8-Day Great Wildebeest Migration Safari

July to October, with four nights in the Serengeti

8 days · 7 nights · Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro



At a glance

DURATION	8 days, 7 nights
DESTINATIONS	Tarangire, Serengeti, Ngorongoro
STARTS	Arusha
ENDS	Kilimanjaro International Airport
GROUP TYPE	Private departure
ACCOMMODATION	Comfortable
VEHICLE	Private 4x4 Land Cruiser with pop-up roof
BEST TIME	Jul–Oct

Overview

Around a million and a half wildebeest, plus zebra and gazelle, move through the Serengeti ecosystem every year looking for new grass. This trip is timed for the months when they are usually in the north, roughly July to October, and gives you two nights up there.

It starts gently with a night in Arusha, which is worth having if you have just come off a long flight, and finishes with the Ngorongoro Crater on the way to the airport.

Is this trip for you?

Anyone who wants the migration without rushing, and first-time visitors who would rather arrive a day early than start a safari jet-lagged.

> 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 the northern Serengeti, near the Mara River
- Two nights in the central Serengeti as well
- A day in the Ngorongoro Crater at the end
- Tarangire, Lake Burunge and the baobabs on day two
- A night in Arusha first, so you start rested

Route

01 Arusha · 02 Tarangire · 03 Serengeti · 04 Northern Serengeti · 05 Central Serengeti · 06 Karatu · 07 Kilimanjaro International Airport

Day by day

DAY 01

01 Arrive at Kilimanjaro, overnight in Arusha

Kilimanjaro International Airport → Arusha

We'll meet you at the airport and take you to your hotel in Arusha for dinner and a proper night's sleep.

If you land early and still have energy, Arusha is worth a wander: it sits at the foot of Mount Meru, the air is cooler than you expect, and there's coffee, a museum and a good market.

Stay: Arusha Planet Lodge · **Meals:** D · **Driving:** 1h

DAY 02

02 Arusha to Tarangire

Arusha → Tarangire

A leisurely breakfast, then south-west through rural Tanzania to Tarangire. You'll spend the day among the colossal baobabs, the grassy plains and the elephant herds the park is known for.

Big groups of buffalo are common, lion and leopard both live here, and the lake often has flamingos on it. The night is at Lake Burunge.

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

DAY 03

03 Tarangire to the central Serengeti

Tarangire → Serengeti

On to the Serengeti and into camp in the centre of the park, surrounded by savannah grassland, acacias and some of the best wildlife country in the Serengeti.

The tents are raised on stilts with a generous living area, which is a nicer way to sleep on the plains than it sounds.

Stay: Serengeti Katikati Tented Camp · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 3h

DAY 04

04 Central Serengeti to the north

Central Serengeti → Northern Serengeti

North into the quieter half of the park. There is wildlife up here all year, but when the migration is passing through it is everywhere.

The country is lovely too: rolling grassland between rocky hills, with the Mara River cutting through it.

Stay: Mara Katikati Tented Camp · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 3h

DAY 05

05 The migration in the northern Serengeti

Northern Serengeti

Warm clothes and an early start. First light is when the animals are moving and the light is worth having, and if you are not usually a morning person this is the day to make an exception.

A reminder we give everybody: the herds follow rainfall, not a calendar, and a crossing is luck as much as planning. This is the right place to be in these months, and that is as much as anyone can honestly offer.

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

DAY 06

06 Back to the central Serengeti

Northern Serengeti → Central Serengeti

Game driving south again, tracking wildebeest and zebra as you go. The open horizons here are good for spotting predators — lion, leopard, cheetah and spotted hyena — and the prey that keeps them there.

If you are lucky you will see a hunt, which is one of the more exhilarating things you can watch anywhere.

Stay: Serengeti Katikati Tented Camp · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 3h

DAY 07

07 Serengeti to the Ngorongoro Crater

Serengeti → Karatu

Your day at Ngorongoro may well be the one you remember. You'll come along the rim and then drop down onto the crater floor, where black rhino are the headline and large-tusked elephants, lion prides and hyena clans are the supporting cast.

It is also simply beautiful down there: steep green walls, a salt lake, forest and hippo pools.

Stay: Ngorongoro Farm House, Karatu · **Meals:** B · L · D · **Driving:** 4h

DAY 08

08 Karatu to the airport

Karatu → Kilimanjaro International Airport

Breakfast, a stop for shopping if you want one, then the drive to Kilimanjaro airport for your flight home.

Meals: B · L · **Driving:** 4h

Pricing

From US$4,320 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$4,320	US$8,640
3 travelling together	US$4,210	US$12,630
4 travelling together	US$3,800	US$15,200
5 travelling together	US$3,600	US$18,000
6 travelling together	US$3,510 (best rate)	US$21,060

Per person, sharing, as published on our own Safarigo listing for 2 April 2026 to 30 June 2030. We confirm your exact figure in writing when we quote.

What's included

Included

• Park fees at non-resident rates
• Every activity in the itinerary
• All accommodation on the trip
• A professional driver-guide
• All road transport, and your airport transfers both ways
• All taxes and VAT
• The meals and drinks shown on each day

Not included

• International flights
• Extra nights before or after the trip
• Tips for your guide and the lodge teams
• Personal items, souvenirs, travel insurance and visa fees
• Any government increase in taxes or park fees

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