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Tailormade The Classic Safari
10 days

Tanzania - Trip code TMTA2



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The 'Big Five' in the classic North of Tanzania

Lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos and buffalos... this itinerary maximises the opportunities of sighting the famous 'Big Five' in some classic settings. Amongst seeing wildlife in its natural habitat, this itinerary tours the Northern circuit of Tanzania, staying in some quaint lodges or tented camps chosen with your comfort in mind. Going on safari by four-wheel drive enhances your experience and the vehicle's exclusively yours. This classic safari through the heart of Tanzania's most famous national parks will take you on a surge of game drives and exhilarating wilderness experiences.

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; maybe a stay in a treehouse or a camp in the very best spot for the annual wildebeest migration. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on **01252 883 184**.

Trip highlights

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Premium

Our premium accommodation is hand-picked and chosen for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

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 your hotel in the small, neighbouring town of Arusha on the edge of the Great Rift Valley. A relaxing afternoon can be spent beside your hotel pool, or the more energetic may wish to enjoy the stunning scenery of nearby Mount Meru on a gentle hike or bike ride.



Accommodation: Mount Meru Hotel (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available

 None

DAY 3 - Tarangire National Park

Departing Arusha you head to Tarangire National Park. Famous for its baobab trees, large herds of elephant and excellent birdlife, the park provides a perfect introduction to game viewing in Africa. This afternoon, enjoy a game drive within the park.

Please note, at certain times of year we'll re-route your itinerary so Tarangire National Park isn't included. Our Africa regional specialist knows the best times of year to visit the national parks to get the very best wildlife sightings, and will design your itinerary with you with this in mind.



Accommodation: Tarangire Sopa Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 4 - Journey to Ngorongoro Crater

After an early breakfast as you drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area, enjoying game viewing en route.



Accommodation: Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 5 - Ngorongoro Crater

Today, you'll enjoy a full day game drive of the Ngorongoro Crater. An early morning descent into the crater maximises your chances of spotting a range of species and witnessing a true wildlife spectacle in this unique sanctuary. 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: Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 6 - Journey to the Serengeti

Departing the Ngorongoro you transfer to Serengeti National Park, where you will have a game drive en route to your camp site. You will pass several Masai homesteads before arriving at Olduvai Gorge, where in 1959, anthropologists Dr and Mrs Leakey

discovered the remains of an almost intact human skull named 'Nutcracker Man'. It was here at this important prehistoric site, together with other startling discoveries, that have contributed to the furthering understanding of early human development. Olduvai Gorge and the fossils that it contains give a unique insight into the way that this part of the world has changed and humans with it. After lunch you have an afternoon game drive in search of lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, giraffe and buffalo.



Accommodation: Serengeti Sopa Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 7 - Full Day Serengeti Game Drives

The Serengeti covers almost 15,000 square km in area and is Tanzania's oldest, and arguably, greatest park. Famed for the awe-inspiring spectacle of the annual migration, it offers some of the best game viewing in Africa. While you are here you shall move through various different habitats and seek out the daily drama of the struggle between prey and predator, large and small, from the lions, leopards and cheetahs to the elephants, giraffe and buffalo. Every turn of the game drives reveal something of this stunning world where more than 500 species of birds recorded here. The vastness of the space under the vault of the sky gives one a liberating sense of space difficult to find anywhere else.



Accommodation: Serengeti Sopa Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 8 - Lake Manyara National Park

This morning you transfer to Mtu Wambu, the small village just outside Manyara National Park, arriving in time for lunch. Your safari experience starts in the afternoon in the national park, which is known for its adventurous (yet elusive) tree-climbing lions and breathtaking views over Lake Manyara, which teems with pink flamingos in the water below.



Accommodation: Kilimamoja Lodge (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 9 - Journey to Arusha

Head back to Arusha in time for your night flight home, stopping en route at a local craft market for some last minute mementoes of your African adventure.



Breakfast Lunch

DAY 10 - Arrive UK

Arrive in the 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: 6



Transport

Private car
4WD



Trip staff

Safari guide
Driver(s)



Accommodation

7 nights premium hotel

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 authentic 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.

