

Best of Tanzanian Safari Experience with Serena Lodges

Manyara, Serengeti & Ngorongoro

5 Nights / 6 Days



Day 1: Arusha – Manyara (135 kms / 2 hr 30)

Arrive into Arusha's Kilimanjaro Airport. You will be met by our team outside customs and immigration halls. Get transferred to the Lake Manyara Region. Arrive at the MANYARA SERENA LODGE, check-in and lunch. Afternoon game drive in the Lake Manyara National Park. Dinner at the lodge.

From whichever direction you approach Manyara, the first view is spectacular. From the east, the Rift Valley wall rises several hundred metres to form an impressive backdrop to the lake. From the west, if one is perched at the top of the escarpment, the park lies far below, with a long green strip of water that glistens in the sunlight. The vegetation around the lake's shores is surprisingly varied and comprises mostly forest, acacia woodland and open grassland. The park covers an area of 330 sq km of which about 230 sq km is the lake itself. You can always find hippo in the Simba River, elephant in the forests and a resident herd of Cape buffalo on the open plains at Mahali Pa Nyati, which means, 'the place of the buffalo' in Swahili. In addition, there are approximately 400 species of birds and with some luck you might see tree-climbing lions.



Overnight stay at **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge. (Meals: Lunch & Dinner)**

Day 2: Manyara – Serengeti (250 kms / 5 hrs)

After breakfast, we depart for the Serengeti National park. Arrive at the **SERENGETI SERENA LODGE**. Check-in and lunch. Afternoon game drive in the park. Dinner at the lodge.

Overnight stay at **Serengeti Sopa Lodge. (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)**



Day 3: Serengeti

Full day game drive in this park that is rich in wildlife. All meals and overnight at the lodge.

In the local vernacular, Serengeti means 'the endless plains that go up to the sky'. And they do just that. It is therefore easy to understand why this is the most popular and spectacular of all game parks in East Africa. Covering 14,765 sq km, one of the striking features of this park is the series of large granite outcrops that dominate the vast plains, making it very different to the Masai Mara. Every year, after the south's short November rains, wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, eland, topi and hartebeest gather in their thousands on the Serengeti's southern plains and the Ngorongoro Highlands. Then, around April, they head towards the western corridor of the Serengeti, where many overflow into the Masai Mara around July/August. They remain here until late October/November, when Tanzania's new rains prompt the move south again, towards Lake Ndutu and Lagaja. This yearly phenomenon also affects the lives of hundreds of thousands of other species, who rely on the migratory herds for their survival. These include predators, gazelles, birds and lowly insects, not to mention the grasses and trees that are fertilised by droppings.

Overnight stay at Serengeti Sopa Lodge. **(Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)**

Day 4: Serengeti – Ngorongoro

After an early breakfast, depart for Ngorongoro. Descend the crater immediately with picnic lunches. Afternoon game drive in the crater. Later ascend, check-in, dinner and overnight stay at the **NGORONGORO SERENA LODGE**.



One of the wonders of the world, it is difficult to give a fair description to the enormity and beauty of the Crater. There is no comparison, if only the Garden of Eden! A steep wall of



thick forest surrounds the circumference, which looks like a natural amphitheatre 260 km² in size. An incredible ecosystem consisting of grasslands, swamps, lakes, rivers, woodlands, forests and an arid area of shifting dunes exists here, and thus the crater is able to sustain a vast resident population of game including elephant, buffalo, lion, hippo, wildebeest, gazelle, leopard, black Rhino, monkeys and hyena.

Overnight stay at **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge. (Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)**

Drive to Ngorongoro Conservation area. Lunch at the Lodge

Afternoon free stay at the Lodge, with optional activities- quoted separately

Dinner & Overnight at the Lodge

Day 5: Ngorongoro

Breakfast

Descend down the crater floor for game drive

Meals and accommodation at the Lodge

Day 6: Ngorongoro – Arusha

Early breakfast and transfer to the Kilimanjaro Airport for your return international flight. **(Meals: Breakfast & Lunch)**

COME HOME WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF THE TOUR!!!

Inclusions :-

1. 1 night accommodation at **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge**
2. 2 nights' accommodation at **Serengeti Sopa Lodge**
3. 2 nights' accommodation at **Ngorongoro Serena Lodge.**
4. Meals as per the itinerary
5. Airport transfers from Kilimanjaro Airport & back
6. Ground transportation in a 8 seater or 6 seater 4x4 safari vehicle with English speaking Driver guide:-
 - 8 Seater Safari Vehicle has 6 window seats (in the passenger cabin) and 1 window seat next to the driver (in front)
 - 6 Seater Safari Vehicle has 4 window seats (in the passenger cabin) and 1 window seat next to the driver (in front)
7. Game drives and park entry fees
8. Tourism Development Levy of US \$ 1.50 per person per night
9. Half litre water per person per day