

8 Days | Cultural Immersion + Big 5 Safari + Highlands Luxury + Arusha Wind-down

OVERVIEW:

Live the rhythm of the land.

Trade the buzz of the city for wide skies, sacred mountains, and ancient traditions. **This 8-day retreat** is crafted for travellers seeking meaningful experiences, authentic connection, and untamed beauty – far from the noise, deep into the heart of Tanzania.

Your journey begins with an immersive stay at the Africa Amini Maasai Lodge, where culture, nature, and community intertwine. This is not a staged performance – it's real life, lived alongside the Maasai. From sacred sundowners and ancient cave visits to market days, school tours, and meals shared with Maasai families, you'll step into a way of life shaped by tradition and resilience. Climb the sacred Mt. Mukuru, explore local medicine with tribal elders, visit impact-driven projects under the "Africa Amini Tree," and take part in spirited games like rungu and hurle stone throwing.

Then, shift into the rhythm of the wild. Journey through Tarangire's elephant-filled savannas, descend into the wildlife-rich Ngorongoro Crater, and roam the endless golden plains of the Serengeti. Each stop is a chapter in a story of land, legacy, and life in motion.

Conclude your experience with a scenic bush flight back to Arusha, where a peaceful overnight stay gives space to reflect on the stories, sights, and soul-stirring encounters of the past eight days.

This is more than a trip. It's a reconnection – to nature, to culture, and to yourself.

SKELETON ITINERARY:

Destination	Activities	Accommodation	Meal Plan
Arusha	Arrival & Transfers	Hill Side Retreat (AA)	HB
Arusha	Maasai activities	Maasai Sacred Site Lodge (AA)	FB
Arusha - Tarangire	Game Drive	Tarangire Safari Lodge	FB
Tarangire - Ngorongoro Conservation Area	Crater Tour, Transfer	Embalakai Ngorongoro	FB
Ngorongoro - Serengeti National Park	Scenic Drive & Game Drive	Land of Nature Camp	FB
Serengeti National Park	Full Day Game Drive	Land of Nature Camp	FB
Serengeti - Arusha	Half day Game Drive & Flight to Arusha	Arusha Planet Lodge	FB
Departure - JRO/ARK	Departure	-	BB

DAY TO DAY SECTION:

Day 1:

Location: Touchdown in Tanzania – Step into Maasai Life

Program of the day:

Welcome to Tanzania! Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, your dedicated guide will greet you with a warm smile and a direct transfer to Africa Amini Life a unique cultural and nature retreat nestled in the heart of Momella village – where the landscapes of Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru frame every view – a place where community, culture, and nature come alive.

If you arrive early, your journey begins immediately with authentic, hands-on experiences:

- Share a traditional meal under the shade of the Africa Amini Tree
- Explore local development projects that are changing lives
- Enjoy a guided nature walk and visit a Maasai village
- If it's Friday, dive into the vibrant local market at Ngarenanyuki; on Sundays, experience the soulful energy of a village church service

This is not just a stopover – it's a doorway into a deeper kind of travel. Unwind, connect, and prepare for the unforgettable days ahead.

