

Tanzania Wildlife Safari



trip highlights

Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, one of Africa's most concentrated and reliable wildlife habitats

Explore Lake Manyara beneath the Rift Valley escarpment, known for lions and abundant birdlife

Choose your own start date on this flexible, year-round safari extension featuring comfortable ensuite tented camps



Trip Duration	3 days	Trip Code: TA3
Grade	Discovery and Cruising	
Activities	Wildlife Safari	
Summary	3 day trip, 2 nights permanent camp	

welcome to World Expeditions

For over 50 years, we've been creating high-quality, expedition-style adventures for active travellers with a curious spirit. From our very first trek in the mountains of Nepal to pioneering remote routes across all seven continents, our journeys are built for those who want to truly explore – not just visit.

At the heart of what we do is a simple philosophy: take the paths less travelled.

This means travelling with care, supporting local communities, minimising our impact, and unlocking experiences that most travellers will never have.

If you're ready to go further and dig deeper, we invite you to join us on the Tanzania Wildlife Safari, a journey that captures the essence of a unique adventure.

why travel with World Expeditions?

Our itineraries are well planned and include most meals with all excursions included in the tour price. Our guides are highly experienced, have strong local knowledge and a love and understanding of their country that they are happy to share throughout the trip.



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These short extensions usually operate for a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together, however most can be done if you are travelling alone (Solo Traveller Surcharge). If there are two or more people travelling together who cannot or prefer not to share rooms a single supplement cost will be added to your invoice.

the trip

This focused three day safari is the ideal wildlife extension to a Kilimanjaro or Mount Meru climb. Despite its short duration, the itinerary delivers exceptional wildlife diversity across two contrasting landscapes: Lake Manyara National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Lake Manyara lies at the base of the dramatic Great Rift Valley escarpment, where flamingos and other waterbirds gather along the lake shoreline and hippos congregate in the shallows. In contrast, the Ngorongoro Crater is a vast UNESCO World Heritage-listed volcanic caldera that functions as a natural wildlife sanctuary. Lion, elephant, buffalo and large herds of plains game are commonly seen, and the crater remains one of northern Tanzania's most reliable locations to spot the endangered black rhino.

Accommodation is in comfortable permanent tented camps with ensuite facilities and easy access to the parks. Starting and finishing in Arusha, this safari is available daily year-round, giving you the flexibility to add it seamlessly to your main adventure.

If you have one more day, see our four day Tanzania Wildlife Adventure which also includes Tarangire National Park.

at a glance

DAY 1	JOIN ARUSHA, EARLY MORNING DRIVE TO LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK
DAY 2	NGORONGORO CRATER
DAY 3	RETURN TO ARUSHA WHERE TRIP CONCLUDES

what's included

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- 2 nights in comfortable permanent safari camp on a twinshare basis
- Experienced local game driver-guide
- Private safari vehicle
- Park entrance and conservation fees valued at US\$218

what's not included

- Flights
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Visa costs
- Bottled water and alcoholic drinks
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Pre or post tour accommodation in Arusha (note: accommodation in Arusha on Day 3 is not included)
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips

detailed itinerary

DAY 1 Join Arusha, early morning drive to Lake Manyara National Park

Early this morning, your guide will pick you up from your hotel to depart for Lake Manyara National Park where an afternoon game drive will be exciting. This evening is spent at Crater Lodge Permanent Tented Camp which is located about 5 mins from the entrance to Lake Manyara National Park, near the village of Mto Wa Mbu.

meals: L,D

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trip dates

Departs daily year round

important notes

HS - Holiday Season
H - High Season

fast facts

Countries Visited:
Tanzania

Visas:
Please check visa requirements with your reservations consultant*

Vaccinations:
Please consult a travel vaccination specialist for up to date information

Private Groups:
Private group options are available for this trip*

Singles:
A single supplement is available for this trip*

Leader:
Expert local leader

Advice for people with limited mobility
This trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

thoughtful travel

The natural environments that you'll travel through are fragile; the cultures and traditions precious and often the communities we pass through are reliant on tourism. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence, protect what is precious and where we can leave a positive impact. Learn how you can do this by downloading the Thoughtful Traveller booklet from our website.

