5-Day Family Safari

Four parks, short hops, and a pool to come back to

5 days · 4 nights · Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Lake Manyara



At a glance

DURATION	5 days, 4 nights
DESTINATIONS	Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Lake Manyara
STARTS	Arusha
ENDS	Arusha
GROUP TYPE	Private departure
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable
VEHICLE	Private 4x4 Land Cruiser with pop-up roof

BEST TIME	Jan–Feb, Jun–Aug, Dec

Overview

Four of Tanzania's best-known parks in five days, arranged so the driving never swallows a whole day. You start in Tarangire with the elephants, spend two nights in a tented camp in the central Serengeti, come back through the Ngorongoro highlands and finish with a half day in Lake Manyara.

Your vehicle is yours alone, which matters more with children than with anyone else. If someone has had enough by three o'clock, you go back. No negotiating with strangers.

Is this trip for you?

Families, including the grandparents. Some camps set a minimum age, so tell us how old everyone is at the start and we'll only suggest places that will actually take you.

> This is a starting point, not a fixed departure. You can change the route, the pace, the camps and the length, and most people do.

Highlights

- Elephant herds in Tarangire on the first day
- Two nights in a tented camp in the central Serengeti
- A day in the Ngorongoro highlands and the crater
- Baboons, hippos and birdlife at Lake Manyara
- A private vehicle, so the day belongs to your family

Route

01 Karatu · 02 Serengeti · 03 Karatu · 04 Arusha

Day by day

DAY 01

01 Arusha to Tarangire

Arusha → Karatu

Your guide will collect you at eight, after breakfast, and drive to Tarangire for a full day in the park. It's Tanzania's third largest, and it's known for the baobabs that dot the landscape and dwarf whatever is feeding underneath them.

The Tarangire River is the centre of everything here, and the park is famous for some of the largest elephant herds in Africa. A good first day for children: the elephants are close and easy to find.

Stay: Bougainvillea Lodge, Karatu · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 2h

DAY 02

02 On to the central Serengeti

Karatu → Serengeti

After breakfast you'll head for the Serengeti, up through the farmland around Karatu and across the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Then the highlands drop away and the plains open out in front of you.

You're aiming for Seronera in the centre of the park, where the river keeps water all year and the wildlife stays close. You should arrive in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive.

Stay: Serengeti Katikati Tented Camp · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 5h

DAY 03

03 A full day in the Serengeti

Serengeti

A full day out with a picnic lunch, built around the children rather than against them: out early while it's cool and the cats are moving, back to camp for the hot middle of the day, out again from about four.

Stay: Serengeti Katikati Tented Camp · **Meals:** B · L · D

DAY 04

04 Serengeti to the Ngorongoro highlands

Serengeti → Karatu

An early breakfast and a scenic drive to Ngorongoro, with wildlife and a bit of culture along the way. Buffalo, plains zebra and warthog are all likely, and lunch is at a picnic site in the crater.

Then down to Karatu for the night.

Stay: Bougainvillea Lodge, Karatu · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 3h

DAY 05

05 Lake Manyara, then Arusha

Karatu → Arusha

The last day starts at eight as usual. You'll drive to Lake Manyara for a half-day game drive: birds everywhere, giraffe, elephant and a lovely view out over the lake.

By mid-afternoon you'll head for Arusha and we'll drop you wherever suits.

Meals: B · L · **Driving:** 4h

Pricing

From US$2,480 pp

That is per person, with two of you sharing, and it covers everything in the included list: park fees, your vehicle and guide, your rooms and your meals. A bigger group brings the per-person price down, and the time of year changes what the camps charge. Tell us your dates and how many of you there are and we will send a full, itemised quote.

GROUP SIZE	PER PERSON	GROUP TOTAL
2 travelling together	US$2,480	US$4,960
3 travelling together	US$2,200	US$6,600
4 travelling together	US$2,050	US$8,200
5 travelling together	US$1,980	US$9,900
6 travelling together	US$1,800 (best rate)	US$10,800

Per person, sharing, as published on our own Safarigo listing for 20 January 2026 to 31 January 2029. We confirm your exact figure in writing when we quote.

What's included

Included

• A private 4x4 safari vehicle, with a window seat for everybody
• A professional English-speaking guide
• Full-board accommodation
• All park and conservation fees
• Bottled water, soft drinks and refreshments
• The game drives and activities in the itinerary

Not included

• International and domestic flights
• Your Tanzanian visa
• Travel insurance
• Laundry, phone calls, souvenirs and anything else personal
• Alcoholic drinks
• Tips for your guide and the lodge staff
• Optional extras that are not in the itinerary

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