

Ultimate 7-Day Luxury Safari: Northern Serengeti, Central Serengeti, and Ngorongoro Crater with Fly-in, Drive-out Adventure

Overview:

Indulge in the **ultimate Tanzanian safari experience** on this 7-day luxury journey, carefully crafted to showcase the best of the Serengeti's Great Migration, the dramatic Mara River, and the mesmerizing Ngorongoro Crater. Begin your adventure with a **luxurious fly-in** to the heart of **Northern Serengeti**, where the awe-inspiring spectacle of millions of wildebeests, zebras, and other wildlife unfolds before your eyes along the Mara River. Continue to **Central Serengeti**, home to the Big Five and an iconic safari destination, before concluding your journey at the majestic **Ngorongoro Crater**, often referred to as the "Eighth Wonder of the World."

This exclusive safari offers a seamless blend of breathtaking landscapes, unparalleled wildlife encounters, and luxury accommodations, ensuring a once-in-a-lifetime adventure in Tanzania. Whether you're witnessing the Migration's dramatic river crossings or exploring the vibrant crater floor, every moment is designed to leave you in awe.

SKELETON ITINERARY:

Date	Destination	Activities	Accommodation	Meal Plan
	Arusha	Arrival & Transfer to accommodation & safari briefing.	Gran Melia Hotel	HB
	Arusha - Northern Serengeti	Fly-In safari & Game Drive	Mara Mara Tented Lodge	FB
	Northern Serengeti	Game Drive	Mara Mara Tented Lodge	FB
	Northern Serengeti - Central Serengeti	Game Drive	Nyota Luxury Camp	FB
	Central Serengeti - Ngorongoro Highlands	Game Drive	Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Lodge.	FB
	Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha	Crater Tour	Gran Melia Hotel	FB
	Arusha - JRO/ARK	Departure	-	HB

DAY TO DAY SECTION:

Day 1:

Location: **Arusha**

Program of the day:

Welcome to Tanzania, a land of unmatched beauty and adventure! Upon your arrival at **Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)** OR **Arusha Airport (ARK)**, you will be warmly greeted by our office representative, who will accompany you on a **luxurious transfer** to the vibrant city of **Arusha**, your gateway to the wonders of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. As you travel through Tanzania's lush landscapes, enjoy sweeping views of the rolling hills, picturesque villages, and expansive farmlands, setting the stage for the incredible adventure that awaits.

Upon arrival at your luxurious **Gran Melia Hotel**, you'll be immersed in an oasis of relaxation. Settle into your elegant room, designed with comfort and sophistication in mind, or indulge in the hotel's world-class amenities, such as a serene spa treatment, before your evening safari briefing.

Enjoy a gourmet dinner featuring freshly prepared, locally sourced ingredients as the day winds down, setting the perfect tone for your journey ahead. With the first night of your Tanzanian safari experience behind you, rest assured that tomorrow promises more unforgettable moments.

Main Destination	Arusha
Distance / Time	JRO to Arusha (Approx. 45 minutes - 1 hr.) ARK to Arusha (Approx. 20-30 minutes)
Activities	Arrival, Scenic Transfer to the accommodation & safari briefing
Accommodation	<u>Gran Melia Hotel</u> 1 Double/Twin Room
Meal Plan	Dinner & Breakfast, Water



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Day 2:

Location: Arusha - Northern Serengeti

Program of the day:

Begin your morning with a **gourmet breakfast** at your lodge, savouring the anticipation of the adventure ahead. Soon after, you'll take a **scenic flight from Arusha to the Northern Serengeti**, soaring above a breathtaking tapestry of rolling plains, acacia woodlands, and meandering rivers – a prelude to the wild beauty awaiting below.

Upon landing at **Kogatende Airstrip**, your expert safari guide will welcome you and lead you into one of the most iconic wildlife regions on Earth. The **Northern Serengeti** is famed for the **Great Migration**, where millions of wildebeests and zebras make their daring **Mara River crossing** – a raw and awe-inspiring display of nature's rhythm.

Spend the day on exhilarating **game drives** through the park's pristine wilderness. Keep your eyes peeled for lions lazing in the sun, graceful leopards draped over tree branches, and cheetahs sprinting across the golden plains. The region teems with life, from massive elephant herds to vibrant bird species that fill the air with colour and song.

