

7 Days of Natural Wonders: Ndotu Calving Spectacle, Crater Majesty & Materuni Waterfall Magic

Overview:

Step into a world of breathtaking wonders on this 7-day adventure that brings you face-to-face with the extraordinary. Witness the miracle of life during the Ndotu calving season in the Southern Serengeti, where vast herds of wildebeests and zebras bring new life to the savannah, accompanied by thrilling predator activity. Traverse the iconic Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, teeming with diverse wildlife in one of the most remarkable ecosystems on Earth.

Cap off your journey with a visit to the lush Materuni Waterfalls near Kilimanjaro, where you'll bask in the natural beauty and immerse yourself in a hands-on coffee-making experience with the warm local Chagga community. Every moment of this carefully crafted itinerary promises unforgettable encounters, awe-inspiring landscapes, and the authentic flavors of Tanzania.

Whether you're a wildlife enthusiast, a cultural explorer, or a seeker of tranquility in nature, this trip offers an extraordinary blend of adventure, discovery, and relaxation that will stay with you forever.

SKELETON ITINERARY:

Destination	Activities	Accommodation	Meal Plan
Arusha - Karatu	Arrival, Scenic Transfer to The Hotel & safari briefing	Eileen's Trees Inn	HB
Southern Serengeti (Ndotu)	Game Drive	Sero Tented Camp	FB
Southern Serengeti (NDUTU)	Game Drive	Sero Tented Camp	FB
Southern Serengeti - Ngorongoro Highlands	Game Drive	Embalakai Ngorongoro Camp	FB
Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha	Crater Tour	Arusha Planet Lodge	FB
Materuni Waterfalls	Guided Hike to the Waterfall, Coffee Tour, Village walk & culture immersion.	Airport Planet Lodge	FB
Airport	Departure	-	HB

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DAY TO DAY SECTION:

Day 1:

Location: Arusha - Karatu

Program of the day:

Your Tanzanian adventure begins as you arrive at **Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)** or **Arusha Airport (ARK)**, where your friendly guide will greet you with a warm Tanzanian welcome. After a brief introduction, embark on a scenic transfer from **Arusha** to the charming highlands of **Karatu**. Along the way, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and breathtaking views, passing through small, picturesque villages, verdant coffee plantations, and rolling hills dotted with livestock.

Arrive at your accommodation in a cozy area of Karatu, where tranquil landscapes and the serenity of the countryside surround you. Take a moment to settle into your peaceful retreat, soaking in the fresh highland air and the rhythm of life in this enchanting region.

As the sun sets, gather with your guide for a short safari briefing to learn about the exciting days ahead. Afterward, savor a hearty dinner infused with the rich flavors of Tanzanian cuisine, made from fresh, local ingredients. End your day relaxing in your comfortable accommodations, ready to kick-start your safari adventure in the morning.

Main Destination	Karatu
Distance / Time	Arusha - Karatu (Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
Activities	Arrival, Scenic Transfer, Check-in to the hotel & Safari briefing
Accommodation	<u>Eileen's Trees Inn Lodge,</u> Karatu. (1 Double/Twin Room)
Meal Plan	Bed & Breakfast, Lunch & or Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks



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Day 2:

Location: Karatu - South Serengeti (NDUTU)

Program of the day:

Begin your day with an early breakfast as the thrill of the Southern Serengeti beckons. Depart Karatu and journey through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, where rolling highlands, golden savannahs, and acacia-dotted landscapes create endless opportunities for awe-inspiring photos.



As you descend into the Ndutu plains, the scene transforms into a vibrant haven of wildlife, especially during the calving season. Thousands of wildebeests and zebras graze, while lions and cheetahs

patrol nearby – a living tableau of survival and life in the wild.



Spend the day on game drives, spotting elephants gracefully moving across the plains, giraffes stretching toward acacia leaves, and big cats blending seamlessly into the landscape. The diversity of

life offers breathtaking encounters at every turn.



Pause for a picnic lunch amidst the untamed Serengeti, letting the sounds of the wilderness provide the perfect backdrop. In the afternoon, continue exploring as the landscape shifts under the golden glow of sunset.

Arrive at your lodge in time for a warm dinner, and unwind beneath the vast starlit sky, reflecting on a day filled with unforgettable wildlife encounters.

Main Destination	South Serengeti (NDUTU)
Distance / Time	Karatu - South Serengeti (Approx. 3 hrs.)
Activities	Game Drive
Accommodation	<u>Sero Tented Camp</u> (1 Double/Twin Room)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks

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Day 3:

Location: Southern Serengeti (NDUTU)

Program of the day:

Awaken to the golden light of dawn sweeping across the Southern Serengeti. After a hearty breakfast, set out with your expert guide into the heart of Ndutu, where the calving season brings the plains to life.



