

# **Luxury Safari**

Arusha - Tarangire National Park - Karatu - Central Serengeti 9 Days / 8 Nights



## Day 1: Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge, Arusha



Arusha is the safari capital of Tanzania located at the foot of Mt. Meru, close to Mount Kilimanjaro, the Manyara, Tarangire and Ngorongoro National Parks. From there it's only a short trip to the Serengeti. Just to the north, on the slopes of Mt. Meru is the Arusha National Park. Built by the Germans as a centre of colonial administration because of the temperate climate, Arusha is a good spot to take a day or two off from your safari.

### **Day Itinerary**

Karibu Tanzania! (Welcome to Tanzania)!

On your arrival from your flight at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will be transferred to your accommodation for check in, dinner and overnight.

## **Overnight: Elewana Arusha Coffee Lodge**

Located in the middle of a verdant coffee plantation, Arusha Coffee Lodge is a sanctuary of aromatic tranquility and a welcome retreat after a long international flight, or the dust and excitement of a thrilling bush safari. Take residence in one of 30 luxury wooden chalets - 12 Plantation Suites and 18 Plantation Rooms - nestled amongst the surrounding gardens and sea of coffee trees. Turning off the road, a tree-lined drive guides you to the warm and inviting main area with its quiet understated aura of luxury. Vibrant gardens, a spa, and a swimming pool await, and a restaurant, Bacchus, and café bistro, 3° South, boast menus to satisfy the most discerning of palates, successfully fusing international culinary prowess with locally-sourced ingredients. Visitors are also welcome to enjoy convenient gift shopping at the Traders Walk Boutiques, located on site. Browse through a collection of five boutiques offering arts and crafts, jewellery, clothing, gourmet coffee and cakes and traditional Swahili food.







## Included

Private transfer to the hotel.

Accommodation includes dinner, bed and breakfast.

## Day 2: Elewana Tarangire Treetops, Tarangire National Park



After the Serengeti, Tarangire has the greatest concentration of wildlife in Tanzania and in the 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. This is also the one place in Tanzania where dry-country antelope such as oryx and gerenuk are regularly spotted. Tarangire is also known for its spectacular baobab trees, and its breathtaking views of the Masaai Steppe and the mountains to the south. Located just a few hours drive from the town of Arusha, Tarangire is a popular stop for safaris travelling through the northern circuit on their way to Ngorongoro and the Serengeti. The park extends into two game controlled areas and the wildlife are allowed to move freely throughout.

#### **Day Itinerary**

Departure for Tarangire (approx 2 hours away), one of the most beautiful and interesting park in northern Tanzania. Arrival at Tarangire National Park for a lunch after lunch in the afternoon departure to enjoy your first safari experience.

### **Overnight: Elewana Tarangire Treetops**

On the path of an annual elephant migration, Tarangire Treetops sits alone in a 312km2 private wildlife area bordering Tarangire National Park, amid a landscape of rolling and baobab-studded hills. Our elevated "treehouse" suites are perched high up with views over the adjacent baobab and marula trees, giving Tarangire Treetops an adventurous and exotic feel. Twenty suites, each 65 sq metres with a private balcony, are lavishly furnished. Natural materials are blended with contemporary Africana décor, to provide guests with a unique and most memorable safari experience. Encasing an impressive baobab tree, the spacious and tranquil dining room, reception and lounge overlook the swimming pool and a waterhole that sees a steady flow of wild animal visitors. With the natural beauty of the hills and dry river beds begging to be explored, guests can enjoy guided walking safaris, day or night time game drives and the enchantment of bush dining.







## Included

English guide and 4x4 vehicle on private (Toyota Land cruiser 4x4).

Tarangire Park fees and game drive.

Accommodation includes all meals, drinks in the accommodation and laundry

## Day 3: Elewana Tarangire Treetops, Tarangire National Park



### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast, departure for a safari in Tarangire Park.

This beautiful park dotted with baobabs stretches along the river of the same name to cover 2,850km2, although its adjacent reserves help protect the entire ecosystem that surrounds it.

Tarangire Park is home to the second largest concentration (after the Serengeti) of wildlife in the country and reputedly the first of elephants in the world. Large herds of zebras, wildebeest, oryx antelopes, water antelopes, lesser kudus, giraffes, and buffaloes gather along the Tarangire River, and several permanent, swampy areas.

It is also home to lions, leopards, and cheetahs, but these predators are more difficult to spot here than in the Serengeti. With its more than 450 species of, including some rare, for some the Tarangire is the best place in Tanzania for bird watching.

At dusk, departure for a night safari.

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## Day 4: Elewana The Manor at Ngorongoro, Karatu



Travelers heading for the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater will inevitably pass through the town of Karatu in the green hills of Tanzania's northern highlands. Presided over by the towering OI Deani Volcano, this small, colorful town serves as a popular overnight stop for visitors exploring the area's many game parks. The town offers a variety of activities including browsing the bustling marketplace, sampling beer at a local brewery, visiting a traditional lraqw homestead, or taking a guided walk through the Ngorongoro Forest in search of waterfalls and elephants caves.

