

EXPLORE!

Tailormade Tanzanian Camping Adventure
10 days

Tanzania - Trip code TMTA4

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Landscapes and wildlife

Witness Tanzania's classic wildlife including the Big 5 in the country's iconic northern parks. See falmingos and other birdlife gather around Lake Manyara; discover the world's largest complete caldera at the Ngorogoro Crater, home to rhino, leopard and giraffe amongst others; spot herds of elephants and tree climbing lions in the baobab dotted plains of Tarangire National Park and visit the Serengeti National Park for some of the best game viewing in Africa.

Enriching tailormade journeys - for you

This bespoke journey features some of our favourite spots in Tanzania. You can choose to take our destination experts' recommendations and travel just as you see the itinerary here, or contact us to add your own special touches, like a visit to Ngorongoro Maasai village to meet some of the local people. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on **01252 883 184**.

Trip highlights

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

TRIP PACE:

Moderate

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Fly to Tanzania

Depart the UK for your flight to Tanzania.

 None

DAY 2 - Arrive in Tanzania

Arrive at Kilimanjaro and transfer to Mtu Wambu, the small village just outside Manyara National Park. This morning has been left free, you may choose to relax or go for a walk around the local village. This afternoon you have a game drive around this small but very diverse park. The various habitats of the lush forests, the acacia woodlands, the grassy floodplain, the alkaline lake surface and the volcanic peaks are home to prey and predators large and small as well as over 400 species of birds.



Accommodation: Twiga Campsite (or similar)



Standard Campsite

 Lunch Dinner

DAY 3 - Drive to Serengeti

Departing Manyara you transfer passed the crater to Serengeti National Park, where you will have a game drive en route to your camp site. After lunch and setting up camp, you have an afternoon game drive in search of lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, giraffe and buffalo.



Accommodation: Central Serengeti Campsite (or similar)



Standard Campsite

 Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 4 - Serengeti National Park

Serengeti is the Masai name that means the “endless grass plains” and the following two days are spent exploring this vast park. Visually striking, the park stretches as far as the eye can see over rocky kopjes and grassy savannah plains. Time your trip right and you may be able to witness one of nature’s greatest sights as the migration passes through the park.



Accommodation: Central Serengeti Campsite (or similar)



Standard Campsite



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 5 - Game drives in the Serengeti

Your second day in this world-renowned park will be spent in search of the Big Five - lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard, and rhinoceros - as well as wildebeest, zebra, giraffe and hyenas.



Accommodation: Central Serengeti Campsite (or similar)



Standard Campsite



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 6 - Drive to Ngorongoro Crater

Departing the Serengeti you transfer to Ngorongoro Crater where you will have a game drive en route to your camp site. This afternoon has been left free for you to relax at the camp, you may wish to take a visit to Olduvai Gorge where Dr Leakey discovered a 1.75 million year old almost intact human skull



Accommodation: Ngorogoro Simba Campsite (or similar)



Standard Campsite



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 7 - Ngorongoro Crater

Today you descend the crater for a full day game drive of the crater floor. The endangered black rhino can be seen here along with a host of other big game, including lion who are at their most active before the heat of the day takes hold.



Accommodation: Ngorogoro Simba Campsite (or similar)



Standard Campsite



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 8 - Drive to Tarangire National Park

This morning your journey continues to Tarangire National Park with a game drive en route. The national park derives its name from the Tarangire River that flows through the length of the park, this afternoon you may take an optional trek along the river bank and visit the local people.



Accommodation: Tarangire Camp (or similar)



Standard Campsite



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 9 - Depart Tanzania

Head back to Arusha in time for your night flight home.



Breakfast

DAY 10 - Arrive UK



None

Tailormade Expert



Meet Sarah Phelps,
Regional Specialist for Tanzania

Call on 01252 883 184.

