



## 6 Day Tanzania Wildlife Safari – Nairobi to Nairobi

A 6-day Tanzania safari taking you across the famed Great Rift Valley to Lake Manyara, the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater for exciting wildlife encounters.

**Tour Highlights:** Lake Manyara National Park, Olduvai Gorge, Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater

**Meals:** 5 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners

**Accommodation:** Permanent walk-in tents, twin share with en suite facilities in the Serengeti (2 nts), local hotel twin share with en-suite facilities (3 nts).

**Tour Includes:** Tour highlights, accommodation, transport, meals as indicated & services of a tour guide & driver.

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### Day 1: Nairobi, Transfer to Moshi

This morning you will be picked up from the joining hotel in Nairobi and transferred to your scheduled bus, for a journey south across the border and into Tanzania. Formalities here usually take an hour. Once through, we continue to Arusha where there is sometimes a change of bus for the final drive to Moshi. We aim to arrive approximately 16:00. After checking into the hotel, just outside Moshi itself, the remainder of the afternoon is yours at leisure to relax and settle into the hotel and surrounds. Tonight's accommodation is in tourist class hotel. If time allows ask the hotel about the nearby protected forest reserve offers easy walks to visitors and is home to many species of birds and monkey.

### Day 2: Arusha, Lake Manyara National Park, Karatu (B / L / D)

This morning we meet our guide and leave Moshi, driving through Arusha and out across the Rift Valley with its rolling hills and low slung acacia trees. We stop in the village of Mto Wa Mbu ('Mosquito Creek'), before arriving at Lake Manyara National Park. The park is a beautiful area of thick tropical jungle and wide grassy floodplain, dominated by a giant soda lake. It is a haven for wildlife; home to wallowing hippo and thousands of flamingos that congregate on its lake shore, as well as zebra, wildebeest and buffalo that graze its plains. This afternoon we game drive across the park, hoping to spot some of its residents. If lucky we may also see rare antelope such as klipspringers and dik-diks in the shade of acacia woodland and Manyara's legendary tree-climbing lions languishing in the branches. As day closes, we ascend the Rift Valley's escarpment and pass through the Tanzanian 'highlands', arriving at sunset in the village of Karatu. Our hotel lies a short way off the main road with views over coffee and maize plantations toward Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

### Days 3 & 4: Olduvai Gorge, Serengeti National Park (Bx2 / Lx2 / Dx2)

Today we drive to the slopes of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and ascend the crater rim. With breath-taking views into the crater, we continue on into the Serengeti National Park. On the way we stop at Olduvai Gorge for a look where some of the most significant remnants of early man have

been found. Once in the Serengeti, its wide horizons and open plains provide some of Africa's most evocative images and unrivalled game viewing.

The name 'Serengeti' derives from the Masai 'Siringitu' - 'the place where land moves on forever', with reference to its expansive grasslands where large herds of zebra, wildebeest and buffalo graze. We stay overnight at a permanent camp in the park, with comfortable fixed tents and beds. Our camp is in a perfect setting to combine comfort with the real Africa. Lying in bed and listening to the sounds of the African night is a truly unforgettable experience. The following day is spent on game drives. Depending on the time of year and recent sightings, so our guide will decide the regions of the park we explore. We return in the evening to our camp for dinner to reflect on our day.

#### **Day 5: Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater (B / L / D)**

Game driving out of the park after breakfast, we return to the Ngorongoro Crater and ascend its outer wall. From the top, the views out across the crater floor are incredible. This World Heritage Site is home to an estimated 30,000 animals, contained within its high crater walls and 22km wide basin. We descend the road onto the crater floor and spend some time this afternoon enjoying the sights where we may see anything from a family of brightly coloured hornbills to a pride of lions. This evening we return to our hotel in Karatu for the night.

#### **Day 7: Return to Nairobi (B)**

We journey back across the Rift Valley to Arusha, in time to catch the afternoon shuttle to Nairobi. We aim to arrive in Kenya's capital towards the early evening, (traffic permitting) where our tour ends.