Pause midday for a **private picnic lunch** amid the vast savannah – an intimate moment surrounded by endless horizons and the soft sounds of nature.

As the sun dips low, painting the landscape in warm amber hues, return to your **luxury lodge**. Relish a **fine dining experience** crafted from fresh, locally inspired ingredients, and unwind to the soothing rhythm of the bush. Under a canopy of stars, let the tranquil night sounds of the Serengeti usher you into peaceful rest – the perfect close to an extraordinary day in Africa’s wild heart.

Main Destination	Northern Serengeti.
Distance / Time	Fly from Arusha to Northern Serengeti (Approx. 1 hr. flight time)
Activities	Fly-In safari & Game Drive
Accommodation	Mara Mara Tented Lodge (1 Double/Twin room)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water

Day 3:

Location: **Northern Serengeti.**

Program of the day:

Wake up to the golden light of dawn and the tranquil sounds of the Serengeti. After breakfast, set out for a full-day game drive across the Northern Serengeti, home to one of nature's greatest spectacles – the Great Migration.

If you're lucky, you'll witness the thrilling Mara River crossing, where thousands of wildebeests and zebras charge through crocodile-filled waters – a moment that defines the wild spirit of Africa.

Explore further as lions roam the grasslands, leopards lounge in the trees, and cheetahs sprint across the open plains. Elephants, giraffes, and graceful antelopes complete this timeless scene of life on the savannah.

At midday, pause for a delicious bush picnic surrounded by breathtaking views and the soothing sounds of nature. Then continue your exploration into the afternoon, discovering hidden corners of the park alive with colourful birdlife and elusive predators.

As the sun dips below the horizon, return to your lodge for a relaxing evening. Enjoy a gourmet dinner under the stars as you reflect on a day filled with adventure, beauty, and unforgettable wildlife encounters.

Main Destination	Northern Serengeti
Activities	Game Drive
Accommodation	<i>Mara Mara Tented Lodge</i> (1 Double/Twin room).
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water



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Day 4:

Location: Northern Serengeti - Central Serengeti.

Program of the day:

Start your morning with a delightful breakfast before embarking on a scenic drive from the **Northern Serengeti** to the renowned **Seronera** area in **Central Serengeti**. Famous for its year-round wildlife and iconic savannah landscapes, Seronera is the heart of the Serengeti and a haven for predators, offering thrilling opportunities to spot lions, leopards, and cheetahs in their natural element.

En route, enjoy an **elegant bush lunch**, surrounded by the Serengeti's untamed beauty. As you traverse the diverse terrain, keep your camera ready for elephants, towering giraffes, and other wildlife making their way across the plains.

By late afternoon, arrive at your **luxurious tented lodge**, where a warm welcome awaits. Take time to relax and soak in the tranquil surroundings before indulging in a delicious dinner under the starlit African sky—a serene conclusion to an extraordinary day.

Main Destination	Central Serengeti (Seronera Area)
Distance / Time	Northern Serengeti - Central Serengeti (Approx. 4 hrs.)
Activities	En Route Game Drives

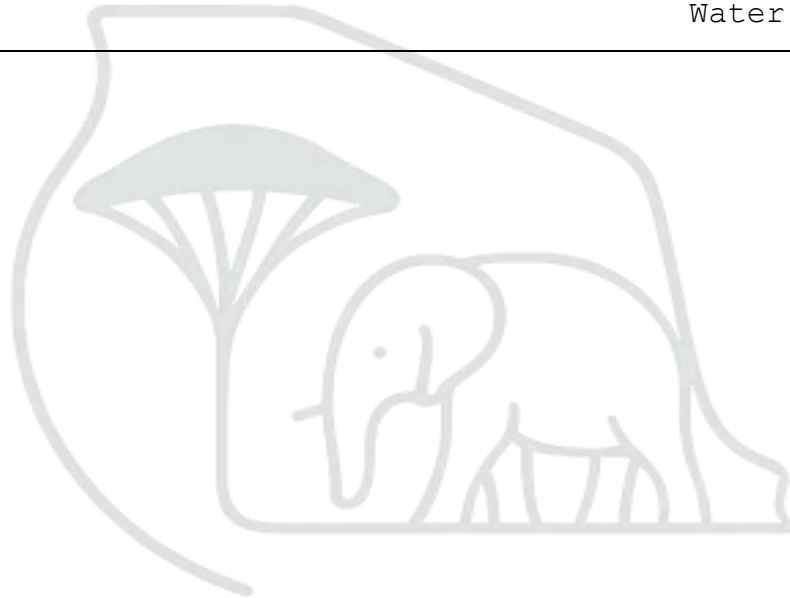
Accommodation

[Nyota Luxury Camp](#)

(1 Double/Twin Room)

Meal Plan

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner,
Water



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Day 5:

Location: Central Serengeti - Ngorongoro Highlands.

