

Tanzania Country Guide

The adventure starts here...



Tanzania

Tanzania is a breath-taking safari destination, both for those new to safaris and for experienced safari enthusiasts alike.



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Need to Know

*Different types of Camps, & Safari
Budget ranges for Tanzania*

Tanzania

Serengeti • Ngorongoro Crater • Tarangire

Zanzibar • Mount Kilimanjaro • Nyerere

Lake Manyara • Mahale & Katavi • Tanzania Coast



Key Attributes

- *The Serengeti is the home of the Great Migration for most of year*
- *Ngorongoro is largest intact volcanic caldera in the world*
- *Diverse terrain offers an interesting array of wildlife*
- *Elephant concentration in Tarangire is greatest in Africa at end of dry season*
- *Warm waters, white beaches & vibrant coral reefs in Zanzibar*

Important Tips

- *Peak Season: July to October*
- *Some camps closed in April to early May*
- *Choose between fly-in, road safaris or a mix*

“

Africa – You can see a sunset and believe you have witnessed the Hand of God. You watch the lope of a lioness and forget to breathe. You marvel at the tripod of a giraffe bent to water. In Africa, there are iridescent blues on the wings of birds that you do not see anywhere else in nature. In Africa, in the midday heart, you can see blisters in the atmosphere. When you are in Africa, you feel primordial, rocked in the cradle of the world.”

— Jodi Picoult



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2) Tanzania's USPs

Tanzania is a breathtaking safari destination with abundant wildlife in several world-famous reserves. Over 25% of the country is either a reserve, national park or game management area.

Afterwards you can soak up the sun at one of the many beautiful beaches on Zanzibar, Pemba or Mafua Island



Top Reasons to Visit



Top Wildlife Destination

Close enough to travel by road: Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and of course - the Serengeti

Take a walk with the Masai

Experience the wisdom of the Masai pastoralists who have lived on the Serengeti for hundreds of years

