

## Serengeti Footprints Walking Safari

Ngorongoro Crater – Serengeti

7 Days / 6 Nights



Tanzania National Parks offer some great wilderness areas for walking safaris, and we are one of the few operators walking here. We walk in a wilderness area of the Serengeti eco-system, with an armed National Parks guide and our guides, without a vehicle in sight! The safari is fully backed-up, with the support vehicle and crew going ahead of the guests and setting up camp in private areas.

Aside from your experienced guides, you will be well looked after by a safari chef and camp assistant - all fully trained professionals who aim to share with you optimal game-viewing opportunities, while prioritising your comfort and safety when travelling with us.



Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
<a href="#">Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge</a>	Ngorongoro Crater	Full board	<b>1 Night</b>
<a href="#">Serengeti Wilderness Camp</a>	Serengeti	Full board	<b>2 Nights</b>
Lightweight walking camp		Full board	
<a href="#">Serengeti Wilderness Camp</a>	Serengeti	Full board	<b>1 Night</b>

## Day 1: Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge, Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast and a briefing at your Arusha hotel, depart to Ngorongoro. Pause to admire the views of Lake Manyara from the escarpment above, then continue to the farming region of Karatu and the Ngorongoro Conservation area.

**The Ngorongoro Crater**, at 2,286 metres above sea level, is the largest unbroken caldera in the world. Surrounded by very steep walls rising 610 metres from the crater floor, this natural amphitheatre measures 19.2 kilometres in diameter and 304<sup>2</sup>km in area. It is home to up to 30,000 animals, almost half of which are wildebeest and zebra. Buffalo, elephant, hippo, hyena, jackal, lion, ostrich, serval, warthog, bushbuck, eland, hartebeest, reedbuck, waterbuck and huge herds of both Thomson's and Grant's gazelle are easily seen on the crater floor.

Thanks to anti-poaching patrols, the crater is now one of the few places in East Africa where visitors can be certain of seeing black rhino, with the number now approaching 25. Leopard may occasionally be seen in the trees of the forest surrounding the crater, while cheetah are also present.

Countless flamingo form a pink blanket over the soda lakes, while more than 100 species of birds not found in the Serengeti have been spotted. The crater, having been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, lies within the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, which covers more than 8,300<sup>2</sup>km.

Optional afternoon walk with a local Maasai guide in the area.

**Overnight: Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge** [View iBrochure](#)





Perched on the edge of the Ngorongoro Crater, the magnificent Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge is the only property on the eastern rim of this World Heritage Site.

Accommodating 186 guests in its 97 spacious en-suite bedrooms, the Lodge has its own private road to the crater floor. The Lodge is perfectly situated to explore the abundant game in what is often referred to as the “Eighth Wonder of the World”. Its location offers awe-inspiring views over the crater and some of the most breathtaking sunsets to be seen in Tanzania.

Each suite has a private lounge with mini-bar, en-suite bathroom, central heating and a private solarium. The Lodge boasts a swimming pool situated on the very edge of the rim.

## Day 2: Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Central Serengeti

Head off early and descend into the Ngorongoro crater caldera for a morning of game viewing. After a picnic lunch, we head toward the open Serengeti plains.

The **Serengeti National Park** is arguably the best known wildlife sanctuary in the world. Serengeti means “endless plains” in the Masai language, and within its boundaries are more than three million large mammals. About 35 species of plains animals may be seen here, including the so-called “big seven” – buffalo, elephant, lion, leopard, rhino, cheetah and African hunting dog. There is, of course, also a profusion of birdlife with over 500 species including bustards, cranes, eagles, herons, owls, storks, vultures and the bizarre, long-legged secretary birds.

The **Seronera region**, in the central Serengeti, is set directly on the Great Migration route, and offers excellent viewing of this incredible annual phenomenon, when countless wildebeest flood across the plains. While migratory game populations fluctuate seasonally, Seronera is still a wildlife hotspot at other times of the year, sheltering the Big Five, among many other species.

Arrive late afternoon at your camp which will be home for the next two nights.

**Overnight: Serengeti Wilderness Camp**     [View iBrochure](#)

Located in the heart of the Serengeti, in a pristine area that offers unparalleled game viewing, Serengeti Wilderness Camp is open all year round, and is located to the east of the famous central Seronera region.



Comprising just ten spacious tents, including a family tent, our 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 are en-suite with flushing toilets and a bush-shower. A private verandah offers a shady place to relax.

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

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.

If you prefer an intimate safari experience, without compromising on comfort, our Wilderness Camps offer just that. This camp is small, offering traditional 'under canvas' accommodation with superb food, a relaxing atmosphere and great Tanzanian hospitality in one of the most beautiful places on earth!

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### Day 3: Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Seronera

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Full day of game drives in the Serengeti.

**Overnight: Serengeti Wilderness Camp**     [View iBrochure](#)



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### Day 4-6: Walking safari

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You will be accompanied by a trained, armed Parks guide as well as your Wild Frontiers' guide as you head off on your walking safari. Two nights/three days are spent on this walk – unfolding the 'smaller species' and enjoying the solitude that a walking safari offers.

#### **What to expect on your walking safari...**

Typically, you will have an early light breakfast... and start your walk before it gets too hot, and also to maximise the opportunity of seeing game when it's a little more active, and with good photographic opportunities (ie lighting!). We aim to walk about 3-4 hours in the morning maximum, before arriving at the camp and enjoying a brunch/lunch. The afternoon will be spent relaxing at the camp, before heading off for a shorter walk in the vicinity of the camp. Return for sundowners and dinner/overnight. All your supplies, tents etc are moved forward by your camp crew, leaving you with only your water and snacks to carry in your day pack. Overnight in a lightweight camp which consists of 2.5m by 2.5m walk-in dome tents, mess tent, bedding and mattresses, chairs, bush toilet and shower, fridge / cool box, and camp lighting.

