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# Hekima Safaris Tour Itinerary

# Day 1 Arrival - Tranfer to Chanya Lodge.

The group arrives at Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO). Participants are met by a representative of Hekima Safaris and transferred at Chanya Lodge located in Kilimanjaro region. <u>https://chanyalodge.co.tz/</u>

# **Additional notes:**

This is your first day on safari, so we ask that you please pay special attention to the national park's visitor rules and our company recommendations.

- During the safari it is strictly prohibited to exit the vehicle, except for in specially designated areas. Violations of this rule may be accompanied by large fines for the company, including the revocation of its license.
- Off road driving is also prohibited, as such behaviour may cause irreparable damage to the fragile balance of the natural ecosystem.
- During the safari you are allowed to smoke, but be extremely careful about how you extinguish and dispose of cigarette butts, as they are a frequent cause of fires in the savanna.
- In addition, we sincerely request that you not put your feet on the safari car's seats, nor sit on the back of them, because this type of behaviour quickly makes the cars unusable.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

# Day 2 Day Trip To Shira Plateau.

Early in the morning of your Kilimanjaro day trip, we will pick you up at your hotel – an active day in Tanzania's wilderness area awaits. The drive to your destination of West Kilimanjaro takes you through a forest reserve, where you can look out for Colobus Monkeys in the trees. Your hike through the beautifully rugged landscape of Shira Plateau starts at 3,500 m above sea level. Get out of the car, lace up your shoes and take

in the sounds, smells, and colors of Tanzania's stunning wilderness. Along different trails and accompanied by a ranger, you can enjoy views of Kibo, Kilimanjaro's highest peak, and its northern glaciers, when the weather permits. The vast plains of neighbouring Amboseli National Park in Kenya and the deep gorge of the Simba River contrast the views of the world's highest free-standing mountain. When you reach the northern rim of Shira Crater, take a quick stop at different observation points and see the volcanic cones dotting the landscape below. Hike at your own pace and enjoy a picnic lunch under the open sky along the way. It's a moderate hike and you don't need to be an athlete to be able to enjoy it. However, at 3,500m the air is thinner, so pace your step, enjoy the untouched landscapes and the presence of the mighty Kilimanjaro. After a 4h hike – or earlier, if your legs get tired – we take you back to your hotel. <u>https://chanyalodge.co.tz/</u>

#### **Day 3 Chemka Hotsprings**

In the early morning, you will be picked up while with every of your belonging and start your day heading to Chemka Hot-springs, Maji Moto in Swahili, known locally as Kikuletwa Hot-springs, is paradisiac oasis amid-st the Tanzanian Savannah, offers captivating, Bounty-styled views, crystal-clean water and dense vegetation around. Located in 2-hour drive from Moshi (Tanzania) – the main climbing hub of the region – Chemka Hot Springs is the best place to visit after a Kilimanjaro hike or a safari adventure.

Chemka oasis is a unique phenomenon – it is the only place in Tanzania (and most likely in the whole East Africa), where the groundwater actively interacted with geothermal sources, forming a number of small lakes with warm, never-stagnating water, which purity is not inferior to the best Dominican or Maldivian resorts. During the eveningyou will be transferred to Arusha for you overningt at Maasai Land. https://masailandsafari.com/

#### Day 4 Maasai tour and Circling in Manyara

After you breakfast in the morning, you will begin your next adventure by heading to Manyara region. Tanzania is a melting pot of around 125 peacefully co-existing ethnic groups. Of these, the tribe you're most likely to have heard about is the Maasai. The Maasai have a rich cultural tradition and this includes crafts such as beautiful bead-work and intricate hairstyles that articulate the wearer's position and stage of life. This immersive, fascinating day tour gives you an in-depth experience of authentic Maasai culture and traditions. You will also have an opportunity to do a circling tour in Manyara. During the evening you will be transferred to your hotel in Country Lodge. https://countrylodgekaratu.com/