Experience the Serengeti

Experience the quintessential safari landscape, big cats & migrating herds

Hunt and forage with the Hadzi

One of Africa's few remaining hunter-gathering people

Iconic Kilimanjaro views

Game drives, walking, canoeing, boating, fishing

Diving from Mafia Island

Night drives, & walking, allowed within national parks

See the elephants of Tarangire

Some of the highest concentration of elephants in the world in Tarangire

Soak up the sun on Zanzibar beaches

Wide choice of beach resorts to suit couples, families and all budgets



TANZANIA WILDLIFE

WILDLIFE YOU CAN POSSIBLY SEE



Abundant



Elephant



Hippo



Cape Buffalo



Zebra



Giraffe



Impala



Various
Birdlife



Wildebeest



Crocodile



Baboon



Mongoose

Occasional



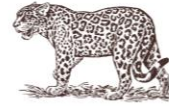
Rhino



Aardvark



Meerkat



Leopard



Honey Badger

Common



Lion



Flamingo



Ostrich



Gazelle



Marabou Stork



Jackal

Rare



Hyena



Onyx



Vulture



Eland



Cheetah



Warthog



Wild
Dog



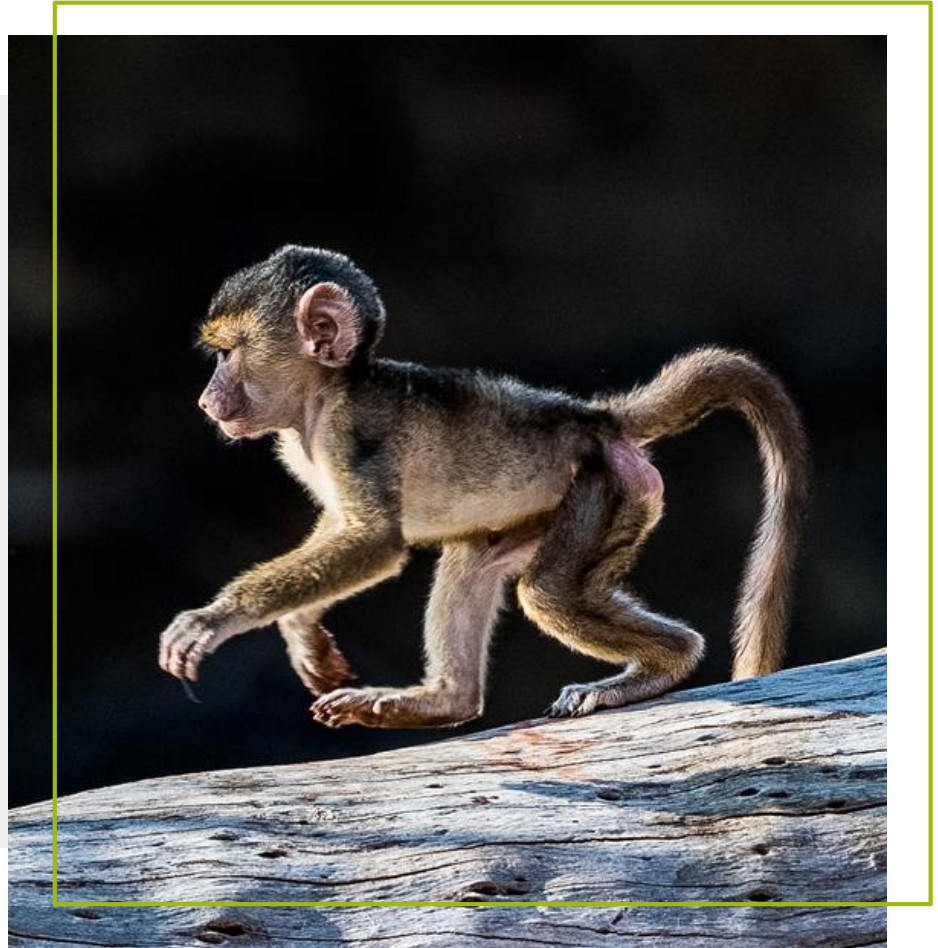
Fish Eagle

Note that
wildlife sightings
are not
guaranteed.



3) Best Time to Visit

The best time to visit Tanzania is from July to October when the country is at its driest. This coincides with the migration river crossings; however, all Parks offer amazing wildlife sightings at this time as the grasses and bush are at their least dense.





Best Time to Travel

Dec-March

Shoulder Season:

Great time to visit as fairly dry & fewer people

Return crossings can be seen in the north of the Serengeti (Nov), but unpredictable

Lots of newborn animals

Great for Birding

Photographers dream

Note: Short Rains in November (also lower prices)

April-May

Long Rains:

This is a period of heavy rain, so we would advise against travel, except perhaps at the end of May

Prices are keen!

Ruaha & Selous are effectively closed during this time

Late May to June is much less busy than July-Sept

Late May - Beach lodges in Zanzibar reopen

July-Oct

Peak Season:

Experience herds in their hundreds crossing Tanzania's rivers from now until Sept

Best wildlife viewing

Highest prices

Northern circuit can be very busy!

