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Tanzania Cultural Safari 2025

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A high-value small group scheduled road safari featuring both luxury tented camps and traditional safari lodges, this new safari offers rich selection of both cultural activities and wildlife viewing experiences. The highlights include the The Hadzabe & Datoga indigenous ethnic groups' excursion for a first hand insight into the lives of these ethnic groups living around Lake Eyasi in the central Rift Valley, some of who still survive exclusively based on the traditional means of foraging, with relatively little modification to their basic way of life. Also included is a visit to a traditional Maasai Homestead in addition to a Coffee Plantation Tour, a guided tour of Mto Wa Umbu local market plus a visit to a local primary school.

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 1 Kilimanjaro airport – Arusha

Arrive at Arusha's Kilimanjaro International Airport and meet your customer service representative. Transfer to Arusha town situated at the foot of Mount Meru.

Check in to the Four Points by Sheraton Arusha; established in 1894, the Four Points by Sheraton Arusha is one of the oldest hotels in East Africa. Saturated with the history of a bygone era, traditional ambience is effortlessly combined with the style and service you wish for when travelling. The hotel features 114 stylish rooms, free Wi-Fi, a 24-hour gym, Parachichi restaurant as well as the famous Hatari Bar offering live or DJ music on Fridays. Parachichi Restaurant, 'avocado' in Swahili, overlooks our beautiful garden and is the perfect place for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Afternoon will be at leisure, with lunch and dinner on own account. Overnight at Four Points by Sheraton, Traditional Room-BB

Day 2 Arusha – Tarangire National Park- Lake Manyara

After breakfast transfer check out of the hotel and set off for safari; drive to Tarangire National Park: Tarangire National Park has an incredible diversity of landscapes and vegetation and is famous for the large number of elephants, baobabs and climbing lions. The topography of the hills covered with baobabs and anthills is divided by the river Tarangire which attracts a large number of animals migrating in the dry season. Enjoy game drives in Tarangire, with packed box lunch

In the afternoon drive to Lake Manyara and check in at Manyara Escarpment Lodge: Perched high on the rim of the Great Rift Valley, Manyara Escarpment Lodge is a serene haven overlooking the wonder of Lake Manyara below. Offering 16 private, tastefully decorated chalets. Inviting the incredible beauty of the African bush in expanses of windows and doors mean that you have nature right around you as you sit in the comfort and luxury of the superbly appointed bar lounge. A spreading deck surrounding the main lodge affords you breathtaking views of the lake and the gorge upon which the lodge perches watch pelican sweep the skies as you take sundowners, see the sun slip like a segment of orange into the hills and listen to the sounds of Africa nestle up to you as night slides in. Dinner and overnight at Escarpment Luxury Lodge-Chalet-L-DBB

Day 3 Lake Manyara

This morning after breakfast drive into Lake Manyara National Park for game drives for a better part of the morning; located in the northern part of Tanzania, Lake Manyara National Park is 126 kilometers west of Arusha Town. The park is sized 330 square kilometers of which 220 sq. kilometers. Lake Manyara National Park is well known for the tree climbing lions, the soda ash lake and its flamingos, we are talking about breathtaking scenery! Return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon visit Mto Wa Umbu township; sight see, enjoy and indulge yourself in the diverse culture of Tanzania as you take a guided walking tour through the local streets of Mto wa Mbu, returning to the lodge in the evening. Dinner and overnight at Escarpment Luxury Lodge-Chalet-LDBB



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Day 4 Lake Manyara -Serengeti

Check out of the lodge and drive past Ngorongoro Conservation area, stopping en route for a visit to the world-famous Olduvai Gorge Paleolithic site and reputed Cradle of Mankind Museum'. After a visit of the site & packed lunch at Olduvai proceed to Serengeti National Park and to and to Baobab Camp which is ideally located for safari game drives as well as optional activities such as balloon safaris
Lunch and afternoon game drive.

About the Serengeti: Covering 14,763 sq. km of endlessly rolling savannah plains, the Serengeti is Tanzania's first-established, largest and most famous park wherein tens of thousands of hoofed animals roam in a constant and unrelenting search for the fresh grasslands upon which their survival depends.
Dinner and overnight at Baobab Camp -LDBB

Day 5 Serengeti

With a full day in Serengeti your options are wide. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at the camp.

