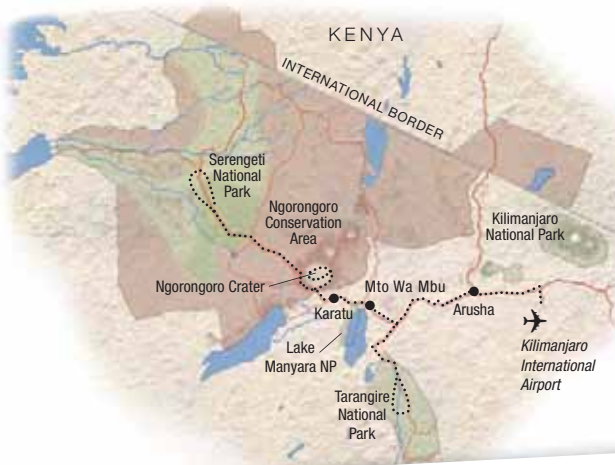




# Travel Tanzania Lodge Safari

Min 2 passengers / Max 14 passengers | 5 nights' comfortable accommodation

Travel around Tanzania in comfort, staying in convivial, international-style hotels and safari lodges. Each has a great location with stunning views, well-appointed en-suite bedrooms, buzzing restaurants and a relaxed bar. From these you explore some of the country's top northern wildlife destinations including the renowned Serengeti National Park where herds of plains game graze and lions rest amongst the kopjes, and the outstanding Ngorongoro Crater where 'big tusker' elephants roam. In addition you and your guide investigate the little visited Tarangire National Park, home to rarer species such as gerenuk and fringe-eared oryx, and visit the fascinating Olduvai Gorge where evidence of early man was discovered.



## Day 1 Flight to Tanzania

Depart from London on your overnight flight with Kenya Airways to Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

## Day 2 Tarangire Park

You are met on arrival and driven out to a quiet hotel on the outskirts of Arusha town where you have time to relax and enjoy lunch before meeting your group and guide. It takes around three hours to drive to Tarangire National Park, during which you pass through countless small villages and towns. The 2,600km<sup>2</sup> Tarangire National Park is often overlooked by other travellers visiting Tanzania and so offers a relatively quiet safari

experience, as well as great game. During the wet season this is one of Tanzania's best parks for bird watching and during the dry season it has an excellent density of elephants and plains game. As the evening draws in, you will arrive at Tarangire Sopa Lodge in time for dinner.

## Days 3 & 4 Serengeti

Spend most of the morning exploring Tarangire, which is home to elephant, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, eland, warthog, lion

and leopard, as well as the localised fringe-eared oryx, gerenuk and lesser kudu. Later you drive on towards Serengeti National Park, stopping along the rim of Ngorongoro Crater for lunch. The name Serengeti comes from the Maasai word for 'endless plain' and at this southern end of the park you can certainly see why! Flat grassy plains carry on as far as the eye can see, interrupted only by the occasional kopje (small rocky outcrop). Loop roads take you around kopjes where lion love to snooze in the afternoon sun, and plains game graze on the surrounding grasses. Your destination is the Serengeti Sopa Lodge which has lovely views out over the Serengeti plains. It's a full-day safari in the Serengeti National Park the following day; head out with a packed lunch so that you can optimise your time wildlife viewing.

## Days 5 & 6 Ngorongoro

Game drive through the Serengeti and on into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, stopping off to visit the archaeological site of Olduvai Gorge and have a picnic lunch. This is the area of Tanzania where Louis and Mary Leakey discovered evidence of early man and the first remains of *Homo habilis* – giving rise to the area's nickname the 'cradle of mankind'.

Continue up to the Ngorongoro Crater and drive around its rim to the eastern side, where you will spend the next two nights at the Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge. Get up early the next morning to descend 600m from your lodge onto the Ngorongoro Crater floor for a full day's safari. Drive past the alkaline Lake Magadi, which often has hundreds of pink flamingos feeding in its waters, and the hippo pool at Ngoitokitok Spring, then across the open grasslands. The wildlife in this stunning oasis is incredible and visitors are more than likely to see a variety of plains game as well as predators such as hyena and lion.

## Day 7 Flight to London

Leave Ngorongoro Crater behind you and drive back towards Kilimanjaro Airport. In the early afternoon arrive at Kia Lodge, a convenient hotel where you have time to freshen up before your overnight flight to London.

Alternatively, you may wish to extend your lodge safari to Tanzania by including time relaxing on the beach. If so then add one of our tailor-made *Expert Africa* beach trips, to Zanzibar, Pemba, Ras Kutani or the Mafia Archipelago, to your itinerary. Call us to ask about this and to get a possible quote.

## Day 8 Arrive back in London

## Price guide 2010

### Prices

Departs three or four times a month  
Prices are per person, departing and returning UK and start from £2,082 in January  
£1,729 in April  
£1,973 in December  
Single supplement from £40 to £220

### Includes

Scheduled international flights with Kenya Airways; transport in a 4WD safari vehicle; transfers; accommodation in comfortable lodges; park fees; a knowledgeable safari guide; and usually three meals a day.