



TANZANIA

Great Migration in Serengeti

July 26-August 6, 2024

12 Days / 10 Nights



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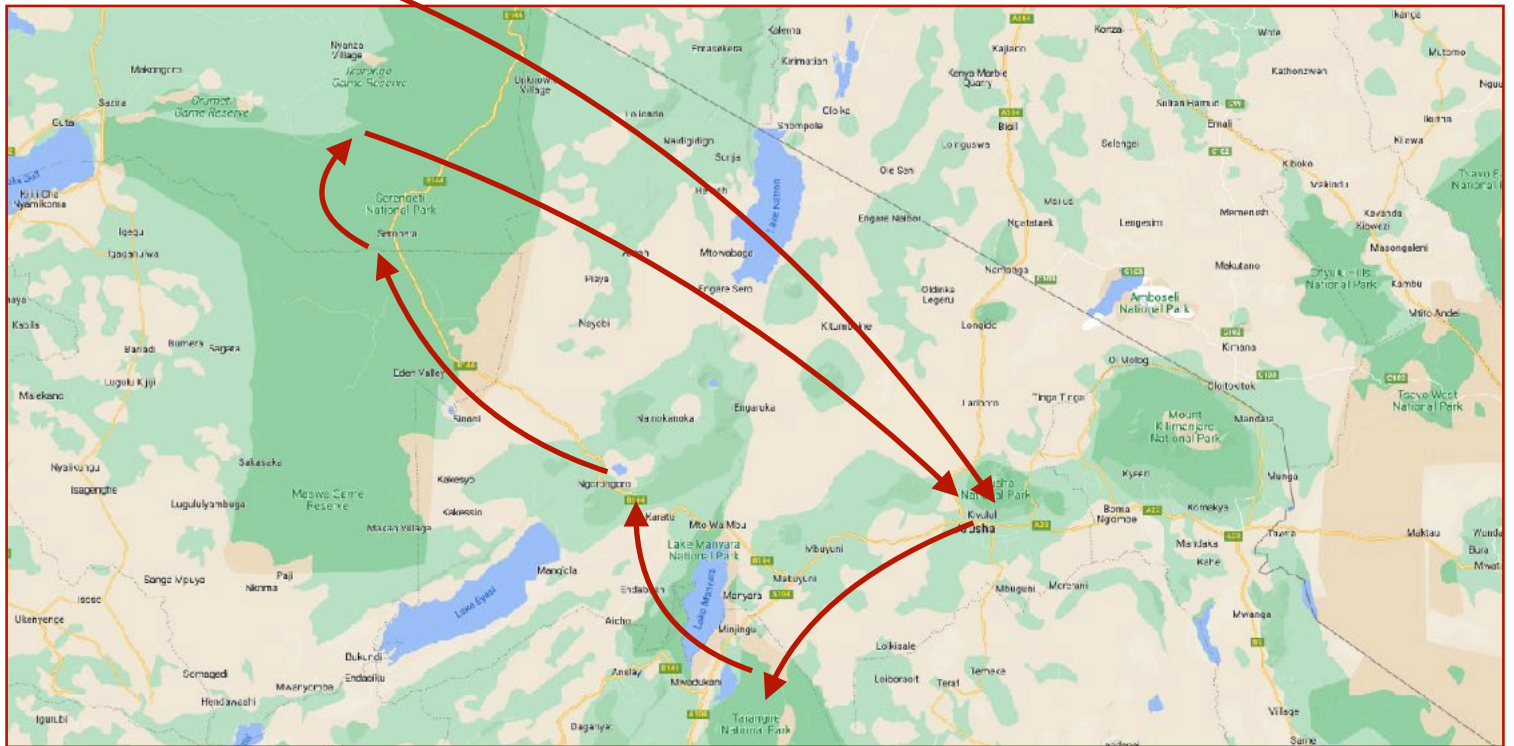
ITINERARY

DAY 1	Leave Houston for Arusha, Tanzania
DAY 2	Arrival in Kilimanjaro Airport, Arusha / Arusha
DAY 3	Arusha - Tarangire NP / Tarangire
DAY 4	Tarangire National Park / Tarangire
DAY 5	Tarangire - Ngorongoro / Ngorongoro
DAY 6	Ngorongoro crater game drive / Ngorongoro
DAY 7	Central Serengeti game drives / Central Serengeti
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DAY 12	Fly to Arusha - Departure from Arusha at night.



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MAP TRAJECTORY





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HIGHLIGHTS

Serengeti Game Drives.

Big Five - if we are lucky.

Serenity of Tented Camps.