Main Destination

Arusha

Activities

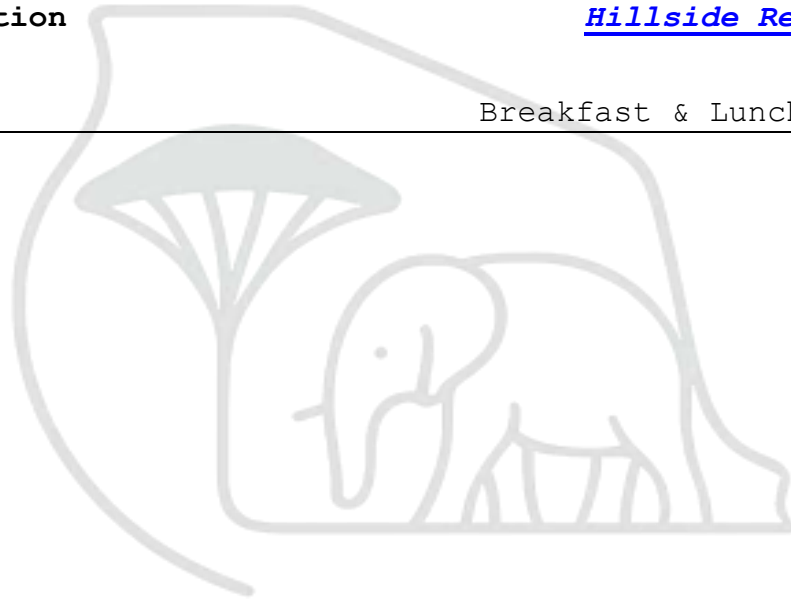
Arrival & Transfers

Accommodation

[Hillside Retreat](#)

Meal Plan

Breakfast & Lunch or Dinner



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Day 2:

Location: Deep Dive into Maasai Traditions – The Mukuru Experience

Program of the day:

Today, you journey deeper into the heart of Maasai land for a truly rare cultural immersion at **Mukuru**, a sacred site known for its spiritual significance and ancient healing traditions.

Your day unfolds with unforgettable moments:

- Explore **Whispering Caves** and hike to the summit of **Mt. Mukuru**
- Learn about traditional Maasai healing and medicinal plants from village elders
- Visit local **schools** and share a **meal with a Maasai family**
- Receive a blessing from the community's respected elder
- Experience the thrill of a **Rungu & Hurle stone-throwing competition**
- End the day with a magical **sundowner at the sacred site**

This is a once-in-a-lifetime cultural exchange – rich, raw, and real.

Main Destination

Arusha

Activities

The real Maasai thrilling expeditions

Accommodation

[Africa Amini Life - Mukuru Sacred Site Camp.](#)

Meal Plan

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner,
Drinking water & soft drinks



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Day 3:

Location: Arusha - Tarangire National Park

From Sacred Lands to Savannahs – Your Safari Adventure Begins

Program of the day:

Say goodbye to the raw beauty of Maasai land and step into the untamed wilderness of Tanzania. After breakfast, begin your scenic journey to **Tarangire National Park** – a land of **towering baobabs**, rolling hills, and vast herds of elephants.

Upon arrival, your **first game drive** begins. Explore the park's diverse ecosystems, home to **giraffes, zebras, wildebeests**, and elusive **predators** like lions and leopards. Tarangire's **riverine landscapes** make it a hotspot for wildlife, especially during the dry season when animals gather along the riverbanks.

Pause midday for a **picnic lunch** in a shaded spot within the park, taking in the stillness and beauty around you. Then continue your afternoon game drive, soaking in the sights and sounds of the wild as the sun begins to dip toward the horizon.

As night falls, settle in for a unique experience – **an overnight stay inside Tarangire National Park**. Enjoy dinner under the stars, surrounded by the distant calls of the wild.

Main Destination	Tarangire National Park
Distance / Time	Arusha to Tarangire (Approx. 2.5 - 3 hours.)
Activities	Scenic Drive from Arusha & Game Drive at Tarangire
Accommodation	<u>Tarangire Safari Lodge</u>
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks



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Day 4:

Location: Tarangire - Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Program of the day:

Wake up to the sounds of nature and enjoy an early breakfast before departing Tarangire for the legendary **Ngorongoro Conservation Area** – home to the world-famous **Ngorongoro Crater**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and often hailed as the "**Eighth Wonder of the World.**"

Upon arrival, **descend 600 meters** into the ancient volcanic caldera for a **full-day Crater Tour**. This natural amphitheater offers one of the best wildlife-viewing experiences in Africa, boasting nearly every species found in East Africa – all within a stunning 260 square kilometer expanse.

Drive across **open grasslands**, past **acacia woodlands** and **shimmering soda lakes**, where **flamingos**, **hippos**, and **crowned cranes** gather. With a bit of luck, you'll witness the **Big Five** – including the rare black rhino – in their natural habitat.

Enjoy a **picnic lunch** at a scenic spot near the hippo pool, then continue exploring the crater floor before ascending back up the lush crater rim in the afternoon.

