

# A Taste of Tanzania

5 Day Safari – 3V

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Group tour operated by our local agents, Kudu Safaris • Ngorongoro Crater • Tarangire and Lake Manyara
- 'Big Five' Safari • Extend your stay on the beaches of Zanzibar

## ITINERARY

### Day 1- Monday

Jambo and a warm welcome to Tanzania! –Upon arrival you'll be met by your tour guide at Kilimanjaro airport and transferred to **African Tulip Hotel** or similar. The lodge is right in the heart of Arusha. (D)

### Day 2 – Tuesday

After breakfast, head to Tarangire (approximately 2 hours), the National Park has a vast number of baobab trees that first capture the eye. The gently rolling countryside is dotted with these majestic trees, which seem to dwarf the animals feeding beneath them. Arrive in time for lunch at Tarangire Sopa Lodge where you will also spend the night. Afternoon game-drive in Tarangire National Park to spot elephant as well as other animals and large variety of birdlife. This is a long park and as you venture further south the more wild it becomes and until eventually total isolation. Overnight at the **Tarangire Sopa Lodge** or similar (B,L,D)

### Day 3 – Wednesday

After breakfast set out on a morning game-drive in Tarangire National Park. Continue on to beautiful Lake Manyara Park lying in the Great Rift Valley (approximately 1-2hrs). It holds an enormous variety of vegetation, birds and animals and is justly one of the World's Biosphere Reserves. The vegetation ranges from lush ground-water forests of enormous trees merging into acacia woodlands that stretch down to the lakeshore of swamp grasses and sedges. Four of the 'Big Five' (lion, elephant, buffalo and leopard) are found here besides impala, wildebeest, zebra, giraffe and so the list goes on and on. After a picnic lunch, you will take an afternoon game-drive, then continue on to **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge** or similar for the next 2 night stay. (B,L,D)

### Day 4 – Thursday

Today it's time to enter the famous Ngorongoro Crater, Africa's 'Garden of Eden' and home to the 'Big Five', including the black-maned lion. You will take a short drive up to the crater rim and then down on to the crater floor, for a full-day game drive with picnic lunch. This crater should correctly be called a caldera a collapsed volcano-and has rightly earned a reputation as one of nature's wonders. It holds as many as 50,000 animals, living in a balanced ecosystem of 260sq km. You can also enjoy an enormous variety of vegetation from the verdant rain forests clothing the 7000ft-high rim to the swamps and plains on the crater floor. (B,L,D)

### Day 5- Friday

After breakfast return to Arusha (approximately 3 hours 30 minutes) for lunch. Why not, extend your stay on the beautiful beaches of Zanzibar for 8 nights at Diamonds La Gemma Dell 'Este on an all-inclusive basis from the point of arrival. (B,L)

Meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

**This is a set tour itinerary, if you have booked any pre/post or optional tour arrangements please refer to your separate vouchers and final documents.**

# TOUR NOTES

## Tour start/finish times

You can arrive at any time on the first day of the tour. The tour finishes after an early breakfast on day 5. We recommend a beach stay in Zanzibar after this safari.

## Time difference

GMT +2 hours (summer) + 3 hours (winter)

## Tour inclusions

- Private transport throughout in a 7 seat safari land cruiser with a driver/guide
- Sightseeing as detailed including entrance fees, park fees and game drives
- Road taxes, parking fees and fuel surcharges.

## Tour exclusions

- International flight with Kenya Airways in economy class, including all UK and overseas airport taxes and applicable fuel surcharges
- Flight upgrades and airport transfers in the UK
- Insurance
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry or tips & gratuities
- The required Tanzanian visa
- Anything not detailed on the itinerary.

## Dining inclusions

4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners.

## Included activities

Tours and game drives listed in the itinerary.

## Accommodation

Occasionally we may need to substitute one or more of the lodges with that of a similar standard, also adverse weather conditions could mean a lodge or itinerary needs to be altered.

## Transportation

We use specially designed and strengthened, modern 4x4 safari land cruisers which have large pop-up roofs for extended wildlife viewing and photography. Safari vehicles have 7 seats, all of which are window seats, so you are guaranteed a great view.

## Journey times

Tanzania is a vast country and hence journey times between resorts/towns can at times be long. Journey times are listed in the itinerary and are approximate.

## Luggage

We recommend taking soft sided holdalls as this can be transported more easily in the 4x4 vehicles. Excess luggage can be left in Arusha (a local nominal charge may apply).

## Group size

There is a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 7 people per group.

## Language

English and Swahili are the official languages and both widely spoken.

## Visa requirements

A visa is required for Tanzania, and can be obtained prior to travel or upon arrival, the current cost is \$50USD per person and a passport photo is required. Your passport must be valid for 6 months beyond your departure date from East Africa.

## Currency

The currency in Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling. You can change money at the exchange desks in the airport arrival hall or use the airport cash points for local currency. There are plenty of banks and ATMs in Arusha, but you see less once you head out of the city, so make sure you have enough to cover your drinks and ad-hoc item bills. You may want to carry small amounts of local currency for tips and to buy souvenirs from vendors too. Please note: Not all safari lodges and camps can accept credit cards.

## Electricity

The electricity supply in Tanzania is 230 volts with two different types of socket so we recommend a travel adaptor set.

## Tipping

It is customary to tip. In restaurants 10-15% is the norm. A guideline of US\$10 per person per day for rangers or guides and US\$5 per day for general lodge staff is recommended.

## What to pack (safaris are very casual, so light packing is advised)

- Lightweight, neutral cotton clothes you can layer for the day
- A light sweater or fleece for early mornings and evenings
- Comfortable, enclosed and sturdy footwear
- Casual clothing and sandals for dinner and relaxing at your lodge/camp
- Sun cream, sunglasses and hat
- Camera and/or video camera with spare batteries and memory cards
- Swimwear for an optional swim in the pool
- Binoculars
- Mosquito repellent and spray
- Handy wipes, hand gel and bottled water where possible
- Low denominations of local currency – handy for ad-hoc tipping!

Please note: Camouflage clothes are not permitted as it is the local soldiers uniform!

## What to expect

A safari is an adventure where the unexpected can happen. Roads can get very dusty in the dry season or you may get stuck in the mud during the rainy season. The tours involve a lot of travel in the safari vehicle but not too much walking so could be suitable for guests who need assistance, please ask for details.

## Recommended vaccinations

We advise you to discuss your individual requirements for Tanzania with your GP at least 6-8 weeks prior to travel.