

## Tanzania Explorer Mobile Safari

Tarangire National Park – Ngorongoro Crater – Serengeti National Park

7 Days / 6 Nights



Imagine falling to sleep under star-studded African skies in the heart of expansive wilderness, listening to the haunting and mysterious sounds of night predators piercing the otherwise complete stillness that surrounds you.

Our Explorer Mobile Safari offers a comfortable private mobile safari that takes you off the beaten track and away from the main safari thoroughfares. It's a relaxed alternate to a lodge safari, perfect for those who like to get close to nature and sleep under canvas. We book private wilderness campsites to keep you as close as possible to all the wildlife action, while escaping the safari circuit crowds. It's the perfect way to connect with family and friends.

Is this your kind of safari?





### What to expect on your mobile safari:

In this modern version of mobile safaris we've replaced ox-wagons with custom-made 4x4 safari vehicles and professional guides, but you still have your private mobile camp, and personal chef, waiter and support crew.

Your guide and their assistants are experienced professionals who strive to ensure optimal game-viewing opportunities throughout your safari, while prioritising your comfort and safety. Our support vehicle and crew travel ahead of you to set up camp.

We provide spacious 3.5 x 6.5m dome tents (including en-suite toilet/shower), with comfortable camp beds, foam mattresses, warm bedding (duvet & linens) and pillows. Sumptuous meals are prepared by our friendly safari chef, and are either served in the mess tent, or if you prefer, alfresco "under the stars". Meals usually consist of a cooked breakfast, light lunch and a three-course dinner.



In our specially customised, extended land cruisers the windows are enlarged and the roof height raised to allow ease of photography and game-viewing through the 360 degree view hatches, with plenty of room to stretch your legs. You'll also find a selection of reference books on Tanzania's parks, flora and fauna, a cooler box for drinks and invertors for charging your cameras/phone.



Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Explorer Mobile Camp	Tarangire National Park	Full board	<b>2 Nights</b>
Bougainvillea Lodge	Karatu	Full board	<b>1 Night</b>
Explorer Mobile Camp	Ndutu/ Serengeti	Full board	<b>3 Nights</b>

### Brief itinerary:

Day 1	We will meet you at your Arusha hotel for a pre-safari briefing. Departure from your hotel around 09h00 to Tarangire National park. Picnic lunch and game drives included. Overnight Tarangire, private campsite in Explorer Mobile tents.	Lunch Dinner
Day 2	Day exploring Tarangire. Overnight Tarangire in Explorer Mobile tents.	Full board
Day 3	Depart Tarangire after early breakfast and head to Manyara. Balance of day game viewing. Continue to Karatu/ Ngorongoro. Overnight Bougainvillea Lodge or similar.	Full board
Day 4	Morning game viewing in Ngorongoro crater. Picnic Lunch. Drive to Serengeti National Park. Olduvai Gorge and Masai Village visit both optional extras en-route. Overnight Explorer Mobile Camp in Serengeti.	Full board
Day 5	Serengeti National Park. Overnight Explorer Mobile Camp. Game drives	Full board
Day 6	Serengeti National Park. Overnight Explorer Mobile Camp. Game drives	Full board
Day 7	Return to Arusha either by road or by air, flight Serengeti-Arusha at an additional cost.	Breakfast

### Detailed itinerary:

#### Day 1: Arusha - Tarangire National Park

An early morning briefing at your Arusha hotel kick starts your safari, before you head off away from the main northern safari circuit to Tarangire National Park, a true wildlife gem known primarily for its vast elephant population and impressive baobab trees. (Driving time 90 mins - 2 hours)

Highly underrated, yet bursting with a dense wildlife population, it won't take you long to appreciate just why we love Tarangire. During the dry season (June to September) thousands of animals including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, wildebeest, kudu, and the rarely seen oryx migrate from the Maasai steppe to the Tarangire River in search of water.

