

SIMBA SAFARI

Tanzania



7 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 4WD safari vehicles 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 person per day on game drives.

Cost excludes:

- visas
- 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

Arusha to Arusha (SIMSO6)

Accommodation: standard

Departs: Monday and Wednesday

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Tanzania, Lake Manyara - Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge

Day 2: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Sopa Lodge

(pre-book an optional hot air balloon safari)

Day 3: Tanzania, Serengeti - Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Day 4: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

Day 5: Tanzania, Ngorongoro Crater - Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

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

Day 7: Tanzania, Arusha town centre - ends

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

Meet your fellow travellers and depart Arusha town centre at 2:00 pm* 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 is a picturesque spot with plenty of birdlife surrounding the lodge and panoramic views to the valley below. **Lake Manyara Kilimamoja Lodge (D)**. *You must be at the Arusha Coffee Lodge in time for the briefing at 2:30pm to join this safari.

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. Sitting around the outside fireplace watching the sun setting over the Great Rift Valley and listening to the humming of the birds in the background is a wonderful way to relax before your delicious evening meal. A relaxing lounge, television room and billiards room are all located in the spectacular main house. There is also a beautiful rim flow swimming pool, an outside fireplace, a boutique and a spa. The lodge 48 suites and 2 luxury 2 bedroom villas are all air-conditioned, tastefully decorated and have panoramic views of the surrounding area. Rooms are equipped with en suite bathrooms with bath, and inside and outside showers. Room facilities include a fireplace, mini bar, safe, wi-fi and private balcony.

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 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 Sopa Lodge (BLD)**.

Serengeti Sopa Lodge

Located in the Nyarboro Hills in the south-west of the Serengeti National Park, the lodge is the only tourism development in this section of the park. A year round supply of water and the acacia woodland create an ideal environment for the wide variety of wildlife seen in the immediate vicinity of the lodge. Looking out over the seemingly endless Serengeti plains, this hillside lodge is a tranquil oasis set within thousands of square kilometres of Serengeti National Park. The lodge can accommodate around 170 guests in 79 suites, each enjoying wall-to-wall carpeting, a private lounge with a mini bar, a bedroom with two queen size beds and ample room for a third guest. Each has a private veranda which offers stunning views over the plains.

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. 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 Sopa 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 enjoy a visit to a Maasai village. Approximately 300,000 Maasai people inhabit Kenya and Tanzania. Their distinctive red cloth cloaks and statuesque physique make them easily recognisable. A visit to a village gives travellers an insight into their day to day lives, traditions and rituals. After your visit continue on to your lodge, which is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater. The views to the crater floor from your room are spectacular. A major advantage of this lodge is its close proximity to the park gate, allowing guests to be on safari in the crater within minutes. **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge (BLD).**

Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge

The lodge is located on Lemala Hill on the uppermost eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, making it the only tourist development on the eastern rim of the crater. The views to the crater floor are spectacular and the sunsets are magnificent. A major advantage of this lodge is that you are on safari within five minutes of leaving the property as the park gate is very close. The lodge is tastefully decorated, spacious and all the bedrooms are modern, comfortable and well equipped. With an altitude of 2,375 metres, the lodge experiences cool and even cold weather, especially during the winter months of June and July.

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 Sopa 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 and perhaps a swim, 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. **Tarangire Sopa Lodge (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 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. 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. 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.

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 airport and accommodation on the island can be pre-booked (additional cost). For those travellers flying on to other destinations the earliest departure from either Arusha or Kilimanjaro airports should be after 4.00 pm. An airport transfer can be added to this safari (additional cost) **(B).**

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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 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. Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.