Game drives can be taken in the morning and afternoon: whilst the annual migration is the Serengeti's most famous attraction, the Park is also renowned for its lion, many of which have been fitted with radio-transmitter collars so that their movements may be tracked, and additionally for its wealth of cheetah, zebra, giraffe, Thomson's and Grant's gazelle, eland, impala, klipspringer, hippo and warthog
Meals and overnight at Baobab Camp -LDBB

Day 6 Serengeti

Enjoy another full day in Serengeti; game drives can be taken in the morning and afternoon.
Meals and overnight at Baobab Camp -LDBB

Day 7 Serengeti – Ngorongoro

After a leisurely breakfast, leave the Serengeti and drive to the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area
We visit a traditional Masai homestead to gain insight into their life and customs, before proceeding to Acacia Ngorongoro Luxury Camp
Lunch at the camp and enjoy the afternoon at leisure, before evening Sundowner Experience
All meals and overnight at Acacia Ngorongoro Luxury Camp or similar -LDBB

Day 8 Ngorongoro – Karatu

After an early breakfast at the lodge descend into the crater for a half day game drive in Ngorongoro Crater (exiting the Crater not later than 12.00)

Ngorongoro Crater: Often referred to as the eighth wonder of the world' the Ngorongoro Crater is one of Africa's best-known wildlife arenas. A World Heritage Site, it is also one of the largest volcanic craters in the world (almost 20 kilometers wide, 610-760 meters deep and covering a total area of 264 square kilometers). An utterly unique biosphere, the Crater harbors grasslands, swamps, forests, salt pans, a fresh water lake and a glorious variety of birdlife, all enclosed within its towering walls. Due to its high concentration of wildlife, close-range viewing opportunities and striking scenery it is also Tanzania's most visited destination. Drive to Acacia Farm Lodge Karatu and check-in, just before lunch at the lodge
In the afternoon take a guided Coffee Plantation Tour
All meals and overnight at Acacia Farm Lodge-Karatu-LDBB

Day 9 Lake Eyasi – Karatu

After breakfast, set off and drive to the shores of Lake Eyasi and visit the Hadzabe & Datoga indigenous ethnic group

The Hadzabe & Datoga are an indigenous ethnic group in north-central Tanzania, living around Lake Eyasi in the central Rift Valley and in the neighboring Serengeti Plateau. There are, as of 2015, between 1,200 and 1,300 Hadza people living in Tanzania, however only around 300 Hadza still survive exclusively based on the traditional means of foraging. As descendants of Tanzania's aboriginal hunter-gatherer population,



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they have probably occupied their current territory for thousands of years, with relatively little modification to their basic way of life until the past hundred years. You will have packed box lunch, and in the afternoon visit Simba Milima School, before returning to Acacia Farm Lodge. (school visit subject to academic calendar/term dates). Spend the remainder of the evening at leisure. All meals and overnight at Acacia Farm Lodge-Karatu-LDBB

Day 10 Karatu – Kilimanjaro Airport/Departure

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the lodge. We then proceed to the Manyara airstrip where we will drop off those in the group who may wish to extend their holiday to the 'Spice Island' of Zanzibar.

Our journey continues to Arusha and on to Arusha Coffee Lodge for a late lunch before proceeding to Kilimanjaro Airport, carrying with you the memories of a lifetime as you embark on your flight home.

Includes: Cultural and Safari Activities; Hadzabe & Datoga Excursion, Maasai Homestead, Coffee Plantation Tour, Mto Wa Umbu Local Market Tour, School Visit, Ngorongoro Crater tour, visit to Olduvai Gorge, all meals as specified in the itinerary, one litre of mineral water per day, game drives, English-speaking driver guide

Excludes: Sundowner cocktails and other activities not included in the package price.

Minimum group size 2 – maximum size 12. Various departure dates. Contact us for details.

GENERAL INFORMATION – PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THE FOLLOWING

Passports: Please ensure these are valid for travel and that you are in possession of valid visas (if required see below). You consult your doctor prior to your safari for information and advice on the use of anti-malaria medication. You take out comprehensive travel insurance to safeguard against cancellation and curtailment, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and personal belongings.

Visas: All British passport holders need a tourist or business visa to enter Tanzania. You should get one from the Tanzanian High Commission before you travel. It is possible to get a tourist or business visa for a single entry on arrival at main ports of entry to Tanzania, but this is subject to the fulfilment of all immigration requirements.

Health: The (www.who.int/en/) recommends that all travellers are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for Hepatitis B. Inoculation against Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Yellow Fever and Malaria tablets are also recommended by the (www.cdc.gov) for travel in Uganda. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up-to-date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options.

Insurance: As part of the Terms and Conditions of your trip with Native Escapes it is essential that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Due to a lack of access to international-standard medical facilities within the Republic of Congo, medical evacuation cover when travelling here must be for a minimum of US\$ 100 000.00 per person. Cancellation and curtailment cover is also crucial - particularly in the event that you miss the connecting flight to Odzala as you will need to pay for a private charter in full.

Native Escapes complies with the UK Package & Travel Regulations 1992. Holidays with flights included are covered by the company's ATOL Bond (Air Travel Organisers' Licence) held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). This means that in the unfortunate event that our company should fail, the CAA will arrange any necessary repatriation and any refund of monies paid to Native Escapes in advance. Our ATOL number is 9709. We have testimonials on our website: visit www.nativeescapes.com/aboutus for more information.