

Mid Range Lodge Safari – \$3,560

THE BEST OF TANZANIA AND LAKE NATRON

A 9 day safari travelling to Tarangire, Lake Natron, the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater and Lake Manyara based on Mid-Range Lodge accommodation

AT A GLANCE:

- This tour starts and ends in Arusha at Kilimanjaro International Airport or Arusha Airport. Alternatively, this tour can start and end in Dar es Salaam or Nairobi and we can book internal flights on request
- This tour is a private safari and run exclusively for you and can depart any day
- This tour offers mid-range accommodation with upgrades available
- This tour can be customised to suit your needs perfectly.
- This tour accepts children of all ages and discounts apply for children 0-15 years old with further discounts available for families sharing triple and quad rooms

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Witness the elephants and ancient baobab trees in Tarangire
- Visit the wild, remote and hauntingly beautiful Lake Natron
- Travel the endless plains of the world-famous Serengeti
- Search for the Big 5 in the Ngorongoro Crater
- See the tree-climbing lions in Lake Manyara
- Meet the Maasai and learn about this nomadic tribe's culture, beliefs and traditions
- Enjoy the comforts of a lodge in the heart of the Tanzanian bush

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1: Arrival Day

Welcome to Tanzania. Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport you will be met by a Benson Safaris Tanzania Transfer Driver and driven to your lodge where the remainder of the day is at leisure – rest in your room,

enjoy a swim in the pool or explore Arusha and the surrounding areas on one of our day tours – the choice is yours.

Overnight – Ilboru Safari Lodge, Arusha

Day 2: Tarangire National Park (B, L, D)

After breakfast you will drive to Tarangire National Park for a full day game drive. Tarangire is one of Africa's little-known gems and should be on the itinerary of all lovers of wilderness and solitude. Its name originates from the Tarangire River that crosses through the park and is the only source of water during the dry season.

Tarangire's landscape is incredibly diverse with a mix that is not found anywhere else on the northern safari circuit. It is dotted with ancient baobab trees, which the Maasai people believe are the first tree in creation, and large termite mounds. The dry season sees the harsh sun suck the moisture from the landscape, baking the earth a dusty red while the wet season brings dense bush and luscious high grasses. Famous for its large elephant population, it is also home to zebra, wildebeest, giraffe, waterbuck, baboons, dwarf mongoose, impala, buffalo, antelope and fringe-eared oryx. Predators include lion, cheetah and leopard. The swamps are shared by flocks of birds; green wood hoopoes, lovebirds, tallish herons, white bellied go-away birds and giant kingfishers. On drier ground you will find the kori bustard and the heaviest of the flying birds; the ostrich.

Overnight – Country Lodge, Karatu

Upgrade Your Accommodation – Tarangire Sopa Lodge, Tarangire National Park

Day 3: Lake Natron (B, L, D)

Today you will travel to the wild and remote Lake Natron which is situated at the base of Africa's only active volcano, Oldoinyo Lengai, and is known as the Mountain of God to the local Maasai people. The area around Lake Natron contains some of the most harsh and amazing scenery in Africa and is utterly breathtaking. Together with your Guide, you will be accompanied by a local Maasai Guide and walk up to the Engero Sero Waterfalls. Winding up through the shady gorge you will reach a beautiful natural swimming pool surrounded by steep rock walls showered by cascading spring water where you will have the opportunity to swim.

Overnight – Lake Natron Tented Camp, Lake Natron

Day 4: Lake Natron (B, L, D)

Lake Natron is one of the most alkaline lakes in the world and home to millions of tiny crustaceans. The lake is a haven for literally thousands of flamingos and it is one of the most important flamingo breeding grounds

on earth. It is the landscape rather than the animals that is the attraction here and the area around the lake is dry, desolate and hauntingly beautiful. After breakfast you will walk out across the baked mud to the shores of the great Soda Lake. From here, you can look back at the memorising view of Oldoinyo Lengai standing tall amongst the rolling hills and flat plains. Its ash-grey colour will remind you that this is still an active volcano. After lunch, you will return to Karatu where you will spend the night.

