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Tour Itinerary

7 Day Safari in Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro, Serengeti and Lake Natron National Parks

Day 1 Arrival

The group arrives at Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO). Participants are met by a representative of Hekima Safaris and transferred to a hotel in Arusha.

Day 2 Tarangire

In the morning after breakfast (around 7:30 AM) your safari guide will arrive at the hotel and inform the receptionist that he is waiting for you. After meeting up with your driver you will travel to Tarangire National Park, and by 10:00 AM you will already be on your first safari!

In this park you have the chance to see lots of wild Tanzanian animals (lions, buffalos, 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! The 2gether2africa Safaris team has its own radio channel that the drivers use to communicate to other guides and collaborate on searches for rare species.

At lunch time you will be provided a meal, after which the safari will continue. In the evening you will be transferred to the hotel.

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 3 Lake Manyara

Early wake up time, breakfast and travel to Lake Manyara. The entire territory of this park is cut through with ground water streams that provide a favourable environment for plants and, in addition, for a multitude of birds (including pink flamingos) and African forest animals.

Around lunchtime you will visit the Maji Moto hot springs and the driver will provide you with personal lunchboxes. After this stop the safari will continue, and by evening you will be transferred to a hotel located on the edge of the Ngorongoro volcanic crater.

Day 4 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 travelers 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 Serengeti National Park.

On your travels you will also visit a memorial dedicated to two West German researchers, Bernhard and Michael Grzimek. It is them we have to thank for Northern Tanzania National Parks having survived till our times in its current natural state. You can read their full story in the book "Serengeti Shall Not Die" which can be found on Amazon.com for USD 10–25.

In the evening you will be transferred to a hotel in the centre of the Serengeti valley.

Day 5 Serengeti Valley

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.

Day 6 Serengeti Valley

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.

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.

By the evening you will be transferred to the northern part of the Serengeti and then to your hotel.

Day 7 Serengeti Valley

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 Natron Lake, where you will stay the night in a hotel.

Day 8 Ngare Sero Waterfall and Lake Natron

In the morning you will head over to Ngare Sero Waterfall in the gorge of a rift valley. This trekking is very light and relaxing, but at some point, you will be crossing a river, so it is better to wear flip-flops or sandals. Then you will be transferred to Lake Natron, where you can take photos of the magnificent Ol Doinyo Lengai Volcano, walk along the shore, and stick around for lunch. Later, you will finish the safari and return to the hotel in Arusha.

Note: We can organize a trekking to Ol Doinyo Lengai for an extra fee. But be aware that this trekking is rather difficult and requires good physical training.

Day 9 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 1,996\$ per person

Price Include:

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

Price Exclude:

- Tipping
- Alcohol drinks
- Flight ticket
- 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