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**SACRED PLACES OF THE
MAASAI**

10 night private Tanzanian safari



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10 day private safari to Tarangire, Lake Natron, Serengeti & Ngorongoro

A ten-day safari into Tanzania's Northern parks of Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Tarangire as well as the Rift Valley and Lake Natron, plus a chance to climb the Sacred Mountain of the Masai (Ol Doinyo Lengai), and experience real Maasai culture. Our safari travels into the best areas of this game-packed region, camping amongst the game with the sounds of the African bush all around as well as visiting some off the beaten track areas of Masailand, where few venture. Lake Natron is often covered with thousands of flamingo.



QUICK REFERENCE ITINERARY

Day 1	Pick up from Arusha Hotel at 08h00. Depart to Tarangire – balance of day game drive. Overnight lodge/camp Tarangire	Lunch, dinner
Day 2	Full day in Tarangire, overnight lodge/camp.	Full board
Day 3	Set off early and drive to Lake Natron, along the Rift Valley. Overnight tented camp.	Full board
Day 4	Lake Natron – day to explore the area. Walking to waterfall, Lake Natron and cultural interaction. Option to climb Ol Donya Lengai – additional day needed.	Full board
Day 5	Drive from Natron via Loliondo to northern Serengeti. Overnight lodge or tented camp.	Full board
Day 6	Serengeti, game drives. Overnight Serengeti Wilderness Camp	Full board **see below
Day 7	Serengeti, game drives. Overnight Serengeti Wilderness Camp	Full board
Day 8	Depart Serengeti to Ngorongoro, overnight lodge. Olduvai Visit optional en route.	Full board
Day 9	Full day Ngorongoro Crater – safari. Overnight lodge.	Full board
Day 10	Drive back to Arusha, safari ends.	Breakfast, lunch

**** as from 01Apr19 Serengeti Wilderness Camp/ Serengeti North Wilderness Camp will include local beer, house wine and soft drinks in the Full board rate**

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Tarangire National Park

This morning your guide will collect you from your Arusha hotel (which we can assist in prebooking for you) at 08h00. Head toward **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 of June – September thousands of animals including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, kudu, and the rarely seen oryx migrate from the dry Masai steppe to the Tarangire River in search of water.



Lion, leopard and other predators follow – so be sure to be sure to charge your battery and empty your memory stick as some unique memories await you. Home to the largest population of elephant of any park in the northern circuit, and over 550 varieties of bird, Tarangire offers far fewer tourists and loads of game – a winning combination!

Overnight **Maramboi Tented Camp or similar.**

With 40 spacious tents built on wooden decks, Maramboi offers spectacular views over the Manyara National Park, the Rift Valley, and the Ngorongoro Highlands. Activities include game drives, guided walking safaris, bird watching on the shores of Lake Manyara, and cultural interaction with the Datoga and Masai tribes.

Day 2: Tarangire

Enjoy a full day exploring Tarangire. Overnight **Maramboi Tented Camp.**

Day 3: Lake Natron

A half day drive brings you to Lake Natron, a fascinating salt and soda lake located in northern Tanzania. It is significant as the only regular breeding area in East Africa for the 2.5 million lesser flamingoes, whose status of "near threatened" results from their dependence on this single location.

Overnight **Lake Natron Camp.**

Located on the very edge of Lake Natron, this 10 tent luxury camp is perfectly hidden in the middle of nowhere! It's a very special camp, secluded, scenic – one of those rare places where you feel like you are alone on this magnificent earth.



Day 4



Today is free to explore the area of Lake Natron. Located within walking distance are the hominid footprints and Lake Natron.

Cool off in one of the natural plunge pools outside your tent, hike to the waterfalls, enjoy a bird watching walk - there is loads to keep you busy before topping off a special day with scenic sundowners.

Overnight **Lake Natron Camp**.

Day 5

Time to tick of a Travel Bucket List biggie today! Drive via Loliondo to the Northern Serengeti, one of the most world's most famous National Parks, and home to more than three million large mammals spread over the endless plains. It is here, at certain times of the year, that we may encounter the breathtaking 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 in the southern area, proceeding north through the centre and Western Corridor during June and July before splitting to the west and north, continuing their way toward the Mara River. They return south in November to repeat this amazing instinctive procession all over again.

It really is a rare privilege to immerse yourself in the unique natural phenomena of this Great Migration.

Significant numbers of zebra, buffalo, giraffe and warthog abound. Elephants are relatively scarce on the open plains, and more common in the northern areas and the western corridor. The few remaining black rhinos are restricted to a small part of the park and are not often spotted.



But the most popular animals to be found here in greater abundance than elsewhere on the northern circuit are the cats. Lions, cheetahs and leopard may all be seen here along with other predators, such as the spotted hyena, golden and black-backed jackals, wild cats and servals.

Depending on the time of year, overnight at either **Lobo Wildlife Lodge OR Serengeti North Wilderness Camp** (open Jul-Oct)

Lobo Wildlife Lodge, a 75 roomed lodge perched on top of a spectacular kopje, boasts rooms that are cleverly built in and around an enormous volcanic outcrop. Its elevated position offers incredible views of the Serengeti below and, at certain times of the year, you can just about watch the migration from the comfort of a sun lounger next to the pool.