Great Migration - based on herds' mood.

Maasai Culture.

Ngorongoro Crater.

Tarangire National Park with lions and more.





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INCLUDED

- 10 nights' accommodation at safari camps/lodges.**
- Arrival and departure transfers - for suggested flights.**
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner as indicated in the itinerary.**
- One domestic flight in Tanzania (Arusha - Northern Serengeti.)**
- All game drives by private 4x4 vehicles with pop-up roof / driver-guides.**
- On the vehicles refrigerator for cooling drinks.**
- On the vehicles plug G type charging outlets.**
- National park / game area entry fees.**
- All government taxes, applicable fees.**
- During the game drives, coffee/tea and water.**
- Local taxes.**

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare.**
- Visa fees.**
- Drinks with included meals, except drinking water and tea or coffee for breakfast.**
- Gratuities for guides & drivers.**
- Optional balloon ride in Serengeti.**
- Personal expenditures like phone calls, laundry, medical expenses.**
- Travel insurance.**



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SUGGESTED FLIGHTS

Suggested flights are on Turkish Airlines, via Istanbul:

- 26 Jul** **Houston to Istanbul**
TK 34 **dep: 8:55 pm / arr: 5:05 pm on 27 July**

- 27 Jul** **Istanbul to Kilimanjaro Airport**
TK 567 **dep: 6:40 pm / arr: 1:45 am on 28 July**

- 07 Aug** **Kilimanjaro Airport to Istanbul**
TK 567 **dep: 2:40 am / arr: 12:15 pm**

- 07 Aug** **Istanbul to Houston**
TK 33 **dep: 2:10 pm / arr: 7:10 pm**

Economy class: \$2,975
Business class: \$7,856
per person, including taxes, surcharges and fees
as of Dec 5, 2023.
Fares may change based on availability.



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LIFE IN TENTED CAMPS

Tented Camps that we offer are ‘seasonal’ camps located in various locations of Serengeti National Park. They work under Park’s guidelines and the camps are truly eco-friendly.

Their locations are close to pristine areas that offer unparalleled game viewing,



Comprising just ten to twelve spacious tents, the focus is on your comfort and enjoyment. There is nothing better than being lulled to sleep at night by the sounds of the bush, safely inside your well-appointed ‘safari bedroom’.



The tents come with private flushing toilets and a bush-shower. A private verandah offers a shady place to relax.



A large central dining tent complements the comfortable lounge tent which has a small reference library, maps, some games for children and a charging station for cameras.

Our safari chef will prepare sumptuous meals for your enjoyment and evenings offer a campfire around which our guests enjoy sundowners and snacks, and share the day’s experiences.



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SAFARI VEHICLES

On our safaris we use special safari vehicles - Toyota LandCruisers or similar. These vehicles come with the following options:

- Pop up roof top which can be converted to completely open.
- Reclining seats.
- Refrigerator.
- Outlets to charge your cameras.
- Wireless communication services-HF radio. (for use between guides to spot game.)
- Capacity to sit 7 comfortably.





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BALLOON SAFARI

Imagine floating in a hot air balloon over the beautiful Serengeti, offering a unique perspective, great viewing and photographic opportunities of the amazing scenery.

This may be the most beautiful area in the world for a balloon flight. There are no power lines, fences and few roads. Balloon capacity is limited making this experience a special and exclusive one.

Schedule:

5:00 am: We will be picked up from our lodge or camp, and transferred to the launch site. Here we will meet our pilot, receive a briefing and watch the inflation of our balloon.

At dawn we take off, rising as the sun rises and float in whichever direction the winds of the morning take us. Our pilot can precisely control the altitude of the balloon: sometimes flying at treetop height, sometimes lower, offering a unique perspective and great photographic opportunities of the wildlife below.

At other times we will ascend to 1000' or more to see the enormity and wonderful panorama of the Serengeti. From time to time the pilot must put more heat into the balloon with the powerful whisper burners. In between these burns, there is silence apart from the natural sounds below.

The flight is for about one hour depending on conditions, and eventually we must land. We celebrate in the traditional manner with champagne (well, an excellent sparkling wine) before sitting down to a full English breakfast.

9:30 am Arrive at our camp ready to continue our day's activities.

Rate: TBA.



