



Essence of Tanzania

7 day scheduled safari to Serengeti, Tarangire & Ngorongoro

Unwind under vast African skies, in some of the few last expanses of true wilderness and arguably the best game viewing areas on the continent. From untouched Tarangire, to the world famous Serengeti and Ngorongoro National Parks, this safari is run at a leisurely pace, allowing one ample time to discover the wild spirit of Tanzania.



Our camps – **Serengeti Wilderness Camp**, **Serengeti North Wilderness Camp** and **Ndutu Wilderness Camp** are located inside the national park and conservation areas respectively. These intimate camps, comprising a maximum of 12 tents, offer decent quality accommodation without costing a fortune. We strive to offer you the best experience possible – allowing flexibility on the ground to ensure you get to see, and be, in all the right places at the right time.

Serengeti Wilderness Camp is located centrally, and is a great place to base up just about all year round. There is exceptional resident game in the area, including the big cats, herds of elephant, wildebeest and zebra, buffalo and plenty of antelope.

At certain times of the year the migration is a stone's throw from the camp. The seasonal camp moves from Ndotu in the South during the calving season, to the north for the spectacular migration and river crossings.

There is always some action going down in the Serengeti - whether it's the thrill of predator action around the young calves, or the chaos as thousands upon thousands of wildebeest launch themselves into the Mara River. Our guides, who are amongst the very best in Tanzania, are experienced professionals who are committed to ensuring optimal game-viewing throughout your safari.



Our camps and vehicles are designed with you in mind. In our specially customised, extended land cruisers the windows are enlarged and the roof height raised to allow ease of photography and game-viewing through the 360 degree view hatches, with plenty of room to stretch your legs.

QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

Day 1	From Arusha, depart early and drive to Tarangire National Park. Balance of day enjoying game drives in the area, with picnic lunch included. Continue to the highlands of Karatu, stopping to view Manyara and the escarpment below. Overnight Bougainvillea Lodge or similar.	Lunch, dinner
Day 2	Today you will enjoy a day in the Ngorongoro Crater, often seeing four of the big five with ease! Overnight Bougainvillea Lodge or similar.	Full board
Day 3	From Ngorongoro highlands we drive down to the Serengeti. Picnic lunch en route enjoying game drives along the way. Overnight at Serengeti Wilderness Camp (or Ndotu / Serengeti North Wilderness Camp depending on time of year – refer to departure dates)	Full board ** see below **
Day 4	Full day exploring the Serengeti. Overnight at a Serengeti Wilderness Camp. Balloon safari optional – enquire at the time of booking.	Full board
Day 5	Depending on the time of year, you may move camps to stay close to the migration. A full day exploring the Serengeti. Overnight at a Serengeti Wilderness Camp.	Full board
Day 6	A further day in the Serengeti. Overnight at a Serengeti Wilderness Camp.	Full board
Day 7	From Serengeti central/Ndotu either drive back to Arusha OR from Serengeti NORTH, compulsory flight to Arusha/Kilimanjaro.	Breakfast, lunch

**** As from 01Apr2019, local beers, housewine & soft drink included in Serengeti Wilderness Camps**

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 : Tarangire National Park



An early morning briefing at your Arusha hotel kick starts your safari, before we head off away from the main safari route of the Northern Circuit, to Tarangire National Park, a true hidden gem.

Highly underrated, yet bursting with a dense wildlife population, it won't take you long to appreciate just why we love Tarangire. It's a special park, virtually untouched, with far fewer visitors than the world famous Serengeti and Ngorongoro.

During the dry season (June to September) thousands of animals including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, kudu, and the rarely seen oryx migrate from the dry Maasai steppe to the Tarangire River in search of water. Lion, leopard and other predators follow, so be sure to be sure to charge your camera battery and empty your memory stick as some unique memories are waiting to be made. With impressive landscapes dominated by baobab trees, an enormous elephant population and over 550 varieties of bird, Tarangire offers secluded game viewing and loads of game – a winning combination in anyone's book!

From Tarangire, we head up through the beautiful highlands to the farm rich area of Karatu on the outer slopes of Ngorongoro crater, where we overnight at **Bougainvillea Lodge or similar**.

Day 2 : Ngorongoro



Incredible and unforgettable, today is surely one you've been itching to tick off your African travel bucket list. One of the natural wonders of the world, the volcanic caldera of Ngorongoro Crater offers spectacular game viewing in the crater. We can almost guarantee you four of the Big Five will show up, as well as a rich variety of birds, all viewed against the splendid backdrop of the thickly forested crater walls. Our picnic lunch on the crater floor will forever remain a unique memory.