DAY 2 Ngorongoro Crater

We drive up the Rift Valley escarpment this morning to the Ngorongoro Highlands. Our journey will take approximately two hours with wonderful views over the floor of the Rift Valley and passing through lush rainforest. On arrival at the crater rim (2300m) we descend into the Ngorongoro Crater for nearly a whole day of game viewing. We enter via the Windy Gap road, which is narrow, steep and twisting as it descends into this natural amphitheatre. The Ngorongoro Crater is one of the last refuges in northern Tanzania for the endangered Black Rhino. With an extremely high density of animals in the 100sq km caldera, the Crater can be regarded as a "Garden of Eden". Along with rhino, it is home to the largest density of lions anywhere in Africa with a plethora of antelope, hippos, other big cats, elephants, birds and much more. We return to Crater Lodge permanent camp in the late afternoon. (Please bring some warm clothing as it can be chilly on the crater rim.)
meals: B,L,D

DAY 3 Return to Arusha where trip concludes

This morning we check out of our permanent camp after a relaxed breakfast. Our drive takes us across the South Masai land steppes to Arusha, which is situated approximately 2 hours from Mto Wa Mbu and 4 hours from the Crater Rim. Trip concludes on arrival in Arusha around noon.
meals: B

This itinerary is subject to change with any change in Community regulations as well as Governmental changes and natural circumstances beyond our control.

suggested extensions

- Kilimanjaro Climb
- Mount Meru Ascent
- Zanzibar Retreat / Zanzibar Stone Town & Coast

country information

This is the largest country in East Africa, being almost 950,000sq km in area and made up mainly of a dry highland plateau, with a narrow strip of low-lying coast and the offshore islands of Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia. The Great Rift Valley, containing some of the world's most magnificent and famous game reserves, sweeps down into Tanzania from Kenya and is covered by many inland lakes. Tanzania's highest mountains – Meru and Kilimanjaro (also Africa's highest) – lie on or close to the Kenyan border in the north of the country. With a heritage of British and German colonialism, and the strong influence of the Portuguese and Arab traders along the coast, Tanganyika gained its independence in 1961 and merged with the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba to become Tanzania.

Being guided very much by its president, Nyerere, for twenty years, Tanzania launched into a radical socialist experiment in self-reliance. With little Western aid, however, and as one of the world's poorest countries, its experiment had little chance of success.

Today Tanzania is still largely agricultural and depends very much on tourism for economic survival. The population of more than 40 million includes over one hundred different tribal groups. The majority of the people are Bantu, but Arabic features and cultural traits show up throughout the coastal and island communities. The Masai inhabit the north of the country; although they no longer hold the large areas they once did and are found across the larger national parks and game reserves.

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adventure travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability for this trip we recommend that you speak with your consultant or travel agent.

important note

These trip notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, and may supersede any information on our website, including but not limited to the itinerary and price. The itinerary should be seen as a guide only. This itinerary may change at any time due to inclement weather, forces of nature and other circumstances beyond our control.

climate

Generally April and May are the months of the long rains. November brings the short rains but it seldom rains all day. As a general rule, Tanzania is usually warm by day and cool by night. Temperatures rarely rise above 27oC during the day or fall below 10oC at night. These conditions are guidelines only and obviously vary with altitude and topography. It can drop below 10oC on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater in the early mornings.

a typical day

On safari we will maximise our time to see the animals by having packed lunches during the game drives.