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 7
Lunch: 7
Dinner: 7



Transport

Private car
4WD



Trip staff

Safari guides
Camp crew
Cook



Accommodation

7 nights standard campsite

Trip information

Country information

Tanzania

Climate

The climate is tropical but varies greatly with altitude. Coastal areas and islands are hot and humid, while the central plateau is dry and arid. Tanzania can be visited all year round and its seasons can be defined as green and dry. The dry season is generally from June to October and January to February, with most days being fine and sunny weather with temperatures and humidity rising throughout the day. It can be cold at night, particularly in June & July. The green season includes the rains of March to May (with the peak in April – generally during the afternoon) and November to early December. This pattern can be unpredictable. The weather system during these periods refreshes the landscape creating lush green scenery which is not witnessed during the dry season. The Zanzibar archipelago is a year-round destination but does have dry and rainy seasons. The dry season is between June to October and January to February. The 'short rains' are between November to December, when a short, afternoon rainstorm can be a daily occurrence. The 'long rains' occur between March to May, when days can be humid and rainy, however, sunshine is still often frequent. The changing weather patterns does mean the 'rainy' season is becoming less predictable. Weather at altitude can vary to the above seasons, with the evenings being cold. Kilimanjaro features its own array of climates and biomes; between 1,800 to 2,800 metres is a rainforest climate (humid and hot), from 2,800 to 4,000 metres is dry mountain vegetation – please note night time temperatures can fall to below 0 degrees from this level. A cold desert climate with a strong equatorial sun during the day but cold nights is found between 4,000 to 5,000 metres. The summit generally has clear days though the evenings can be very cold featuring snow. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at <http://www.explore.co.uk/weather>. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

Time difference to GMT

+3

Plugs

3 Pin (as per the UK), best to travel with an adapter as some lodges have 2 pin sockets.

Religion

Christian, Islam

Language

Swahili, English

Budgeting and packing

Country Information

Tanzania

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Dinner price

£13

Beer price

£1.6

Water price

£0.7

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Tanzanian Shilling.

Recommended Currency For Exchange

US Dollars are preferable. Please be aware that any notes issued before 2006 will not be accepted

Where To Exchange

Banks or 'Forex' offices only in main towns/cities. Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

ATM Availability

Major towns and cities will have ATMs available.

Credit Card Acceptance

Credit cards are generally not accepted.

Travellers Cheques

Take some to act as reserve funds.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Accommodation notes

Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

Standard

Light on your pocket but long on standard experiences, these tours are based in simple, sometimes local-style accommodation. If your idea of adventure travel is to experience real, everyday life then you will enjoy our Standard style of tour. You will have the chance to stay at simple, family-run hotels and guesthouses where the lack of luxury is more than compensated for by the warm welcome and genuine insight into local life.

Twiga Campsite

Twiga Campsite is located a short distance from Lake Manyara National Park, close to Mto wa Mbu village. Facilities include a small bar and restaurant, and covered cooking and dining areas. There are also several en suite huts at the site. You will be sleeping in two-man tents and some level of participation may be required.

Central Serengeti Campsite

Central Serengeti Campsite is a basic campsite, facilities include a cooking area and shared shower and toilets blocks. You will be sleeping in two-man tents and some level of participation around camp may be required. Bedding is provided.

Simba Campsite

Simba Campsite is a large and simple site overlooking the spectacular Ngorongoro Crater with superb views. Facilities include covered cooking areas, showers and toilet blocks. You will be sleeping in two-man tents and some level of participation around camp may be required.

Tarangire Camp

Tarangire Camp is located just outside the park and offers covered cooking areas, showers and toilet blocks. You will be sleeping in two-man tents and some level of participation around camp may be required. Bedding is provided.

Essential Information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

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Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our [Essential Information](#) and [Booking Conditions](#).

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Tanzania

Vaccinations

We strongly recommend protection against malaria, hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid, polio and yellow fever. Please note you are required to produce a valid yellow fever certificate on arrival in Tanzania if you have spent 10 hours or more transiting through an endemic country. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Travellers may also wish to take immunisation against meningococcal meningitis. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.