Varied terrains and dramatic landscapes consisting of forest, grasslands and both freshwater and soda lakes make the Ngorongoro Crater a true marvel of creation.

Overnight **Bougainvillea**, or similar.

Day 3 : Serengeti

After breakfast this morning, we continue onto **Serengeti Wilderness Camp, or Ndutu/North Wilderness camp**, our base from which to explore the Serengeti for the next three days.

Overnight **Serengeti Wilderness camp/ North Wilderness Camp/ Ndutu Wilderness Camp**

Days 4,5 & 6: Serengeti

Relax with three full days in the Serengeti, home to more than three million large mammals spread over vast endless plains. It is here that we may encounter the fascinating spectacle of the annual wildebeest migration, where one and a quarter million wildebeest trek in columns of up to forty kilometres long in search of grazing, drawing with them their predators and numerous other species of game.

From January to March the herds can largely be found birthing their young in the southern area around Ndutu, before proceeding north through the centre and Western Corridor during June and July, eventually splitting to the west and north as they continue their way toward the Mara River. August to October sees dramatic river crossings which can only be considered Africa's "greatest leap of faith", before the herds return south in November to repeat this amazing instinctive procession all over again.

Overnight Serengeti Wilderness camp/ North Wilderness Camp/ Ndutu Wilderness Camp



Day 7: Arusha

Morning transfer to the Seronera/Ndutu for your optional flight back to Arusha – or return by road. If you are staying up North, a flight back from Kogatende airstrip is compulsory. It is an exceptionally scenic flight (weather dependent) across the sweeping expanse of the Rift Valley escarpments and the highlands of Ngorongoro.

If you are not flying out tonight, but overnighting in Arusha, we highly recommend heading out to Mosque Street. Here, you will find probably the best chicken in Africa. In every town there are a few gems - delightful places off the beaten track that give you a sense of the soul of the town. Khan's is undoubtedly one of the key attractions in Arusha, and while it's definitely been discovered, it's still the real deal. You may have heard of Khan's as "Chicken in the Ditch", "Chicken on the Bonnet", "Kuku on the Curb", "That place by Soko Kuu with the fantastic chicken" or "Zubeda Autospares by Day, Khan's Chicken BBQ by Night".

Tasty salads, Zanzibar pizzas, garlic naan, barbecued chicken, beef mishkaki and mutton shish kabob are all winners. Even the passion juice is top notch. But Khan's serves up more than an evening out - it's one place that will always remain a highlight of your trip to Arusha.

Another great spot is the "Lively Lady Bar and Grill", down by the old train station, where the ambience is great (best pork chops ever), drinks icy, and, 1960's ROCK AND ROLL is played ... loudly!

However you choose to end off your Essence trip with us, your journey through Tanzania promises to leave you with many fond memories.

DEPARTURE DATES

The aim of our Essence of Tanzania safari is to be located as near to the migration as possible. During the months December to mid March, we include nights at Ndutu Wilderness for the wildebeest calving in the South. Between April and July, our central Serengeti Wilderness Camp is well located for the herds moving through, and from Aug to October we include two nights in the North – for anticipated river crossings over the Mara River.

ESSENCE OF TANZANIA RACK RATES	2019 Scheduled Departures – Guaranteed min two guests AFRICAN PASSPORT HOLDER RATES	Single room supplement
Mon 4 March Post Kili Marathon safari LOW SEASON RATES	USD 2975 per person sharing Including USD 747 park fees Ndutu Wilderness Camp x 2 nights / Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 2 nights	USD 455
Fri 17 May LOW SEASON RATES	USD 2520 per person sharing Including USD 794 park fees Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 4 nights	USD 20
Sat 15 June SHOULDER SEASON RATES	USD 2580 per person sharing Including USD 794 park fees Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 4 nights	USD 25
Sat 13 July PEAK SEASON RATES	USD 3120 per person sharing Including USD 723 park fees Excluding compulsory flight approx. USD 300 Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 1 night / Serengeti North Wilderness Camp x 3 nights	USD 615
Sat 17 August PEAK SEASON RATES	USD 3120 per person sharing Including USD 723 park fees Excluding compulsory flight USD 300 Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 1 night / Serengeti North Wilderness Camp x 3 nights	USD 615
Sat 14 September Regular & Ladies only PEAK SEASON RATES	USD 3120 per person sharing Including USD 794 park fees Excluding compulsory flight USD 300 Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 1 night / Serengeti North Wilderness Camp x 3 nights	USD 615
Sat 12 October HIGH SEASON RATES	USD 2995 per person sharing Including USD 747 park fees Excluding compulsory flight approx. USD 300 Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 2 night / Serengeti North Wilderness Camp x 2 nights	USD 480
Sat 14 December 2019 HIGH SEASON RATES	USD 3165 per person sharing Including USD 747 park fees Ndutu Wilderness Camp x 2 nights / Serengeti Wilderness Camp x 2 nights	USD 625

