

# TANZANIA - KASKAZI - KILIMANJARO ELEPHANT SAFARI

## ITINERARY

### Day 1

Return transfers are included from Kilimanjaro airport or Arusha on the first and last days of the safari. Private transfers can also be arranged (extra cost).

Flights can arrive at any time on the first day of the safari. Flights on the last day must depart after 14:00.

On arrival day, check-in is usually from 12:00 midday. If you arrive before this you can make use of the main facilities until your room is ready. Alternatively, it may be possible to pay for early check-in and lunch, so please ask if you would like us to check availability for you.

On the final day, if your flight departs in the evening, please let us know if you would like to book a day room, lunch and separate transfer (at additional cost).

Kilimanjaro airport is served from Europe by KLM, which flies daily from Amsterdam. Qatar Airlines via Doha offer good arrival and departure times. Turkish Airlines also offer a popular route, but the very early morning arrival time will mean additional accommodation will be required for one night.

Overnight Wildlife Estate.

Your guide will join you at the lodge to outline the itinerary for the week.

Later, have dinner hosted by your guide.

Your first night is spent in one of the lodges on a wildlife estate not far from Kilimanjaro and Arusha.

All the rooms have ensuite bathrooms. The lodge will be a lovely place to rest after your journey.



Typical bedroom

## Day 2

After breakfast you are transferred by vehicle (about 30 minutes) to the entrance to Arusha National Park where your horses are waiting for you.

Normally you stay at three different campsites on this safari which means two moving days on horseback. Please note that precise day by day itineraries and the number of camps may vary according to movements of the game and weather conditions.

As you ride through the park the vegetation changes dramatically from open grassland to rainforest, with good chances of seeing elephant, buffalo and plains game and maybe even the rare suni, red duiker or leopard.



After lunch in the bush and a short siesta, continue to ride through leopard country.



Your route takes you past Margarete Trappe's old house, a legendary lady known for her adventures in the First World War.

After your first day in the saddle, arrive in camp based at the foot of Mount Meru - in time for showers and sundowners before dinner under the stars.

Overnight Meru Camp. The spacious tents have mosquito netted doors and windows.

Each tent is provided with cot beds, white cotton linen, towels and a solar light. There is usually one short drop loo and bucket shower per tent/two people.





### Day 3

Your early morning call may be joined by the talkative colobus monkeys, before breakfast is served.



Shortly after, join your horses and ride towards the area where the film *Hatari* (starring John Wayne) was filmed.

During the morning you climb to a viewpoint which on a clear day has one of the best views of Mt Kilimanjaro. This climb is partly on horseback and then you leave your horses and drive the last steepest part in a vehicle.

Continue by vehicle until you reach the lunch spot, located in the rainforest next to a waterfall.

After lunch, head back to the horses and ride to camp.

Later in the afternoon you can relax at camp or perhaps take the opportunity to go in the vehicles to the Momella Lakes in the hope of seeing hippo and the beautiful birdlife.



Enjoy sundowners at the lake before heading back to camp for showers and dinner.

Overnight Meru Camp.

#### **Day 4**

After an early breakfast, leave Arusha National Park by vehicle. The drive takes about 2.5 hours. Leaving Mount Mero behind, head eastbound towards Mount Kilimanjaro.

Later this morning, find the horses waiting for you in the bush (they have been trucked here the evening before).

The ride today is amongst Tanzanian farmland and the Maasai steppe. This is a scenic ride with many cultural interactions with the local people.



Lunch is served in the shade of a big acacia tree, sometimes near to a dam where the Maasai water their cattle.



After a welcome siesta, the afternoon ride continues across open plains with a good chance of seeing plains game such as zebra, giraffe and antelope.

You reach camp before the sun hits the horizon.

Overnight Kili Camp. This mobile camp is in the foothills of Mt Kilimanjaro.



## Day 5

You set off this morning on another moving day.

After crossing the hills of the 'Seven Sisters', continue towards a lunch spot under a shady tree.

The terrain varies from opened grassland to beautiful canopy forests. The day offers a good chance of seeing more plains game.



The night is spent in a special place with the four powerful mountains of Mt Meru, Mt Namanga, Mt Longido and Mt Kilimanjaro towering up all around you.

Overnight Mountain View Camp. This camp in a special place with the four powerful mountains of Mt Meru, Mt Namanga, Mt Longido and Mt Kilimanjaro towering up all around you.





## Day 6

Today might be spent tracking elephant.



The terrain varies from thick scrublands, to acacia woodland, to dry open lake pans. You return to camp for lunch and a siesta, before riding out again in the afternoon.

Return to camp before sunset and enjoy an evening around the fire and listening to the stories of the day.



Overnight Mountain View Camp.

## **Day 7**

Wake up with the sun for your last full day of riding.

Hopefully you will have good luck and see elephant from horseback.



The night will be spent overlooking the pans, where the plains game are on constant alert for predators.

Overnight Mountain View Camp.

## **Day 8**

A final morning in camp before you return to Arusha, which, depending on road conditions, can take about three hours.

Onward transfers are either directly to Kilimanjaro International Airport or to a lodge on a wildlife estate for those flying out later.