High numbers of elephant in Tarangire

Southern parks are particularly rewarding in Oct

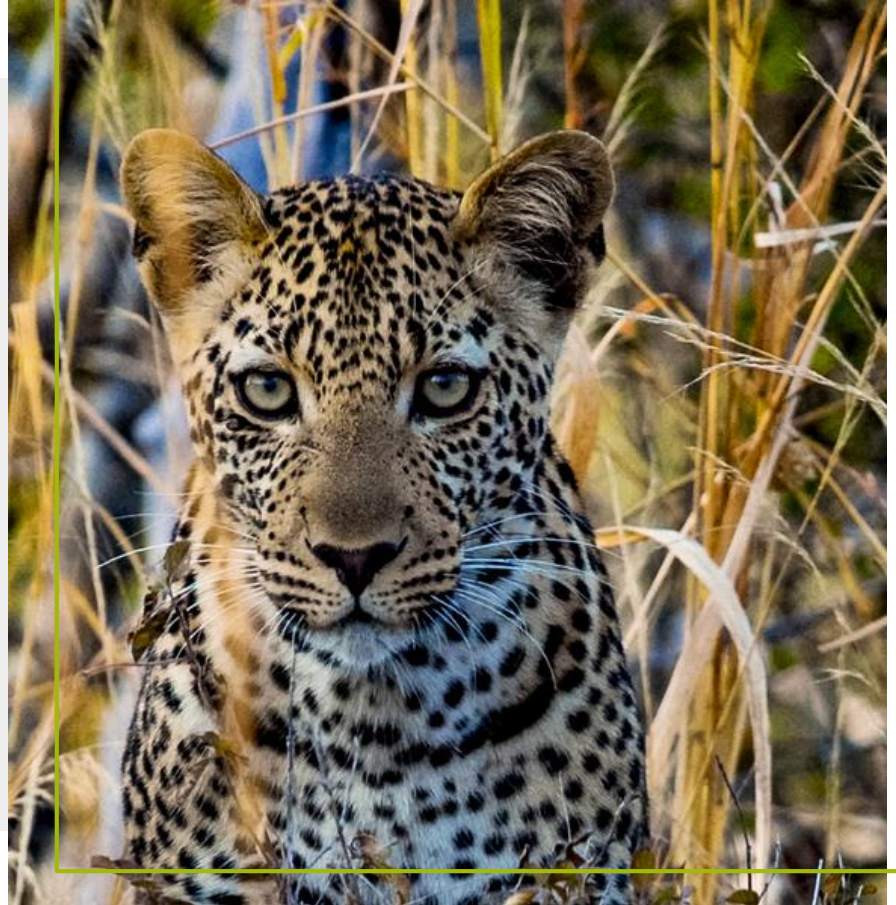
4) Destinations

Serengeti • Ngorongoro Crater

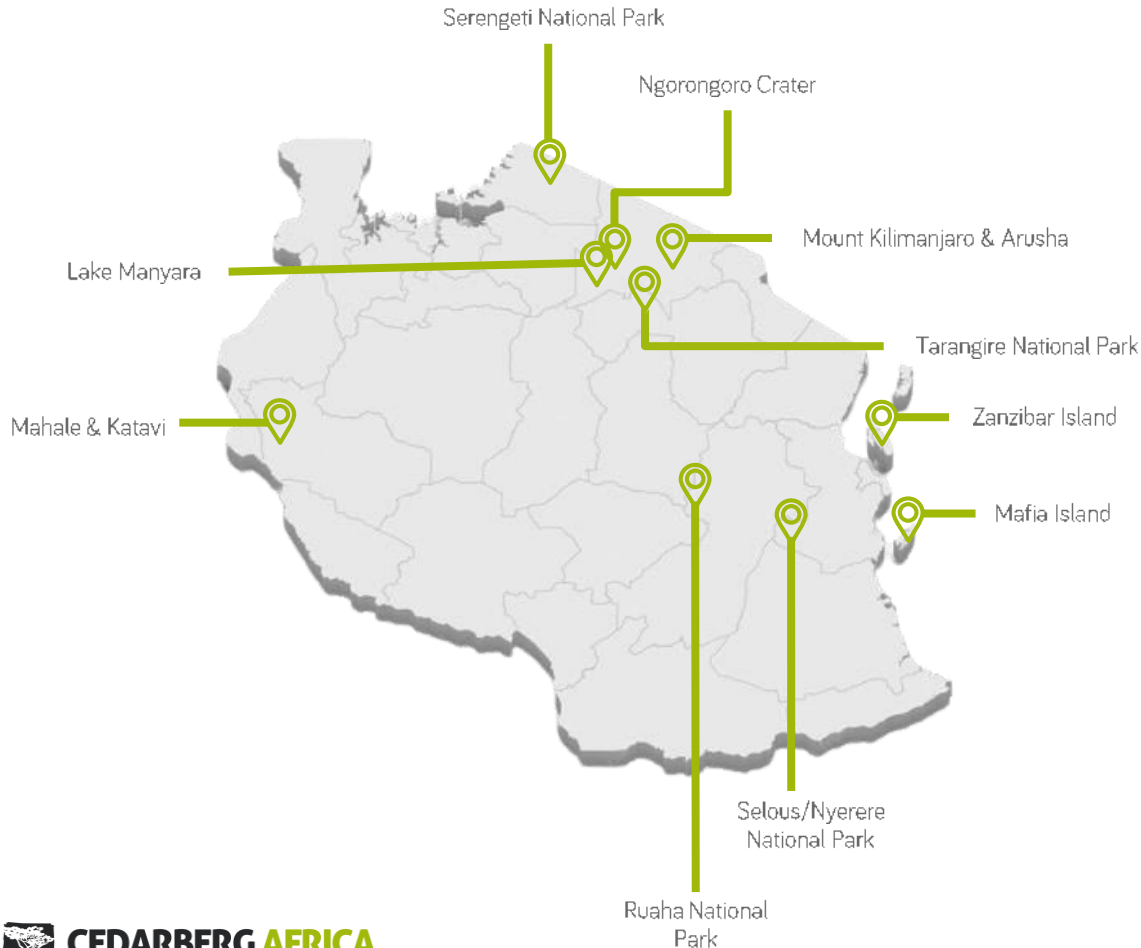
Zanzibar • Mount Kilimanjaro • Nyerere

Lake Manyara • Mahale & Katavi

Tanzania Coast • Tarangire



Key Parks of Tanzania



- *Serengeti National Park*
- *Ngorongoro Crater*
- *Tarangire National Park*
- *Zanzibar Island*
- *Mount Kilimanjaro & Arusha*
- *Ruaha National Park*
- *Selous (Nyerere) National Park*
- *Lake Manyara*
- *Mahale & Katavi*
- *Lake Natron*
- *Mafia Island*
- *Tanzania Coast*



Serengeti National Park

- *Spanning over 1.5 million ha, the Serengeti is the home of the Great Migration for most of the year*
- *Over 2 million wildebeest make their annual journey across its plains in search of better grazing areas*
- *Vast open savanna plains allow wildlife to move with the seasonal rains.*
- *Superb game-viewing offered all year round with Big 5 and high-density lion & other big cat populations*
- *Home to one of the great fighting tribes of Africa, the Maasai, with fascinating and truly unique culture*
- *Varied terrain from volcanic grasslands, open plains, rocky outcrops, rivers and even forests*



Serengeti National Park



Singita Sasakwa



Namiri Plains



Asanja Moru Camp

- *The best that money can buy*
- *Colonial Style with modern design twists*
- *Private Grumeti Concession in heart of wildebeest migration*
- *Chose from 4 Singita Lodges*

