

SIMBA SAFARI

Tanzania



8 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 Arusha Serena Hotel
- departure transfer to Kilimanjaro airport on day eight
- accommodation as listed
- all meals whilst on safari
- English speaking guide / driver
- safari 4WD vehicle with photo roof (window seat guaranteed / maximum 7 passengers)
- game drives and crater tour
- one bottle of mineral water per person per day during game drives
- all park fees and government taxes.

Cost excludes:

- visas
- 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 (SIMSE7)

Accommodation: deluxe

Departs: Fridays and Sundays

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Tanzania, Arusha - Arusha Serena Hotel

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

Day 3: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Serena Lodge Safari Lodge

Day 4: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Serena Lodge Safari Lodge

(pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari)

Day 5: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

Day 6: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

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

Day 8: Tanzania, Kilimanjaro airport - ends

Complete your African experience beach-side with a stay on the exotic island of Zanzibar. Flights depart from Arusha or Kilimanjaro airports for Zanzibar in the mid-afternoon. Refer to our Zanzibar Explorer and Zanzibar Experience packages on page 100 of our brochure for details.

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is a compulsory requirement for some countries in eastern and central Africa. We strongly advise you seek advice from a travel doctor regarding inoculations.

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Day 1: Arusha (Lake Duluti)

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

Arusha Serena Hotel

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 park.

Day 2: Lake Manyara National Park

This morning you have a safari briefing prior to lunch and meeting your fellow travellers. Departing Arusha town centre at 2:00 pm 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 is a picturesque spot with plenty of bird-life surrounding the lodge and panoramic views to the valley below. **Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge (BLD).**

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

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. Grouped around a central 'vanishing horizon' pool, this highly unusual lodge features a simple timbered reception area, built in traditional African style, which is accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond reception, lies the central dining room, bar and veranda, below which lies the pool. Perched on the very edge of the cliffs, with stunning views over the lake is the pool bar and observation point. Dotted around the grounds, all with views over the lake, are a series of circular two-story 'rondavels', which house the rooms.

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 through 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 to our lodge. 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 Safari Lodge (BLD).**

Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

Winner of numerous awards, the Serena Lodge is located near the western corridor and Grumeti River, offering abundant wildlife viewing opportunities. A series of traditional domed 'rondavels' are widely spaced throughout the grounds, which are cooled by groves of acacia trees and watered by sparkling streams. On the very edge of the ridge is a 'vanishing horizon' pool, which looks out over the 'endless plains' after which the Serengeti is named. The lodge has been styled to offer a showcase of cultural performance, heritage and traditional art, which is best illustrated by the lavish Makonde carvings which decorate both the rooms and the stunning domed dining room.





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, the lodge provides easy access to view the great migration.

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 Serena Safari Lodge (BLD).**

Day 5: Ngorongoro Crater

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 Safari Lodge (BLD).**

Ngorongoro Serena Safari 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 locally styled 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 Safari 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 Lodge (BLD).**

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Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Hidden among the kopjes, lies Tarangire Sopa Lodge, surrounded by ancient baobab trees. It is the home to one of the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa, and other game including the elusive leopard. Over 400 bird species have been identified within the park. With water constantly available through the Tarangire River, the greenery is lush providing a wonderful contrast to the burnt ground. The lodge boasts 75 spacious rooms, all with a private lounge on entering. Each room has 2 queen size beds with mosquito netting. Ceiling fans keep the rooms cool and glass sliding doors open out on to a balcony, with a great view of the landscape beyond. In the landscaped gardens a large circular pool with a central island, a pool bar and elegant wooden loungers creates a comfort. Delicious barbecue lunches are often served here. A broad veranda wraps 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 to enjoy a farewell lunch prior to transferring to Kilimanjaro airport for your onward flight (flight not included). Onward flights should not be booked before 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.
- 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 minibus 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.
- River crossing sightings during the months of the migration are not guaranteed as animal movements are seasonal and unpredictable. However every effort will be made to see animals cross the Mara River.
- The times and duration of safaris may change on tour in order to maximise wildlife viewing opportunities.
- 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.
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