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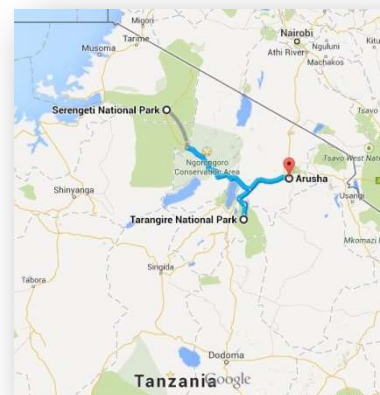
Highlights of Tanzania

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This spectacular new itinerary for 2024 is a fly/drive combination featuring all the highlights of Northern Tanzania. After an arrival night in Arusha you visit the wilderness of Tarangire park, synonymous for large herds of elephants. Continue on to Lake Manyara Park, famed for it's tree climbing lions. Thereafter discover the 8th wonder of the world, the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater. Finally you head into the sensational Serengeti as your last stop, home of the annual great wildebeest migration, before flying back to Arusha. This small group trip is guaranteed for a minimum of 2 clients with weekly departures. Can be extended by light aircraft flight to Northern Serengeti, Selous or beach destination, as required

At Native Escapes, we select adventures and accommodation according to particular interests, season of travel, budget and availability. We have travelled extensively in Africa, and have a good level knowledge of the destinations and things to do. Because we have visited many of the accommodations, we can make personal recommendations. We have on-the-ground services by way of ground handlers, who provide an excellent service in the event of emergency. Because we purchase accommodation through ground handlers who sell to agents such as ourselves around the world, we have access to excellent rates which are not available for direct bookings; you should pay no more for direct bookings than if you book through us. Our ground handlers' contact number will be included in your final documentation for you to contact should you require assistance during your trip.



Day 01 Sunday

Arriving at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you clear customs and immigration formalities and are met outside opposite the Arrivals Hall by our representative. They will assist you to your transfer vehicle for your transfer to the hotel. **Accommodation Gran Meliá Arusha Hotel in deluxe city view rooms on bed and breakfast basis (excludes other meals, drinks, and laundry)**

Gran Meliá Arusha Deluxe City View Room

An oasis within Arusha set in 18 acres of beautiful, landscaped coffee and tea plantations. Pure tranquillity with spectacular views of Mount Meru. Gran Meliá Arusha offers a unique experience with luxuriously decorated rooms and a variety of dining options. Modern design inspired by the local Tanzanian tribes and emulating the rich coffee bean colours. All the rooms have their own private balcony to enjoy the beautiful, lush views over Arusha City and take in the red skies of the African sunset. Each room is equipped with a king-size bed or two single beds, television, minibar, free Wi-Fi, and air-conditioning.

Day 02

Following breakfast and your safari briefing, you depart by private 4x4 safari vehicle to Tarangire National Park. Once you pass the park gate, you game view en route to the lodge arriving for lunch. Following lunch and a chance to enjoy the lodge's facilities, you have an afternoon game drive returning to the lodge for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge on full board basis including all meals, bottled/filtered water, juice, local beer, house wine by the glass and non-premium spirits (excludes premium drinks and laundry)



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Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge *Tented Rooms*

Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge is located in the heart of Tarangire National Park, Tanzania's wild land of elephant herds and landscapes. At Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge, there 12 permanent tents providing an intimate experience in the wild.

The camp is open all year around and especially during the dry months, the massive elephant herds travel through the corridor between Manyara and Tarangire and spend their time in and around the park. This is because of their ability to uncover permanent sources of fresh water. We endeavour to retain the uniqueness and intimacy of the camp, while being directed by the location, wildlife and other factors of responsible tourism. Each tent is framed with wooden logs, metal piping and then wrapped in heavy duty safari rip-stop canvas made locally at Morogoro, southern Tanzania, plus the additional cooling feature of shade-clothing over the entire tent. You are met at the entrance by climbing specially crafted stairs and onto a balcony with love seat and side table for relaxing when you have a moment. The front of the tents have double sliding doors, including a layer of mosquito netting for your comfort. Once you step into the tent and the bedroom area, you will see an arrangement of unique furniture like a desk and chair, bench seat, side tables, matting and incredible local imagery. Once you walk through the bedroom and into the ensuite, the polished concrete floors with wardrobe, robes, separate shower and toilet cubicles and handcrafted washstand with carefully created terracotta basins. All the fittings depict colours in natural tones to adhere to the intrinsic area we are located.

Day 03

Morning and afternoon game drives with meals and overnight at the lodge.

Accommodation Tarangire Ndovu Tented Lodge on full board basis including all meals, bottled/filtered water, juice, local beer, house wine by the glass and non-premium spirits (excludes premium drinks and laundry)

Day 04

Depart to Lake Manyara and the Great Rift Valley region. Stop at Ol Mesera Manyara Restaurant in Mto wa Mbu for lunch (excludes drinks) with Makonde carving show and experience. Then continue to Ngorongoro Conservation Area arriving at the lodge in the afternoon for a chance to enjoy the views of the Ngorongoro Crater. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

Accommodation Meliá Ngorongoro Lodge in Premiere Forest View Rooms on full board basis including all meals, bottled/filtered water, juice, local beer, house wine by the glass and non-premium spirits (excludes premium drinks and laundry)

Optional Experience

Guests who wish to have an escorted walk on the crater rim with a conservation officer can make these arrangements in advance. The walk is about 2 hours and is strenuous due to the altitude of the crater rim.