#### **Day 5 Serengeti National Park**

After breakfast you will start the safari by being transferred to the central part of the Serengeti (also called Seronera). Here your driver will try to find the animals you're the most interested in. Closer to lunch time you will visit the Serengeti Visitor Centre, where you will be offered a lunchbox and provided with lots of interesting information not only about the animals' populations, but also about the history of the National Park. Also, in this area you will be able to see hyraxes, which are the elephant's closest relatives. https://www.serengeti.com/tortilis-camp.php

#### Day 6 Northern Serengeti National Park Whole Day.

Wake up, breakfast and the start of your game drive through the northern part of the Serengeti, which is in a league of its own when it comes to its landscape and diversity of fauna. On this day you can see the animals that only live in the most remote areas of the park.

By evening you will be transferred to your resting place, where you will stay the night in a hotel. <u>https://www.serengeti.com/tortilis-camp.php</u>

#### Day 7 Full day Serengeti National Park

After breakfast in the morning you will safari in the eastern and southern parts of the park. The greater part of these areas is a savanna with wide open spaces, which provides a likely opportunity to see cheetah hunting antelopes.

In the evening you will be transferred to a hotel, where you will have dinner and be able to rest.

https://www.melia.com/en/hotels/tanzania/serengeti-national-park/hotel-serengeti-lodgemelia-collection?utm\_medium=organic&utm\_source=uberall&utm\_content=dynamic

#### **Day 8 Serengeti National Park**

After breakfast in the morning you will be begin your game drive, It is difficult to describe in detail all the animals of the Serengeti valley, for they number in the thousands: elephants, buffalo, ostriches, giraffes, jackals, hyenas, lions, antelopes, leopards and cheetahs—just keep your eyes peeled and enjoy the nature around you. In the evening you will be transferred to a hotel, where you will have dinner and be able to rest.<u>Best</u> <u>Safari Lodges Tanzania | Ngorongoro Crater Hotels | Serena Safari Lodge (serenahotels.com)</u>

#### Day 9 Ndutu Game Drive and Olduvai George

In the morning with a pick up from your hotel and head towards the Ndutu area. You will enter the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (Ngorongoro) where you will notice the landscape changing from hilly forests to plain and green grasslands. Once you reach Ndutu you will begin a half day game drive with a convenient stop for your picnic lunch. Sweeping grasslands cover the region which gradually fade into the Serengeti. Ndutu forms a part of the route for the annual migration of more than 2 million wildebeests and thousands of zebra, antelope and gazelle through the Serengeti eco system.

Famed for its natural beauty, as well as the evidence it has produced about human evolution, Tanzania's Olduvai Gorge is also a popular stop for tourists. Also called Oldupai, the official name since 2005, the gorge is where Mary and Louis Leakey discovered evidence some of the oldest known human species here, and excavations continue to this day. In fact, it was one of the Leakey sons who would find a fossil fragment of the first human species in Olduvai Gorge in 1960. Olduvai Gorge is known by some as the "cradle of humankind," with evidence of human

species inhabiting the area roughly 1.9 million years ago. During the evening you will be transferred to your place of accommodation for dinner and overnight. <u>Best Safari Lodges</u> Tanzania | Ngorongoro Crater Hotels | Serena Safari Lodge (serenahotels.com)

#### **Day 10 Ngorongoro Crater**

On this day it is best to leave the hotel as early as possible so you can see the variety of animals that are only active during the morning hours; breakfast will be packed in lunchboxes specifically for this purpose. At 6:30 AM you will set off for Ngorongoro Conservation Area, and after about an hour you will already be inside the crater.

Ngorongoro is one of the most famous and interesting of Tanzania's national parks because here you can find the greatest number of different animal species per square kilometre. You will have the chance to see buffalo, elephants, lions, wildebeests, zebras, hippopotamus and feline species such as caracals and servals. The luckiest travellers might even see a rhinoceros, an animal whose numbers are rapidly declining.