Overnight at a lodge on the **Ngorongoro Crater rim or within the conservation area**, where cooler highland air and breathtaking views set the tone for a restful evening.

Main Destination	Ngorongoro Crater.
Distance / Time	Tarangire to Ngorongoro Crater (Approx. 1 hr.)
Activities	Game Drive in the crater
Accommodation	<u>Embalakai Ngorongoro Camp</u> (1 Twin Room)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks



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Day 5:

Location: Serengeti National Park.

Program of the day:

After a peaceful night in the highlands, enjoy an early breakfast before setting off toward the iconic **Serengeti National Park**, Tanzania's crown jewel and home to the world-renowned **Great Migration**.

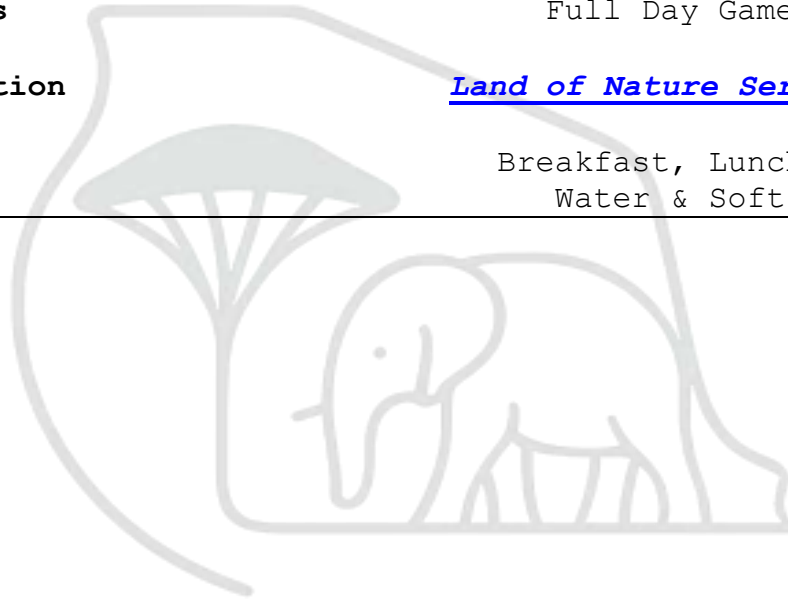
Your journey begins with a scenic drive across the **Ngorongoro Conservation Area**, where Maasai herders and their livestock share the land with wildlife – a beautiful expression of harmonious co-existence. Along the way, you may spot zebras, giraffes, or even elephants as the landscape transitions from rolling hills to the boundless savannahs of the Serengeti.

Enter the Serengeti through **Naabi Hill Gate**, where you'll stretch your legs and take in the sweeping views from the lookout point. From here, begin your **first game drive** in this legendary park, famed for its vast open plains, big cat sightings, and incredible concentrations of wildlife.

Enjoy a **picnic lunch** en route, then continue your afternoon game drive in search of lions lounging under acacia trees, cheetahs scanning the horizon, and massive herds of wildebeest and zebras traversing the plains.

As the sun dips toward the horizon, make your way to your **lodge or tented camp** deep in the Serengeti, where a warm welcome, dinner, and a night under the stars await.

Main Destination	Serengeti National Park.
Distance / Time	Ngorongoro to Serengeti (Approx. 3 hrs.,)
Activities	Full Day Game Drive.
Accommodation	<u>Land of Nature Serengeti Camp.</u>
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks



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Day 6:

Location: Serengeti National Park.

Program of the day:

Awaken to the sounds of the wild as the sun rises over the endless plains. After a hearty breakfast at your camp or lodge, set out for an unforgettable **full-day game drive** in the **Central Serengeti**, the beating heart of this world-famous national park.