Program of the day:

Kickstart your day with a **memorable morning game drive** in Central Serengeti, where the early hours offer a prime opportunity to witness predators in action and herbivores grazing in the golden morning light. The sights and sounds of the bush come alive, creating an unforgettable experience to conclude your time in this iconic wilderness.

After the game drive, return to your lodge for an early lunch and check-out. Begin your journey toward the breathtaking **Ngorongoro Highlands**, enjoying the shifting landscapes as the vast Serengeti plains transition to the lush and rolling hills of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Arrive in the **Ngorongoro Highlands** in the evening, where your lodge provides stunning views of the crater rim. Unwind in the tranquil surroundings, savor a gourmet dinner, and bask in the cool highland breeze, preparing for the next day's adventures.

Main Destination	Ngorongoro Highlands
Distance / Time	Central Serengeti - Ngorongoro Highlands (Approx. -3.5 hrs.)

Activities

Morning Game Drive, Scenic
Transfer to Ngorongoro
Highlands

Accommodation

[Ngorongoro Lion's Paw lodge](#)

(1 Double/Twin Room)

Meal Plan

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner,
Water



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Day 6:

Location: Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha.

Program of the day:

Rise to an exhilarating new day in the heart of Africa's most iconic landscapes. After a luxurious breakfast, descend into the awe-inspiring **Ngorongoro Crater**, a true jewel of the natural world and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Brace yourself for a once-in-a-lifetime safari experience as you encounter the Big Five—lions, elephants, rhinos, buffalo, and elusive leopards—amidst a dramatic landscape of sparkling lakes and vibrant, wildlife-filled plains.

As your expert guide reveals the magic of this natural wonder, you'll explore every corner of the crater's breathtaking habitat, from lush grasslands to flamingo-studded lakes. Pause for a **gourmet picnic lunch in the heart of the crater**, surrounded by panoramic views and the symphony of Africa's wild soundtrack.

In the afternoon, embark on a scenic drive back to Arusha, taking in the ever-changing views of Tanzania's diverse landscapes. Arriving in Arusha during the evening, unwind in your **five-star accommodation** and savor a delectable dinner, reminiscing on your extraordinary safari experience.

This is not just a safari—this is **luxury redefined**, where every moment is crafted for those who seek the very best of Africa's wild beauty.

Main Destination	Ngorongoro Crater & Arusha City.
Distance / Time	Ngorongoro - Arusha (Approx. 3 hrs.)
Activities	Crater Tour

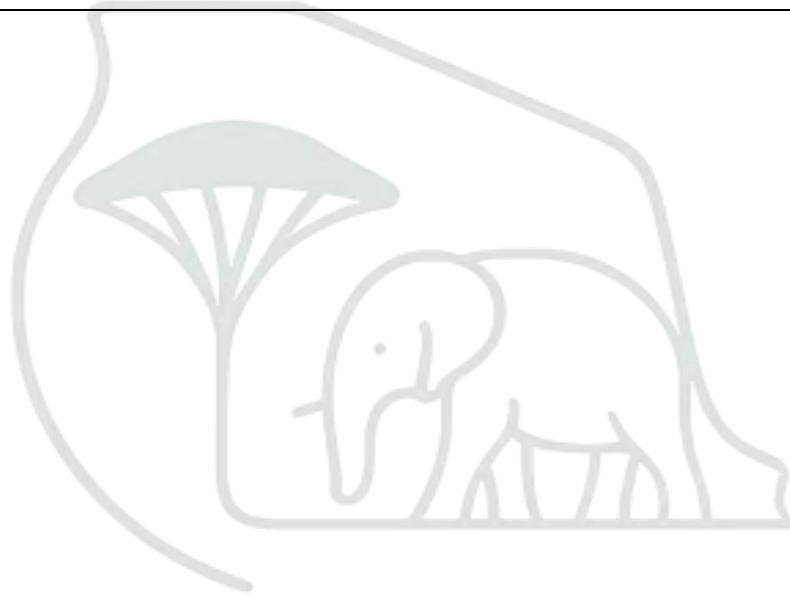
Accommodation

Gran Melia Hotel

1 Double/Twin Room

Meal Plan

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Water



Day 7:

