

Spotlight on Northern Tanzania

Ngorongoro Crater – Serengeti

7 Days / 6 Nights

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November to December is the perfect time for travellers who want the migration, without the masses.

*Unhurried game drives, iconic landscapes and expert guides who know the terrain and its patterns like the back of their hand. This slow safari links two legendary destinations — **Ngorongoro Crater** and **the Serengeti**.*

With our intimate safari camp, warm hospitality and outstanding guiding, it's the ultimate way to experience Tanzania's wild heart.

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WHY NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER IS A SMART TIME TO TRAVEL

- Incredible value for money
- Wildebeest on the move
- Big cats stalking the action
- Space to roam – fewer crowds
- Vast plains bursting into fresh life
- Birds in full colour, migratory arrivals galore
- Skies that wow, light that flatters every photo

Wildebeest stream south from the Mara, chasing the rains in search of fresh grazing and water. Afternoon showers sweep in, washing away the dust and leaving the air crisp and clean. Skies turn dramatic, sunsets glow gold, and now and then, a rainbow arcs across the horizon.

With the crowds gone, the savannah feels yours alone. Game drives are unhurried, led by expert guides who know the land intimately and read its signs like a second language.

This is the Serengeti at its most relaxed, and we've designed the perfect slow safari to match, linking two of Tanzania's most iconic destinations.

In the **Ngorongoro Crater**, the Big Five roam beneath towering, forested crater walls. Mornings are cool and bright, and days warm beneath the wide African sky.

Seronera, in the heart of the **Serengeti**, is prime big cat country — home to large lion prides, elusive leopards draped over rocky kopjes, and cheetahs roaming the open plains. Here, our [Serengeti Wilderness Camp](#) awaits, ready to welcome you.

Best of all? You'll enjoy the same outstanding guides, intimate camp atmosphere, and delicious food — at a fraction of peak-season prices.



Detailed itinerary:

Day 1: The African Tulip, Arusha

You will be met on arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to the Africa Tulip Hotel in Arusha.

Resting at the foot of Mount Meru, the sprawling city of Arusha is known as the safari capital of northern Tanzania. It serves as an excellent base from which to explore the remarkably scenic surrounding area which includes majestic Mount Kilimanjaro, as well as the Manyara, Tarangire and Ngorongoro National Parks.

Take time to unwind beside the pool, or book a Coffee Plantation Tour and discover the bean-to-cup journey and sample freshly brewed Tanzanian coffee (time permitting).

Overnight: The African Tulip [View iBrochure](#)

The African Tulip Hotel is a charming boutique hotel in the heart of Arusha. Its 20 deluxe rooms are individually decorated with safari-inspired themes, warm African tones, and local art, giving each space a unique character. Guests can unwind in the Zanzibar Lounge, surrounded by Zanzibari art, enjoy African coffee, browse coffee table books, or relax at the fully-stocked bar with warm Swahili service. The Baobab Restaurant offers a memorable dining experience, serving creative dishes made from fresh, natural ingredients that blend Tanzanian and international flavours.

Day 2: The Retreat At Ngorongoro, Karatu

Depart after breakfast to the Ngorongoro Highlands and the small, colourful town of Karatu. Presided over by the towering Ol Deani Volcano, Karatu serves as a popular overnight stop for visitors exploring the area's many game parks.

Visit the Ngorongoro Crater, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Africa's natural wonders. Expect the Big Five, plus an impressive variety of birds, all framed by the crater's forested walls. With its mix of forest, grassland, and soda and freshwater lakes, the crater is the highlight of a Tanzania safari for many visitors.

Your crater visit may take place today, or tomorrow. The timing of this activity will be confirmed by your guide.

**Overnight: The Retreat At Ngorongoro** [View iBrochure](#)

Day 3-7: Serengeti Wilderness Camp, Seronera

Continue onto the central Serengeti, named after the Maasai word "*Seringit*", meaning "endless plains."

It is here that you may encounter the wildebeest migration, where more than a million wildebeest trek in columns of up to 40kms long in search of grazing, drawing with them plenty predators.

From January to March, the herds gather in the south (Ndutu) to give birth. By June and July, they head north through the Western Corridor, before dramatic river crossings between August and October. In November, the herds return south to start the cycle anew.

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. Visitors can enjoy hot air balloon trips and walking safaris as well as guided game drives.

At certain times of the year, you may prefer to split your stay between the Central camp and either Ndutu (for calving season) or the North (for river crossings). Our expert team of safari designers can assist in planning the perfect safari just for you.

Set the pace of your safari. With a private vehicle and guide, your days are yours to design. Our passionate guides love sharing the wildlife, landscapes and stories of their country — and delight in seeking out whatever you are looking for, whether you're after rare birds or that one elusive species on your list.