Serengeti North Wilderness Camp is a seasonal camp located in the north, a short distance from the banks of the Mara River. Comprising max 12 spacious tents, the intimate camp offers tasty food, great coffee, excellent value comfortable accommodation and exceptional staff. It's also perfectly positioned for witnessing masses of wildebeest hurling themselves into the waters in dramatic river crossings as they dodge danger to reach the other side.

Day 6

This morning we head toward the central Serengeti - 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, resident wildebeest and zebra, buffalo and plenty of antelope.



Our guides will take you to the heart of the best game viewing possible. Sometimes that may entail a long day in the vehicle, other times the game may be close by! Our team go that extra mile to give you an unforgettable trip with us.

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

Overnight at **Serengeti Wilderness Camp**, an intimate tented camp much like Serengeti North Wilderness Camp, with the same attentive service and scrumptious, hearty food.

Day 7

Relaxed day spent on game drives in the area – or book a balloon trip and get a bird's eye view of this incredible, game rich park.

Overnight **Serengeti Wilderness Camp**.



Day 8



Your route today from Serengeti to Ngorongoro takes you via fascinating Olduvai Gorge and the 'cradle of humankind'.

It's here where, in 1959, the ground-breaking discovery of a hominid (human-like) skull dating back 1.8 million years preceded other more recent hominid remains discoveries - dating as far back as 3.7 million years.

Overnight **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge**

Facing the always magnificent sunsets to the west, and located at the highest point on Ngorongoro crater's entire rim, Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge stands well over half a kilometre above the crater floor and offers unparalleled views across this enormous caldera.

Day 9

Incredible, unforgettabletoday is surely one you've been itching to get to! One of the Natural Wonders of the World, the volcanic caldera of Ngorongoro 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 backdrop of the thickly forested crater walls. Your picnic lunch in the crater will forever remain a unique memory. Good luck beating this view next time you dine!

Overnight **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge**



Day 10

Depart after breakfast to Arusha, where your safari sadly comes to an end.

If you are not flying out tonight, but overnighing in Arusha, we highly recommend heading out to Mosque Street. Relax, eat, meet the locals ... real people.

A uniquely authentic optional extra: You may have heard of Khan's first as "Chicken in the Ditch", or "Chicken on the Bonnet", "Kuku on the Curb", or "That place by Soko Kuu with the fantastic chicken", or "Zubeda Autospares by Day, Khan's Chicken BBQ by Night".

In every town there are a few gems - delightful places off the beaten path that give you a sense of the soul of the town. Khan's is undoubtedly one of the key gems in Arusha, and while it's definitely been discovered, it's still the real deal. Tasty salads, Zanzibar pizzas, garlic naan, barbecued chicken, beef mishkaki and mutton shish kabob are all stars. But Khan's serves up more than an evening out - it's the kind of place that you'll always remember when you think of Arusha.

Another memorable 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!

Email us on reservations@wildfrontiers.com for a quotation

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Pick up from Arusha hotel and briefing
- services of driver/guide, private vehicle throughout
- All park and camp fees
- 9 nights accommodation in quality tented camps/ lodges including meals as indicated
- as from 01Apr19 Serengeti Wilderness Camp/ Serengeti North Wilderness Camp will include local beer, house wine and soft drinks in the Full board rate
- Game drives and walks as shown

PACKAGE EXCLUDES:

- All international flights and airport taxes
- Pre/post hotel accommodation in Arusha
- Optional balloon safari in the Serengeti MUST be booked in advance
- Personal expenses such as porters, drinks, tips, visas and travel insurance
- Services/activities/meals/drinks not included above

If you wish to climb Ol Donya Lengai, we will ADD AN ADDITIONAL NIGHT on to the above safari itinerary. Enquire for pricing and details.

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 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

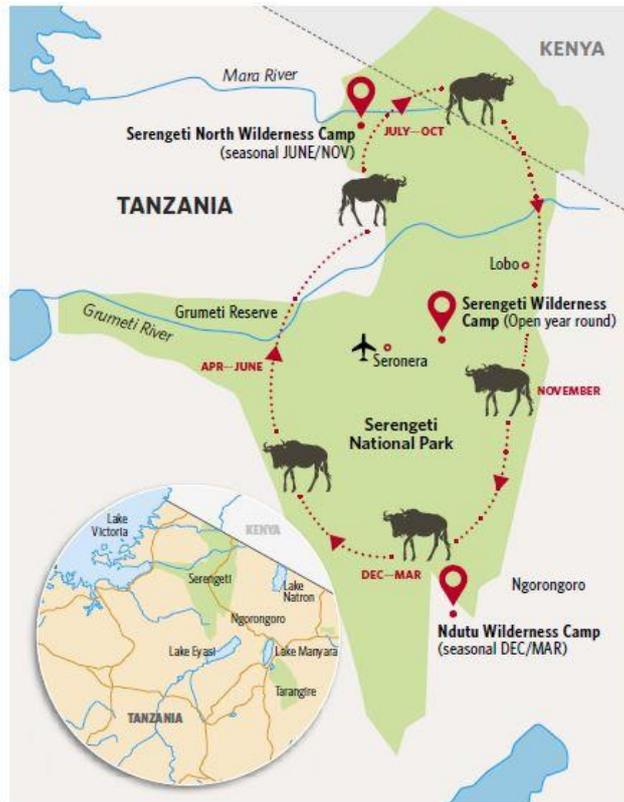
The wildebeest move from the central area and split to the west and north, continuing their trek toward the Mara River. River crossings may be seen in both the western corridor (Grumeti area) and north (Mara River) within the Serengeti.

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...



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