

AFRICA SAFARI

Serengeti, Lake Masek, Tarangire, & Ngorongoro Crater



Join us for an incredible 8-Day Safari in northern Tanzania before our cruise along the east coast of Tanzania and to the Seychelles. I travelled to Tanzania early December 2019 to inspect facilities and programs, and have confirmed the Safari will be as follows, with visits to the great Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater, among other national parks and reserves. As always, unique accommodations will highlight the amazing views and wildlife sightings.



DATES: 2021: MARCH 16-23

DURATION: 8-DAYS/7-NIGHTS

BEGIN: ARUSHA, TANZANIA

END: ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA

FROM: \$7,295 DOUBLE
\$8,575 SINGLE

Serengeti National Park

For those who want to live out their 'out of Africa' dream, you can't bypass a trip to the Serengeti. Possibly the most famous of all parks in Tanzania, the Serengeti is the oldest national park in Tanzania and is a must for those in search of lions. Almost every animal native to Tanzania can be found in the sweeping plains of the Serengeti. The topography of the park consists of grassland, savanna, forest, and woodlands.

The Serengeti is vast and beautiful; it's one of Africa's most captivating safari areas. The sheer amount of game here is amazing: estimates suggest up to about two million wildebeest, plus perhaps half a million zebra, hundreds of thousands of Thompson's gazelle, and tens of thousands of impala, Grant's gazelle, topi (tsessebe), hartebeest, eland and other antelope – all hunted by the predators for which these plains are famous.

Some of this game resides permanently in 'home' areas, which are great for safaris all year round. But many of the wildebeest and zebra take part in the migration – an amazing spectacle that's one of the greatest wildlife shows on earth. If you plan carefully, it's still possible to witness this in wild and remote areas.

Tarangire National Park

Tarangire National Park covers an undulating area of 2,600km², between the plains of the Maasai Steppe to the south-east, and the lakes of the Great Rift Valley to the north and west. The northern part of Tarangire is dominated by the perennial Tarangire River, which flows through increasingly incised ravines until it leaves the north-western



corner of the park to flow into Lake Burungi. In the south are a series of vast 'swamps' which dry into verdant plains during the dry season.

Ngorongoro Crater

In 1951, the enormous Serengeti National Park was declared, encompassing the present Serengeti, plus the Ngorongoro area and surrounding Crater Highlands. Today, this is split into the present-day Serengeti National Park, and the current Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The conservation area now encompasses a large area of the short-grass plains on the southern side of the Serengeti Plain and also the Ngorongoro Highlands, a range of largely extinct ancient volcanoes on the west side of the Great Rift Valley.



The showpiece of the conservation area is undoubtedly the Ngorongoro Crater which was created when a large volcano exploded and collapsed on itself two to three million years ago. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978 and is the largest intact volcanic caldera in the world. It measures about 16-19km in diameter, with walls of 400-610m in height. However, you measure it, the Crater is a strong candidate for any list of the world's greatest natural wonders. It is renowned both for its geological splendor, and for being a natural reserve which is home to some of the densest large mammal populations found anywhere in Africa.

Lake Masek

Located on the southern border of Serengeti Park, the Lake Masek area is a prime viewing area for the Wildebeest migration. The herds settle in the southern Serengeti between January and March to

give birth and feed on the fertile plains before continuing their migration northwards. Visit at this time and you'll see masses of them grazing with their calves. You're also likely to encounter predators such as lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena and wild



dog, as they make the most of the rich pickings.

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Day 1 – Mar 16 - Arrive Arusha, Tanzania

Kilimanjaro International Airport: Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), where you will be met by Mauly Tours representative, transfer to Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge. Welcome dinner. (Arrive a day early for \$225 per person, double.)

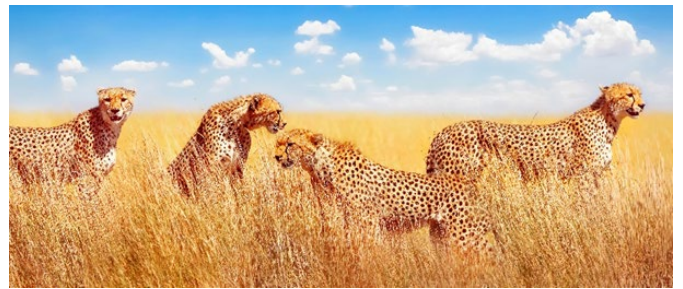
Day 2 – Mar 17 - Tarangire National Park, Wildlife Viewing

