

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:

- all safari transport and game drives in 4x4 safari vehicles with a maximum of seven passengers per vehicle and seven window seats
- meet and greet at Kilimanjaro airport
- return airport transfers Kilimanjaro to lodge and at end of safari
- 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

Accommodation: standard

Departs: Saturday

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Tanzania, Arusha - Ilboru Safari Lodge

Day 2: Tanzania, Lake Manyara - Lake Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp

Day 3: Tanzania, Serengeti - Kati Kati Camp

Day 4: Tanzania, Serengeti - Kati Kati Camp

(pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari)

Day 5: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Farmhouse or Tioma Lodge

Day 6: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Farmhouse or Tioma Lodge

Day 7: Tanzania, Tarangire National Park - Lake Burunge Tented Camp

Day 8: 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 enabling travellers to be at their resort in time for dinner.

Choose from a range of resorts on the sandy beaches of the island, or hotels in historic Stone Town. See pages 18-21 in our brochure.

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 Arusha lodge for an overnight stay. **Ilboru Safari Lodge**

Ilboru Safari Lodge

This lodge is a simple and locally owned and is set on a reasonably large plot in a suburb to the north of town. The lodge has, for many years, been the home base for African walking companies for Kilimanjaro treks. The main building contains extensive lounge and dining areas, all in the local Arusha style. The immaculate gardens contain an enormous pool perfect for swimming laps. Guest accommodation is in simple rondavels set amongst elegant English rose gardens.

Day 2: Lake Manyara National Park

After breakfast and lunch, 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. **Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp (BLD).**

Manyara Wildlife Safari Camp

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. Sumptuous menus, buffets and barbecues are served to guests alongside authentic African dishes.

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. **Kati Kati Camp (BLD).**

Kati Kati Camp

Serengeti Kati Kati Tented Camp is a mobile camp located in the Central Serengeti, strategically located to cover the vast Serengeti Plains. The camp offers comfortable accommodation and an ideal opportunity to enjoy a real safari camp experience. The camp includes 10 en suite tents and a cosy mess tent located in the centre of the camp where meals are served. Sit around the campfire each night to enjoy pre-dinner appetizers and snacks.

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, reed buck, buffalo, hippo, vervet monkey and waterbuck. **Kati Kati Camp (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 in the rural region of Karatu, which is a base for travellers visiting the Ngorongoro Conservation area. The lodges in this region offer an insight into the rural life of Tanzania, as many are built on former coffee plantations or farm holdings. **Ngorongoro Farmhouse or Tioma Lodge (BLD).**

Ngorongoro Farmhouse

A small and exclusive lodge facing the Oldeani Volcano and only 5 kilometres from the Ngorongoro Lolduare Gate, the Farmhouse was built to offer guests an original experience reminiscent of days gone by. Ngorongoro Farmhouse opened in 2003 and offers 52 cottage rooms, 49 standard rooms and three suite rooms, all with ample space inside. The property was built in the style of an old working farm and it is rustically decorated with local materials with the purpose of offering guests an imaginary journey to farming during colonial times.

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 Farmhouse or Tioma 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 game viewing. **Lake Burunge Tented Camp (BLD).**

Lake Burunge Tented Camp

Located close to the gates of the park, Lake Burunge Tented Camp is a great option for those visiting Tarangire National Park. Consisting of twenty luxury tents and 10 lodge rooms the camp lays in a shady bush land grove, with spectacular views onto Lake Burunge. Its main building offers a central lounge and bar/dining area built on a raised wooden deck. Its elevation makes it the ideal venue for guests to relax and enjoy a sun downer whilst the sun disappears over the lake, or to simply sit and enjoy the warm fire place at night. Each room has beautiful mosquito net draped beds, private ensuite with shower and a terrace affording views across to the lake or national park. This friendly lodge is popular with those travellers spending time enroute from the crater to Arusha.

Day 8: Arusha

This morning you drive back to Arusha, where your journey ends at around midday. You are transferred to Kilimanjaro airport. If you wish to extend your time in Africa by visiting the island of Zanzibar, a transfer to Arusha airport and accommodation on the island can be pre-booked (additional cost). **(B).**

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Passenger information:

- This tour is a guided small group safari of up to seven passengers. The arrival transfer and first night are additional to the safari and are therefore a private package. Your small group 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.