Lion, leopard and other predators follow, so be sure to charge your camera battery and empty your memory stick as some unique memories are waiting to be made. With impressive landscapes dominated by baobab trees, an enormous elephant population and over 550 varieties of bird, Tarangire offers secluded game viewing and loads of game – a winning combination in anyone's book!

Spend the day enjoying game drives, with picnic lunch included.

Overnight in your [Explorer Mobile Tented Camp](#) at a private campsite in Tarangire, or private concession nearby.





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**Day 2: Tarangire**

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Leisurely day spent exploring Tarangire. **Overnight [Explorer Mobile Tented Camp](#).**

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**Day 3: Lake Manyara – Ngorongoro**

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Today we leave early for a day in the scenic Lake Manyara National Park.

The north-western area of Lake Manyara, a shallow, alkaline lake, is protected in a 330 sq km national park, which contains a remarkable diversity of habitats: the grassy floodplain of the lakeshore, the rocky base of the escarpment, a belt of thick acacia woodland and a lush patch of groundwater forest. A variety of large mammal species including elephant, buffalo, wildebeest, giraffe and lion may be observed. Manyara is superb for keen birders – with almost 400 recorded species.

Continue up to the Ngorongoro highlands via the rich soils and farming area of Karatu.

**Overnight [Bougainvillea Lodge](#), or similar.**

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**Day 4: Ngorongoro – Serengeti**

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Today is surely one you've been itching to tick off your African travel bucket list. One of the natural wonders of the world, the volcanic caldera of Ngorongoro offers spectacular game viewing in the crater. We can almost guarantee you four of the Big Five will show up, as well as a rich variety of birds, all viewed against the splendid backdrop of the thickly forested crater walls.

Head to the Serengeti, with ample time for an optional visit to Olduvai Gorge, or a Masai Village en route.

**Overnight Serengeti National Park – [Explorer Mobile Tented Camp](#)**

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## Days 5 & 6: Serengeti National Park

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Your days are spent at leisure exploring this world-renowned park, unequalled for its beauty and home to more than three million large mammals spread over the vast endless plains. It is here, at certain times of the year, that we may encounter the breathtaking spectacle of the annual wildebeest migration, where one and a quarter million wildebeest trek in columns of up to forty kilometres long in search of grazing, drawing with them their predators and numerous other species of game.

Huge herds of wildebeest and zebra can be found here along with smaller concentrations of gazelles and buck. There are also significant numbers of buffalo, giraffe and warthog. Elephants are relatively scarce on the open plains, more common in the northern areas and the western corridor.

But the most popular animals to be found here in greater abundance than elsewhere on the northern circuit are the cats. Lions, cheetahs and leopard may all be seen here along with other predators, such as the spotted hyena, golden and black-backed jackals, wild cats and servals.

### Overnight Serengeti National Park – [Explorer Mobile Tented Camp](#)

Spend the following few days enjoying half or full day game drives in the Serengeti.

We highly recommend booking a **Hot Air Balloon trip** (optional extra).

A hot air balloon safari over one of Africa's most famous and majestic national parks is not easily captured in words. The quiet of floating over plains, the exhilaration of climbing into the pink-blue of the early dawn on invisible currents, the breathless awe of peering over the basket's edge at this vast swathe of wild Africa. Take off is at dawn and a champagne bush breakfast completes this must-do adventure.



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## Day 7: End of services

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We strongly recommend that you consider the option of flying back from the Serengeti to Arusha or Kilimanjaro today. It is an exceptionally scenic flight over the highlands of Ngorongoro, across the vast expanse of the Rift Valley escarpments and the green coffee plantations surrounding Arusha airport. On a clear day you will see amazing views of Mount Meru's dark profile rising up above the town, cloaked in wisps of cloud, and sometimes Kilimanjaro in the distance. This optional flight carries an additional cost. Alternatively, drive back to Arusha (it's a long way in one day) – arriving late afternoon.

