5-Day Luxury Safari

Tarangire, the Serengeti and the crater, with a chef along

5 days · 4 nights · Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro



At a glance

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

BEST TIME	Jan–Feb, Jun–Oct

Overview

The same three parks as our other five-day trips, done as comfortably as we know how. You'll sleep at Lake Burunge in baobab country, spend two nights in a tented camp in the central Serengeti, and finish on the Ngorongoro highlands.

A professional cook travels with you, which changes lunch out in the field entirely, and there's a walk through Mto wa Mbu village with a local lunch built into the price.

Is this trip for you?

Couples and small groups who want the classic route without roughing it, and anyone who would rather have four very good nights than six ordinary ones.

> 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

- Two nights in a tented camp in the central Serengeti
- A full day on the Ngorongoro Crater floor
- Tarangire and its baobabs on the first day
- A professional chef travelling with your vehicle
- A walk through Mto wa Mbu village, with lunch

Route

01 Tarangire · 02 Serengeti · 03 Ngorongoro · 04 Arusha

Day by day

DAY 01

01 Arusha to Tarangire

Arusha → Tarangire

A leisurely breakfast, then the drive to Tarangire, which gets called the elephant playground and earns it. The park is all baobabs and seasonal swamp, and the swamps pull in a remarkable number of birds.

Look out for lion, leopard, cheetah and caracal, and for the smaller things too: dik-dik, impala, eland and waterbuck. Lunch at a picnic site, then on to the lodge.

Stay: Lake Burunge Baobab Tented Lodge · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 2h

DAY 02

02 Tarangire to the Serengeti

Tarangire → Serengeti

On to the Serengeti, which the Maasai called *siringet*, the place where the land runs on forever. You'll be game driving most of the way in rather than simply covering ground.

Lion, cheetah, leopard, giraffe, elephant and buffalo all live here, and in the right months the migration herds are on the plains too. Into camp in the evening for a hot shower and dinner.

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

DAY 03

03 A full day in the Serengeti

Serengeti

A full day of game drives, which is when you start seeing behaviour rather than just animals: a pride at rest, a stalk that comes to nothing, birds you would never have noticed on day one.

Sunrise and sunset are both worth being out for, and your guide will plan the day around whichever you care about more.

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

DAY 04

04 Serengeti to Ngorongoro

Serengeti → Ngorongoro

One more morning drive to take in the central Serengeti, known as Seronera after the river that runs through it all year and keeps the resident game close.

Picnic lunch, then a game drive on the way to your lodge on the Ngorongoro highlands.

Stay: Ngorongoro Melia Lodge · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 4h

DAY 05

05 The crater floor, then Arusha

Ngorongoro → Arusha

Down into the crater after breakfast. It's the largest intact caldera in the world, and inside its walls are big-tusked elephants, black rhino, the famous black-maned lions, and herds of gazelle, wildebeest and zebra.

Watch for the smaller predators too: caracal and serval both live down there, along with the spotted hyenas

the lions spend their lives arguing with. Then up and out, and back to Arusha.

Meals: B · L · **Driving:** 4h

Pricing

From US$4,310 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$4,310	US$8,620
3 travelling together	US$4,050	US$12,150
4 travelling together	US$3,910	US$15,640
5 travelling together	US$3,850	US$19,250
6 travelling together	US$3,766 (best rate)	US$22,596

Per person, sharing, as published on our own Safarigo listing for 1 April 2026 to 30 April 2030. We confirm your exact figure in writing when we quote.

What's included

Included

- Pick-up and drop-off in Arusha
- All accommodation and meals as shown each day
- A professional driver-guide and a professional chef
- A 4x4 Toyota Land Cruiser throughout
- All park fees and the game drives in the itinerary
- A picnic lunch box each day in the field
- A Mto wa Mbu village walk with a local lunch
- All government taxes and VAT
- Drinking water throughout the safari

Not included

- Travel insurance
- Your Tanzanian visa
- Tips for your driver-guide and the lodge teams
- Laundry and anything else personal
- Any change to the itinerary that costs extra

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