travel all the way to the Serengeti.

Below is an indication of the places we stay, however please do aware that these are subject to change.

In Arusha we spend 3 nights at Ambureni Coffee Lodge. Set in lush gardens full of tropical birds the accommodation has a pool with great views of Mt Meru and Kilimanjaro. On some departures we will stay at the Moyoni Airport Lodge, again with a pool and views of Kilimanjaro. We then have 2 nights at Eileen's Trees Inn where rooms are spacious and situated amongst lush gardens. On some departures we stay at the Ngorongoro Forest Lodge (instead of Eileen's Trees) for 2 nights. In Zanzibar we stay at the Mwezi Hotel or similar.

All rooms are en suite and have mosquito nets provided.

Children under the age of 12yrs will usually share rooms with their grownups. This might be a twin, triple or quad room, a double with an extra bed, or multiple rooms depending on the number of family members. If you are travelling with children over the age of 12yrs, you will be in separate rooms or sharing twin/multi-bed rooms. Please talk to us about your requirements and we will do everything to ensure that you are happy with your rooming allocation.

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. When in Zanzibar you will be looked after by the hotel staff who will also handle your airport transfers.

Spending Money

We estimate that a total of around £400 per family of 4 (or equivalent in euros/dollars) should be allowed for personal spending. This amount should be sufficient to cover non included meals, 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 and you will be able to get local currency at ATMs in Arusha.

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, this is the weight limit for the internal flights. You should bring a soft bag as these are more suitable to pack in the vehicle and the internal flights. It is possible to leave clothes or other items not required for the days in Manyara, Ngorongoro, Tarangire at the group hotel in Arusha. 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](https://www.gov.uk).

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.

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.

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.

FAQ's about our family holidays

We welcome all family dynamics and we will try to accommodate you in the roomings of your choice. The only stipulation for joining a family group holiday is that 1 party member is 17yrs or under, and they are accompanied by an adult. An average group size is around 10 members in total. Further general information and FAQ's are available here: [KE Family Adventure Holidays general information](#).

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.

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 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
- Swimwear
- 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:

- Pen-knife (remember to pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Camera
- Flip flops
- Binoculars (highly recommended)
- Snorkel & mask
- 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 and ending in Zanzibar. A single timed transfer is included from Kilimanjaro International Airport on arrival and returning from Zanzibar Airport.

Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Kilimanjaro International Airport, and returning from Zanzibar.

Outbound flights depart the UK in the evening, arriving the afternoon (day 1 of the land only itinerary). Return flights will depart in the afternoon of the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK on morning of the following day.

Why Choose KE

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Especially designed with the children in mind to maximise the time watching and looking for wildlife interspersed with activities. The drive to the Serengeti is very long and dusty – so we focus on nearer parks with wildlife experiences which have the same quality. The price is great for Tanzania. This short 9 day (11 days with flights) holiday allows you and your family to really get away from it all in between everyone's busy schedule. Visit 4 National Parks; Arusha, Manyara, Ngorongoro, Tarangire. Walking safari included in Arusha National Park.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 18/05/2024 and the trip is subject to change