### End of services

**Package price:** please contact us on [reservations@wildfrontiers.com](mailto:reservations@wildfrontiers.com) for a quotation

### Included:

- 7-day 'Explorer mobile' safari by road in 4x4 vehicle with open game viewing hatches, with full back up crew in second vehicle
- services of a private safari guide/ driver
- all meals on safari
- game viewing activities as indicated
- all camping equipment
- bedding (duvet/linens), pillows and towels
- bottled water for game drives / in vehicle throughout
- park fees and camp fees as shown
- Ngorongoro crater entry

### Excluded:

- All flights, visas, travel insurance, health requirements including Yellow Fever inoculation, all items of a personal nature including gratuities

### UPGRADE your Serengeti nights ....

If you would like to stay in one of intimate Serengeti Wilderness camps instead – this is easily organised. Please note that this itinerary is totally flexible and merely a suggestion of our favourite places, for optimum game viewing.

#### Serengeti Wilderness Camps

Our camps – Serengeti Wilderness Camp (permanent camp), Serengeti North Wilderness Camp and/or Ndotu Wilderness Camp (seasonal camps) are located inside the national park and conservation areas respectively. These camps are designed in the safari style of olde – simple, but comfortable with every need being taken care of. Each camp comprises of maximum 12 tents, comfortably furnished with great attention to detail and include quality linens, solar lighting, and eco-friendly en-suite facilities.

Depending on the time of year you may stay at either one of our camps during your time in the Serengeti. Serengeti Wilderness Camp is centrally located and is a great place to base up just about all year round. There is exceptional resident game in the area, including the big cats, herds of elephant, resident wildebeest and zebra, buffalo and plenty of antelope. The seasonal camp moves from Ndotu in the south during the calving season, to the North for dramatic river crossings.





## THE MIGRATION EXPLAINED:



The following should be used as a guideline when planning your safari to East Africa – movement of wildlife depends on a great many aspects. The following migration calendar helps to explain the seasonality of game viewing. Remember there is resident game throughout the year in the Serengeti/Ngorongoro eco-systems.

### **JAN / FEB / MARCH**

The large herds of wildebeest are generally in the southern plains of the Serengeti eco-system, calving takes place over approximately two weeks. An abundance of predators, good visibility of game, mix of open plains and some woodland.

### **APRIL / MAY**

The herds start moving toward central Serengeti. This is typically the rainy season, however, game viewing is still excellent and there are some great discounts available at lodges and camps. It generally doesn't rain all day. Conditions for photography are generally superb with moody skies and good depth of colour.

### **JUNE / JULY / AUGUST**

The wildebeest move from the central area and split to the west and north, continuing their trek toward the Mara River. River crossings may be seen in both the western corridor (Grumeti area) and north (Mara River).

### **SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER**

Whilst some of the wildebeest successfully reach the Masai Mara, there are still hundreds of thousands remaining in the northern region of Serengeti, offering those with guests with loads of patience the chance to see exciting river crossings (the Mara River runs through the Serengeti).

### **NOVEMBER / DECEMBER**

The massive herds start to return from the north to the southern plains, before the cycle repeats again!



**VISA REQUIREMENTS:** All visitors to Tanzania must have a valid passport which needs to be valid for 6 months after return date of travel and have at least 3 blank pages in it. Except for exempted countries all visitors require a visa to enter Tanzania. South Africans visiting on holiday currently do not require a visa. Visas are currently US\$ 50 per person, single entry for most other nationalities. An exception is US citizens for whom a single-entry visa is US\$100

Visitors should apply via the e-visa portal: <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa>.  
Visas are issued within 2 - 3 weeks.

