



LAKE MANYARA | NGORONGORO | SERENGETI

Ultimate Wildlife Safari

7 DAY / 6 NIGHT LUXURY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

After long flights and an evening arrival your body needs a comfortable bed and a good night's sleep. You will be picked up and whisked away to the KIA Lodge, a luxury lodge in the African bush yet just minutes from the airport.

Overnight: KIA Lodge

Day 2: Lake Manyara National Park

Your professional safari guide will meet you after breakfast to take you to your first destination, Lake Manyara National Park, a small and beautiful park famous for its tree-climbing lions and soda lake tinted pink with huge flocks of flamingoes. You will see hippopotamus floating in the lake or grazing at its edge. In the parks varied environments of groundwater forest, acacia woodland, and grassy flatland you can observe giraffe, buffalo, large troops of baboons, zebra, and monkeys. Manyara is also one of the best parks for bird watching as it boasts a profusion of more than 380 species.

Overnight: Lake Manyara Tree Lodge

This exclusive lodge is the only accommodation inside Lake Manyara National Park and offers ten tree house suites with views of the surrounding ancient mahogany forest. The lodge offers a superlative dining experience, a private game viewing deck, a swimming pool, and unparalleled service.

Day 3: Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast drive up to the Ngorongoro Crater rim and descend nearly 3,000 feet to the crater floor, where the 100 square mile extinct caldera teems with wildlife in such density and abundance that it is almost too hard to believe. Every game animal – both predator and prey – in East Africa can be found here, with the exception of giraffe and impala. The crater is the best place to spot the rare and elusive black rhino and old bull elephants who come there to “retire” and enjoy the sweet swamp grasses.

Overnight: Gibb's Farm

On the southern slopes of Ngorongoro Crater sits Gibb's farm, a working plantation since 1929 and a classic destination for safari adventurers for over 40 years. The main lodge, set amongst formal English gardens, retains its colonial charm while its rooms and private cottages are of the highest standard. The farm has a number of activities available to its guests, including a tour of the nearby village, a visit to the local primary school, bird walks, a forest walk to a waterfall, spa treatments, and much more. The organic garden on the grounds supplies most of the fruits and vegetables in the lodge's delicious home-cooked meals.

Day 4: Olduvai Gorge/Serengeti National Park

After an early breakfast begin the drive west to the Serengeti National Park. Stop along the way to visit Olduvai Gorge, site of Louis and Mary Leakey's archeological discoveries of early human ancestors, and enjoy a picnic lunch. Continue into the Serengeti, Tanzania's largest national park. The 5,700 square mile park consists of treeless plains, savannah dotted with acacia and granite outcroppings called *kopjes*, and riverine bush and forest. Across its boundless expanse animals extend as far as the eye can see in a scene that exists nowhere else in the world and one that is quintessentially African. The Serengeti contains a staggering amount of wildlife – about 4 million animals– and is home to a million and a half wildebeest, a quarter million zebra, twice that many gazelle, and tens of thousands of their predators (lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, jackals, crocodiles, and others). The Serengeti is one of the largest wildlife sanctuaries in the world and the site of one of the most breathtaking events in the natural world: the annual migration of more than a million wildebeest.

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Overnight: Kirurumu Luxury Mobile Tented Camp

In January or February you might stay at the Kirurumu luxury mobile tented camp in the Lake Ndutu area of the southern Serengeti, where the migratory herds mass at this time of year for calving. This is a small and intimate camp with a very conscientious staff and a high level of service. Enjoy sumptuous meals and share stories of the day's adventures in the evening around an outdoor fire.

Day 5: Serengeti National Park

Your route through the Serengeti will depend on the particular seasonal migrations and the location of wildlife for viewing. You will drive through the vast expanse of the Serengeti to see its different environments, its kopjes, and the other surprises that the park has in store for its visitors.

Overnight: Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp

Kirawira is a permanent tented camp that provides classic safari luxury in a stunning setting on a ridge with panoramic views over the western corridor of the Serengeti, where many herds migrate during the months of June and July. This elegant camp provides incredible comfort and sophistication for its privileged guests at its hidden locale in the African bush.

Day 6: Serengeti National Park/Balloon Safari

Rise before sunrise, when you will be picked up by Serengeti Balloon Safaris for transfer to their launch site to prepare for a balloon flight across the plains. As the sun begins to rise your balloon takes off and you will enjoy expansive views of the Serengeti and its wildlife in the early morning light. Enjoy this magical experience and the peace and serenity one finds above the treetops. Following your flight you will be treated to a full English breakfast in the African plain. You can continue game viewing on your drive back to camp, where you can spend a relaxing afternoon before another late afternoon and evening game drive

Overnight: Kirawira Luxury Tented Camp**Day 7: Serengeti National Park/Arusha Town/Departure**

After one final early morning game drive it will be time to leave the fabulous Serengeti behind. You will be transported to the Seronera airstrip for an hour flight back to Arusha Town, the bustling commercial capitol of northern Tanzania. There will be time for shopping and to tour the colorful town, an opportunity to relax and refresh in your day room at the Arumeru River Lodge, then enjoy an early dinner and an evening transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight home.

*Please note this is a sample itinerary which we can customize to your accommodation preferences, destinations, and price range.

2008 Prices:

7 Day luxury safari: \$5,446 per person, double occupancy
Small group supplement: \$420 (1-3 people)
Single supplement: \$420

Trip cost includes:

- All meals and accommodations
- Services of safari guide/driver and fully-equipped safari vehicle

Trip cost does not include:

International airfare; optional tipping or gratuities to leaders, guides, crew, or other staff; additional accommodations made necessary by airline schedule changes or other factors; transfers other than to/from airport or Mbahe farm house; pre-trip expenses such as medical immunizations, travel insurance, passports, and visas; airport departure taxes; activities at lodges requiring additional charges and any other expenses of a personal nature.

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