Location: Departure from Arusha to JRO/ARK

Program of the day:

After a sumptuous breakfast at your luxury lodge, enjoy the final moments of your Tanzanian adventure. Take in the peaceful morning ambiance of **Arusha**, reflecting on the incredible safari journey

you've just experienced. Your private transfer will escort you to **Kilimanjaro International Airport** for your onward flight, ensuring a seamless and stress-free departure.

This day marks the end of a truly extraordinary safari, but the memories of Tanzania's stunning landscapes, abundant wildlife, and exclusive experiences will stay with you forever. As you board your flight, we hope you'll carry with you the spirit of Africa, eagerly awaiting your next adventure with us.

Safe travels, and we look forward to welcoming you back to Tanzania in the near future.

Main Destination	Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
Activities	Departure
Accommodation	<u>N/A (Departure)</u>
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch (depending on departure time), Water

End of Tour

OFFERED PRICE.

No. of Pax Per Group	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cost of Safari Per Person (PP)	\$ 7,300	\$ 5,560	\$ 5,280	\$ 5,125	\$ 5,060	\$ 4,960

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INCLUSIONS:

- Transfers to and from Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) and Arusha
- Domestic Flight from Arusha to Northern Serengeti
- All Park & entrance fees
- All game drives and activities as per the itinerary
- All accommodations as stated in the itinerary
- A professional driver/guide throughout the safari

- All transportation in a 4x4 safari vehicle with a pop-up roof for optimal viewing
- Drinking water throughout the day on safari
- All taxes/VAT
- Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner as outlined in the itinerary)

EXCLUSIONS:

- International Airfares (flights to and from Tanzania).
 - Premium drinks (alcoholic and soft drinks outside of meals)
 - Entry Visas.
 - Personal items (souvenirs, laundry, etc.)
 - Additional accommodation before and after the safari, though can be booked per prior notice subjected to availability.
 - Government-imposed increase of taxes or park fees during the tour.
- ❖ **Tips** for guides, drivers, and other service staff (gratuities are optional but appreciated):
- **Safari Guide:** \$15-\$20 per day, per person
 - **Hotel Staff/Other Service Personnel:** \$2-\$5 per person, per day (based on service received)

- Services not mentioned in the itinerary (e.g., optional activities or excursions) optional Balloon safari in Serengeti \$ **550 pp**
- Travel insurance and medical repatriation

Comments

- Our itineraries are designed to be flexible and can be modified to suit your preferences.
- Accommodation and domestic flights are subject to availability at the time of reservation.
- All prices quoted are current but may change due to external cost adjustments, such as increases in park entry fees or hotel/airline rates. Therefore, we reserve the right to re-quote if confirmation is not received within 10 working days from the date of quotation

TRAVELER'S IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Visa Information

Starting November 30, 2024, Tanzania visas will no longer be available at entry points (borders and ports). All visa applications must be completed **online** through the official Tanzania Immigration website.

- **Cost:** \$50 per person for non-American citizens; \$100 per person for American citizens.
- **Validity:** The visa allows for a stay of up to 3 months in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.
- **How to Apply:** The online process allows visitors to apply, pay, and receive their visas remotely. For more details and to apply, please visit [Tanzania Immigration website.](#)

Travel Requirements

- **Identification:** Passports should be kept in carry-on luggage as they may be required when boarding all flights, including domestic and charter flights.
- **Yellow Fever Certificate:** Travelers arriving from countries affected by Yellow Fever must carry a valid vaccination certificate.

- **Plastic Bag Ban:** As of June 1, 2019, Tanzania has banned the import and use of plastic carrier bags. Exceptions include plastic packaging for medical, industrial, agricultural, food, sanitary, and waste management purposes. Small "Ziploc" bags used for toiletries are permitted if kept for personal use.
- **Luggage Restrictions:** For safari, please bring only soft-sided bags. Domestic flights have a check-in baggage allowance of 20 kg.
- **Currency:** When carrying US dollars, ensure bills are dated 2006 or later, as earlier bills may not be accepted in East Africa.

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Karibu Tanzania!

(Welcome to Tanzania)