

Wilderness & Waves: A 10-Day Luxury Journey Through Tanzania

Overview:

Launch into an extraordinary 10-day journey through Tanzania's most captivating landscapes, where untamed wilderness meets tropical tranquility. Begin your adventure **in Tarangire National Park**, home to ancient baobabs and the mesmerizing migration of elephants. Continue to the awe-inspiring **Ngorongoro Crater**, a natural amphitheater teeming with the Big Five and unparalleled views that take your breath away. Venture into the iconic **Serengeti**, where endless golden plains host dramatic wildlife encounters and the timeless spectacle of the Great Migration.

Conclude your journey **in Zanzibar**, the jewel of the Indian Ocean, where white-sand beaches, turquoise waters, and rich cultural history provide the perfect balance of relaxation and discovery. From thrilling game drives to serene island escapes, **this itinerary offers the ultimate blend of luxury, adventure, and unforgettable memories.**

Experience the heart of Africa in style—where every moment tells a story and every destination leaves you longing for more.

SKELETON ITINERARY:

Destination	Activities	Accommodation	Meal Plan
Arusha	Arrival, Transfer, Check-In & Safari Briefings	Gran Melia Arusha Hotel	HB
Arusha - Tarangire NP	Scenic Drive & Game Drive	Lake Manyara Serena	FB
Karatu - Ngorongoro	Crater Tour	Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge	FB
Serengeti NP	Game Drive	Nyota Luxury Camp	FB
Serengeti NP	Game Drive	Serengeti Sametu	FB
Serengeti NP - Zanzibar	Fly to Zanzibar	Zanzibar Serena	BB
Stone Town	Stone Town & Market Tour	Zanzibar Serena	BB
Kiwengwa Beach	Beach Relaxation	Melia Zanzibar	FB
Kiwengwa Beach	Beach Relaxation	Melia Zanzibar	FB
Zanzibar Airport	Departure	N/A	BB

DAY TO DAY SECTION:

Day 1:

Location: **Arusha**

Program of the day:

Welcome to Tanzania! Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) or Arusha Airport (ARK), your dedicated driver-guide will greet you with a warm welcome and assist with your luggage. With years of experience and a deep passion for the land, your guide will ensure your journey starts smoothly, setting the tone for the unforgettable experiences ahead.

You will be driven through the picturesque Tanzanian landscape to your accommodation in Arusha, the bustling gateway to some of the country's most iconic safari destinations. Along the way, enjoy the scenic views of the surrounding countryside.

After checking into your lodge, you'll have time to unwind and refresh. As the sun sets, join your guide for a safari briefing, where you'll learn more about your upcoming adventure, the wildlife you'll encounter, and the incredible landscapes you'll explore over the next few days.

In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner at your accommodation, featuring a mix of local flavors and international cuisine, before

settling in for a peaceful night's rest in Arusha, preparing for the exciting days ahead.

Main Destination	Arusha
Distance / Time	JRO - Arusha (Approx. 45 min- 1 hr.) ARK - Arusha (Approx. 30 min.)
Activities	Arrival & Scenic Transfer to your accommodation & Safari Briefing
Accommodation	<u>Gran Melia Arusha</u> 1 Double/Twin Room
Meal Plan	Dinner & Breakfast, Water

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Day 2:

Location: Arusha – Tarangire National Park.

Program of the day:

After a delicious breakfast to start your day, you'll be ready for your first exciting adventure in Tanzania. Your journey begins with a scenic drive from Arusha to **Tarangire National Park**, a true hidden gem known for its large elephant herds and impressive baobab trees.



As you approach the park, the vastness of the landscape will captivate you, and you'll be ready to embark on your very first

game drive. Tarangire is home to an incredible diversity of wildlife, and you'll have the opportunity to spot herds of elephants, lions lounging in the shade, and an array of antelope and bird species that call the park home. The park is also famous for its unique ecosystem, with vast open savannas, wetlands, and distinctive baobab trees that create a picturesque backdrop for your safari.



Enjoy a delicious picnic lunch in a scenic spot within the park, where you can take in the beauty of the surrounding wilderness and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere. After your midday break, continue

your game drive, delving deeper into the park's heart and witnessing more fascinating wildlife and landscapes.

