

TANZANIA - SERENGETI MIGRATION 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 15:00.

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.

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 Residence.

Your guide will join you for dinner and outline the itinerary for the week.

The Wildlife Residence is a boutique lodge about a 30 minute drive from Kilimanjaro airport.

There are six ensuite rooms.

There is WiFi, a swimming pool and spa treatments are available on site.

Wildlife Residence strives to be a green, home away from home, where one can stay with a conscious mind and without leaving a heavy footprint.

Vegetables and herbs are home grown in the organic garden and harvested every morning. Dairy and meat products are locally sourced.



Waterhole at Wildlife Residence



Double Room at Wildlife Residence

Day 2

An early start to catch your morning charter flight from Arusha to Ndotu airstrip in southern Serengeti.



You are met by a safari vehicle at Ndotu and after a short wait while you are checked-in at the Ngorongoro Conservation Area registration post you set off.

The journey will be between two to four hours depending on the location of camp. It is an interesting journey through the Serengeti's sweeping grass plains

intersected with impressive rocky outcrops, known as “kopjes”, and river courses.

When you arrive at camp you meet the team of support staff, settle into your tents and have a welcome lunch. Then, after a short siesta, meet the horses and grooms and, time allowing, a short introductory evening ride.

The day ends around the campfire. Before dinner, the safari briefing takes place to prepare everyone for the adventures of the days ahead.



Over the next six days you explore the wilderness, riding across open plains, into grassy valleys dotted with granite outcrops, whistling thorn and flat-topped acacia trees. You should have a good chance of seeing the wildebeest, for which the area is famous, gathering on the vast grassy plains.



Each morning you are woken with a welcome cup of tea or coffee before breakfast in the mess tent. The route and arrangements each day will vary with the weather and movement of games, but your guide will aim to ride to at least one or two more camps to explore new areas.

Depending on the weather and movement of game, you may ride out for a long morning ride, returning to camp for lunch and then either another ride in the afternoon or perhaps a game drive. Alternatively, you could be out all day, meeting the support crew for lunch in the bush.



On one night during the safari you spend the night in a lightweight fly camp sleeping under mosquito nets (weather permitting). On this day you travel by vehicle for a game drive with a picnic lunch on the way. You will cross the short grass plains and look for the cats such as cheetah, lion and leopard which thrive here, as well as elephant and the flamingo which gather on the area's soda lakes. Late in the afternoon you reach the fly camp in time for sundowners followed by dinner under the stars.



On one of the afternoons or mornings, the horses will be given a rest as you go by vehicle to visit Olduvai Gorge and museum.

Over the next few days you'll almost certainly cross Olduvai Gorge - the 'Cradle of Humankind' on one or more occasions.

The Olduvai Gorge is one of the most important anthropological sites in the world. The museum includes fossils and artefacts of our human ancestors and skeletons of many extinct animals who shared their world.

Overnight Serengeti Safari Camps. Each tent is provided with cot beds, white cotton linen, towels and a solar light. There is one short drop toilet and bucket shower per tent/two people.

The spacious tents have mosquito netted doors and windows.

Single accommodation is available (with shared toilet/shower tent).



Mess tent



Guest tent

Day 9

Wake early for tea and coffee and say farewell to your horses and support team.

The drive this morning is through the Ngorongoro highlands, with breakfast on route overlooking the famous Ngorongoro Crater.

After leaving the Conservation Area there should be time to visit the African galleria, a great place to buy arts, tanzanite or small souvenirs.

Shortly after you arrive at Manyara airstrip for your return charter flight to Arusha.

You are met at Arusha and taken for lunch at the lodge.