Marvel at thousands of wildebeests and zebras giving birth, while lions, cheetahs, and hyenas move silently through the herds – a breathtaking display of life, survival, and the raw beauty of the

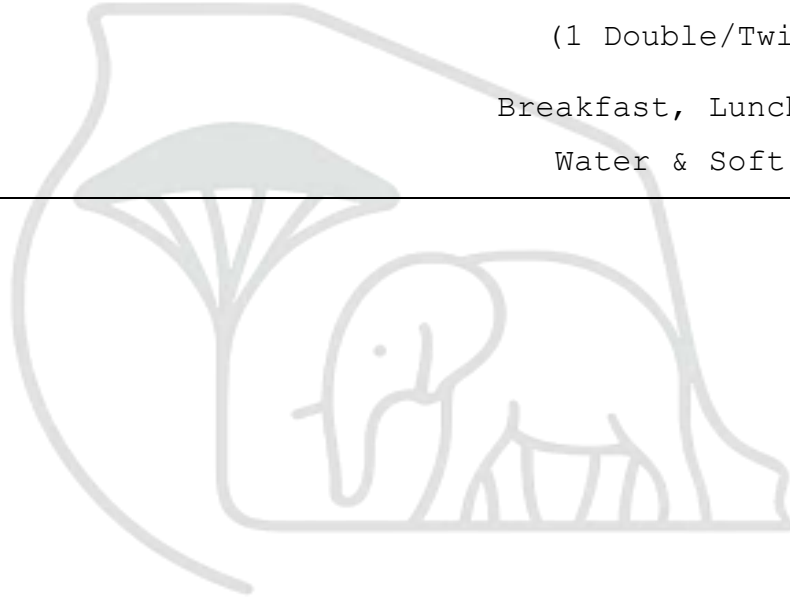
Serengeti. Each encounter, from a lioness on the hunt to a newborn calf taking its first steps, promises unforgettable memories.



Pause for a picnic lunch amidst the wild, surrounded by serene landscapes and the sounds of nature. Savor local delicacies while soaking in the vastness of this iconic wilderness.

In the afternoon, continue exploring, capturing striking wildlife moments and panoramic views. As dusk falls, return to your lodge for a delicious dinner, reflecting on the day's extraordinary adventures under the African stars, and letting the serenity of Nduvu prepare you for another day of discovery.

Main Destination	South Serengeti
Activities	Game Drive
Accommodation	<u>Sero Tented Camp</u> (1 Double/Twin Room)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks



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Day 4:

Location: Southern Serengeti (NDUTU) – Ngorongoro Highlands.

Program of the day:

Begin the day with an early morning game drive in Ndutu, where the golden light of dawn brings the plains alive. Witness the calving season in full swing—wildebeests and zebras moving with their newborns, while cheetahs and hyenas watch patiently. Capture unforgettable moments: lions stalking, elephants silhouetted against the horizon, or playful young wildlife exploring their world.



After this final Serengeti adventure, journey toward the Ngorongoro Highlands. The scenic drive showcases a tapestry of landscapes—from open savannas to rolling hills and verdant valleys. Pause along the way to admire the panoramic vistas of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.



Arrive in the highlands and settle into your lodge, a serene retreat with breathtaking views. Enjoy a flavorful meal inspired by the region, then relax and prepare for the next day's highlight: the world-famous Ngorongoro Crater, a spectacular finale to your safari adventure.

Main Destination	Ngorongoro Highlands
Distance / Time	Ndutu to Ngorongoro Highlands (Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
Activities	Game Drive
Accommodation	<u>Embalakai Ngorongoro Camp.</u> (1 Double/Twin Room)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks



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Day 5:

Location: Ngorongoro Crater – Arusha.

Program of the day:

Begin your day with an early breakfast, then prepare for one of the most awe-inspiring experiences of your safari. **Descend** into the **Ngorongoro Crater** (UNESCO World Heritage Site), an ancient volcanic caldera that is home to an incredible array of wildlife. As you drive down the crater's steep walls, the landscape opens up into a vast, fertile plain teeming with animals. Here, you'll find lions lounging in the shade of acacia trees, rhinos grazing peacefully, and wildebeest and zebras moving in synchrony across the vast grasslands. This fertile ecosystem supports an abundance of life, with flamingos decorating the crater's lakes and birds of prey soaring above in search of their next meal.



The crater is alive with the natural rhythms of wildlife, making it one of the world's most iconic safari destinations. Your guide will take you to the best spots for wildlife viewing, where you

can observe the interactions of Africa's great animals in their natural habitat.

Pause for a scenic picnic lunch in the heart of the crater, surrounded by breathtaking views.



In the afternoon, ascend the crater walls and take a final moment to admire the sweeping panoramas, capturing memories of this geological wonder.

As you leave the crater behind and make your way towards Arusha, the scenery gradually changes from the dramatic views of the crater to the peaceful, rolling hills of the highlands.