- *Luxurious & Stylish*
- *Elegant, contemporary & blissful*
- *Views over the Namiri Plains*
- *Big Cat territory away from the crowds*
- *African texture, colours & spirit*

- *Luxury Bush camp in Moru Kopjes area of central Serengeti*
- *Charming & Intimate*
- *Breakfasts in the Bush*
- *Known for good lion sightings*

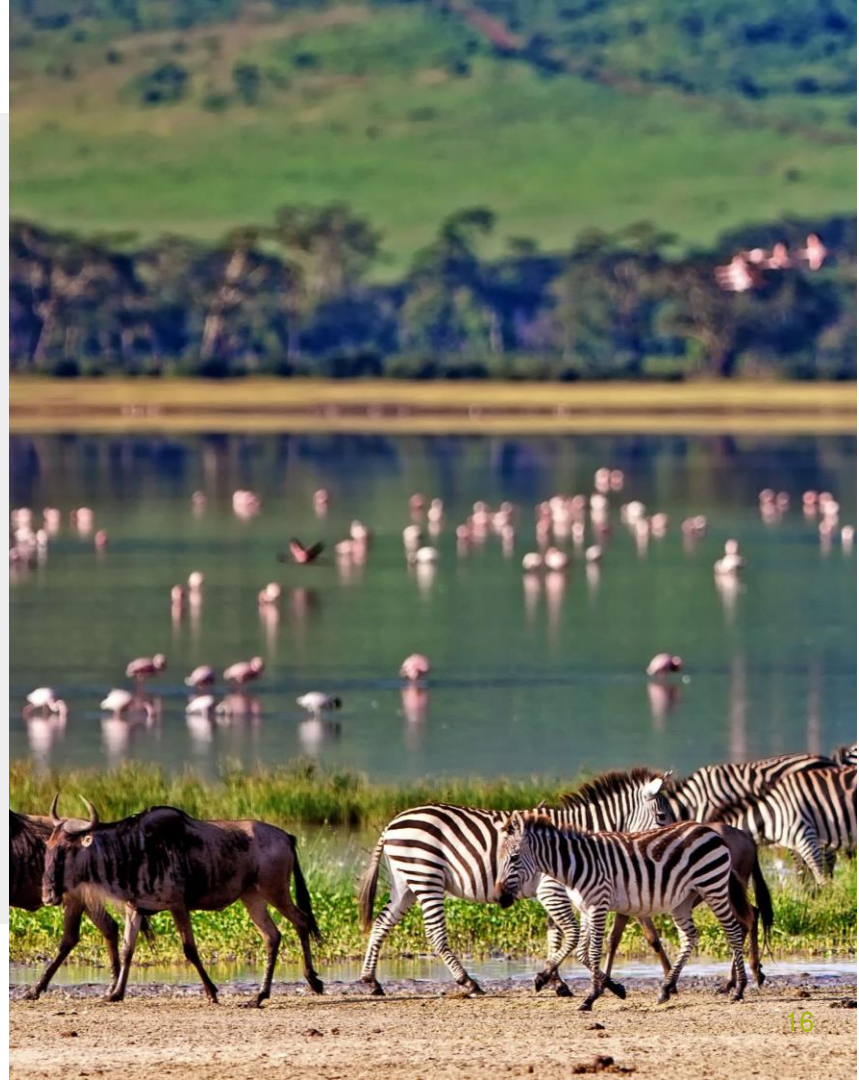
Top of Class

Luxury Lodge

Premier Lodge

Ngorongoro Crater

- *Largest intact volcanic caldera in the world - creates a natural amphitheatre of 260 sq km*
- *Mineral-rich crater floor is host to an unbelievably high concentration of game*
- *Complete eco-system comprising of nutritious grasslands, swamps, lakes, rivers, woodlands and forest*
- *Easily accessible airport in Arusha, only 2 hours away*
- *Great destination en route to Serengeti*



Ngorongoro Crater



The Highlands



Gibbs Farm



Neptune Luxury Lodge

- Ultra-Stylish & uniquely modern
- In Ngorongoro Highlands, on slopes of Olmoti crater, so away from the crowds
- Walking also an option as well as cultural interaction

- Luxurious rooms on a stylish colonial homestead
- Great mix of activities
- On a working coffee plantation
- Something different from the normal safari lodges!