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ACCOMMODATIONS

Arusha: The African Tulip

<https://theafricantulip.co.tz/>



Tarangire Balloon Camp

<https://madahotels.com/balloon-camp-tarangire/>





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ACCOMMODATIONS

The Retreat At Ngorongoro

<https://theretreatatngorongoro.co.tz/>



Acacia Central Camp

<https://acaciacollections.com/acacia-central-camp/>



Acacia Migration Camp

<https://acaciacollections.com/acacia-migration-camp/>





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PROGRAM DETAILS

DAY 1	Fri, July 26 - Houston-Arusha, Tanzania
	We will leave Houston for Kilimanjaro Airport, Arusha, Tanzania.

DAY 2	Sat, July 27 - Arusha
	Upon arrival, we will meet our guide at the airport and we will be transferred to our hotel in Arusha.
	Overnight in Arusha Meals: -

Resting at the foot of Mount Meru, the sprawling city of **Arusha** is known as the safari capital of northern Tanzania. It serves as an excellent base from which to explore the remarkably scenic surrounding area which includes majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, as well as the Manyara, Tarangire and Ngorongoro National Parks. Arusha is a good spot to take a day or two off from the safari circuit as it features a temperate climate and lush surrounds. Visitors can look forward to exploring the wildlife-abundant Serengeti National Park; the magnificent Arusha National Park; and taking on the challenge of climbing Mount Meru, Africa's fifth highest mountain.



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DAY 3

Sun, July 28 - Arusha - Tarangire

After breakfast, we will have a late start from Arusha to Tarangire National Park.

On the way and upon arrival, we will have game drives.

Overnight in Tarangire

Meals: B-L-D

Tarangire National Park, situated within Tanzania's spectacular Manyara Region, is an awe-inspiring national park comprising of granite ridges, river valleys, mixed vegetative landscapes, and free-roaming wildlife. During the annual dry season, the Tarangire River is a magnet for thirsty wildlife. Large herds of elephants and migratory wildebeest, zebra, buffalo, impala, gazelle, hartebeest and eland gather and not surprisingly the predators follow. With lion being among the most commonly spotted animal, it is a rare day that a visitor does not spot this majestic animal prowling or grazing. Tarangire is also the one place in Tanzania where dry-country antelope such as oryx and gerenuk are seen regularly. This expansive area is also known for its spectacular baobab trees, its breathtaking views of the Masaai Steppe and the wondrous mountains to the south.

DAY 4

Mon, July 29 - Tarangire National Park

We will be in Tarangire National Park for full day of game drives.

Overnight in Tarangire

Meals: B-L-D



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DAY 5

Tue, July 30 - Tarangire - Ngorongoro

After a morning game drive we will head north-west towards Ngorongoro.

On the way we will visit a Maasai Village where we will get a great insight into these people's culture. We will meet with warm, friendly, diverse people with a wealth of tradition, enjoy dancing and singing with them as well.

Today, we will get our first sight of the spectacular, incomparable Ngorongoro volcano, at the heart of the Conservation Area of the same name.

Overnight in Ngorongoro

Meals: B-L-D

Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest, inactive and intact volcanic caldera. The crater, which formed when a large volcano exploded and collapsed on itself two to three million years ago, is 2,000 feet deep and its floor covers 100 square miles. The elevation of the crater floor is 5,900 feet above sea level.

The crater has a population of around 120 lions, with well-defined territories; 15,000 wildebeest, 9,000 zebra, 400 hyenas, and around 50 black rhinos. Many wildebeest and other herd animals are resident, benefiting from the many sources of year-round waters and are boosted by some migrators in season. Buffalo, Thomson's gazelle and eland are also present in numbers. Hippos can be found in pools and swampland and highland birdlife is colorful and plentiful around the waters. Flamingos can often be seen in Lake Magadi which is in the southwest of the crater.



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DAY 6

Wed, July 31 - Ngorongoro

From our safari camp, we set off after breakfast, a 6am departure to reach the rim and then descend into the vast crater itself.

At one side there's the Lerai Forest, classic mountain forest landscape with almost tropical characteristics. This is good elephant country, so keep your eyes peeled. By the side of the nearby swampland is what is sometimes called the 'elephant graveyard' as the mighty male tuskers at the end of their lives come to chew on the soft, swampland grasses once their teeth have failed them.

After a late lunch at the lodge, we will have some time to rest. Afternoon at leisure or an optional walking tour can be arranged on request.

Overnight in Ngorongoro

Meals: B-L-D



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DAY 7

Thu, August 1 - Central Serengeti

After breakfast, we set off for our next destination, the Central Serengeti.

There will be plenty to see with the game drives on the way. On arrival, we have lunch and have an afternoon game drive.