Upon reaching Arusha, you'll have time to unwind and enjoy a delicious dinner, preparing for the final moments of your safari journey.

Main Destination	Ngorongoro Crater.
Distance / Time	Ngorongoro Crater - Karatu (Approx. 1 hr.)
Activities	Crater Tour
Accommodation	<u>Arusha Planet Lodge</u> (1 Double/Twin)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks

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Day 6:

Location: Materuni Waterfalls

Program of the day:

Begin your day with a scenic drive to the enchanting Materuni Waterfalls, nestled in the lush foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro. As you journey through the countryside, you'll pass vibrant villages and fertile coffee plantations, offering a glimpse into the daily life of this rich and diverse region.

Upon arrival at the waterfalls, be captivated by the breathtaking sight of the water cascading amidst the tropical forest. Feel the cool mist on your skin as you stand at the base, immersed in the natural beauty of the surroundings. Your guide will share fascinating stories about the falls and their significance to the local Chagga people.

Next, embark on a delightful coffee experience. Materuni is famous for its coffee plantations, and here, you'll learn about the traditional Chagga coffee-making process. From handpicking the beans to roasting them over an open fire, you'll witness every step of the journey. The experience culminates in a tasting session where you can savor a freshly brewed cup of rich, aromatic coffee – a true taste of the region's best.

Afterward, indulge in a traditional Tanzanian meal, freshly prepared with ingredients sourced from the local area. Savor dishes like *nyama choma* (grilled meat), *ugali* (a staple maize dish), and fresh tropical fruits, providing a delicious glimpse into Tanzania's culinary heritage.



End your day with a relaxing drive back to your lodge, carrying with you the sights, sounds, and flavors of one of Tanzania's most beautiful and culturally vibrant regions.

Main Destination	Materuni Waterfalls
Distance / Time	Arusha - Materuni (Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
Activities	Guided Hike to the Waterfall, Coffee Tour, Village walk & culture immersion.
Accommodation	<i>Airport Planet Lodge</i> (1 Double/Twin Bed)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks



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Day 7:

Location: Arusha - Airport.

Program of the day:

After a relaxing breakfast, you will have some free time to **enjoy your final moments** in Tanzania. For those with **later departures**, we can arrange a visit to a **local craft market** or a leisurely lunch. For **early departures**, you'll be transferred to the airport after breakfast for your onward journey, taking with you unforgettable memories from your Tanzanian adventure.

Main Destination	Airport
Distance / Time	Lodge - Kilimanjaro International Airport (Approx. 10-15 minutes.,) Lodge - Arusha Airport (Approx. 45 minutes.,)
Activities	Departure
Accommodation	N/A (Departure)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Water & Soft Drinks

End of Tour.

OFFERED PRICE.

No. of Pax Per Group	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cost of Safari Per Person (PP)	\$ 3,360	\$ 2,340	\$ 2,220	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,045	\$ 1,970

INCLUSIONS:

- Transfers to and from Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) and Arusha
- 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.
- 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)
- 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.

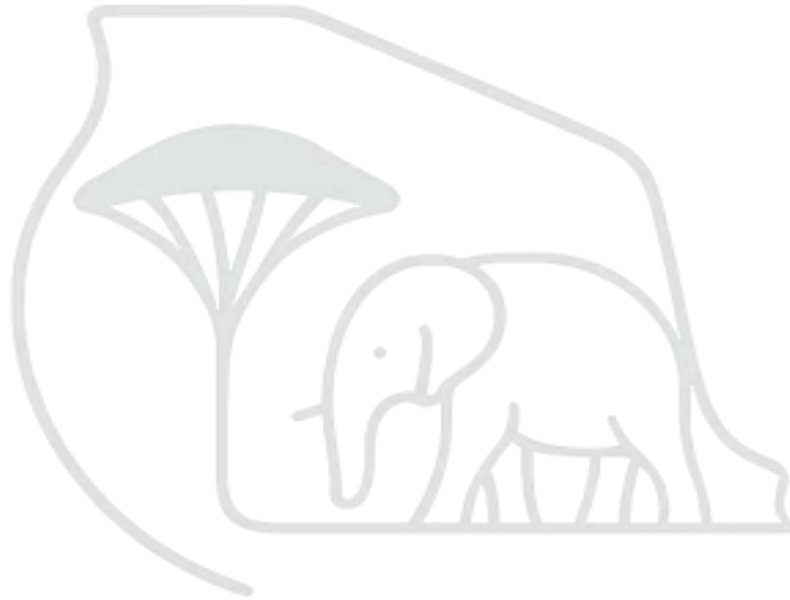
- **Cost:** \$50 per person for non-American citizens; \$100 per person for American citizens.
- **Validity:** The visa allows for a stay of up to 3 months in Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar.

- **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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(Welcome to Tanzania)