

5-Day Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro & Lake Manyara Safari

Shared departure · Budget Camping

A comprehensive safari covering four distinct landscapes, offering variety and depth with extended game viewing across Northern Tanzania.

At a Glance

Duration	5 days, 4 nights
Parks	Tarangire · Serengeti · Ngorongoro Conservation Area · Lake Manyara
Starts / ends	Arusha
Accommodation	Budget camping, shared facilities
Vehicle	4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof
Group size	Maximum 6–7 travellers per vehicle, depending on season

Detailed Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 — Arusha → Tarangire National Park

Drive approx. 2–3 hours | Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Morning pickup in Arusha and the drive to Tarangire National Park, arriving by late morning to begin the game drive.

The park is characterised by wide savannah, scattered acacia woodland and large baobab trees. Wildlife activity is often concentrated along the Tarangire River. The game drive continues through midday, with a picnic lunch inside the park.

In the afternoon, continue exploring different sections of the park before exiting toward Karatu or Mto wa Mbu.

Overnight: Jangwani Campground, Fig Tree Camp, Sunbright Campground, Jua Manyara Campground, Migombani Campground (depends on availability)

Day 2 — Karatu → Serengeti National Park

Long driving day | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Early breakfast and departure toward the Serengeti via the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. The drive passes through highland terrain before descending onto the Serengeti plains.

Travel time is long, so this day focuses on the transfer combined with game viewing en route. The game drive begins on entering the Serengeti in the afternoon, with sightings that may include lion, giraffe, elephant, zebra and herds across the open plains.

Game viewing continues toward the campsite, arriving before sunset.

Overnight: Nyani Public Campsite, Nguchiro Public campsite, Seronera Public campsite (depends on availability)

Day 3 — Full Day in the Serengeti

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

A full day of game driving. Depart camp after breakfast and spend the day exploring different areas depending on wildlife movement. The open plains allow for wide visibility and consistent sightings.

Break for picnic lunch during the day, then continue game drives through the afternoon. Return to camp in the evening.

Overnight: Nyani Public Campsite, Nguchiro Public Campsite, Seronera Public Campsite (depends on availability)

Day 4 — Serengeti → Ngorongoro Crater → Karatu

Long day | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Breakfast at camp, then departure from the Serengeti. Game viewing continues during the drive out of the park, as sightings are still common along the route.

Proceed toward the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and descend into the crater for a half-day game drive. The crater floor allows efficient wildlife viewing within a shorter time. Expect lion, buffalo, zebra, hippo and elephant, with a possibility of black rhino.

Picnic lunch inside the crater. In the afternoon, ascend and continue to Karatu.

Overnight: Simba Campsite, Jangwani Campground, Fig Tree Camp and lodge, Sunbright Campground, Jua Manyara Campground, Migombani Campground (depends on availability)

Day 5 — Lake Manyara → Arusha

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Breakfast and a short transfer to Lake Manyara National Park.

The game drive covers a compact but varied landscape, including groundwater forest, open plains and lakeside areas. Wildlife may include elephant, hippo, monkeys and giraffe, alongside a wide range of birdlife. Tree-climbing lions are present but not guaranteed.

Picnic lunch inside the park. Exit in the afternoon and return to Arusha.

Pricing

Prices are per person and depend on the number of travellers in your group. Smaller groups carry a supplement, as the vehicle, guide and crater fees are shared across fewer people.

Group size	Price per person
1 traveller	\$1,200
2 travellers	\$1,170
3 travellers	\$1,140
4 travellers	\$1,110
5–7 travellers	\$1,080

All prices in US dollars, per person.

What's Included

- All park entry and conservation fees
- Transport in a 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof
- Professional English-speaking safari guide
- Pickup and drop-off at your hotel in Arusha
- All meals during the safari, as shown in the itinerary
- Drinking water throughout
- Soft drinks during game drives
- All scheduled game drives and activities as per the itinerary
- All accommodation during the safari (budget camping)
- Camping equipment — tents, sleeping mats, and basic facilities where applicable

What's Not Included

- International and domestic flights
- Airport transfers — available on request at USD 50 each way
- Visa fees, if applicable
- Travel insurance — strongly recommended
- Tips and gratuities — guideline USD 5 per traveller per day for your guide and camp crew
- Personal expenses such as souvenirs, laundry and phone usage
- Alcoholic beverages
- Optional activities not listed in the itinerary
- Accommodation before and after the safari, unless requested

Before You Travel

Your safari starts and ends in Arusha.

We collect you from your hotel in Arusha on the morning of Day 1 and drop you back there at the end of the safari.

Arriving by air?

Airport transfers to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport or Arusha Airport can be arranged at USD 50 each way. Let us know your flight details when you book.

Need a hotel in Arusha?

Accommodation before and after the safari is not included, but we are happy to book it for you. Just tell us your dates and the kind of place you have in mind.

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Registration	OONGO/R/8978, registered under the Non-Governmental Organizations Act, 2002
Registered	4 February 2026, valid to 3 February 2036

Address	P.O. Box 3013, Arusha, Tanzania
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