In the late afternoon, you'll head to your accommodation just outside the park, where you can relax and unwind after an exciting first day of safari adventures. Enjoy a delightful dinner prepared with fresh, local ingredients, and reflect on your day's discoveries.

As the evening sets in, soak in the tranquility of the African bush, ready to continue your journey through Tanzania's natural wonders.

Main Destination	Tarangire National Park.
Distance / Time	Arusha - Tarangire (Approx. 2 - 2.5 hrs.)
Activities	Scenic Drive from Arusha & Game Drive in Tarangire
Accommodation	<u>Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge</u>
Meal Plan	1 Double/Twin Room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks

Day 3:

Location: Karatu – Ngorongoro Conservation Area

Program of the day:

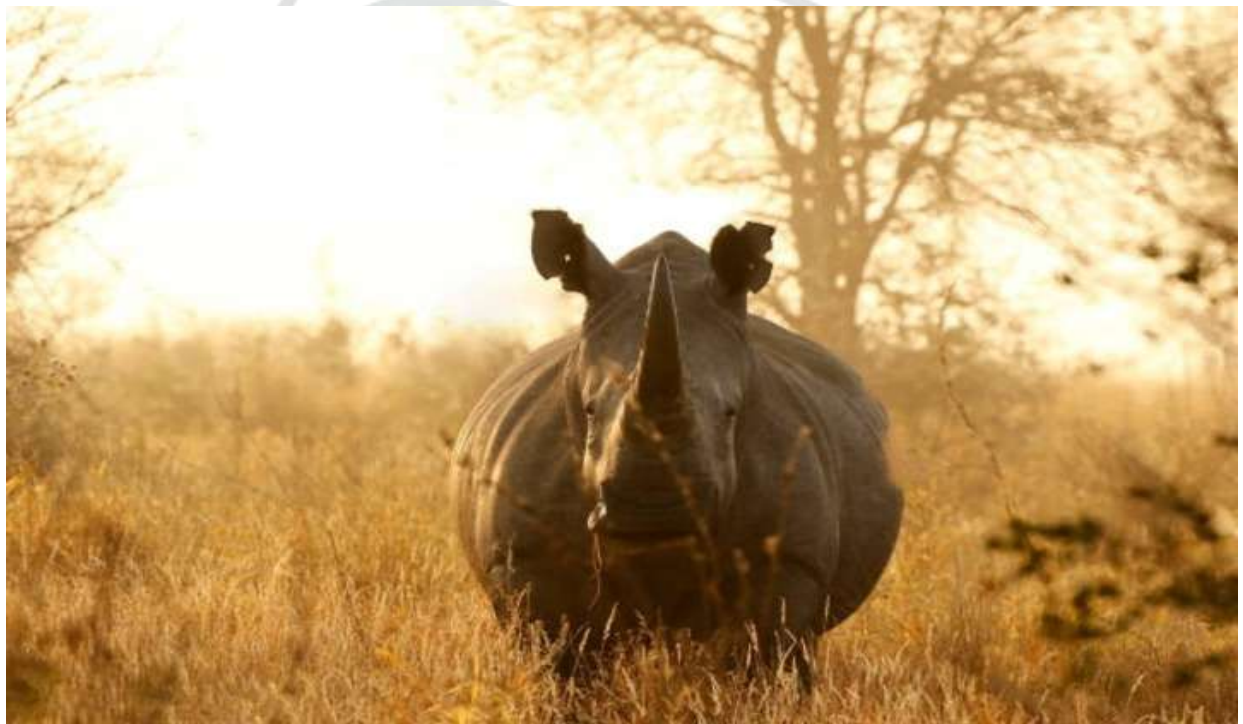
After a refreshing breakfast at your lodge in Karatu, you'll set off for another incredible day of exploration. Today, you'll venture to the iconic Ngorongoro Crater, one of Tanzania's most celebrated natural wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As you drive through the highland forests, you'll be treated to breathtaking views from the crater rim, offering a sweeping glimpse into the vast volcanic caldera below.



