

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:

- all safari transport and game drives in a 4WD 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

Arusha to Arusha (SISE6A)

Accommodation: deluxe

Departs: Saturdays and Mondays

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Tanzania, Lake Manyara - Lake Manyara Serena

Day 2: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Serena Lodge

Day 3: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Serena Lodge

(Pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari)

Day 4: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Serena

Day 5: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Serena

Day 6: Tanzania, Tarangire National Park - Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Day 7: Tanzania, Arusha - ends

This tour can be combined with a stay on the island of Zanzibar. On day seven transfer to Arusha, 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: Lake Manyara National Park

This afternoon make your way to the Arusha Serena Hotel to meet your fellow travellers for a safari briefing at 12.30 pm*. Following the briefing you depart Arusha to commence 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 is a picturesque spot with plenty of birdlife surrounding the lodge and panoramic views to the valley below. *You must be at the Arusha Serena Hotel in time for the 12.30 pm briefing to join this safari. **Lake Manyara Serena (D).**

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 2: 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 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 3: 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. Early morning and late afternoon are the best times to spot the big cats hunting. Dusk and dawn is when nocturnal predators returning from, or head out on, their nightly hunting forays.

Serengeti Serena Lodge (BLD).





Day 4: 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. **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.

In-between game drives in the crater, or taking optional visits to neighbouring historic sites, enjoy a Swahili lesson, massage or some shopping therapy at the lodge's curio shop.

Day 5: 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 6: 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.

Day 7: Arusha

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

For those flying on to other destinations we suggest that the earliest departure from either Arusha or Kilimanjaro airports should be after 4.00 pm.

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Important information:

- 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.
- During peak season multiple vehicle departures may occur and vehicles may travel together.
- 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.
- 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.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Children younger than seven are unable to join seat-in-vehicle safaris, however private safaris for families with young children are available.
- 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.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.