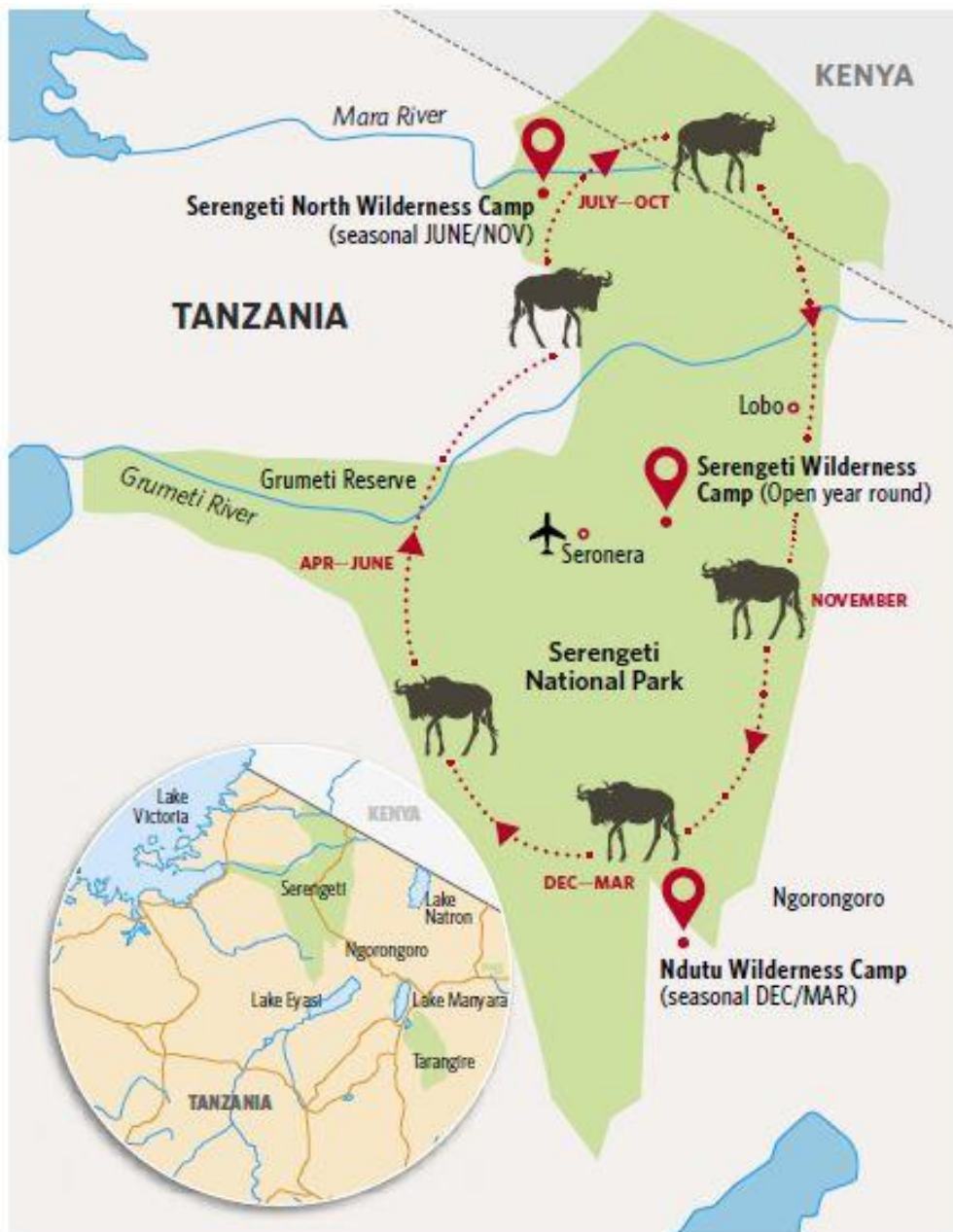
#### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:**

Yellow fever vaccines are no longer required to enter Tanzania unless you have been via an endemic area. However, on the ground it often differs and you are likely to be asked for Yellow Fever certificate, even if you have only been in transit via Nairobi. We strongly suggest you have a Yellow Fever vaccination, as regulations can change and often staff at border posts have the incorrect information on this, which can cause delays. (For a list of countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring yellow fever vaccination click [here](#))

Precautions against Malaria are also recommended.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.





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