dietary requirements

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage that travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

accommodation on the trip

Permanent Tented Camps

Sitting around the camp fire under the starlit sky, and hearing the sounds of the African night - the calls of a bushbaby, the howl of the hyena, or the roar of a lion - enhances the whole experience of the safari. The permanent camps provide easy and uninterrupted access to nature, a feeling of solitude, and an expanded sense of the vastness of the plains, but also offer the comfort of beds and private facilities. We use Migunga Forest Camp which is located in a patch of yellow acacia forest close to Lake Manyara from which it takes its name. Reedbuck, bushbuck, and buffalo sometimes enter the camp, normally at night. Bird life is very good with over 70 species having been seen in the camp, a remarkable record for such a small area. There are short hikes of one to two hours through the acacia woodland, in the region of the Lake itself, and through some of the smallholdings of the local villagers. It's ideally located at the foot of the Rift Valley and 120 km from Arusha for the start and finish of a safari to the game parks of Northern Tanzania. Accommodation at Migunga Forest Camp consists of 21 semi-luxury tents located on wooden platforms. The spacious tents have a private verandah in front and bathroom at the back. Each verandah has two camp chairs and a table. Inside, the tents have comfortable wooden beds with 6 inch mattresses and bedding, mosquito nets, a bedside table, luggage rack, wardrobe, and a writing table with a chair. Each tent is self-contained with flush toilet and shower, washbasin, towels and a mirror. Warm water and lights are provided by solar power. There are limited charging possibilities for cameras and batteries so please be sure to bring spare batteries and make sure all your electrical equipment is fully charged before leaving Arusha. There is a central dining area and bar, where hot and cold drinks are available.

Lodges

Lake Manyara Wildlife Lodge (on the Rift Valley Escarpment), Tarangire Safari Lodge (within Tarangire NP) or Octagon Lodge (near the village of Karuta) may be used in the event Migunga Forest Camp is unavailable. Additional cost may apply in these instances. The safari lodges are comfortable with ensuite facilities, set in excellent locations. They have spacious communal

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areas which make the most of the spectacular views. At Lake Manyara there is a swimming pool overlooking the lake and surrounding area.

Please note that while we will have private game drives, game walks, etc, of course there may be other people staying at the lodge/ permanent camp so we might share the central dining room and lodge/camp facilities with other travellers.

pre and post tour accommodation

This trip requires you to be in Arusha the day before your trip begins for an early collection on Day 1, and concludes on arrival in Arusha on Day 3. If you would like assistance with pre or post tour accommodation in Arusha, please ask your reservations consultant for details.

arrival and departure information

We cannot arrange, and do not recommend, arrival transfers from JRO airport to Arusha or Marangu hotels between the hours of 21:00 and 06:00hrs for security reasons. If you do arrive or depart between these times, we strongly recommend you stay at Kia Lodge (the airport hotel). An arrival transfer is included in the room rate and the hotel is a 5 min drive from the airport. We can arrange a transfer from here to Arusha or Marangu (or vice versa) at an appropriate time (additional cost applies).

what you carry

In your daypack you will need to carry extra warm clothing (depending on the altitude, location and weather), a rainjacket, water bottle, camera gear, valuables and personal items such as sunscreen, lip balm etc.

equipment required

A comprehensive gear list is provided in the pre-departure information provided on booking.

wildlife

The wilderness areas of Africa are populated by large numbers of wild and potentially dangerous animals. The trip aims to view these animals in their natural habitat, uncontrolled by fences. Your experienced guides will make every effort to ensure the safety of the group at all times. Please be aware that all safari travel, including vehicle safaris in the proximity of wild animals is never entirely without risk. By travelling into wild areas in search of wild animals, all participants accept that they are choosing an adventure that includes an element of risk and this is an inherent aspect of the enjoyment of this style of travel.

