

SIMBA SAFARI

Tanzania



8 day small group safari (standard accommodation)

The Simba Safari, referring to the Swahili word for 'lion', is our most popular Tanzanian safari. Travelling in 4WD safari vehicles, the trip visits all four of the country's top wildlife parks. Visit Lake Manyara, experience the endless plains of the Serengeti, explore the Ngorongoro Crater floor and look out for elephants in Tarangire National Park. This safari should not be missed.





Cost includes:

- meet and greet at Kilimanjaro airport, road transfer Kilimanjaro airport to Arusha Coffee Lodge
- Transfer to Kilimanjaro airport at completion of the safari
- all safari transport and game drives in 4WD safari vehicles with a maximum of seven passengers per vehicle and seven window seats
- English speaking driver-guide
- accommodation as specified
- meals as listed
- all park fees and government taxes
- Half litre bottle mineral water per person per day on game drives

Cost excludes:

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- drinks, dining rooms tips, portorage, personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Kilimanjaro to Kilimanjaro (SIMSO)

Accommodation: standard

Departs: Sundays and Tuesdays

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Tanzania, Arusha - Four Points by Sheraton Arusha Hotel

Day 2: Tanzania, Lake Manyara - Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge or Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

Day 3: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Sopa Lodge

(pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari)

Day 4: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Day 5: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Day 6: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Day 7: Tanzania, Tarangire National Park - Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Day 8: Tanzania, Kilimanjaro airport- ends

This tour can be combined with a stay on the island of Zanzibar. On day eight transfer to Arusha airport then fly to Zanzibar. Flights depart Arusha for Zanzibar in the mid-afternoon. Choose from a range of resorts on the sandy beaches of the island, or hotels in historic Stone Town.

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is currently required for entry into Tanzania.

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Day 1: Arusha

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport you will be greeted and transferred to your lodge situated in the surrounds of Arusha for your overnight stay. **Four Points by Sheraton Arusha Hotel.**

Four Points by Sheraton Arusha Hotel

Established in 1894, the Four Points by Sheraton Arusha is one of the oldest hotels in East Africa. Saturated with the history of a bygone era, traditional ambience is effortlessly combined with the style and service you wish for when travelling. The hotel features 106 stylish rooms, free Wi-Fi, a 24-hour gym, Parachichi restaurant as well as the famous Hatari Bar offering live or DJ music on Fridays. Parachichi Restaurant, 'avocado' in Kiswahili, overlooks our beautiful garden and is the perfect place for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Take a dip in our outdoor swimming pool and relax after a good work out in our new gym with view of the pool and gardens.

Day 2: Lake Manyara National Park

After lunch we depart Arusha and travel through the Masai Steppe, passing many picturesque African villages en route to Lake Manyara. The national park is famous for its tree climbing lions and flamingo population. For a small park, Manyara has a diverse array of habitats and supports an enormous number of bird species. Your lodge, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley, has stunning views over the distant lake. **Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge or Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge - standard room (BLD).**

Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge

Set in lush green gardens and offering stunning views over Lake Manyara, and on a clear day, Mount Kilimanjaro, Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge is the ideal place to explore the great rift valley. The Ngorongoro Crater, Oldenani, Lake Eyasi, Lake Manyara and the Ngorongoro highlands are all within a half days' drive from the lodge. Each of the 50 suites and two bed villas have inside and outside showers, a bath, air-conditioning, fire places, Wi-Fi, mini bar, safe and private balcony. The spacious main house highlights local stone work and includes a main lounge, grand hallway, dining room, spa, boutique, conference room, media room, outside fire place, billiards room, internet cafe and children's activity room. Kilimamoja is a friendly lodge where guests can enjoy a refreshing dip in the infinity pool, linger over a dinner featuring a selection of dishes from around Africa and sit around the outside fireplace watching the sun set over the great rift valley.

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

Set high at the edge of an escarpment, this deluxe lodge overlooks both the Great Rift Valley and the extensive soda lake of Manyara, known for its abundant bird life. The native birds are the source of inspiration for the lodge's architecture. Graceful, curving and free flowing, it is built in a unique circular style, a traditional building design. From the weaving patterns in reception to the soft geometric designs in the spacious modern rooms, the flow of the lodge follows the lines of the surrounding landscapes. The colorful bar and restaurant offer guests the choice of both indoor and outdoor seating at each meal, where extensive buffets and barbecues are served alongside authentic African dishes. A swimming pool, relaxing communal areas and spa treatment centre offer plenty of options in-between game drives within the park.

Day 3: Serengeti National Park

After breakfast enjoy a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, returning to the lodge for lunch. Leaving Lake Manyara behind your journey continues the stunning countryside of the highlands and into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.



Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge



From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you will start spotting game well before you get into the park. At just 15,000 square kilometres in size, the Serengeti contains over three million animals. Most take part in seasonal migrations, unparalleled in nature. **Serengeti Sopa Lodge (BLD).**

Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Located in the Nyarboro Hills in the south-west of the Serengeti National Park, the lodge is the only tourism development in this section of the park. A year round supply of water and the acacia woodland create an ideal environment for the wide variety of wildlife seen in the immediate vicinity of the lodge. Looking out over the seemingly endless Serengeti plains, this hillside lodge is a tranquil oasis set within thousands of square kilometres of Serengeti National Park. The lodge can accommodate around 170 guests in 79 suites, each enjoying wall-to-wall carpeting, a private lounge with a mini bar, a bedroom with two queen size beds and ample room for a third guest. Each has a private veranda which offers stunning views over the plains. As the sun sets you can enjoy sundowner cocktails by the pool, and in the evening after a four-course dinner, traditional dancers entertain guests. Slide presentations are also held daily by resident naturalists.

Day 4: Serengeti National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the Serengeti. The Serengeti's ecosystem supports an incredible diversity of large mammals, including elephant, hippo, rhino, giraffe, buffalo, warthog, 19 species of antelope, three species of primate and several species of lesser known carnivores including serval, jackal, bat-eared fox, honey badger, genet and mongoose, plus 200 species of bird. Today you will explore the plains of the Serengeti searching for quality encounters with all the three species of big cats including lion, cheetah and leopard. The early morning, and late afternoon, is the best time to spot the big cats hunting and these times of day provide the chance to glimpse nocturnal predators returning from, or heading out on, their nightly hunting forays. Expect wonderful sightings of giraffe, impala, topi, reedbuck, buffalo, hippo, vervet monkey and waterbuck. **Serengeti Sopa Lodge (BLD).**

Day 5: Ngorongoro Conservation Area

After breakfast you depart for the Ngorongoro with a picnic lunch, viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains en route. After lunch continue towards your lodge, stopping en route to visit a Maasai village to learn about this fascinating culture. Habitual pastoralists, the Maasai are often seen tending to their cattle from the side of the road. The lodge is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. The views to the crater floor from your room are spectacular. A major advantage of this lodge is its close proximity to the park gate, allowing guests to be on safari in the crater within minutes. **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge (BLD).**

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

The lodge is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, making it the only tourist development on the eastern rim of the crater. The views to the crater floor are spectacular and the sunsets are magnificent. A major advantage of this lodge is that you are on safari within five minutes of leaving the property as the park gate is very close. The lodge is tastefully decorated, spacious and all the bedrooms are modern, comfortable and well equipped. It has specious communal lounges and terraces which add to it's friendly charm.

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast you descend with a picnic lunch 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact volcanic caldera. You will spend a whole day game viewing in the crater which is home to an estimated 25,000 animals. Grazing animals dominate with zebra, wildebeest, gazelle, buffalo, eland, hartebeest, warthog and rhino all common. A large concentration of predators, mainly lion, add to this unequalled wildlife experience. **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge (BLD).**

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Day 7: Tarangire National Park

Today you head east to Tarangire. Once you enter the park game can be spotted en route to your lodge, arriving for lunch. After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon is spent game driving in the park. Famous for its huge elephant herds and thousands of distinctive baobab trees, Tarangire offers unique game viewing. **Tarangire Sopa Lodge (BLD).**

Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Tarangire is recognized as one of the best parks on the northern circuit for elephant viewing during the dry season and Tarangire Sopa is ideally placed to experience this. The lodge welcomes guests to its vast marble-floored reception area with cold flannels and iced juice. In the pretty gardens a large circular pool with a central island, a pool bar and elegant wooden loungers demonstrates the lodge's commitment to comfort. Delicious barbecue lunches are often served here. A broad veranda wraps itself around the lodge and gives prime viewing for the waterhole below, which is filled during the dry season and becomes a magnet for wildlife.

Day 8: Kilimanjaro airport

Depart after breakfast and head north-east to Arusha. The journey will pass through the Masai Steppe filled with many picturesque African villages as well as maize, coffee and banana plantations. You arrive in Arusha around midday in time for lunch. You are transferred to Kilimanjaro airport for your onward flight (flight not included) We suggest your departure from Kilimanjaro International Airport on the last day of the safari be after 4.00 pm. **(BL).**

Important information:

- Flights are not included in the tour price.
- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator.
- On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary, or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- Transfers may be in a two-wheel drive seven passenger minibuss or 24 passenger coach.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Children younger than seven are unable to join seat-in-vehicle safaris, however we would be pleased to book a private safari for families with young children.
- Due to limited luggage space in vehicles, suitcases are unsuitable for scheduled road safaris. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs and 65 x 46 cm. Excess luggage can be handed over to the representative at the time of briefing for storage in Arusha. An additional cost of USD 40.00 (subject to change) per booking will apply for excess luggage handling. This service can be pre-booked and clients can pay for this directly in Arusha.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.