Note – Airfare is based on a seat on plane basis, and not a private charter

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Services of a Wild Frontiers guide
- Accommodation at quality lodges/ tented camps as set out above
- Meals as specified above
- As from 01Apr2019, local beers, housewine & soft drink included in Serengeti Wilderness Camps

- Park and camp/ concession fees (listed separately above)
- Game viewing activities as indicated
- Bottled water for game drives / in vehicle (not at hotels/lodges)

PACKAGE EXCLUDES: International flights, one way flight from Serengeti to Arusha (listed above), visas, travel insurance, health requirements, gratuities, drinks, all items of a personal nature and any service not specified. There is a cash bar at the Serengeti Wilderness camps.

Charging facilities while on safari :

There are charging facilities at the lodges/camps as well as on in our Wild Frontiers' safari vehicles for camera batteries, mobile phones etc. Two-pin plugs as well as the round three-square pin plug points.

Weather:

Tanzania is a land without winter. Temperatures in northern Tanzania range between 15-21C during the day and 4-10C at night, from May to October. From November to March the daytime temperature varies from 21-32C and from 15-23C at night. However, if you are travelling to high altitude areas like Ngorongoro Crater and Kilimanjaro, the temperature drops substantially.

The Migration explained: The following should be used as a guideline when planning your safari to East Africa – movement of wildlife depends on a great many aspects. The following migration calendar helps to explain the seasonality of game viewing. Remember there is resident game throughout the year in the Serengeti/Ngorongoro eco-systems.

JAN / FEB / MARCH

The large herds of wildebeest are generally in the southern plains of the Serengeti eco-system, calving takes place over approximately two weeks. An abundance of predators, good visibility of game, mix of open plains and some woodland.

APRIL / MAY

The herds start moving toward central Serengeti. This is typically the rainy season, however, game viewing is still excellent and there are some great discounts available at lodges and camps. It generally doesn't rain all day. Conditions for photography are generally superb with moody skies and good depth of colour.

JUNE / JULY / AUGUST

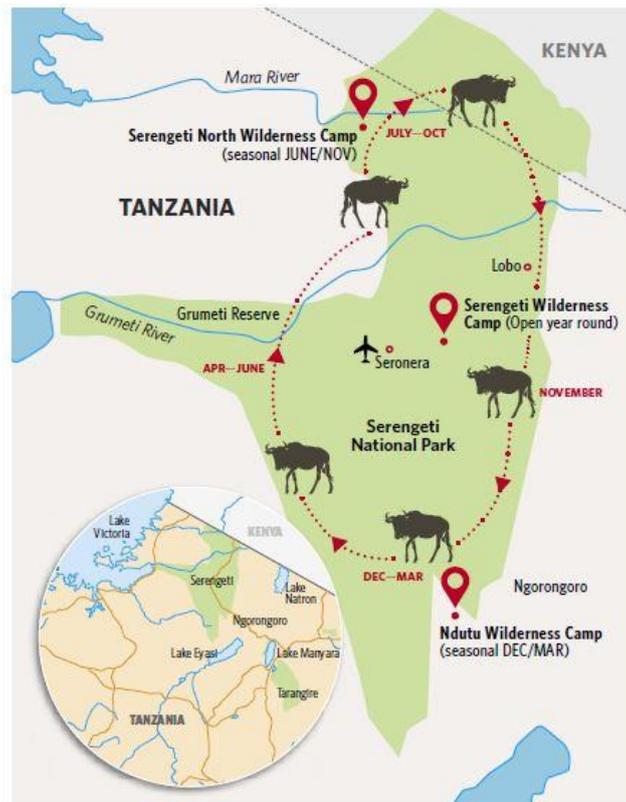
The wildebeest move from the central area and split to the west and north, continuing their trek toward the Mara River. River crossings may be seen in both the western corridor (Grumeti area) and north (Mara River) within the Serengeti.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Whilst some of the wildebeest successfully reach the Masai Mara, there are still hundreds of thousands remaining in the northern region of Serengeti, offering those with guests with loads of patience the chance to see exciting river crossings (the Mara River runs through the Serengeti).

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

The massive herds start to return from the north, to the southern plains, before the cycle repeats again!



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