ngorongoro crater

Ngorongoro Crater has been called the eighth wonder of the natural world and was designated a World Heritage Site and a Biosphere Reserve. The crater represents only about 3% of the entire Ngorongoro Conservation Area which covers 8,280 sq km. The region contains at least seven extinct volcanoes and has probably one of the most varied terrains in East Africa. The Crater is a very picturesque setting for viewing and photographing wildlife and as the animals are familiar with vehicles, we can get really close to them, giving us an excellent opportunity to study their behaviour. The usual grassland dwelling animals live in the crater: wildebeest, zebra, gazelles, eland, hartebeest, buffalo, warthogs and the predators include bat-eared foxes, jackals, hyenas, lions and rarely seen cheetahs. With over 30,000 animals, the Ngorongoro Crater can be regarded as a "Garden of Eden". The 100 sq km caldera is home to the last black rhinos to be found in Tanzania and also has the highest density of lions anywhere in Africa. The rhino population here is carefully protected and they are quite commonly seen.

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lake manyara national park

Lake Manyara National Park is noted for its elephant populations, giraffes, tree-climbing lions, baboons and warthogs. The park is arguably the best for viewing elephants up close, and has an excellent birdlife, including flocks of flamingos. The park is situated between the dramatic Rift Valley escarpment and the lake. There is an abundance of animals within 125 square miles (two thirds of which is Lake), as they are attracted by the permanent waters and small rivers. The surrounding forest is jungle-like with giant trees and snaking lianas.

vehicles & safety

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and whilst wherever possible, vehicles with seatbelts are provided, on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

visas

Visas are required for passport holders from the following countries:-

Australia

New Zealand

Canada

United States

United Kingdom

Travellers can now apply online for the Tanzania visa <https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>

A single entry visa costs USD\$50 and is valid for a stay of up to 90 days.

A multiple entry visa costs USD\$100 and is valid for 12 months. No one stay can be longer than 3 months in duration.

NB: American nationals who wish to visit Tanzania for tourism or holiday purposes MUST select a MULTIPLE entry visa while applying online. American nationals are not entitled to a single entry visa.

All other nationalities should check with your nearest embassy or consulate.

Multiple entry visas are not issued, however, those who travel between Tanzania and Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi will not need a new visa to re-enter Tanzania provided they re-enter Tanzania while the visa is still valid. Those who go from Tanzania to countries other than Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi, will need to obtain a new visa at the entry point to Tanzania.

TRAVEL VIA KENYA

Kenya became a visa-free country in January 2024. However, all visitors to Kenya will need to apply online and pay for an Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) (Kenya Electronic System for Travel Authorisation (eTA) (etakenya.go.ke) at least 2 weeks before the start of their journey.

The following documents are required for your eTA application:-

Valid passport for at least six (6) months after your planned date of arrival into Kenya, with at least one blank page.

Upload a photograph or passport-type photo of yourself.

Contact information, email address and phone number.

Details of your arrival and departure itinerary.

Copy of your itinerary or accommodation booking confirmation(s).

Credit card, debit card or other means of payment.

Processing time is minimum (3) working days, however it is recommended applications be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to travel to ensure adequate time for processing. Travellers can

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submit their applications up to 3 months prior to travel. It is highly recommended that travellers apply as soon as they have booked their accommodations and transport tickets.

You will need to print out the eTA approval and present it to an Immigration Official upon arrival in Kenya.

Please bear in mind that visas may be required for countries you are visiting en route or transiting through on the way to your destination. It is important that you check the requirements of all countries you will visit. Visa costs and requirements do change regularly so we suggest you check with your travel agent or World Expeditions reservations consultant. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary visas.

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private groups

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trip availability

We operate small group adventures, which means availability is always worth checking early. Check trip availability online or call our team who might be able to dig a little deeper for you to find what you want, when you want.

Many adventures require services that, if not available at the time you book (like an internal flight or permit) could mean the trip is unavailable. So, book early to avoid missing out on your dream adventure.

how to book

Check trip availability and book your tour online, or call or visit one of our offices. To book a trip, you will need to complete a Booking Form (online or request a PDF) and pay a non-refundable



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deposit. Please note that when booking our tours to not confirm any additional arrangements until all services related to your tour are confirmed by your dedicated Reservations Consultant.