Overnight – Bougainvillea Safari Lodge, Karatu

Day 5: Serengeti National Park (B, L, D)

Today you will drive to the Serengeti National Park which is one of Africa's premier game parks. Driving through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area towards the Serengeti you will begin to experience the vastness of this territory and marvel at the multitude of animal and bird life while cruising through this acacia spotted savannah.

You will visit a Maasai Village in the Ngorongoro Highlands (optional) where you will meet the Elders, Warriors, women and children and learn about the culture, beliefs and traditions of Tanzania's last nomadic tribe.

The Serengeti is Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park and is also a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Serengeti is a year-round destination and each season has its own special highlight with the most famous being the annual wildebeest migration which is a once in a lifetime experience. You will game drive enroute before arriving into the Serengeti in time for a half day game drive.

Overnight – Serengeti Sopa Lodge, Serengeti National Park

Day 6: Serengeti National Park (B, L, D)

Today you will venture deeper into the world-famous Serengeti on a full day game drive.

Overnight – Serengeti Sopa Lodge, Serengeti National Park

Day 7: Ngorongoro Crater Park (B, L, D)

Today you will be rewarded with a full day game drive in the stunning Ngorongoro Crater which became a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1979 and is one of the only places on earth where mankind and wild animals co-exist in harmony. The Ngorongoro Crater is famous for Africa's best game viewing as there is an ever present abundance of wildlife due to the permanent water supply on the crater floor.

Upon arrival at the Crater's rim you will descend 610 metres into the Crater where your safari truly begins. Spot the endangered black rhino as well as wildebeest, buffalo, zebra, eland, Grant's and Thomson's gazelle and of course, giant tusked elephants. The Crater also has the largest known population of lions and you will also find leopards and cheetahs as well as scavengers such as spotted hyenas, jackals and rare wild dogs. Over 500

species of birds have been recorded within the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and these include white pelicans and flamingos.

Overnight – Bougainvillea Safari Lodge, Karatu

Upgrade Your Accommodation – Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro Crater Rim

Day 8: Lake Manyara National Park (B, L)

Today you will visit Lake Manyara National Park for a full day game drive. Stretching along the base of the Rift Valley escarpment, Lake Manyara is home to giant fig trees, acacia woodlands, mahogany trees and grassy flood plains. The contrasts of this area are simply breathtaking with its open plains, huge escarpment, Soda Lake, dense woodlands, and distant volcanic peaks coming together in an area best described by Ernest Hemingway as “the loveliest I had seen in Africa”.

Animals such as large buffalo, wildebeest, giraffes, mongoose, dik dik and zebra herds congregate on the grassy plains while the narrow belt of acacia woodland is home to the legendary tree-climbing lions and tusked elephants.

Lake Manyara provides the perfect introduction to Tanzania’s bird life with more than 400 species being recorded. Highlights include thousands of pink-hued flamingos on their perpetual migration, as well as other large waterbirds such as pelicans, cormorants and storks.

In the late afternoon you will return to Arusha for your final evening.

Overnight – Ilboru Safari Lodge, Arusha

Day 9: Departure Day (B)

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

PRICE:

This is a private safari, run exclusively for you and each vehicle holds a maximum of 7 clients. If an accommodation is fully booked we'll suggest a comparable alternative where possible. All prices quoted are per person in USD (US Dollars) and are subject to availability and expire on the 31st December 2019. Please contact us for a quote for travel in 2020 and beyond.

Number of Travellers:	Price Per Person:
1 Traveller (1 Room)	\$4,900
2 Travellers (1 Room)	\$3,560
3 Travellers (2 Rooms)	\$3,070
4 Travellers (2 Rooms)	\$2,710
5 Travellers (3 Rooms)	\$2,585
6 Travellers (3 Rooms)	\$2,445
7 Travellers (4 Rooms)	\$2,395

TRAVELLING IN THE GREEN SEASON?

Exclusive Green Season rates apply for clients travelling in April and May. Please ask us for a Green Season safari quote.