- Closest hotel to the crater (but outside the park)
- Family friendly accommodation in spacious suites
- Set in virgin Tanzanian forest

Top of Class

Luxury

Premier/Comfortable

Tarangire National Park



- *Elephant concentration in Tarangire is the greatest in Africa at end of dry season*
- *Excellent game viewing as the Tarangire River is a vital life-source for the wildlife*
- *The “land of the giants” name is due to vast number of ancient baobab trees dominating the landscape*
- *Incredible bird diversity over 490 bird species recorded*

Tarangire National Park



Sanctuary Swala



Lemala Mpingo Ridge



Mbali Tarangire River

- *Luxury camp in secluded area away from the day visitors*
- *Access to the southern Tarangire so ideal for 2 nights*
- *Also: [Chem Chem Lodge](#)*

- *Fantastic escarpment views over Tarangire*
- *Stylish & Large suites with outdoor bath & sunken sleep-out option on deck*
- *In heart of the Park*

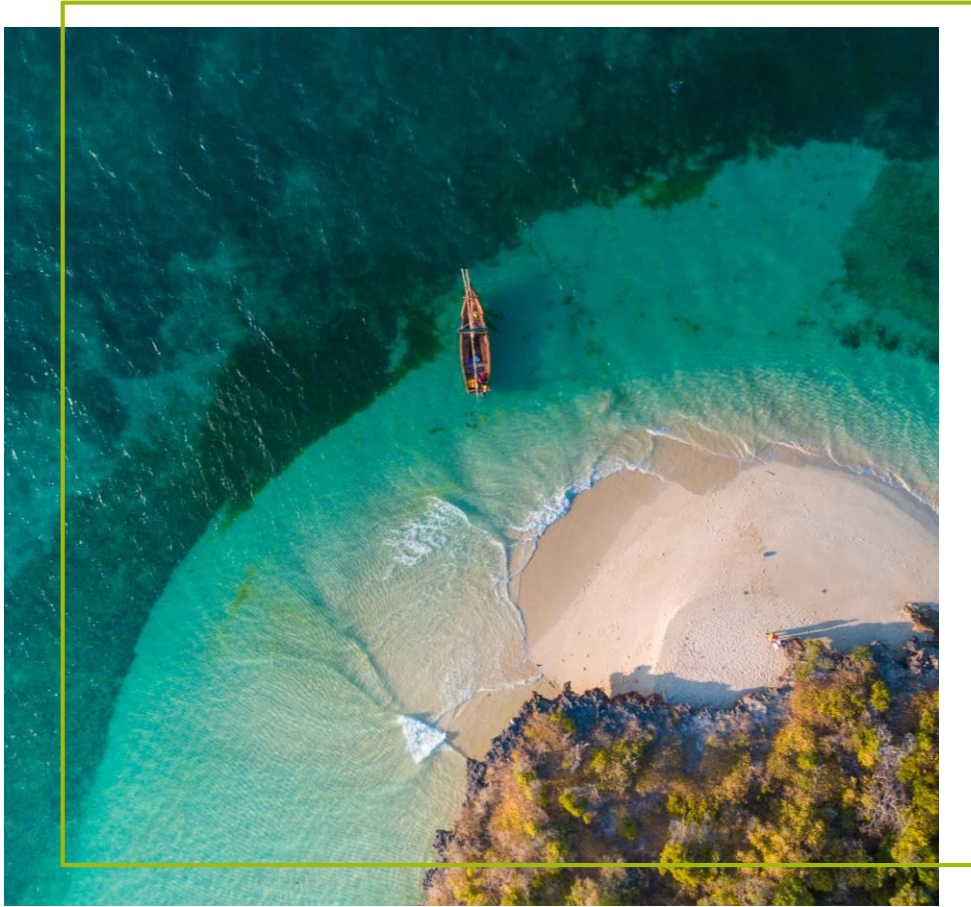
- *Modest camp with stunning cliff-top setting*
- *In the concession area only 15 mins from park gates*
- *Family friendly*

Luxury /Top of Class

Luxury/Premier

Comfortable





Zanzibar Islands

- *Perfect relaxing end to a Tanzania safari*
- *Warm waters, powder-white beaches & vibrant coral reefs*
- *Zanzibar Island, Pemba & Mafia Islands - each island offers something unique*
- *Snorkel & dive among coral reefs, sail on a traditional dhow and absorb the Swahili culture*
- *Historic & captivating Stone Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site*
- *Atmospheric maze of narrow streets, night markets and food vendors*
- *Easily accessible!*

Zanzibar Islands



Baraza Resort



White Sand Luxury Villas



Pongwe Beach Hotel

- Ultra smart 5 star resort
- Eastern/Swahili influence
- Fantastic spa with own pool
- Each Villa has its own pool & garden
- Choice of restaurants

- Boutique eco-luxury lodge
- Romantic
- Each 2 bedroom villa has private pool & garden
- Intimate – only 14 villas & rooms

- Small and comfortable family-friendly lodge
- Great east cost location
- Choice of rooms & villas to suit all budgets
- Family-friendly