Let your guide know how you want to spend your time, whether that means popping back to camp for lunch and a siesta between an early morning and late afternoon drive or enjoying an extended full day drive with a picnic lunch.

Overnight: 4 x nights [Serengeti Wilderness Camp](#) including all meals and local drinks

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Serengeti Wilderness Camp, our classic tented camp in central Serengeti, sits in a prime location overlooking a wildlife-rich valley with a permanent water source. With excellent resident game, high predator concentrations and the migration free to pass through camp, you can savour superb food, a relaxing atmosphere and warm Tanzanian hospitality. Lion, leopard, cheetah, gazelle, impala, buffalo, baboon and some great birds including pygmy falcon can all be spotted in the area. We are tucked away from other lodges and camps, without the disturbance of noise or other lights. It's incredibly peaceful at night, aside from the call of the wild, that is!

Drift off to the sounds of the wild and wake to freshly brewed tea or coffee delivered by our friendly camp staff on your private verandah. Our ten spacious canvas tents, each 9m x 6m with a 9m x 2m verandah, offer lovely vistas and are spaced far apart for privacy. Large double doors and netted windows provide refreshing airflow. Enjoy your private sitting area with wicker furniture. The en-suite bathroom includes a basin with vanity, gravity-fed shower and toilet. Relax on your private verandah, the perfect spot to watch the game pass through camp.

A large central dining tent complements our comfortable lounge tent which has a small bar and reference library, and a charging station for cameras. Guests enjoy free WiFi throughout the camp.

Evenings bring hearty meals, sundowners by the fire, and easy conversation under a star-filled sky.

If you prefer an intimate safari experience, without compromising on comfort, our Wilderness Camps offer just that — traditional 'under canvas' accommodation with superb food and a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

Optional extra: **Hot Air Balloon Safari** - Experience the Serengeti from a new perspective, drifting silently above its endless plains. The stillness, the height, and the slow shift of dawn light remind you how beautiful and vast the world is. Lift off is at sunrise, with a champagne bush breakfast waiting after you touch down.



Day 7: End of Itinerary

Transfer after breakfast by road back to Kilimanjaro Airport, a full-day drive of around 7-8 hours.

OR upgrade your booking to include a scheduled flight on a light aircraft from Seronera Airstrip, offering scenic views over vast plains and varied landscapes.

End of safari.

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Included:

- Wild Frontiers private safari guide & vehicle
- Transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport to Arusha
- 1 night Africa Tulip including breakfast
- 1 night The Retreat at Ngorongoro including all meals
- Ngorongoro Crater Visit
- 4 nights Serengeti Wilderness Camp including all meals, local beer, house wine and soft drinks
- Game drives in the Serengeti
- Park and camp/ concession fees
- Bottled water in safari vehicle
- Sustainable Tourism Donation - supporting the [Serengeti De-snaring programme](#) & [Kilimanjaro Tree Project](#).
- Full liability insurance cover and 24 hour emergency contact

Excluded:

- All flights, visas, travel insurance, health requirements including Yellow Fever inoculation, all items of a personal nature including gratuities.
- OPTIONAL EXTRA Balloon Safari: USD 599 per person – book for 2 and get USD80 off the 2nd person
- OPTIONAL FLIGHT Seronera to Kilimanjaro USD 270 per person



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THE MIGRATION EXPLAINED:

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. This overview should be used as a rough guideline when planning your safari as movement of wildlife depends on a combination of factors.

JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH

The southern plains of the Serengeti eco-system, including Ndutu, bustle with wildebeest during calving season. The open grasslands make for great visibility, with plenty of predators around. 500 000 calves are born at a rate of 8 000+ a day during the peak birthing period.

APRIL & MAY

The 'green' season is a great time to avoid peak season crowds and enjoy good low- season rates. While game drives might be affected by road conditions, the rains usually bring short, intense afternoon storms rather than persistent downpours. Dramatic clouds provide fantastic photo opportunities, while the rain washes the dust away.

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 herds are starting their journey southward, moving back into the Serengeti through the central Seronera region, ready to kick off the entire migration cycle once 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 do not require a visa. A single entry visa is currently US\$ 50 for most other nationalities. Apply via the link: <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa>.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All travellers require a Yellow Fever certificate / exemption letter for East Africa. If you're unable to receive the yellow fever vaccine for travel to Tanzania, you can still enter the country with a waiver from a doctor, which should be presented to immigration officials. This applies if your doctor advises against the vaccine due to medical reasons or if you're over 60 years old, according to tzeembassy.go.tz.

Precautions against Malaria are also recommended.

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