11-Day Safari & Zanzibar

Seven days in the parks, then four on the coast

11 days · 10 nights · Tarangire, Ngorongoro, Serengeti



At a glance

DURATION	11 days, 10 nights
DESTINATIONS	Tarangire, Ngorongoro, Serengeti
STARTS	Arusha
ENDS	Zanzibar
GROUP TYPE	Private departure
ACCOMMODATION	Luxury

VEHICLE	Private 4x4 Land Cruiser with pop-up roof
BEST TIME	Jan–Feb, Jun–Sep, Dec

Overview

A safari is full-on. You're up before dawn and in a vehicle most of the day, and by the seventh morning most people are more than ready to ditch the early alarm. Four nights on the coast afterwards isn't an indulgence. It's what makes the whole trip feel complete.

Is this trip for you?

Honeymooners, and anyone travelling far enough that a second flight makes sense.

> This is a sample itinerary. You can change every part of it (the route, the pace, the camps, the length) and most people do!

Highlights

- Seven days on the northern circuit
- Four nights on the Zanzibar coast
- The short flight between them, arranged and included
- Stone Town on the way through, if you fancy it
- Diving, snorkelling and dhow sailing on offer

Route

01 Tarangire · 02 Serengeti · 03 Ngorongoro · 04 Karatu · 05 Zanzibar

Day by day

DAY 01

01 Arusha to Tarangire

Arusha → Tarangire

A short drive south-west after breakfast, and an afternoon game drive in Tarangire. The river is the thing here: in the drier months it pulls elephants down in numbers that take most people by surprise. It's a gentle start to the week, which tends to suit people who flew in the night before.

Stay: Tarangire · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 2h 30m

DAY 02

02 Tarangire to the Serengeti

Tarangire → Serengeti

The long transfer of the trip, broken by the viewpoint on the Ngorongoro rim and a stop at Olduvai Gorge if you'd like one. You'll enter the Serengeti through Naabi Hill gate in the early afternoon and game drive your way to camp, so the drive finishes as the safari rather than before it.

Stay: Serengeti · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 6h

DAYS 03 & 04

03 & 04 Serengeti National Park

Serengeti

Two full days with no transfer in them. Out at first light, back through the heat of the middle of the day, and out again until the light goes.

Where you go depends on the month and on what your guide heard on the radio over breakfast. That isn't vagueness — it's how the good days happen.

Stay: Serengeti · **Meals:** B · L · D

DAY 05

05 Serengeti to the crater rim

Serengeti → Ngorongoro

A morning drive on the plains, then east and up to the Ngorongoro rim, arriving in the late afternoon. The rim is above 2,200 metres and the evenings are cold, so it's worth keeping something warm where you can get at it rather than packed at the bottom of a bag.

Stay: Crater rim · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 4h 30m

DAY 06

06 Ngorongoro Crater

Ngorongoro → Karatu

Down as the gate opens, which puts you on the crater floor before the day visitors from Arusha arrive — the first two hours are the best of it. Lion, elephant, buffalo, hippo and flamingo are usually around, and black rhino are possible, though never a sure thing. You'll be up and out by early afternoon.

Stay: Karatu · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 1h 30m

DAY 07

07 Karatu to Zanzibar

Karatu → Zanzibar

Back to Arusha in the morning, then the short flight out to Zanzibar — about an hour, arranged and included. You'll be on the coast by the afternoon with nothing in particular to do, which after seven days of early starts is rather the point of it.

Stay: Zanzibar coast · **Meals:** B · L · **Driving:** 3h 30m

DAYS 08–10

08–10 Zanzibar

Zanzibar

Three days that are yours. Plenty of people do very little with them, and that is a perfectly good plan.

If you'd rather not, there's diving and snorkelling on the reef, dhow sailing at sunset, a spice farm inland and Stone Town for an afternoon of narrow streets and carved doors. Tell us what appeals and we'll set it up.

Stay: Zanzibar coast · **Meals:** B

DAY 11

11 Zanzibar, and home

A last morning on the coast, then a transfer to Zanzibar airport for your flight home or back to the mainland. Most international flights leave in the afternoon or the evening, so there is usually time for a swim before you pack. If a late checkout would help, say so and we'll ask for one.

Meals: B

Pricing

We price every safari individually, because it really depends on when you travel, which camps you pick and how many of you there are. Tell us your dates and we'll send you a full, itemised quote, not a vague range.

Priced per person, for a private trip. International flights aren't included.

What's included

Included

• Pick-up at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and your return transfer
• Accommodation before and after the safari, with breakfast
• A private 4x4 Land Cruiser with a pop-up roof, just for your group
• An experienced, English-speaking Tanzanian driver-guide the whole way
• All park and conservation area fees
• All your accommodation on safari
• Three meals a day while you're on safari
• Bottled water and soft drinks in the vehicle
• A flask of hot tea or coffee
• A medical kit and binoculars in every vehicle
• 24-hour phone support while you're in the country

Not included

• International flights
• Your Tanzanian visa
• Travel and medical insurance
• Lunch and dinner at your hotel before and after the safari
• Alcoholic drinks
• Optional extras, like balloon safaris and cultural visits
• Tips for your guide, customarily US$15–20 per vehicle per day
• Personal items and laundry

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