5 Star/Top of Class

Luxury Resort

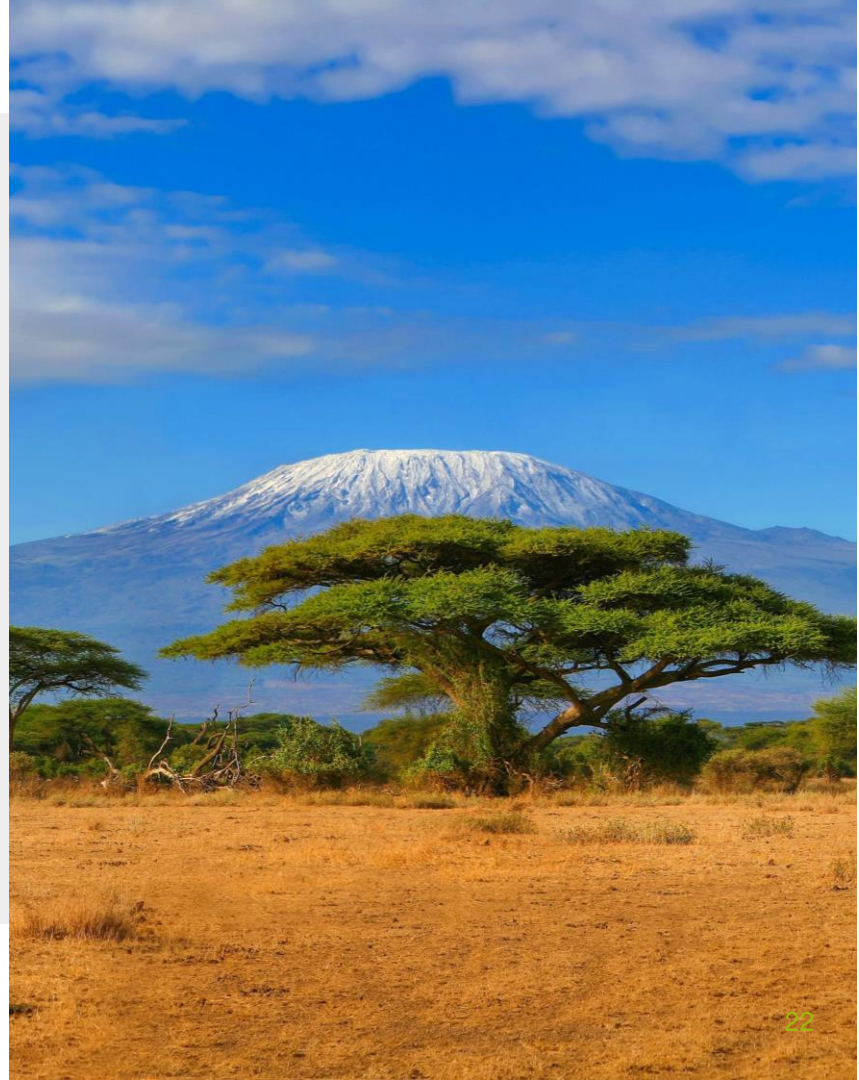
Premier Resort

Mount Kilimanjaro & Arusha

- *Iconic peak - the highest mountain in Africa*
- *Range of hiking routes, duration and even comfort level on offer*
- *Summit Mount Kili, or enjoy hikes to natural waterfalls, wildlife tours, and game drives*

Arusha

- *Arusha is often needed for 1 or 2 nights at the start or end of a Tanzania safari*



Arusha City & Surrounds



Arusha Coffee Lodge



Onsea House



Rivertrees Country Inn

- *Upmarket boutique lodge on own coffee plantation*
- *Spacious rooms in lush gardens*
- *Shanga craft workshop*
- *Well-positioned for reaching Tarangire or Ngorongoro easily*

- *Luxury Guesthouse*
- *Machweo wellness retreat offers more upmarket option (9 rooms)*
- *Great restaurant*

- *Restful country retreat*
- *Excellent farm-style cuisine*
- *Combines old world ambiance, Country elegance and warm hospitality*

Luxury

Premier

Bushcamp / Comfortable



Ruaha National Park

- *Rewarding game-viewing in less crowded southern Tanzania*
- *Rolling hills, baobabs and open bushveld border the wide Great Ruaha River*
- *Ecological transition zone = diversity of game*
- *Over 8,000 African elephants roam free*
- *Amazing floral diversity leading to over 570 bird species*
- *One of the wildest and least-visited parks- seasoned safari enthusiasts will love Ruaha*
- *Many lodges offer excellent walking safaris*

Ruaha & Selous Camps



Sand Rivers Selous



Kwihala Tented Camp



Mdonya Old River Camp

- *Known for elegance & hospitality*
- *beautiful area of the Selous with dense riverine forests, lakes and swamps laced with water channels*
- *Diverse game-viewing by vehicle, foot and boat*

- *Simple yet luxurious with only 6 tented suites*
- *High standard of guiding*
- *Area is terrific for big cats*

- *Tented camp in heart of Ruaha*
- *Only 12 Meru-style tents*
- *Well-priced for offering*
- *Situated in heart of big cat country*