By lunch time you will arrive at the lake side, where you will be offered lunchboxes, after which the safari will continue, ending in a few hours with a transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight. <u>https://countrylodgekaratu.com/</u>

#### **Day 11 Tarangire National Park**

In the morning after breakfast your safari guide will be waiting for you. In this park you have the chance to see lots of wild Tanzanian animals (lions, buffaloes, giraffes, zebras,

etc.), but above all else it is famous for its astonishing number of elephants, who typically tend to stay close to their drinking source, the Tarangire River.

You should be aware that this is wild nature, so the guide cannot make any guarantees on the presence of specific wild animals, but you can be sure he will do his best to find everything you're looking for!. After your lunch you will start you trip back in Arusha, so that you can be trnsfered in Zanzibar, where your driver will be waiting to take you to the hotel. <u>https://tembohotel.com/</u>

#### Day 12 Zanzibar(Relax at Tembo hotel)

Spend a day in Stone Town relaxing and enjoying the air around. Stone Town is situated on the beautiful island of Zanzibar. It is the old city that is the island's cultural heart and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The town is famous for its winding alleys fringed by grand architecture, bustling bazaars, sultan's palace, mosques, the House of Wonders and merchants' houses with ornate doors. <u>https://tembohotel.com/</u>

#### **Day 13 Snorkelling and Prison Island**

On this day you will take a day trip to Prison Island, the former seat of a prison now turned into a luxury hotel. We'll take a boat from the shores of Stone Town, setting anchor 5 kilometers away on the beautiful beach of Prison Island. During the tour, you'll visit a giant tortoise sanctuary and snorkel in the surrounding coral reef. https://tembohotel.com/

#### Day 14 Transfer to Jambiani Villa

After the check-out time, will start your transfer to Jambiani Villa. Nestled on the beach, this Jambiani villa is within 3 miles (5 km) of Jambiani Beach, Kuza Cave, and Kite Centre Zanzibar. Paje Beach and Bwejuu Beach are also within 6 mi (10 km). https://jambiani-villas.com/

#### **Day 15 Spice Tour**

The Spice Farm is located on the outskirts of Stone Town. Prepare yourself for day filled with challenges to your senses – sight, smell, taste and touch. Follow the smell and taste, as it will be revolutionary for you to later discover the end product. Stone Town is a place of many faces and strong flavours are the essence. Loud, vibrant and a bit unstructured. It is truly one of Mother Nature's most photographed moments. I mean, she has a lot to show off — but the sight of orange, pink, yellow, and purple filling up the sky is when she's really outdoing herself. Experience her display of stunning perfection at the only

place on the east coast where you can observe the sun kissing the ocean. <u>https://jambiani-villas.com/</u>

## Day 16 Relaxation Day

This day you should relax and take your time and look around Jambiani Villa. At Jambiani Villas you will find a garden, barbecue facilities and a terrace. Katikati property is also featuring the La Shira restaurant and a roof top bar. <u>https://jambiani-villas.com/</u>

# Day 17 Another Relaxation Day

Today will also be another day for you to relax and experience the air around Zanzibar for the last time before your next day transfer to the airport for your departure. <u>https://jambiani-villas.com/</u>

### **Day 18 Departure**

Rest in the hotel and transfer to the airport.

**Note:** *Hotel check-out is at 11:00 AM. In case you need a late check-out because of an evening flight, you have the option to extend your hotel stay till 6:00 PM for an extra fee.* 

### The price starts from 9,400\$ per person

### **Price Include:**

- All park entrance fees to include government taxes
- Full board accommodation while on the safari
- Food for entire trip, 3 Meals per day (breakfast + Lunch + dinner)
- Service of an English-speaking professional safari guide.
- Unlimited Mineral Water
- Arusha to Zanzibar
- Transport on 4x4 land cruiser with pop up roof
- Accommodation on arrival and last day of safari before your departure
- Flight ticket(Arusha to Zanzibar)

# **Price Exclude:**

- Tipping
- Alcohol drinks
- Local sim card
- Travel Insurance
- Visas (50 US \$ for Tanzania)
- Items of a personal nature and any other extras not detailed in the above itinerary.