**LOGISTICS & EQUIPMENT – LIGHTWEIGHT WALKING CAMP**

Tents - 2.5 x 2.5 m canvas dome tents, walk-in  
Bedding - sleeping bags, liners, mattresses and pillows are all supplied  
Toilets - short drop with toilet seat  
Shower - bucket shower (hot water)  
Washstands for morning water at tents  
Mess tent, tables and chairs  
Lamps in mess tents / torches supplied

**COMMUNICATIONS & SUPPORT**

Radios, mobile phones & GPS.

**CREW**

Wild Frontiers trained walking guide  
TANAPA (Tanzania National Parks) guide – armed  
Driver and cook and Parks Ranger at the camp.

**MEALS**

Three good meals a day and packed lunches as needed. Bottled water included on walk 3 litres / person / day (carried in supply vehicle)

**GROUP SIZE**

Maximum 8 pax. Larger groups may be quoted on request.

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**Day 6: Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Seronera**

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This morning, enjoy a final morning walk in the cool of the day. You then meet the vehicle for your transfer back to your camp in time for lunch. Optional afternoon game drive.

**Overnight: Serengeti Wilderness Camp**    [View iBrochure](#)

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**Day 7: End of Itinerary**

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Transfer by road or air back to Arusha. (Return flight is optional alternate)

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**Included:**

- Pick up from Arusha hotel and briefing
- Services of driver/ guide
- **Park entrance fees USD 953**
- 1 night accommodation at Sopa Ngorongoro including dinner and breakfast
- 3 nights accommodation at Serengeti/ Ndutu Wilderness Camps on a Full board basis (includes local beer, house wine and soft drinks)



- 2 nights accommodation in Lightweight Walking Camp – includes 3 meals a day & bottled water on safari
- Back up crew and vehicle for walking safari
- Services of National Park guides on walk, walking safari fees and camp fees, and guide costs

#### Excluded:

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

***We also specialise in designing private tailor made trips throughout Tanzania and East/ Central/ Southern Africa to meet your exact personal interests.***

#### 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.

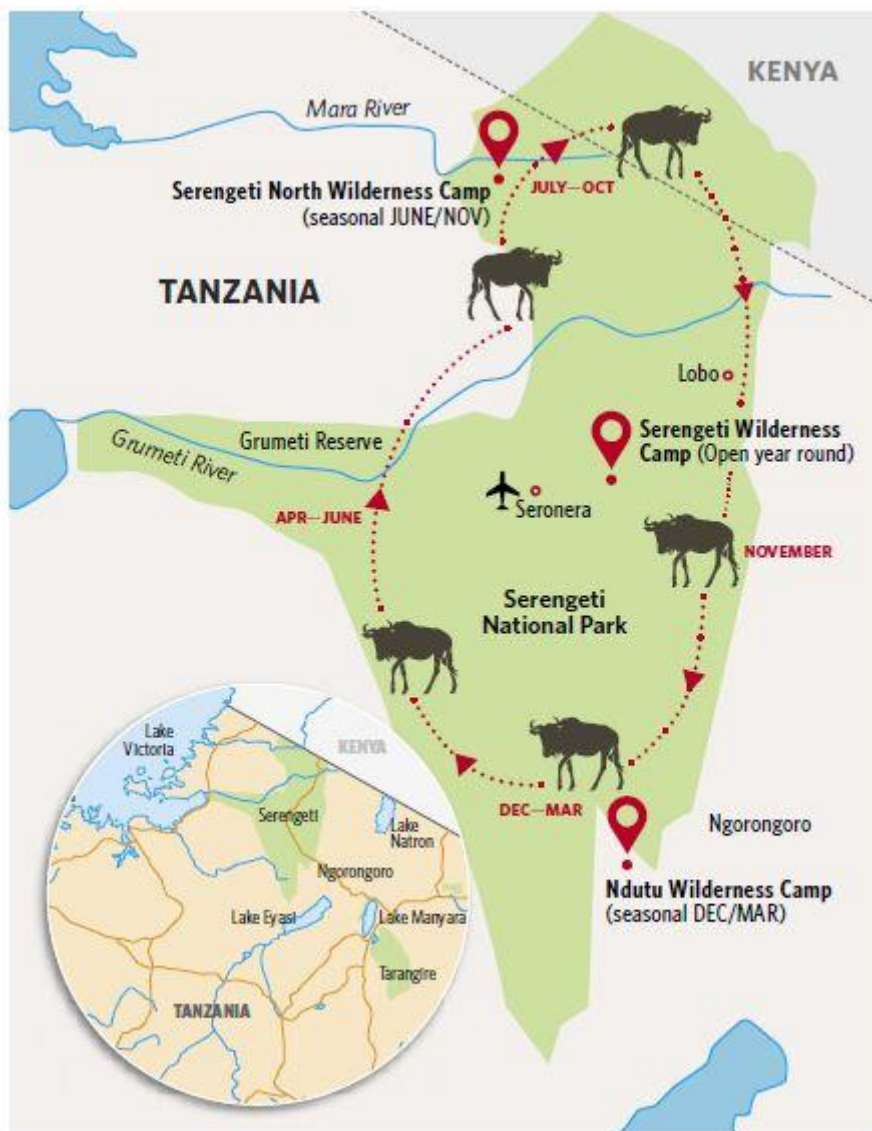
**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Please contact us for the latest Covid travel/ entry requirements.

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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