After breakfast transfer to the local airport for our flight to Tarangire National Park, where open grasslands, acacia trees and the Tarangire River paint the wild landscape. Spend the day on a game drive in search of eland, oryx, wildebeests, zebras and a large elephant population. Keep your eyes trained for hartebeests, gazelles and exotic birds like the bateleur and martial eagle. Continue to your lodging at the wonderful Gibbs Farm. MEALS: B, L, D

Day 3 – Mar 18 - Ngorongoro Crater, the world's largest inactive, volcanic caldera

After scrumptious breakfast, embark for a journey to Ngorongoro crater. Stay refreshed and relaxed throughout your safari in one of our custom-built Land Cruisers - each designed to deliver luxury at its finest. We will descend into the rocky track for game viewing. Black maned rhinos, buffaloes, elephants and other grazing animals abound. MEALS: B, L, D

Day 4 – Mar 19 - Drive to Lake Masek Tented Lodge



Descending from Ngorongoro Crater to the plains below, we will drive by hundreds of thousands of migrating wildebeests grazing with their newborn young. Attracting predators, it is likely to also view lions, cheetahs, hyenas and others, and witness the bitter-sweet "circle of life" for which Africa is famous.

Day 5 – Mar 20 – Wildebeest Migration

Spend the day taking in the spectacle of the famous wildebeest migration. This annual migration through the Serengeti and Kenya's Masai Mara is one of the safari highlights of Africa.

Day 6 – Mar 21 - Serengeti National Park, the endless plain

Depart early morning from the lodge and proceed into the Serengeti viewing game on the way to your accommodations, the incomparable Four Seasons Serengeti, where you will spend the next two nights. MEALS: B, L, D



Day 7 – Mar 22 - Serengeti National Park, Amazing Game Drive

After breakfast we depart for a game drive through Tanzania's oldest and world's most recognized National Park, the Serengeti. This location offers the most expansive game viewing in Tanzania. From predators to prey, great herds of grazing herbivores to tactically cunning packs of carnivores, life

on the plains of the Serengeti can best be defined as a complete “circle of life.”

A photographic dream unfolds before your eyes as giraffes and elephants feast on tasty shrubbery, whilst impalas, gazelles and buffalos dance watchfully through the plains as to not become the latest meal for on-looking lions, cheetahs and hyenas. Return to Four Seasons for dinner. MEALS: B, L, D

Day 8 – Mar 23 - Depart to Zanzibar

Transfer to Serengeti airport for our included flight to Zanzibar. MEALS: B

RATES FOR SAFARI - 2021

Per person -

Double \$ 7,295

Single \$ 8,575

Tour includes

Services of professional English-speaking driver guide
Park & Conservancy entrance fees
Full Board as noted in itinerary (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)
Exclusive Safari transport in custom Safari 4x4WD Land-Cruiser
Daily Game Drives
Cultural village fees
Airport transfers per itinerary
1 pair of binoculars, maps and guidebooks in each vehicle
Gratuities to guides
All transportation included in program

Tour excludes

Personal expenses
International and Visa entry charges to Tanzania
All items of personal use i.e. drinks not included, laundry, telephone calls, personal travel insurance & emergency evacuation, etc.

LODGING

LAKE MASEK TENTED LODGE

From the private terrace of your tent you can observe the wildlife of the area.

Many animals visit the lake in search of water and therefore this camp is in a privileged observation point.

This area is the principle setting of the Great Migration which takes place from December to April and the Big Five visit the area.



GIBBS FARM

Established in the early 1900s by a German Duke as a coffee plantation, founders James Gibb and his wife, bought the farm after World War II

and established our farm in the 1970s, the oldest guesthouse in northern Tanzania.

Gibb's Farm imparts a sense of well-being and tranquility within a warm, rustic inn environment. Each of our seventeen 1-bedroom farm cottages holds its own story connected to Tanzanian culture and history told through unique furnishings and art collections.



FOUR SEASONS SERENGETI

Join us deep in the heart of the world's most celebrated wildlife reserves, where the Big Five – the lion, the leopard, the

buffalo, the elephant and the rhinoceros – run free on the endless, untamed landscape. Perched on a series of elevated platforms and walkways, our Lodge sits next to an animal watering hole, where you can watch a family of elephants stop for their morning drink as you enjoy your breakfast.

