

SIMBA SAFARI

Tanzania



8 day small group safari (luxury 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 Gran Meliá Arusha
- departure transfer to Kilimanjaro airport
- 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 in Lake Manyara, Serengeti and Tarangire national parks
- full day Ngorongoro Crater safari
- one bottle of mineral water per person per day during game drives
- all park fees and government taxes.

Cost excludes:

- visas and flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- meals not listed, drinks, tips, porterage
- 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 (SIMWE7)

Accommodation: luxury

Departs: Thursdays

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Tanzania, Arusha - Gran Meliá Arusha

Day 2: Tanzania, Lake Manyara - Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge

Day 3: Tanzania, Serengeti - Ole Serai Luxury Camp

Day 4: Tanzania, Serengeti - Ole Serai Luxury Camp

(Pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari. An additional cost applies.)

Day 5: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge

Day 6: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge

Day 7: Tanzania, Tarangire National Park - Ole Serai Luxury Camp Kuro

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 and Kilimanjaro airports for Zanzibar in the mid-afternoon. Refer to our Zanzibar Explorer and Zanzibar Experience packages on page 100 for details.

A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is currently required for entry into Tanzania. (Please seek the advice of a travel doctor).

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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. **Gran Meliá Arusha.**

Gran Meliá Arusha

Set on 18 acres of beautifully landscaped coffee and tea plantations, the five-star Gran Meliá Arusha offers guests tranquil surrounds and spectacular views of the nearby Mount Meru. The hotel's modern and stylish design is warm with rich coffee bean colours. Each of the 40 square metre rooms have their own private balcony to enjoy the beautiful lush views over Arusha City. Rooms include all necessary modern conveniences, including a king-size bed or two single beds, 65-inch TV, minibar, free Wi-Fi and air-conditioning.

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 Kilimamoja Lodge (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-day's 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.

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. **Ole Serai Luxury Camp (BLD).**

Ole Serai Luxury Camp

Enjoy 180 degree views from the comfort of your luxury bed, or from the dining tent at this tastefully decorated camp. The camp's 20 luxury tents include private covered verandahs, which offer views of the Serengeti plains dotted with acacia trees and animals. Vintage-themed tents offer all modern amenities, including an en-suite and 24-hour power supply. Guests congregate around the fireplace pre and post safari to exchange the day's animal sightings at this well-located camp, less than 40 minutes from Seronera airstrip.





Day 4: Serengeti National Park

Enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in the Serengeti. At just 15,000 square kilometres in size, the Serengeti contains over three million animals. 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. **Ole Serai Luxury 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 on a hillside overlooking Karatu. **Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge (BLD).**

Ngorongoro Oldeani Mountain Lodge

Set on 40 acres of pristine gardens on a hillside above the quiet town of Karatu, and less than a kilometre from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, the Oldeani Safari Lodge offers a serene and convenient location in which to visit the northern parks of Tanzania in a more intimate and relaxed environment than most larger safari lodges. Expansive views from the lodge extend to Lake Eyasi and Lake Manyara. The lodge is within an hour's drive of both the Ngorongoro Crater and Lake Manyara National Park.

Day 6: Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast you descend with a picnic lunch over 600 metres 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 Oldeani Mountain 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. Tarangire is home to a high density of elephant who gather around strewn ancient trunks of distinctive baobab trees. Herds of up to 300 elephant scratch the dry river bed for underground streams and are regularly encountered throughout the wet or dry season. Tarangire is also known for its tree climbing animals - from lion, leopard and even python. Separating the park in two is the Tarangire River, its meandering course and in places steep banks, provide exceptional wildlife encounters. **Ole Serai Luxury Camp Kuro (BLD).**

Ole Serai Luxury Camp Kuro

Set in the heart of Tarangire National Park, this camp offers stylish, spacious tents with a full en suite bathroom including flushing toilet and pressurised shower. Extensive verandahs provide guests with views of the bush, dotted with massive baobab trees and teeming with wildlife. Evenings can be shared exchanging stories with other travellers and enjoying cocktails in the lounge, or world class dining in the restaurant. Facilities include Wi-Fi and 24-hour electricity.

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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 to enjoy a farewell lunch prior to transferring to Kilimanjaro airport for your onward arrangements. Onward flights from Arusha or Kilimanjaro airports should not be booked to depart prior to 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 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.
- The times and duration of safaris may change on tour in order to maximise wildlife viewing opportunities.
- River crossing sightings during 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.
- 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.
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