YOUR SAFARI INCLUDES:

- Arrival transfer from Kilimanjaro/Arusha Airport to hotel
- English speaking Driver Guide (other languages available upon request)
- Custom built, extended, open-roof 4WD safari Land Cruiser with fridge and inverter
- Accommodation as specified
- Meals as specified (B-breakfast, L-lunch and D-dinner)
- Drinks during game drives (bottled water and soda)
- Unlimited game drives including park and vehicle entry fees
- Local guide and activities in Lake Natron
- Maasai Village visit
- Departure transfer from hotel to Kilimanjaro/Arusha Airport
- All current Government fees and taxes

ENHANCE YOUR SAFARI EXPERIENCE:

A Tanzanian holiday is a dream come true and a once in a lifetime experience for most of our clients. We understand that every traveller is different and we are proud to offer a range of optional activities to enhance

your safari experience. Please note, all activities are subject to availability and prices are subject to change. We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

Night Game Drive in Tarangire on Day 2 – \$182 per person: Night in Tarangire is another world altogether. Witness the landscape waxed in a silver moonlight as giant elephants make their way into and out of the shadows and be sure to keep an eye out for eyes shining back at you from the spotlight. For logistical reasons we must book alternative accommodation at the Tarangire Safari Lodge located inside the Tarangire National Park and additional accommodation charges may apply. Please note, this tour is not suitable for children under the age of 12.

Olduvai Gorge on Day 5 – \$36 per person: Visit Olduvai Gorge which is one of the most important paleoanthropological sites in the world for early human evolution. The site is significant in showing the increasing developmental and social complexities in the earliest humans. Here you will enjoy free time to discover the museum before continuing to the Serengeti.

Hot Air Balloon Flight in the Serengeti on Day 6 – \$547 per person: Launch at dawn, rising as the sun rises above the breathtaking Serengeti you will gently float over the plains for around 1 hour. Upon your graceful return to the ground you will feast on a champagne breakfast under an acacia tree before beginning your full day game drive. Please note, this activity is not suitable for children under the age of 7.

Night Game Drive in Lake Manyara on Day 7 – \$182 per person: Experience a whole new world of nocturnal animals inside the Lake Manyara National Park as you drive into the thick ground-water forest and continue towards the lake following the Simba River to the hippo pools. This night safari will give you an entirely different perspective of the park and wildlife. For logistical reasons we must book alternative accommodation at the Manyara Serena Safari Lodge located high on an escarpment with breathtaking views of Lake Manyara and additional accommodation charges may apply. Please note, this tour is not suitable for children under the age of 12.

Treetop Walkway in Lake Manyara on Day 8 – \$47 per person: Walk among the treetops in Lake Manyara and experience untouched nature and wildlife from a unique perspective on Tanzania's first treetop walkway, and at 370 metres, it is also one of Africa's longest. It is an experience you'll never forget. Duration: approx. 1 hour.

Cycling Tour and Mama Lunch in Manyara on Day 8 – \$75 per person: Cycle through Mto wa Mbu Village where you will experience local life and enjoy the sights and sounds of this vibrant town before riding to a

Mama's house where you will feast on a traditional Tanzanian meal. Please note, this is a half day tour which runs in conjunction with a half day game drive in Lake Manyara National Park.

Add a Beverage Package – \$45 per person: Add beer and wine to your safari. Please note, this package is not available to clients under the age of 18.

Add Dinner in Arusha – \$30 per person: Add dinner in Arusha on nights 1 and 9 at the Ilboru Safari Lodge.

Arusha Day Tours – We offer Arusha City Tours (half or full day tours), Coffee Farm Tours, Night Tours with Dinner or visit the Lengo Football Academy with Village Walk. Please ask us for detailed tour descriptions and prices.

YOUR SAFARI EXCLUDES:

- Drinks at hotels, lodges and tented camps unless otherwise stated
- Tips (tipping is an expected, though not compulsory, component of any African safari. We are often asked for tipping guidelines and we recommend \$10-15 USD for your Guide per person per day. It is one of the most direct ways that you can have a positive economic impact within the East African community. Although it may not be customary for you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, as an important source of income for those in the tourism industry).