Meliá Ngorongoro Lodge *Premiere Forest View Room*

Ngorongoro Lodge belongs to a collection of unique and exclusive hotels with their own personality. Enjoy a magnificent experience in a fascinating natural environment full of history, culture, and biodiversity.

A visit to Tanzania is a journey to the heart of nature. Inspired by the Maasai culture and facing the crater, this room boasts fantastic views.

Day 05

Early departure and descend to the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater. You game drive in this paradise. With a space of only 102 square miles and a resident wildlife population of more than 30,000 mammals, there is a great chance that you might see all the big five. A picnic lunch box is provided at a scenic picnic site within the crater. In the afternoon, you return to the rim of the crater and your lodge for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation Meliá Ngorongoro Lodge in Premiere Forest View Rooms on full board basis including all meals, bottled/filtered water, juice, local beer, house wine by the glass and non-premium spirits (excludes premium drinks and laundry)

Day 06

Depart to Serengeti National Park arriving at the lodge for lunch. You stop at Olduvai Gorge for a chance to see the site where the Leakey family made several important archaeological discoveries. A small museum with some of the artifacts found can be viewed. You also visit a cultural Maasai village. Continue into Serengeti National Park and a hot lunch provided at the Miracle Experience Seronera restaurant (from set menu) (excludes drinks). Following lunch, you depart and head west towards the Mbalageti Hills with game viewing en route viewing the abundant wildlife. Arrive at your lodge in the late afternoon for time to freshen up followed by dinner and overnight.

Accommodation Meliá Serengeti Lodge in Lagoon View Rooms on full board basis including all meals, bottled/filtered water, juice, local beer, house wine by the glass and non-premium spirits (excludes premium drinks and laundry)



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Meliá Serengeti Lodge Lagoon View Room

In harmony with the fabulous natural surroundings of the Serengeti National Park, this hotel offers an intense wildlife experience accompanied by all the comforts of the most exclusive accommodation. Elegant rooms inspired by Maasai traditions with spectacular views of the hotel gardens or Serengeti plains. The restaurants offer a cuisine that reinterprets local dishes with ingredients inspired by international cuisine, and magnificent, sustainable facilities that include an incredible infinity pool, gym, and spa.

Enjoy a magnificent dining experience with amazing flavours, textures and aromas surrounded by the outstanding natural beauty of Tanzania. An original fusion of world cuisines with African influences. Discover a comfortable and welcoming space where you can relax in style. A colonial-style bar which is open all day, serving a great choice of Tanzanian coffees and teas, exotic spirits from all over the continent and local brands of gin. The essence of Africa in all its splendour. Definitely, the best place to take a break in between so many adventures.

This room will be the ideal refuge to experience a natural sensation of well-being and spectacular views of the savannah on the horizon. A room decorated in wood and stone, designed as an extension of the landscape outdoors, with a bedroom and a bathroom with a shower.

Day 07

Morning and afternoon game drives with meals and overnight at the lodge. (Optional early morning hot air balloon ride - at supplement)

Accommodation Meliá Serengeti Lodge in Lagoon View Rooms on full board basis including all meals, bottled/filtered water, juice, local beer, house wine by the glass and non-premium spirits (excludes premium drinks and laundry)

Day 08

You have a choice of early morning, morning and afternoon game drives with meals at the lodge or depart on a full day game drive with picnic lunch. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

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Day 09

Final game drive en route to Seronera airstrip. Fly by scheduled flight to Arusha Airport (included) departing 11:00 arriving 12:20. You are met on arrival and transferred to Saana Restaurant for lunch (from set menu) (excludes drinks). Then transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your departure flight (flight not included)

Option: Transfer to Seronera airstrip for flight to Northern Serengeti, Masai Mara, Nyerere or beach, at supplement.

Added Values

Arrival and departure transfers

Lunch on The Great African Rift escarpment overlooking the Rift Valley

Makonde carving demonstration

Visit to Olduvai Gorge

Visit to Maasai Village

Bush lunch in Serengeti National Park

Internal flight from Serengeti National Park to Arusha

Departure lunch at socially responsible venue

Includes: Meet and greet services, transfers, internal flight, seat in shared 4x4 vehicle with photo roof (maximum 6 clients per vehicle), services of a bilingual English speaking driver-guide, guaranteed window seat, game drives and activities as specified, all accommodation and meals as specified, all park fees and government taxes, filtered water in the vehicles (clients to bring refillable bottles)

Excludes: International flights, visas, airport tax (pay direct), driver guide or local escort gratuities, drinks and dining rooms tips, portage, personal travel and baggage insurance, any items of a personal nature, Medical insurance, evacuation cover and travel insurance

NB: We may have to reroute the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability. Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.