Luxury

Premier/Luxury

Comfortable

Other Tanzanian Destinations



Selous/Nyerere Park

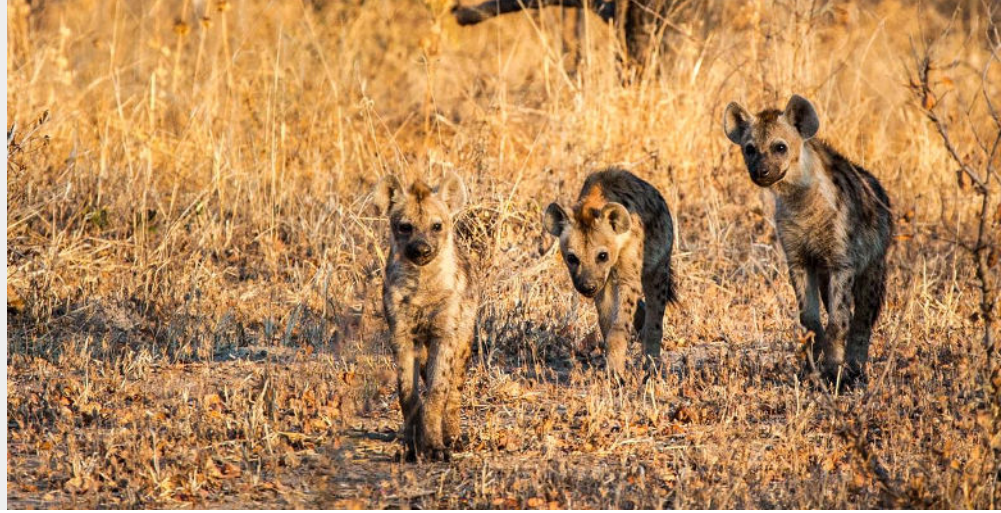
- *Largest Reserve in the world at 45,000 sq km*
- *Far less 'busy' than the northern reserves*
- *Largely untouched - one of Africa's last remaining wildernesses*
- *Abundant game in the reserve, with Africa's largest buffalo & lion populations*

Lake Manyara

- *A hauntingly beautiful soda lake - diverse landscape offers stunning views of the escarpment and lake surroundings*
- *Home to over 400 bird species*
- *See flamingos, pelicans and many other aquatic bird species*
- *Guided Treetop walkway through the forest canopy for a birds-eye view of the forest fauna and birdlife*
- *Between Arusha and Ngorongoro so easy to visit for the day*



Other Tanzanian Destinations Cont'd



Mahale & Katavi, Western

- *Mahale Mountains are set on the shores of Lake Tanganyika (the oldest & largest of Rift Valley Lakes)*
- *One of the best chimpanzee-tracking experiences in the world in Mahale Mountains*
- *Katavi is an unspoiled, true wilderness - provides adventurous travellers a thrilling taste of 'old' Africa*

Tanzania Coast

- *This Swahili Coast is often overlooked, but those that go will discover a beautiful wilderness area*
- *Idyllic beaches of deserted sand, interspersed with sleepy Swahili towns and tiny fishing villages*
- *Interesting lodges have opened up in beautiful, quiet coastal spots*
- *Visit Saadani National Park for the ultimate bush & beach experience*

5) Sample Safaris





First Time Visitors

Most people likes to see the following

- *Serengeti National Park*
- *Ngorongoro Crater*
- *Tarangire nif time permits*
- *Game drive in Lake Manyara, if time permits*

You can easily add on Zanzibar for some R&R afterwards



Sample Itineraries – Tanzania

Merely some starting ideas. Your clients are all unique so each safari is tailored to their needs



Northern Highlights & Zanzibar



Elewana Sky Safari



Tanzania Discovery

11 night fly-in safari which visits the key attractions of northern Tanzania before continuing to Zanzibar for a few nights on the coast.

11 nights

Visit three of the most popular national parks in northern Tanzania, and stay in four of the finest luxury lodges, operated by Elewana Africa.

9 nights

This is the classic northern Tanzania safari visiting the four main game reserves of Lake Manyara, the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater and ending with Tarangire National Park.

7 nights

Sample Tanzania Itineraries cont'd



Migration Paths and Crater



Southern Tanzania Adventure & Coast



Western Tanzania Adventure

This is a luxury safari combining road and flights and using a mix of both permanent and tented loges in the Tarangire, Ngorongoro and Serengeti. It ends with an optional beach stay on Zanzibar.

11+ nights

12 nights combining small lodges – all in gorgeous and carefully chosen locations – for a safari honeymoon or bush and beach getaway. Includes intimate camps offering authentic atmosphere.