Prepare to descend 600 meters to the crater floor, where an extraordinary diversity of wildlife awaits. The Crater's rich ecosystem is home to the legendary Big Five—lions, elephants,

buffalo, rhinos, and leopards—as well as zebras, wildebeests, hippos, and vibrant flamingos scattered along the soda lake shores.

Pause for a scenic picnic lunch within this stunning landscape, immersed in the raw beauty of nature.



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In the afternoon, continue your game drive across the crater floor before ascending back to the rim. As the day draws to a close, head to your lodge near the Ngorongoro Crater for a relaxing evening. Enjoy a warm dinner and unwind in the cool highland air, preparing for more adventures tomorrow in the heart of Tanzania's wilderness.

Main Destination	Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti National Park.
Distance / Time	Karatu - Ngorongoro (Approx. 15 - 20 mins.)
Activities	Game Drive in Ngorongoro Crater
Accommodation	<u>Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge</u> (1 Double/Twin Room)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks



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Day 4:

Location: **Serengeti National Park.**

Program of the day:

After a hearty breakfast at your lodge near the Ngorongoro Crater, set off for a scenic drive towards the legendary **Serengeti National Park**. The journey itself is part of the adventure, with breathtaking views of the highlands gradually giving way to the vast, open plains that define the Serengeti.

Upon entering the park through **Naabi Hill Gate**, begin your **first thrilling game drive** in one of Africa's most iconic wildlife havens. As you traverse this world-renowned ecosystem, you'll witness endless golden plains dotted with acacia trees and teeming with life. The Serengeti is home to the famed **Big Five**, as well as massive herds of **wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles**, especially during the **Great Migration** season.



Keep your eyes peeled for **lions** basking in the sun, **cheetahs** scanning the grasslands, and **leopards** lounging in the treetops. The park also hosts **elephants**, **giraffes**, and countless bird species, offering a truly rich and immersive wildlife experience.



Enjoy a **picnic lunch** in the heart of the Serengeti, surrounded by the breathtaking sights and sounds of the bush. In the afternoon, continue exploring the park's diverse habitats, guided by your expert safari guide who will share fascinating insights into animal behaviour and the Serengeti's dynamic ecosystem.

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As the sun begins to set, arrive at your lodge or tented camp in the Serengeti. Settle in, enjoy a freshly prepared dinner, and soak in the magic of your surroundings. As night falls, drift off to sleep under a starlit sky, serenaded by the distant calls of the wild – a perfect end to your first day in the Serengeti.

Main Destination	Serengeti National Park
Distance / Time	Ngorongoro – Serengeti (Approx. 3 – 3.5 hrs.)
Activities	Game Drive
Accommodation	<u>Nyota Luxury Camp.</u> (1 Double/Twin Room)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks

Day 5:

Location: Serengeti National Park.

Program of the day:

Wake up early for a hearty breakfast, ready for another action-packed day of game viewing in the vast expanse of **Serengeti National Park**. The Serengeti's unique landscapes and abundant wildlife will continue to captivate you as you embark on a full day of discovery.

Start your day with an early morning game drive, taking advantage of the cooler hours when wildlife is most active. As the sun rises over the endless plains, you may witness predators on the hunt, herds of antelope grazing, and elephants moving through the acacia woodlands. The early morning light casts a magical glow over the park, making it the perfect time for wildlife photography and moments of pure magic.

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Throughout the day, continue exploring different areas of the park, from the rolling plains to the riverbanks, each home to a different array of animals. As you venture deeper into the Serengeti, you may encounter large prides of lions basking in the sun, cheetahs

sprinting across the plains, or even the elusive leopard hidden high in the branches of a tree. Keep an eye out for other fascinating wildlife such as hyenas, jackals, and a variety of bird species, making this safari day even more diverse.

Your expert guide will lead you through these varied terrains, sharing fascinating stories and information about the Serengeti's natural history, its incredible wildlife, and the ongoing ecological processes that shape this world-famous ecosystem. Your guide's knowledge will enhance your understanding of the Serengeti's delicate balance and the interactions between predator and prey.

At midday, take a well-deserved break and enjoy a picnic lunch in a scenic location within the park. Surrounded by nature, you can relax and enjoy the beauty of the Serengeti while reflecting on the incredible wildlife you've encountered so far.