Whether you are looking for cultural tours, hiking and biking opportunities, a chance to enjoy an authentic rural Tanzania experience, or simply a break between safari game drives, this underrated town has plenty to offer.

### **Day Itinerary**

Departure to Mto Wa Mbu for a tuk tuk excursion.

Upon arrival in Mto wa Mbu you can enjoy a memorable scenic and cultural excursion by tuk tuk through the nearby community of Mto wa Mbu, organized by an expert guide. Beging your adventure by traveling through this bustling town and interacting with its friendly people. Once you have walked through the village, you will continue along a picturesque route, which lends itself to exceptional photographic opportunities.

At the end of your tuk tuk tour, departure to Manyara National Park to enjoy your lunch.

After your lunch, you will go on a safari in the park.

At the end, return to your accommodation.

#### **Overnight: Elewana The Manor at Ngorongoro**

The Manor at Ngorongoro, with its luxurious cottages and magnificent Manor House, brings "old-world" opulence to a green and lush setting. Think cigars and brandy, elegant fine dining, and post dinner snooker. The Manor is one of the most lavish properties to enjoy on an East African safari; the rooms are cottage suites within manicured gardens, and each suite has a sitting room, fireplace and enormous bathroom. There is nothing like returning from a day out on safari to a hot bubbly soak in your Victorian bathtub. An luxurious sanctuary, The Manor has a full spa, an inviting swimming pool, and a stable of horses by which to explore the surrounding coffee plantations and countryside. The Ngorongoro Crater is one of the most breathtakingly impressive sights to behold in Africa. Eighteen kilometers in diameter, the crater is a caldera formed at a time of volcanic eruption, and now home to an abundance of wildlife. Whether standing on the lip or driving through the grassy-plains inside, Ngorongoro Crater is magnificent from any angle. The rim of the crater is lush, dewy mountain forest, met by leafy green coffee plantations sweeping up the

slopes. The Manor is nestled into one of these coffee plantations, very close to the entrance to the Ngorongoro conservation area.







### Included

Spanish speaking guide with private Landcruiser 4x4 vehicle.

Tour in Tuk Tuk.

Safari in the Lake Manyara park including entrance fees.

Accommodation including lunch, dinner and breakfast, local drinks (except premium brands).

## Day 5: Elewana The Manor at Ngorongoro, Karatu



## **Day Itinerary**

After an early breakfast drive to Ngorongoro Crater for game drive safari on the crater floor of Ngorongoro. Ngorongoro Crater is a natural wonder of the world and is 20 km in diameter with its own ecosystem due to its enclosed nature.

On Game drive you will spot a lush highland forest, with magnificent birdlife among the different tree species. Once on the grassy crater floor, you may discover a large variety of grazing herbivores, as well as the predators that are attracted by this abundant supply of prey. If you are after **The Big Five**, it is all here waiting for you. Black rhino, Tuskers elephants, lion, leopard and hyena along with healthy herds of wildebeest, buffalo and zebra. The Ngorongoro Crater has the biggest tusked elephants in Tanzania and is home to one of the few concentrated populations of Rhino. The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is famous not only for its beauty and wildlife, but also for the fact that it allows human habitation. The local Maasai tribe still lives within the area.

In the afternoon have your picnic lunch in the crater. After lunch return to your accommodation in Serengeti for dinner and overnight.

#### Included

English guide and 4x4 vehicle on private (Toyota Land cruiser 4x4).

Ngorongoro Crater Fees and Crater Game Drive.Includes picnic lunch

Accommodation includes all meals, drinks in the accommodation and laundry

## Day 6: Elewana The Manor at Ngorongoro, Karatu



### **Day Itinerary**

Lake Eyasi is a seasonal shallow salt lake on the floor of the Great Rift Valley at the base of the Serengeti Plateau. Lake Eyasi tour includes a visit to 2 remote tribes called The Hadzabe and The Datoga and you will be accompanied by a local guide who will help with the language translation.

Early in the morning proceed driving with a local guide into the surrounding hills ridges in search of a Hadzabe encampment; arriving at their last known site of camp upon meeting them you will be introduced to the camp members. Visit their tiny huts, follow the women on a gathering and see how roots are dug, mice are caught and berries and Baobab fruit are gathered and prepared, or follow the men on a hunt. The men are armed with long bows with poison tipped arrows, which you can see produced in the village and honey axes. If they are successful in hunting or finding a beehive, you will be offered to share their meal a small antelope, a Francolin or Guinea fowl as luck dictates that day.

### Lunch in Eyasi



In the afternoon set out and visit a Datoga community and learn about their traditional pastoral way of life. The women still wear leather dresses, traditional jewellery and distinctive facial scarification, and the men armed with spears tend to their vast herds. Visit the traditional homesteads and experience their way of life and if you're lucky enough time you will be able to see the traditional Datoga blacksmith that still resides in the area.