12 nights

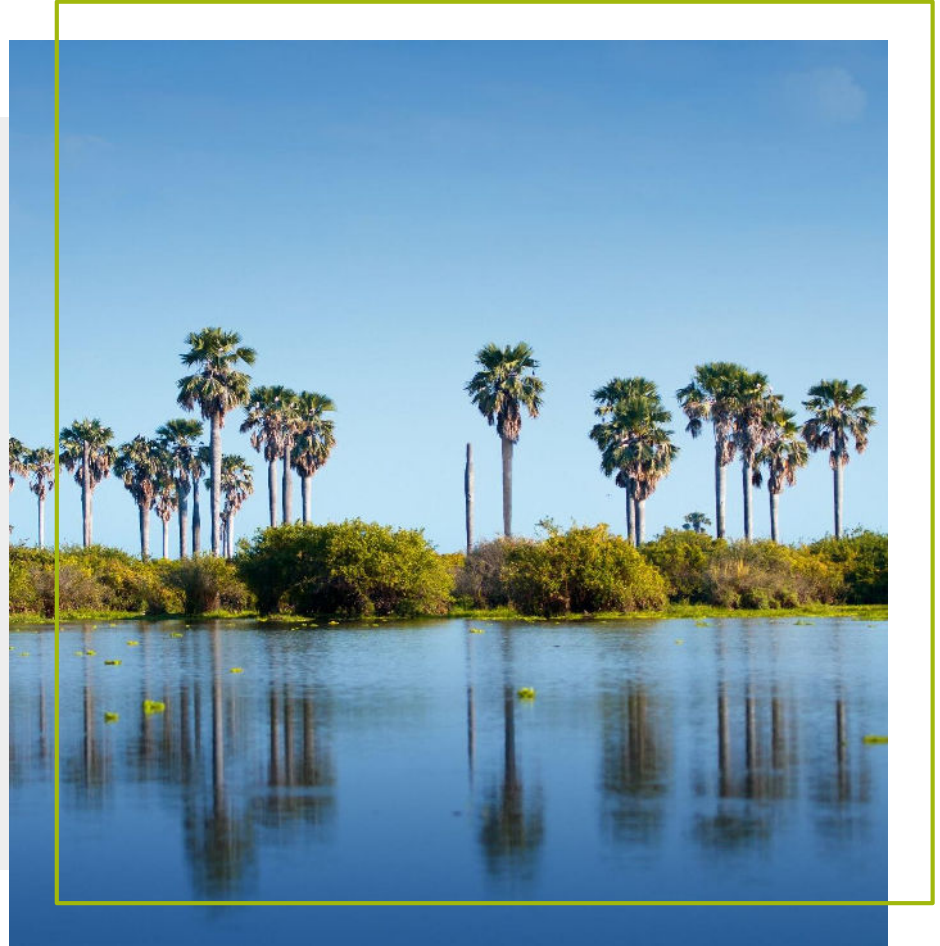
This 7 day Chimpanzee trek and Katavi safari is the perfect escape from the crowds. Take a week to explore the wild, remote but rewarding Tanzanian National Parks of Katavi and Majale, staying at 2 beautiful Mbali Mbali camps.

6 nights



6) Need to Know

- *Types of Accommodation*
- *Safari Costs*



Tanzanian Accommodation



Safari Hotels & Lodges

Safari lodges in Tanzania are permanent structures that offer all the bells & whistles you'd expect from a hotel, but smaller & more intimate to ensure a more personal safari experience. The smaller and more exclusive properties are of course more costly.

Tented Camps

Tented camps aim to provide all the comforts of a lodge while giving guests a smaller, intimate, yet luxurious safari experience. These camps consist of large, walk in, canvas tents set up on permanent frames. They will include en-suite bathrooms and often small plunges pools or a main swimming pool.

Beach Options

A stay at one of the many Zanzibar hotels or resorts offers an alluring mix of beautiful white beaches, palm groves and turquoise water. From luxurious villas and resorts, to more modest beach hotels, all budgets are catered for. Zanzibar is the perfect end to a Tanzania safari.



Typical Per Night Safari Costs in Tanzania (per person sharing)

	Shoulder Season (Jan –Mar, June)	Long/ Short Rains (April-May, Nov)	Peak (June/July-Sept)
Moderate or Scheduled Safaris	\$475-\$800	\$450-\$550	\$500-\$850
Premier Private Safaris	\$925-\$1,300	\$850-\$1,100	\$925-\$1,600
Deluxe Camps & Fly-in Safaris	\$1,400-\$2,550	Most Closed	\$2,000-\$3,000

Note: This typical per night price includes flights or road transfers, park fees and safari activities

General Info



Population

61.5 million

Population Density

67 people per sq km (USA is 35, UK is 280)

Capital

Dodoma (But Dar es Salaam is largest city and port)

Getting there

Direct and one-stop flights from overseas to Dar es Salaam, Kilimanjaro (near Arusha) and Zanzibar Island

Safari Season

June/July to October, and also December to mid-March

Official Language

Swahili & English

Thank you!

Spectacular by Nature, Personal by Design

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