In the afternoon, continue your game drive, visiting new areas of the park and uncovering more of the Serengeti's wonders. As the day comes to a close, enjoy the golden hour as the sun sets over the plains, casting long shadows and turning the sky into a brilliant hue of orange and pink. Capture the breathtaking views before returning to your lodge for a delicious dinner.

After a full day of exploration and adventure, unwind in the comfort of your lodge, surrounded by the sounds of the African wilderness, and rest up for another exciting day in the Serengeti tomorrow.

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



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Day 6:

Location: Serengeti - Zanzibar

Program of the day:

Start the day with a **morning game drive** in the Serengeti, where the early hours offer the best opportunities to see predators like lions, leopards, and cheetahs. As the sun rises over the vast plains, herds of wildebeest, zebras, and elephants are also active, creating an extraordinary wildlife experience. Your expert guide will share fascinating insights into the park's unique ecosystems, ensuring this final game drive in the Serengeti is unforgettable.

After your game drive, return to the lodge for breakfast, followed by some time to relax and enjoy the Serengeti's serene atmosphere. Afterward, you'll be transferred to **Seronera Airstrip** for your flight to **Zanzibar**.

On arrival in **Stone Town**, Zanzibar, you'll be greeted and transferred to your hotel, **Zanzibar Serena Hotel**, where you can unwind and soak in the tranquil surroundings. Enjoy a refreshing drink as you check in and settle into your room.

The remainder of the day is yours to relax and rejuvenate. You may choose to relax by the beach, enjoy the hotel's amenities, or take in the beauty of the Indian Ocean. This is the perfect time to unwind after the excitement of your Serengeti safari and get ready for your upcoming exploration of Zanzibar.



Main Destination	Serengeti National Park & Zanzibar
Distance / Time	Serengeti - Zanzibar (Approx. 3-3.5 hrs.)
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Drive, Transfer to Seronera Airstrip for flight to Zanzibar • Arrival in Stone Town, Zanzibar, and transfer to Zanzibar Serena Hotel • Relaxation time at the hotel and leisure
Accommodation	<u>Zanzibar Serena Hotel</u>
Meal Plan	Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks

Day 7:

Location: Stone Town

Program of the day:

After a leisurely breakfast, get ready for a day filled with culture and history as you set off for a **Stone Town Tour**. Wander through the maze-like streets of this UNESCO World Heritage site, where centuries of rich history and diverse cultures come to life. The town's architecture tells a fascinating story of Arab, Persian, Indian, and European influences that shaped Zanzibar over the centuries. As you explore, admire the beautiful buildings, intricate doors, and historic landmarks that stand as a testament to Zanzibar's unique heritage.

You'll also visit some of the **iconic landmarks** such as the **House of Wonders**, the **Palace Museum**, and the **Old Fort**, each holding secrets from Zanzibar's past. The narrow alleys, bustling squares, and stunning stone buildings will give you a glimpse into the island's vibrant culture and history.



After soaking in the history and charm of Stone Town, it's time for a delightful **Market Tour**. Wander through the bustling local markets where the air is filled with the intoxicating aromas of Zanzibar's famous spices. Known as the **Spice Island**, Zanzibar boasts a rich spice trade history, and you'll have the chance to experience firsthand the colors, scents, and flavors that make the island a culinary treasure. From cloves to cinnamon, nutmeg to cardamom, this market is a sensory delight, and your guide will share fascinating details about the spices and their uses.



Following your market adventure, return to your hotel to relax and unwind. If you have some free time, enjoy a **leisurely stroll to Forodhani Gardens**, a lively waterfront park that comes alive in the evening with street food vendors. Here, you can sample **fresh seafood** and local delicacies, experiencing the true flavors of Zanzibar in a vibrant open-air atmosphere.

As the day draws to a close, head back to your hotel for a delicious dinner and a peaceful overnight stay, reflecting on the incredible cultural experiences of the day.