Overnight in Central Serengeti

Meals: B-L-D

Serengeti spans about 12,000 sqmiles and it hosts the largest terrestrial mammal migration in the world. The Serengeti is also renowned for its large lion population. Approximately 70 larger mammal and 500 bird species are found here due to diverse habitats including riverine forests, swamps, kopjes, grasslands and woodlands.

The name “Serengeti” is derived from the Maasai language word “serengit” meaning “endless plains.”



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DAY 8

Fri, August 2 - Central Serengeti

Today, we set off from our accommodation in Central Serengeti. Wildlife is abundant here: sometimes you may think it has come to find you, rather than the other way around.

Today's highlight is unknown, as the animals don't publish their schedule (!)

We will be mindful of the migratory movements, of course, but this area is where bushland meets grassland, so a favorite spot for big cats looking for prey. Cheetah, leopard and lions are all possibilities today.

Overnight in Central Serengeti

Meals: B-L-D

Central Serengeti: The spectacle of predator versus prey dominates Tanzania's greatest park. Golden-maned lion prides feast on the abundance of plain grazers. Solitary leopards haunt the acacia trees lining the Seronera River, while a high density of cheetahs prowls the southeastern plains. Almost uniquely, all three African jackal species occur here, alongside the spotted hyena and a host of more elusive small predators, ranging from the insectivorous aardwolf to the beautiful serval cat.

The Seronera river enjoys year-round water flow, so there is always something of interest to observe. Several game drives can be undertaken here and might reveal lions in sizable prides, hippo or herds of elephants - whose populations in the park have risen in recent times.



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DAY 9

Sat, August 3 - Central to Northern Serengeti

We start our journey after breakfast, driving from Seronera area to Northern Serengeti.

Our daily schedule of game viewing and meals will be arranged by our experienced guide, depending on the location of herds. Our drives and direction of excursions will be based on his local knowledge and daily information about animal movement at that particular time.

Overnight in Northern Serengeti

Meals: B-L-D

The **Northern Serengeti** is a land of open woodland, extending from the Seronera in the south to the Mara River in the north, marking the frontier with neighboring Kenya.

During your time here, you can get to grips with a whole new set of exotic names: Bolongonja, Kogatende, Lamai and of course, the legendary Mara River.

We are now following in the footsteps of the Great Migration, great herds of thousands of zebra and wildebeest getting ready to cross the Mara into Kenya, and back again. On a daily basis, crossings cannot be guaranteed, but our driver-guides know the most likely places to witness them. Patience is required!



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DAY 10

Sun, August 4 - Northern Serengeti

Today we will continue our morning and afternoon game drives in the region.

After breakfast, we will embark with our driver-guide on a full-day game drive, looking out for elephant and buffalo, eland and gazelle. Maybe we'll be lucky enough to spot something really special: perhaps a cheetah, or even a rare black rhino, of which a small population are resident here.

Overnight in Northern Serengeti

Meals: B-L-D

Great Migration: Each year around the same time, the circular great wildebeest migration begins in the Ngorongoro area. This migration is a natural phenomenon determined by the availability of grazing. This phase lasts from approximately January to March, when the calving season begins – a time when there is plenty of rain-ripened grass available for the 260,000 zebra that precede 1.7 million wildebeest and the following hundreds of thousands of other plains game, including around 470,000 gazelles.

By the end of July, depending on when the rains end, herds have already moved to Grumeti area and they start crossing Grumeti and Mara rivers going up north towards Kenya.

About 250,000 wildebeest die during the journey from Tanzania to the Maasai Mara National Reserve in southwestern Kenya, a total of 500 miles. Death is usually from thirst, hunger, exhaustion, or predation.



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DAY 11

Mon, August 5 - Northern Serengeti

Today we will continue our game drives in the region.

Our expert guides will lead us to perfect spots where we can view hard to find species in their natural habitat. Altitudes in the Serengeti range from 3020 to 6070 ft. with mean temperature varying from 59 to 77 F degrees.

We can follow the herds, see them crossing the rivers if we are lucky or witness lions on a hunt if we are luckier.

Whichever is the case, the variety of natural life in the Serengeti never ceases to surprise and inspire: Elephants, rhinos, gazelles, zebras, giraffes, antelopes, cheetahs, lions, kudus, hyenas, vultures, mongoose, baboons, cranes, hippos, jackals... it is an unending parade.

Overnight in Northern Serengeti

Meals: B-L-D



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DAY 12

Tue, August 6 - Arusha - Departure

After an early game drive, we will end up at the local air strip for our flight back to Arusha.

Upon arrival, we will be transferred to our hotel for lunch and day use.

At night, we will drive to Kilimanjaro International Airport for our return flight.

Meals: B-L

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