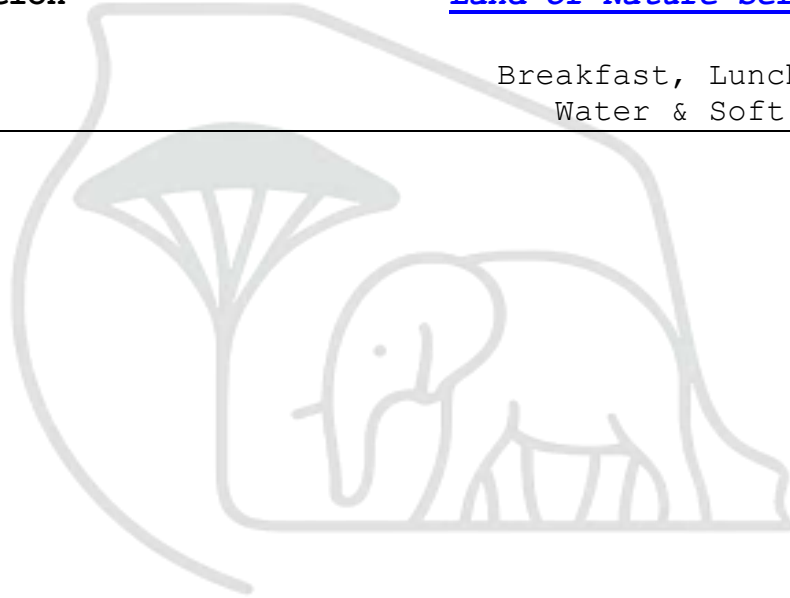
This region, known as **Seronera**, is teeming with wildlife year-round thanks to its network of rivers and lush vegetation. As you explore, be on the lookout for the **big cats** that rule these plains – lions lounging in the golden grasses, leopards draped in acacia trees, and cheetahs stalking prey in the open savannah.

You'll also encounter herds of **elephants, buffalos, zebras**, and a vibrant variety of **birdlife**. During the migration season, the Central Serengeti becomes a dramatic stage for the **Great Migration**, with endless lines of wildebeest and zebras braving river crossings and predators alike.

Pause midday for a **picnic lunch** at a scenic spot, perhaps near a kopje or shaded tree, soaking in the serenity of this untouched landscape. Continue your adventure into the afternoon, capturing stunning photographs and collecting unforgettable memories.

Return to your camp as the sun begins to set, painting the sky in hues of orange and pink. **Dinner is served under the stars**, accompanied by the distant calls of nocturnal wildlife.

Main Destination	Serengeti National Park.
Activities	Full Day Game Drive.
Accommodation	<u>Land of Nature Serengeti Camp.</u>
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks



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Day 7:

Location: Serengeti National Park - Arusha

Program of the day:

Wake up early to enjoy your **final sunrise in the Serengeti**. After a light breakfast, embark on a **sunrise game drive**, soaking in the beauty of the plains one last time. With luck, you may catch early-morning predators on the move or witness herds gathering near water sources in the golden morning light.

Return to camp for check-out, then transfer to **Seronera Airstrip** for your **afternoon flight to Arusha**. As you soar above the landscapes you've explored, reflect on the unforgettable moments that have made your journey so special.

Upon arrival in Arusha, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel for a **well-deserved evening of rest and relaxation**. Enjoy a leisurely dinner and take time to reflect, repack, or perhaps enjoy a quiet evening stroll – the perfect way to wind down after your adventure and prepare for the journey ahead.

Main Destination	Arusha
Distance / Time	Serengeti - Arusha (Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
Activities	Half Day Game Drive & Fly to Arusha.
Accommodation	<u>Arusha Planet Lodge</u>
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks

Day 8:

Location: Departure - JRO/ARK.

Program of the day:

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to Tanzania – a land of breathtaking landscapes, unforgettable wildlife, and rich cultures. Depending on your flight schedule, you will be transferred to **Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)** or **Arusha Airport (ARK)** for your onward journey.

We hope your time in Tanzania has left you with lasting memories, beautiful photographs, and a deep connection to this incredible part of the world. **Asante sana na safari njema – thank you and safe travels!**

Main Destination	Airport
Activities	Departure.
Accommodation	No Accommodation
Meal Plan	Breakfast, 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)	\$ 5,245	\$ 3,680	\$ 3,460	\$ 3,325	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,150

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
- Domestic Flight from Serengeti to Arusha
- 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 fluctuation of the

exchange rates, 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.

Karibu Tanzania!

(Welcome to Tanzania)