

Day 1: Nairobi

Jambo! You will be picked up from the airport and transferred to hotel. There is a good choice of restaurants and bars close-by, plus a modern supermarket where you can stock up on personal supplies.

Accommodation: Tamarind Tree Hotel or similar

Day 2: Nairobi (B)

Free day. Option to visit the nearby elephant orphanage at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust.

Day 3: Arusha (B,L,D)

Today is an easy drive into Tanzania via the Namanga border. We arrive mid-afternoon and you have the rest of day free to relax or explore Arusha.

Accommodation: Pazuri Inn or Planet Lodge, Arusha

Day 4: Serengeti (B,L,D)

Early this morning, we'll be transferred to Arusha Airport for a scenic one-hour flight into the iconic Serengeti National Park. Upon arrival, we'll be picked up in 4WD vehicles and spend the day game-driving through this UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is brimming with wildlife, including lions, leopards, cheetahs, and around 500 bird species across nearly 15,000 square kilometers. The vast plains are dotted with trees and kopjes, where majestic lions reign over their territory. Around midday, we'll stop for a picnic hamper lunch, before continuing our afternoon safari, exploring the savannah in search of more wildlife. We'll overnight within the Serengeti at an exclusive safari campsite, nestled among towering acacia trees, offering stylish ensuite tents and delicious hearty meals for a true African adventure.

Accommodation: Golden Safari Camp or similar – permanent tent with ensuite

Day 5: Serengeti - Ngorongoro - Karatu

(B,L,D)

Wake up the sounds of wildlife and savour a freshly brewed coffee as the sun rises over the plains. After breakfast, depart for Ngorongoro Crater – nestled in this colossal volcanic caldera a plethora of wildlife thrives, from elusive black rhinos to prowling hyenas, jackals, and the world's most concentrated lion population. Spend the rest of the day game driving with a picnic lunch within the Crater. Tonight, you will be staying in a boutique little resort on the outskirts of Karatu.

Accommodation: Kudu Lodge or similar

Day 6: Arusha (B,L,D)

After breakfast, we depart for Arusha where we'll visit the Shanga Foundation. Established with the mission of offering locals with disabilities an opportunity to master a craft and sustain themselves economically, you'll be impressed by the exceptional quality of the unique products, all meticulously handmade from recycled materials. Free time to watch the artists at

work as well as having lunch in the restaurant. Later, arrive at our accommodation. For those seeking to acquire a rare Tanzanite gem, we recommend you attend the gem information session at our hotel, before making your purchase.

Accommodation: Mt Meru Hotel or similar

Day 7: Arusha - Marangu

(B,L,D)

Today we drive through colourful towns and past richly cultivated pastures to the town of Marangu. The Marangu Hotel began its history as a farmhouse built in the early 1900s and is a family-owned business, with a long history and deep connection to Kilimanjaro. On a clear day you have magnificent views of the snow-capped mountain from the Hotel's gardens. Free afternoon to relax by the pool, or in the garden bar which is a great place to catch up with other travellers who are about to trek Kili or have just come off the mountain. Accommodation: Marangu Hotel or similar 2 nights

Day 8: Marangu (B,L,D)

Today, you'll delve into the rich culture of the Chagga people, an indigenous Bantu-speaking community, who are the third largest ethnic group in Tanzania. With a local guide, meander through villages, lush banana and coffee plantations, and uncover the intricate network of caves once utilized by the Chagga for sheltering both themselves and their livestock from Maasai raids. Indulge in freshly picked coffee beans, expertly roasted, and brewed for a flavoursome experience. Your exploration might lead you to a stunning waterfall, inviting you for a refreshing swim at your leisure.

Day 9: Stone Town, Zanzibar

(B)

Early this morning, we depart for Kilimanjaro Airport and take a short domestic flight to Zanzibar. Little has changed in the last 200 years in Stone Town. A labyrinthine of winding alleys, bustling bazaars, mosques, and grand Arab houses whose original owners vied with each other over the extravagance of their dwellings. This one-upmanship is particularly reflected in the brass-studded, carved, wooden doors. Later find yourself a rooftop bar or sit on the beach to watch the sun sink into the sea and cast a warm glow over the city.

Accommodation: Forodhani Park Hotel or similar

Day 10: Spice Tour - Nungwi

(B)

Fragrant cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon, pepper and many other spices brought the Sultans of Oman and the beginnings of the infamous slave trade to Zanzibar. Our half day tour will wow you with the sheer number of spices produced and their incredible value for many ailments. Later this afternoon we drive to Nungwi Beach at the northern end of the island.

Accommodation: Z Hotel or similar (3 nights)

Days 11/12: Nungwi, Zanzibar

(B)

Two free days to relax and unwind on Nungwi Beach. Diving, fishing and sailing on a Dhow are just some of the optional activities you can do here. At the end of the day there are plenty of bars to enjoy a sunset cocktail and a variety of beachside restaurants to dine in.

Day 13: Stone Town, Zanzibar

(B)

Today, we return to Stone Town. Free afternoon - perhaps some last-minute shopping or a boat tour across to Prison Island which offers intriguing historical insights and the chance to encounter magnificent giant tortoises up close. Tonight, we'll meet for our final meal as a group and toast our remarkable adventure.

Accommodation: Forodhani Park Hotel or similar

Day 14: Departure day

(B)

Your adventure with The Safari Company ends this morning. Check out from hotel and transfer to airport.

2025 DEPARTURES

26 June – 09 Jul 07 Aug – 20 Aug 18 Sep – 01 Oct 30 Oct – 12 Nov

PRICE

NZ\$7,800 per person twin share NZ\$1,300 single supplement (willing to share option may be available) Prices subject to change until confirmed and paid in full.

INCLUSIONS

- 13 nights accommodation as indicated
- Meals as indicated (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner)
- Sightseeing as indicated
- Services of experienced driver/guide plus camp/cook assistant
- Fully equipped safari vehicle, with camping / cooking equipment
- All road tolls, vehicle taxes, National Park entry fees
- Airport transfers (day 1 & day 14 only)
- Domestic flight Kilimanjaro Zanzibar

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares
- Travel Insurance
- Entry Visa to all countries
- Items of a personal nature (eg. drinks, souvenirs)
- Any other optional activities you choose to take yourself
- Tipping