In the late afternoon return to the lodge.

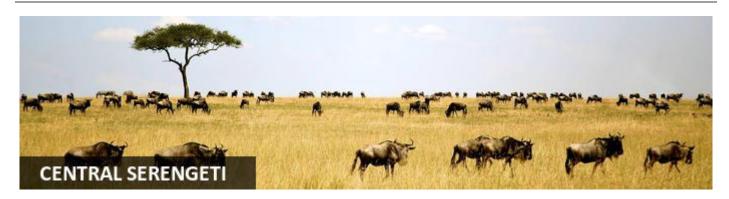
#### Included

English guide and 4x4 vehicle on private (Toyota Land cruiser 4x4).

Visit to Hadzabe and Datooga tribes including lunch.

Accommodation includes all meals, drinks in the accommodation and laundry

## Day 7: Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp, Central Serengeti



The Serengeti together with Kenya's Masai Mara Game Park form Africa's most famous wildlife park. The image of acacia trees on an endless grass plain epitomises Africa for many, and then add a Masai warrior and some cattle to the picture and the conversation need go no further. The annual wildebeest migration through the Serengeti and the Masai Mara is the largest mass movement of land mammals on the planet – with more than a million animals following the rains. But that is not where the game viewing ends; large prides of lions, elephants and giraffes in grasslands, gazelles and eland to mention but a few. Aside from traditional vehicle safaris, hot-air ballooning over the Serengeti plains has become almost essential and you can even do a horseback safari.

### **Day Itinerary**

This morning, depart with your guide to Serengeti National Park.

The distance between Karatu and Serengeti is about 220kms, about 4 hours.

Lunch will be served at the camp and in the afternoon, you will set out on your first Serengeti safari.

### **Overnight: Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp**

Located in the Southern Serengeti (within the Moru Kopjes area), Serengeti Pioneer Camp is ideally situated to offer superlative access to the annual migration and the 'Big 5' with sweeping views overlooking Moru Kopjes, Lake Magadi and the endless plains. Each of Elewana Collection's camps and lodges has its own individual style and feel. Serengeti Pioneer Camp continues this tradition. Paying homage to the mobile camps of the 1930's, a time when an African safari was truly a journey into the unknown, Serengeti Pioneer Camp's 'zero footprint' and close proximity to nature combines to make an unmistakably distinctive and truly individual offering. Comprising of twelve tented accommodations, all of which have ensuite facilities including a flushing toilet, vanity basin, and showers, the tent interiors are designed to evoke the very best of an era long-gone but certainly not forgotten. A dining tent hosts the Camp's guests for both breakfast and dinner, whilst luncheons are taken either in the camp or in the bush during what will no doubt be yet another enthralling day in the Serengeti. Serengeti Pioneer Camp captures the original essence of the mobile African safari, engendering nostalgic wonderment whilst unlocking the adventurous spirit within all of us. The drama and beauty of the Serengeti National Park is indeed awe inspiring.







## Included

Guide with Land Cruiser 4x4 vehicle and Spanish speaking Entrance fees to the Serengeti park.

Accommodation including lunch, dinner and breakfast, local drinks (except premium brands).

## Day 8: Elewana Serengeti Pioneer Camp, Central Serengeti



### **Day Itinerary**

Today you will spend the day exploring the Serengeti National Park together with your guide.

Tanzania's oldest and most popular national park, the Serengeti is famous for its annual migration, when some six million hooves hit the open plains, as more than 200,000 zebras and 300,000 Thomson's gazelles join the wildebeest walk to fresh grazing. Yet even when the migration is silent, the Serengeti offers undoubtedly the most scintillating glimpse of the game in Africa: large herds of buffalo, smaller groups of elephants and giraffes, and thousands upon thousands of eland, topi, kongoni, impala. and Grant's gazelle.

#### **Optional activity - Hot air Balloning.:**

Enjoy a great experience of a hot air balloon safari. Depart before dawn to the launch site and experience the wakening of wildlife and beautiful sunrise. Upon arrival at the site you will meet your pilot who will demonstrate all necessary safety information

The flight depends mostly on the weather and the wind, thus varies from day to day, but generally it is an hour's flight. On your flight you will experience an eagle's view of the Serengeti and all its beauty and if there is a special activity, the pilot will take the balloon near the treetops for better vision.

On landing, you will be served traditional toast of champagne, followed by breakfast. There is truly nothing to compare with breakfast served in the middle of the Serengeti plains.



#### Included

Spanish speaking Guide with a Land Cruiser 4x4 vehicle

Entrance fees for Serengeti park.

Accommodation including lunch, dinner and breakfast, local drinks (except premium brands).

Day 9: End of Itinerary



# **Day Itinerary**

Breakfast and transfer to the Seronera airfield for your flight back to Arusha.

Departure of your flight from Seronera at 11:00 am and arrival in Arusha at 12:20 pm

### **END OF AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY**

### Included

Transfer to seronera airstrip (private and Spanish speaking guide)

Shared flight Seronera - Arusha.