

SIMBA SAFARI

Tanzania



7 day small group safari
(deluxe 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 Lake Duluti Serena Hotel
- transfer to Kilimanjaro airport at safari end
- all safari transport and game drives in 4x4 safari vehicle 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 day on game drives

Cost excludes:

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- drinks, 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

Accommodation: deluxe

Departs: Fridays and Sundays

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Tanzania, Arusha - Lake Duluti Serena Hotel

Day 2: Tanzania, Lake Manyara - Lake Manyara Serena (BD)

Day 3: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Serena Lodge (BLD)

Day 4: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Serena Lodge (BLD)

(pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari)

Day 5: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Serena (BLD)

Day 6: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Serena (BLD)

Day 7: Tanzania, Tarangire National Park - Tarangire Sopa Lodge (BLD)

Day 8: Tanzania, Arusha or Kilimanjaro airport - ends (B)

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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. **Lake Duluti Serena Hotel.**

Lake Duluti Serena Hotel

Nestled at the foot of the wooded slopes of Mount Meru, this unique hotel stands amid coffee plantations on the shores of tranquil Lake Duluti. Designed to echo the traditional style of the colonial coffee farm, which originally stood on this site, Lake Duluti Serena Hotel offers a range of tastefully presented cottage-styled rooms set amid extensive landscaped grounds. The hotel features a stone-built reception with adjoining lounge, library, restaurant, boutique and business centre. Imposing in stature and spacious in concept, the design of the new building echoes the hotel's original incarnation as a working coffee farm dating back to colonial times. Standing at the gateway to the famous Tanzanian 'Northern Safari Circuit', the hotel offers a broad range of attractions, which include: walking, mountain biking, canoeing on the lake, and trips to the nearby Mount Meru national parks.

Day 2: Lake Manyara National Park

This afternoon at 2:00pm you meet your fellow travellers and depart Arusha on your safari. We drive across the Masai Steppe and onto the Great Rift Valley, where your lodge is located high on the rim of the valley overlooking the national park. **Lake Manyara Serena (BLD).**

Lake Manyara Serena

Situated at the edge of an escarpment, this deluxe lodge overlooks both the Great Rift Valley, which formed millions of years ago, and the beautiful soda lake of Manyara with its abundance of bird life. The local birds are the source of inspiration for the lodge's architecture. Graceful, curving and free flowing, it is built in the local circular style and exudes an atmosphere of peacefulness. From the patterns in the reception area resembling bird migration paths, to the soft geometric designs in the bedrooms, there is barely a single straight line in its design. The bar and restaurant offer guests both indoor and outdoor seating at each meal, where extensive buffets and barbecues are served to guests alongside authentic African dishes. A swimming pool, relaxing communal areas and spa treatment centre offer plenty of places to enjoy 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. 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 Serena Lodge (BLD).**

Serengeti Serena Lodge

Winner of numerous awards, the Serena Lodge is located near the western corridor and Grumeti River, providing easy access to view the great migration. It has been designed to blend completely into the landscape with the accommodation in a series of traditional domed 'rondavels' widely spaced throughout the grounds. Dining options include the lodges' famous bush dinners with 'sun downer' cocktails served around a campfire surrounded by the sounds of the African bush. Facilities include a stunning pool, plenty of adventure activities and evening entertainment. Possibly the finest of the larger permanent game lodges in the west of the park, it is popular with travelers on both small group safaris and fly-in safaris.





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, reedbeek, buffalo, hippo, vervet monkey and waterbuck. **Serengeti Serena 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 stopping for a picnic lunch you continue on to your lodge, located on the rim of the crater. Your balcony offers views across to the crater and beyond from your room. **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge (BLD).**

Ngorongoro Serena Lodge

Hardly visible from the crater floor below, Ngorongoro Serena Lodge is built from local river stone to blend into its natural environment. Taking inspiration from nearby archaeological sites, the decor and artwork have prehistoric influences, such as flaring torches which guide you to social areas at night. This award-winning lodge has 75 rondavel style rooms with private balconies offering uninterrupted views of the crater far below. The central restaurant with its stone fireplace offers evening entertainment by local dance groups, and sumptuous buffets. Enjoy an optional Swahili lesson, massage or some shopping therapy at the lodge's curio shop, in-between game drives in the crater or neighbouring historic sights.

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 Serena Lodge (BLD).**

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 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 viewing. **Tarangire Sopa (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 rooms at the lodge are simple, comfortable and spacious and arranged in groups of four, in African-style buildings. Large sliding doors open to a private balcony. 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.

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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 (own expense). You are transferred to Kilimanjaro airport for your onward flight (flight not included) **(B)**.

We suggest that the earliest departure from Kilimanjaro International Airport on the last day of the safari be after 4.00 pm.

Passenger information:

- This tour includes a guided small group safari. The arrival transfer and first night's accommodation are additional to the safari and are therefore based on a private package. The safari commences on day two of the itinerary.
- The tour operator may have to re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements.
- Children younger than six are prohibited from joining seat-in-vehicle safaris, however we can book a private safari for families with young children.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and government taxes may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- Passengers should only bring soft sided bags on safari. Please ask us for details.
- Please request our full cancellation policy if required.
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