Main Destination

Stone Town, Zanzibar

Activities

- Explore the historic streets of Stone Town on a guided tour
- Visit iconic landmarks like the House of Wonders, Palace Museum, and Old Fort
- Experience the vibrant Spice Market, learning about Zanzibar's spice trade
- Optional: Stroll through Forodhani Gardens and sample local seafood delicacies

Accommodation

[Zanzibar Serena Hotel](#)

Meal Plan

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks

Day 8:

Location: From Historic Stone Town to Kiwengwa's Tranquil Shores

Program of the day:

Today is yours to enjoy at your own pace—no rush, only pure relaxation. Spend the day basking in the sun on Zanzibar's pristine beaches, with soft white sands stretching before you and the turquoise waters inviting you for a swim or a refreshing dip. Feel the gentle ocean breeze as you unwind in a tropical paradise.



For those seeking a bit of adventure or a touch of culture, optional activities await. If you're in the mood for exploration, consider taking a **dhow cruise** along the coast to discover nearby

coral reefs. Marvel at the vibrant marine life as you glide over the crystal-clear waters, or enjoy a peaceful moment on the dhow, soaking in the beauty of the Indian Ocean.



Alternatively, delve deeper into Zanzibar's rich heritage by visiting a **local spice farm**. Learn about the island's spice legacy, where you'll see, touch, and smell the ingredients that make Zanzibar famous as the **Spice Island**. You'll even get to taste some of the fresh spices and learn how they're used in both local cuisine and traditional medicine.

For those interested in connecting with the local culture, a stroll through **the village** offers a glimpse into the lives of Zanzibar's islanders. Explore the vibrant village, visit local markets, witness traditional craftsmanship, and discover the harmonious relationship between the people and their natural surroundings.

After your activities or relaxation, return to your hotel to unwind. As the sun sets, enjoy a delicious dinner, reflecting on the incredible experiences you've had and the beauty of Zanzibar's coastal charm.

Main Destination	Kiwengwa Beach
Activities	Beach Relaxation
Accommodation	<u>Melia Zanzibar Resort</u>
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water & Soft Drinks

Day 9:

Location: **Kiwengwa Beach.**

Program of the day:

Embrace the tranquility of the island with another day dedicated to relaxation. Take a final stroll along the beach or enjoy a leisurely swim in the sparkling waters. Let the serene surroundings sink in as you unwind and reflect on the unforgettable memories you've made.



If you're in the mood for one last adventure, consider engaging in optional activities such as **snorkeling**, **paddle boarding**, or simply

lounging by the beach with a refreshing drink in hand. For those who wish to further explore, a visit to **the Jozani Forest** to see the rare red colobus monkeys can be an enriching experience.

As the day comes to a close, enjoy your last evening on the island, perhaps with a sunset cocktail on the beach. Indulge in a final dinner, savoring the flavors of Zanzibar and the memories of your incredible adventure.

Main Destination	Kiwengwa Beach
Activities	Beach Relaxation
Accommodation	<u>Melia Zanzibar Resort</u>
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Water.

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Day 10:

Location: **Zanzibar Airport (Departure).**

Program of the day:

On your final day in Zanzibar, enjoy a leisurely breakfast at your hotel. Take a moment to reflect on your incredible experiences in Tanzania—the unforgettable safari adventures, the breathtaking landscapes, and the peaceful moments spent on the island’s stunning beaches.

Depending on your flight time, you may have a few last moments to relax at the hotel or take one final stroll along the beach before your transfer. Your driver will pick you up at the agreed time and transfer you to **Zanzibar International Airport (ZNZ)** for your flight home.

With your heart full of memories and a camera full of photos, you’ll say goodbye to this tropical paradise, ready to share the stories of your adventure with loved ones.

Main Destination	Zanzibar Airport
Activities	Departure
Accommodation	N/A (Departure)
Meal Plan	Breakfast, Lunch, (Depending on departure hours) Water.

OFFERED PRICE.

No. of Pax Per Group	1	2	3	4	5	6
Cost of Safari Per Person (PP)	\$ 8,350	\$ 6,180	\$ 5,890	\$ 5,670	\$ 5,570	\$ 5,520

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Arusha City Tour

Discover the cultural and economic heart of Tanzania with a guided city tour in Arusha. Explore local markets, museums, and experience the vibrant streets.

Price: \$ 50 per person

2. Night Game Drive at Manyara:

Witness the magic of the African night as you explore Lake Manyara National Park under the stars. Spot nocturnal creatures on a guided night game drive.