Ilboru Safari Lodge

Ilboru Safari Lodge is a colonial style property located at the foot of Mount Meru and set within five acres of attractive gardens. It offers simple comfort and fine hospitality. The rooms are thatched semi-detached rondavels decorated in an African theme and feature a separate sitting area and large patio doors on to the gardens. The spacious dining room and bar have an elevated position overlooking the impressive swimming pool.

Lake Burunge Tented Camp

This lovely camp is just a short distance from the picturesque Tarangire National Park. It has a rustic African appeal and friendly relaxed atmosphere. The spacious tents and lodge rooms are in a shady grove, with spectacular views of Lake Burunge. All rooms have modern amenities and large verandas. Enjoy cosy indoor and outdoor dining from the main area, take a dip in the pool, or just sit back with a sundowner after a long day of game viewing.

Ngorongoro Farm House

The Ngorongoro Farm House is a charming property located on a 500 acre coffee plantation and working farm near the town of Karatu, around five km from Ngorongoro Lolduare gate. The colonial style farm house has a rustic countryside feel and is set in landscaped gardens with sweeping valley views. The spacious chalets are light and airy with high ceilings, a fire place and large verandah with views across the farm. Meals are served, buffet-style, in the main building using local produce. There is a large outdoor pool and activities include a farm walk and a coffee tour.

The Serengeti Kati Kati Camp

The Serengeti Kati Kati Camp is a mobile tented camp located on the Serengeti plains offering an authentic safari experience. Situated in the bush with wildlife all around, it is not unusual for animals to pass close by the camp. The large Meru style tents have a private verandah and en suite facilities include a bucket shower and flush toilet. The mess tent is located in the centre of the camp and meals are freshly prepared on a daily basis.

The Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp

The Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp sits along the Rift Valley escarpment, 600m above sea level. The property offers self-contained cottages and canvas tented chalets, all situated along the cliff side with balconies overlooking the region. The campfire overlooking the African bush provides a welcome spot for a sundowner after a day of wildlife viewing, there is also a spacious dining area and a pool to relax by.

Premium

On Premium level tailor-made tours you will stay at comfortable mid-range hotels, chosen for their location, ambiance or local character. Your rooms will be clean and well-appointed, with en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning or heating as necessary. Standard level hotels normally have restaurants, bars and often other amenities such as a swimming pool and gardens, offering a good level of comfort at a reasonable price.

Mount Meru Hotel

Situated at the foothills of Mount Meru in the city of Arusha, the Mount Meru Hotel lies on nine acres of lush landscape, surrounded by some breath-taking vistas. The hotel has over 170 modern luxury en suite rooms. There is a large swimming pool and with temperatures a pleasant 25C for most of the year, this makes a great place to relax before or after your safari.

Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Tarangire Sopa Lodge lies hidden amongst rocky kopjes and baobab trees. A large property within the park, its spacious rooms offer balconies providing landscape views. The swimming pool provides a perfect relaxation spot and offers views across the park.

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

The Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge is located on the edge of the crater rim with the most fabulous views into the crater. Facing west, the lodge is also the setting for some great sunsets after your game viewing. The 91 rooms are very spacious and all have panoramic

views from their glass fronted verandas. The bar and dining room also have floor to ceiling windows and a warming fire to take the chill off the colder evenings. There is a terrace outside with lawns leading to a swimming pool.

Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Serengeti Sopa Lodge enjoys an elevated position in the Nyarboro Hills in the south west region of the park. Spacious en-suite rooms, each with a veranda, face the open Serengeti Plains which extend as far as the eye can see. There is an open dining and reception area, and outside there is a swimming pool for a refreshing dip after your game drive.

Kilimamoja Lodge

Kilimamoja Lodge is a large property with 50 rooms and two luxury villas, and outstanding views of Lake Manyara and Mount Meru. Standard rooms all have en suite facilities including outdoor shower, air-conditioning, indoor fires and a private balcony. The main house has an indoor and outdoor dining area, bar and spa. There is also a pool available.

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.