Price: \$ 90 per person

3. Balloon Safari in Serengeti:

Experience a bird's-eye view of the Serengeti on an unforgettable hot air balloon safari. Float above the

plains at sunrise and watch the wildlife from a unique perspective.

Price: \$ 550 per person

Optional Activities for Zanzibar:

1. **Spice Tour:**

Uncover Zanzibar's rich history as a global spice hub with a visit to a local spice farm. Smell, taste, and learn about the aromatic spices that define the island.

Price: \$35 per person

2. **Prison Island (Changuu Island) Tour:**

Take a short boat ride to Prison Island to discover its historical significance, interact with giant tortoises, and relax on its picturesque beach.

Price: \$45 per person

3. **Snorkeling & Dolphin Tour:**

Dive into the crystal-clear waters of **Kizimkazi** for snorkeling and dolphin watching. With a bit of luck, you might even get to swim alongside these playful creatures.

Price: \$50 per person

4. **Sunset Dhow Cruise:**

Enjoy a traditional dhow cruise along Zanzibar's coastline, watching the spectacular sunset while sipping a refreshing drink.

Price: \$35 per person

5. **Zanzibar Beach Horseback Riding:**

Ride horseback along the stunning beaches of Zanzibar, offering an intimate and peaceful experience with the ocean breeze.

Price: \$60 per person



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INCLUSIONS:

✓ **Transfers:**

- To and from **Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO)** and **Arusha**.
- To and from **Zanzibar Airport** for the beach relaxation portion of the itinerary.
- Transfers from Stone Town to the beach area in Zanzibar for the relaxation portion of the trip.

✓ **Domestic flight,** including the **flight to Zanzibar** from Serengeti as per the itinerary.

✓ **Accommodation:** All accommodations as per the itinerary, including **safari camps/lodges** and **beach resorts** in Zanzibar.

✓ **Game Drives and Safari Activities:**

- All **game drives** and activities as outlined in the itinerary in **Tarangire, the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater,** and other safari locations if outlined.

✓ **Transportation:**

- All transportation in a **4x4 safari vehicle** with a pop-up roof for optimal game viewing.
- Transfers within **Zanzibar** for **Stone Town tour** and other excursions.

✓ **Guides:** A **professional driver/guide** throughout the safari and Zanzibar portion of the trip.

- ✓ **Meals: Full-board meals** as per the itinerary (**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**).
- ✓ **Park and Entry Fees:**
 - All **park entrance fees** for Tarangire, **Serengeti** & **Ngorongoro Crater**.
 - **Entry fees** for **Stone Town** in Zanzibar & or other places specified in the itinerary.
- ✓ **Complimentary Water: Drinking water** is provided throughout the safari and during transfers.
- ✓ **Taxes:** All applicable **taxes/VAT** for services mentioned in the itinerary.

EXCLUSIONS:

- ❖ **Flights: International airfares** (flights to and from Tanzania).
- ❖ **Drinks: Premium drinks**, including alcoholic and soft drinks **outside of meals** or specified activities.
- ❖ **Visas: Entry visas** for Tanzania (if required based on nationality).
- ❖ **Personal Expenses: Personal items** such as **souvenirs, laundry, etc.**

- ❖ **Accommodation Before/After Safari: No Additional accommodation** before and after the safari, unless specified.
- ❖ **Park Fees and Tax Increases:** Any **government-imposed increase** in **taxes** or **park fees** during the tour.
- ❖ **Optional Activities:** Any other **optional excursions** not mentioned in the itinerary.
- ❖ **Travel Insurance:** covering cancellation, medical emergencies, and repatriation
- ❖ **Miscellaneous:** Any **services not mentioned** explicitly in the itinerary or **additional requests** made during the trip.
- ❖ **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)

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Abbreviation Used In The Document:

BB: Bed & Breakfast

FB: Full Board- Bed Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

HB: Half Board- Bed & Breakfast and Dinner

JRO: Kilimanjaro International Airport

ARK: Arusha Airport

ZNZ: Abeid Amani Karume International Airport.

NP: National Park

N/A: No Accommodation.

PP: Price Per Person

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)